

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1904.

SUCCESS OF THE BOYS' BRIGADE MOVEMENT IN ST. JOHN



CHARLES THOMPSON,  
Quartermaster of the Scots Company.



THOMAS ARMOUR,  
Capt. of Portland Methodist Co.



GEORGE SMITH,  
Captain St. John Presbyterian Co.



COL. BUCHANAN,  
Commander of the Boys' Brigade.



JAMES SULLIVAN,  
Captain of St. Luke's Company.



RICHARD DOOE,  
Captain and Adjutant, St. Mary's Co.



CHAS. R. BARNHILL,  
Captain of the Fairville Company.

The first St. John company of the Boys' Brigade, organized a few years ago in connection with the Sunday school of St. John's Presbyterian church, is without dispute the pioneer company on this continent, in connection with the original boys' brigade.

The company was formed on May 3, 1892, and first enrolled at brigade headquarters in Glasgow (Scotland). It was the first company in America on the register of the parent organization, but was followed a few months later by the First San Francisco (Cal.). There were doubtless other organizations of a more or less similar character in America previous to this, but the first St. John company is unquestionably the pioneer among actual boys' brigades in either Canada or the United States.

The first captain was T. M. Seeley, now of Yarmouth (N.S.), and amongst the first sergeants were Messrs. Fred W. McNeil, J. Herbert Crockett and Walter H. Golding, who are still in this city. More than 200 boys have been connected with the company during the past fifteen years.

The first inspection was held by Lieut. Col. Maunsell, D. A. G., on May 23, 1890. He appeared in full uniform accompanied by his staff, Lieut. Col. Blain and the officers of the 62nd very kindly sent the band of the regiment and the spectators included the elite of the city. On the following evening a concert was given to the friends of the brigade at which the choir was occupied by Sir Leonard Tilley, K. C. M. G., lieutenant-governor.

The movement thus auspiciously inaugurated has taken deep root in the city and has spread throughout the whole of Can-

ada. The first St. John company has had a continuous existence since the date of enrollment, and the religious aim of the organization has been constantly kept in view. In one form or another there has always been a boys' Bible class and, as a rule, an address of five minutes closed every regular drill. Its parades are always opened with prayer and closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer in concert. The present officers are: Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Potheringham; captain, George J. Smith; lieutenants John and Sam W. Henderson; sergeants, George R. Melvin, William Morrison, A. Vernon Armstrong, and Kenwick D. Brown.

At the present time there are close to 500 Boys' Brigade lads in the city. Nearly all the Protestant churches have a company, and the entire force with the exception of the St. Paul's and Trinity church companies, is under command of Colonel Buchanan, to whose indefatigable efforts following the earlier accomplishments of Rev. Dr. Potheringham, the present high state of efficiency in the brigade is practically due.

The pastors of the church have also been largely instrumental in making the organization what it is today. Companies have been formed in connection with St. John Presbyterian, St. Stephen's, St. Paul's, St. Luke's, Trinity, St. Mary's, Brussels Street Baptist, Douglas Avenue Christian, Main Street Baptist, Portland Methodist.

Companies have more recently been organized in Fairville and Carleton, also those belonging to St. Paul's and Trinity, and which are not under command of Col. Buchanan are affiliated with the 3rd Regiment Canadian Artillery. The St. Mary's Company of the Brigade,

through the generosity of a gentleman of the city, were able to obtain a number of instruments and to organize a band in November last. Other instruments have been added since and the band now numbers about 22 players. Under the instruction of Prof. Williams the boys have made diversity in uniform, the dress of the Scots companies being especially neat and striking.

Military attire is by no means an essential. With the members of the original brigade the wearing of cap and belt is considered a close enough approach to the military element. For it is only in organization that the boys' brigade is a guild or religious society, and its object, according to the constitution, is the advancement of Christ's Kingdom amongst boys and the promotion of habits of reverence, discipline, self-respect, and all that tends toward a true Christian manliness. Every member is bound in honor to read the Bible every day, to abstain from alcohol and tobacco, never to use bad language, and to avoid the company of those who do so, always to prefer duty to either pleasure or inclination, and to endeavor constantly to maintain the purity, kindness, courtesy and mutual confidence that should prevail in a company of Christian boys.

Colonel Buchanan. Colonel James Buchanan, the present commander and organizer of the Boys' Brigade Battalion, has been associated with militia affairs in this city for the last forty years. He joined the St. John Volunteer Battalion, later the 62nd Regiment of Foot, in 1861 as a private in the late Captain Thurber's Royals. He was promoted rapidly until he became sergeant major of the regiment, which rank he held until he obtained his discharge in 1885.

In 1880 he was engaged as military instructor to a company of boys formed by Captain Kyle, in St. Stephen's church. In

1892 he joined the Highland Corps of the Boys' Brigade, it being the first of its kind in the province. The company rapidly grew until he had to make two corps of it. The other city churches becoming interested so much in his good work for the welfare of the boys, enlisted his services to obtain for services at St. Andrews (N.B.), with the St. John Volunteer Battalion, and the long service medal for 21 years' continuous service in the Canadian militia.

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REV. DR. T. F. POTHERINGHAM,  
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people by declaring, in an article for Collier's of Sept. 17, his belief that Ireland is to be again a free and prosperous nation. Among other things he says:—"The Irish people are especially qualified to enjoy life on their own soil if only they level the claim, and to bring out in fullness the intellectual as well as the material resources of the coming Ireland. There is a deep undercurrent of the poetic and the artistic in the Irish nature which the stranger can easily discover for himself, even among the Irish peasantry, if he enters freely into conversation with them and encourages them to talk of their memories and legends still haunting their lakes and streams. Such a people could indeed create for themselves a new Ireland, and there is no extravagance in the hope that the new Ireland would become, before very long, a model land of material comfort, of mental growth, and of tranquil and brotherly order."

One Egg for Two.

"It is part of my business to keep pace with current slang," said Oscar Hammerstein, "and I don't think much that is new gets by me. The other day I was in a rural part of Connecticut looking at a general property. The owner's daughter said her mother was in the parlor talking to Mrs. Barnes.

"Whatever you have to say to me," exclaimed the girl, "you might as well tell before. They're never apart all day long, them two."

"What?" repeated, "are they so thick as all that?"

"Thick!" exclaimed the girl. "Why, they're so thick they both eat out of one egg."

A NEWSPAPER MAN'S VOYAGE ALONG THE SOUTH SHORE IN STEAMER SENLAC

Being the Chronicle of a Trip from St. John to Yarmouth, Barrington, Shelburne, Lockport, Liverpool, Lunenburg and Halifax, and Back Again--Cape Sable Island and Clark's Harbor--Points of Interest at Barrington.

I lac observed the moon, and were greatly entertained by her changing aspect as she rose from the seaward horizon. The varied effects which attracted comment appeared to be produced with the aid of some very thin steamers of cloudy texture. At first a jaunty forage cap appeared to rest over the ear of the man in the moon. Next the orb resembled the head of a modest maid, with hair parted, and drawn low over her temples. Presently the face was partially masked, and then, as the airy finery was left behind, the face of the man appeared again, wearing a broad smile. The group standing by the pilot house assumed, of course, that the entertainment was for their benefit, and the captain and pilot agreed that the moon had never acted in that way before, to their knowledge, even when it was full.

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Barrington Pier, Showing the Steamer Senlac

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The Searchlight. Barrington Passage, through which vessels pass between Cape Island and the mainland, to enter Barrington harbor, is well marked by buoys; and the value of the searchlight was well illustrated as the Senlac made the course. Her searchlight flashed over the waters and picked up the buoys, one after another, with the greatest ease. It was extremely interesting to stand beside the pilot house and see the long shaft of brilliance reach out until, as it was moved from side to side, a white spot would gleam on the surface of the water.

There were settlers in Barrington before the Loyalists came to St. John. An old, square, wooden church, with pitch roof and no tower or porch, looking for all the world like a spacious barn with windows in it, is still in use, and bears the date 1788. The frame was brought from the States by the early settlers. In a Barrington churchyard rest the ashes of Mrs. Israel Doane, the maternal grandmother of John Howard Payne. While there are churches of various denominations in Barrington, there is no Catholic church, and very few people of that faith.

In summer quite a number of Americans go to Barrington, and a portion of the season. There are no large hotels, but visitors can find accommodation at private houses. Many sailors and sea captains have gone out from Barrington, and a number of captains live there at present. The pilot,

purser and steward of the Senlac have their homes there. J. W. D. Stearns, a former editor of The Telegraph, but now of New York, has a family spent the summer there.

Trout and Moose. There is good trout fishing near Barrington, and wild fowl abound in their season. Before it stretches the sea, and behind it the wooded wilderness. The forest growth is rather scrubby, owing to the nature of the soil, and is not good for lumber operations. Good moose hunting may be enjoyed in this region.

Barrington Bay is a broad sheet of water separated from the harbor by a point of land. On its shores is a fine beach with remarkable sand hills, a popular place for picnic parties and bathers.

The Senlac lay all night at Barrington. The night was one of glorious moonlight, and most of the passengers during the evening strolled along the pier or through a part of the village. Quite a large number of people were at the pier when the steamer arrived, and many went on board to look over the vessel. It was well on toward midnight ere the echo of the last bell died away on the long pier.

Barrington now has railway connection with Yarmouth, and the little steamer La Tour also makes it a port of call. Seaward in fine weather may be seen the white sails of the fishing craft, so much in evidence everywhere along the south shore.

A. M. B.

NEW MODERATOR OF FREE BAPTISTS

(Continued from page 1.)

Conference adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

At 2 o'clock conference reassembled. Moderator Duquet in the chair.

The report on absent brethren was presented by H. A. Bonnell. Few ministers were found to be absent—six through sickness; the others are away from the province and are either pastors or at school. They were excused.

Conference went into committee of the whole on Resolutions. This committee reported recommending that Lieut. T. D. Bell be ordained and that J. C. Wilson, E. H. Cochrane, G. O. Holster, H. M. Mauzer, J. D. Milbury, W. E. Kirkpatrick, J. J. Bonnell, Harry Boyer, G. J. Perry and W. H. McCutcheon be continued on conference license.

Resolved that the ordination of T. D. Bell take place on Tuesday evening, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. G. W. Foster to preach the ordination sermon.

Moved by Rev. Dr. McLeod, seconded by Rev. John Henderson, that the annual convention and the F. B. ministers' conference be accepted by this general conference, and that a committee be appointed to present it to the churches for ratification and in event of ratification, and that this be the first order of business on Tuesday morning.

The Women's Missionary Society met at 10 a. m. The president, Miss Augusta Slipp, presiding. Rev. J. N. Barnes was engaged as home missionary, and very appreciative words were spoken of his work.

The work at Urdia, India, was provided for with the usual appropriations and the book room at Barrington.

A contribution was also made to Mrs.

Phillips, of India, widow of the late Dr. Phillips.

A most interesting feature of the meeting was the offer of Miss Dora Doucette, of Knowlsville, Carleton county, as a foreign missionary. She was gladly accepted and will stand the usual medical examination.

At the public meeting this afternoon some of the interesting features were addresses by the returned missionaries—Miss Gaunce and Mrs. Sander. They also sang a duet in a Hindoo dialect.

Mr. Morgan and Miss Johnson, of Hartland, sang a duet. There was also an address by the president.

This report of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. W. Weyman, of Apolaki, was given; also that of Mrs. Henry Hart, secretary of home mission work.

The report of the treasurer showed a balance of \$2,138.68, with receipts this year of \$1,090.

The society adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m.

Tracy Station, Sept. 17—Conference resumed at 7:30 p. m.

After the opening exercises the report on Sunday schools was presented by the corresponding secretary, Rev. E. S. Parker. He reported for many reasons it was found impossible to get in time material to make a valuable report. But Sabbath school work was a very important thing because it touched a highly sensitized thing and left impressions there that were sure to be reproduced. Therefore, how necessary that impressions pertaining to truth and righteousness should be left there. In after days they would bring forth good results. Other speakers were E. W. Slipp and Rev. F. H. Erb.

Rev. D. Long, from committee on Sabbath observance, reported regretting the growing tendency by many who call themselves Christians to make the Lord's day a day for pleasure and to take away its sanctity. Therefore disapproval is again expressed against the desecration of the Sabbath by making it a day of pleasure or unnecessary work.

Supporting speeches were made by Revs. R. W. Ferguson, B. H. Nobles, G. W. Foster, D. Long and D. McLeod Vince and J. H. Erb.

Revs. D. Patterson and R. Heine, members of the N. S. F. B. conference, were also pasters in New Brunswick, were admitted to the membership of this conference.

Conference adjourned.

The Sabbath services were as follows:—Tracy Station—10 a. m., annual sermon by Rev. E. S. Parker; 3 p. m., Rev. J. B. Merrill, Nova Scotia delegate; 7 p. m., Rev. B. H. Nobles.

Fredericton Junction—7 p. m., Rev. J. H. Erb.

A Double Suicide.

York, Pa., Sept. 19—Michael Shall, head of the Keystone Foundry Machine Company, of this city, and Miss Nettie Gattwatt were found dead in a room of a house in South Water street today. Three gas jets in the room were turned on and the atmosphere was full of gas.

The homely girl seldom figures in an elopement, but she's an important factor in most happy homes just the same.

WHY THE RUSSIANS SUFFER DEFEAT

The fault with the Russians lies in the rottenness of the tactics employed, in the incapacity, inefficiency, the decadence, or, general, evidence absolutely no capacity for tactical co-ordination and co-operation he is bound to be defeated. When facing one another in actual combat, the contrast between the Russian and Japanese troops, in the respective display of tactical ability, arouses nothing but admiration for Japanese cleverness and a charitable pity for Russian stupidity. There is always a clearness of conception on the part of the Japanese officers as to what manoeuvre is called for by the situation confronting him and a rapidity and precision in executing their orders on the part of the Japanese soldiers and minor officers—always reserving that infantry needed to meet emergency not contemplated by their superiors—a quality so valuable as to make a visit to the soldier—William Dinwiddie's Manchuria Letter in Leslie's Weekly.

RING. Fitzsimmons Not Coming.

Jack Power has received advice from New York to the effect that it will be impossible for Bob Fitzsimmons to make a visit to St. John to give a boxing exhibition this fall. The champion of the world is the star in his theatrical company producing A Woman's Honor, and his company is well booked for the season. James J. Corbett, another ex-world's champion, is also too busy in theatrical work to come to St. John and his recent visit to Halifax was a hurried one.

It was Mr. Power's intention to have boxed Fitzsimmons or Corbett a number of rounds here and the affair would have been a drawing card.

Wakefields Shut Out Tartars.

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 19—(Special.)—The Wakefield (Maine) base ball nine shut out the Tartars here this afternoon in the most keenly contested game seen in Fredericton this season. The visitors scored three runs only, one of which was earned, the others being in the first inning on an error of Hughes of the Tartars.

The Wakefields had an exceptionally strong battery in Embree and Walsh, only two hits being made off the latter. Nalley and Finnegan constituted the Tartars battery.

A return match will be played tomorrow afternoon.

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