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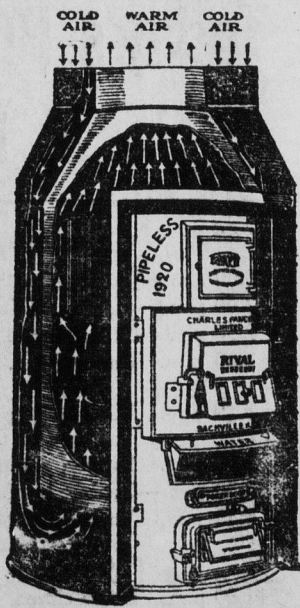
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### Obituary

Ernest Brooks.

The death of Ernest Brooks occurred at his home in Waterville, Charlottetown Co., N. B., Sept. 3, 1921, from typhoid fever. A month ago his adopted son, Henry Yates, also passed away from the same illness. The late Mr. Brooks was a farmer at

Lower Waterville, and his untimely death will be greatly regretted by the entire community. He is survived by his widow, an aged mother, and four sisters, Mrs. O. R. Eby, Woodstock, the Misses Edith and Mabel Brooks, R. N., Houlton, Me., and Miss Helen Brooks.

Ezra P. Hoar.

St. John, N. B., Sept. 6.—Mr. Ezra P. Hoar, one of Moncton's best known

citizens and well known throughout the province, passed away at 2:10 this morning at his home in this city. Mr. Hoar, who was a native of Albert county, being a son of the late George Hoar, of Hopewell Hill, was formerly a well known bridge contractor, and for some years was structural highway superintendent for Albert county. Deceased was 68 years of age and is survived by a son, Fred M. Hoar, of the T. Eaton Co. shipping depart-

## U. S. METHODISM GREW LARGELY IN PAST TEN YEARS

Official Report Shows Net Increase of 1,255,091 in Membership.

### 1919 WAS HARD YEAR

Churches and Sunday Schools Showed Heavy Decreases—Tide Turned in 1920.

Chicago, Sept. 2.—A net gain of 1,255,091 members has been made by all divisions of the Methodist Church in the United States in the past ten years, despite great losses suffered by the denominations during war according to statistics compiled for presentation to the decennial Ecumenical Methodist Conference, which opens in London this week. The figures, compiled by the Rev. Dr. H. H. Carroll, of Plainfield, N. J., former director of the United States Census, were made public here.

Methodist Sunday schools in the United States, however, the report says, shows a net loss for the two years, 1918 and 1919, of 293,968, "an appalling figure," although 1920 returns indicate that "the lost ground is being regained." Notwithstanding that Sunday school pupils of the denomination in this country were 200,000 less in number throughout the world shows an increase of 1,289,036 Methodist pupils for the ten-year period.

"It is a remarkably good showing that American Methodism has to present to the Ecumenical Conference," declared Dr. Carroll's statement. "Delegates representing nearly 37,000,000 Methodist members and adherents will be in attendance. We can never forget that the past decade includes the worst war in history and that, though our nation was an actual participant in its battles for only a year and a half, we suffered with our Allies its terrible effects."

### 1919 Was Hard Year.

"The year 1919 was the hardest the churches in America have known at least since the Civil War. Methodism in most of its branches suffered, with the other evangelical denominations, actual losses. The Methodist Episcopal Church suffered most of all, losing 43,262 in 1918 and 59,937 in 1919—103,249 in two years—and the conditions were even worse if we leave out foreign missions fields, for the net loss in this country alone in 1919 was nearly 70,000. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, lost 16,404 in that year. In 1920 the tide turned for all evangelical churches, heavy gains succeeding the losses.

"Considering the heavy losses in the previous two years, it is remarkable that the total net increase in members and probationers of the Methodist branch of the Western Section (United States) has been 1,255,091. The percentage of increase is also greater. For the decade ending in 1910 it was 15; for the past ten years, nearly 17."

Dr. Carroll, in commenting on the fact that the number of itinerant Methodist ministers, 48,405, represented a loss of 209 as compared with a gain of 6,531 in 1910, for the previous ten years, said: "Certainly more ministers are needed instead of fewer for a growing Methodism. What is the trouble? Is the Methodist ministry less attractive than it used to be?"

In conclusion Dr. Carroll says: "The net increase of Sunday school pupils for all Methodism added to the world for the ten years is 1,289,036. Of this handsome gain, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the only body of any name so far as I recall, which has more scholars in Sunday school than members in church, gets the lion's share—824,473. It also participates in the total increase of officers and teachers of 55,705. When it is remembered what a great recruiting agency for church members the Sunday school has become, the significance of the gains in the number, equipment and scholars of this institution is a happy augury."

ment in this city, and three daughters, Mrs. F. T. Taylor, Sunny Brae, Mrs. A. C. McKay, of Winnipeg, and Miss Helen at home. One brother, Stephen Hoar, of Shell Lake, Wisconsin, survives. The late Mr. Hoar had been in failing health for some time and on Saturday night last suffered a paralytic stroke.

### Mrs. Mary Dodd.

The death of Mrs. Mary Dodd, 50 Somerset street, widow of Noah Dodd, occurred early yesterday morning in the General Public Hospital. She was 83 years of age and she is survived by three daughters, three sons, three sisters, two brothers, and seven grand children. The daughters are Mrs. John Maxwell, of St. John; Mrs. Alexander Ross, of Camden, N. J.; and Mrs. John Pratt, of Detroit, Mich. The sons are Charles, of Nova Scotia; Herbert and Harold, of Camden. The sisters are Mrs. Charles Hillman, of Waterville, Me.; Mrs. John Leaman, of New Bedford, Mass.; and Mrs. Edgar Howell, of Worcester, Mass. The brothers are T. O. Steen, of Revere, Mass., and James Steen of this city. The funeral will be held at 3:30 o'clock on Friday afternoon.

### Funerals

The funeral of Mrs. Jessie Porteous Daniel, wife of Senator Daniel, was held yesterday from Centenary Church to Fernhill. Rev. R. G. Fulton conducted the service. The pallbearers were Dr. S. Skinner, Dr. Murray MacLaren, Dr. W. W. White, Senator W. H. Thorne, Hon. J. A. Armstrong and Geo. A. Henderson. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful.

### IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

St. John, N. B., Sept. 26, 1921.  
To the Editor of The Standard,  
Sir:—Please publish the following and oblige:

The Mayor and Commissioner of Public Safety on several occasions have told the representatives of the Street Railwaymen's Union that they were not taking sides with either the Power Company or the Union. The street railwaymen have on different occasions walked on John Thornton in regard to the street cars that are being operated by one man which he has promised to look into, but we have seen no report. The cars were put in the barns the night before the doors were locked against us—a two man car. They are being operated today (and since that time) by one man with no alteration whatever—a car that we know to be unsafe and a menace to the travelling public. This has been proved by the great number of accidents occurring daily. The majority of the police force (which is paid for by the public) is used for ONE of the public.

The present motorman has two or three days' training, whereas the former employees had to serve two weeks in the car barns before he was considered competent to take charge of a car. If Mr. Thornton is not taking sides in this dispute, why does he shut his eyes while these conditions exist?

On the other hand, he can readily see if anything goes wrong with the jitney, and is trying to place as many restrictions as possible on them. The Mayor and J. B. M. Baxter, city solicitor, one of our meetings, said that we had made a fair proposition to the N. B. Power Co. and they thought the Company should accept.

If other corporations have to apply to the Utilities Commission for permission to increase or reduce rates, why not the N. B. Power Co.? If the N. B. Power Co. is going behind why the twenty tickets for one dollar? If the Union Bus Co. can carry passengers for five cents and sixteen making a load, why can't the Power Co. where they formerly carried from eighty to ninety? These are only a few things the City Council should consider.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor,  
I remain,  
J. WILLIAMSON.

### Weddings

#### Colgan-Harrington.

Holy Trinity Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning when the pastor, the Right Rev. Mgr. J. J. Walsh, V. G., united in marriage with nuptial mass two promising young members of the parish, David Colgan, son of Jane and the late David Colgan, and Blanche Euphemia, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Harrington. The bride was away in marriage by her brother, Ronald. The bride's sister, Miss Eileen, made a pretty bridesmaid. The groom was attended by his brother, R. P. Colgan. The ushers were Lawrence Oram and Edmund Keane. During the ceremony appropriate music was nicely rendered by Miss Grace Walsh.

A dainty wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, after which Mr. and Mrs. Colgan left for a motor trip through Nova Scotia. On their return they will reside at Cedar Grove Crescent.

#### Brussels-Ross.

In Moncton Tuesday evening Miss Rose Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ross, Moncton, was united in marriage to Harry Brussels, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Brussels of Philadelphia. Rev. Philip Breaser of Moncton officiated.

A maid of honor, a groomsmen, four bridesmaids, four ushers and two little flower girls were in attendance. More than 200 guests were present including many from St. John and other places in the Maritime Provinces. There were also guests from Boston, Philadelphia and Palm Beach, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. Brussels will leave this afternoon for several cities in Canada and the United States. They will reside in Moncton. The groom recently located in business here.

#### Martin-Mallory.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in St. Rose's church at five o'clock yesterday morning when Very Rev. Dean Charles Collins, who was celebrating at nuptial mass, united in marriage Miss Agnes Helena Mallory, daughter of Jas. E. Mallory, and Douglas Lywood Martin. The bride was given in marriage by her father and was unattended. Following the ceremony a dainty wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's father, Main street, Fairville. The bride and groom left on a honeymoon trip to Boston and New York and on their return will reside in East St. John.

#### Williams-Price.

A pretty wedding took place in Central Baptist church at seven o'clock yesterday morning, when Rev. F. H. Bone united in marriage Ella Gertrude Price to Walter Wilfred Williams of Mouth of Keswick. The bride entered the church with her father, Miss Blanche played the wedding march. After the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Williams left on the Boston train for a trip to the United States. They will reside at Mouth of Keswick, where the groom is a prosperous farmer. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Price, 48 King Square, and before her marriage was a popular nurse in the General Public Hospital.

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## Change of Schedule

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After Exhibition the Haymarket cars will run up King street until further notice, this being on account of the construction work on Prince Edward street.

Commencing Saturday afternoon, September 3rd, and through Exhibition week the West St. John cars will run through Prince William street to Wentworth, returning via Britain street to West St. John.

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