

METHODISTS ARE NOW IN SESSION BIG CONFERENCE AT METROPOLITAN CHURCH

Ministerial Session in Progress To-Day -- Arra g ments for Reception of Visitors.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The annual Methodist conference, which opens at the Metropolitan church on Thursday, will be attended by almost two hundred delegates.

The Indian district organization held a meeting yesterday afternoon and another this morning. Rev. Dr. Whittington, superintendent of that branch of the work in British Columbia, presided.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the British Columbia branch of the Women's Missionary Society will be held during conference.

The complete programme follows: WEDNESDAY. Morning Session. 9.20-Meeting of executive.

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Ladners--Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Montman and Miss May Jordan. Sapperton--Mrs. Eforb and Mrs. Woodward.

Vancouver--Miss Nichols, Miss Kyle, Miss Copeland, Mrs. Powell, Miss Kemp, Mrs. J. Hicks, Mrs. Drost, Miss E. Millard, Miss Heather, Mrs. Barritt and Mrs. S. Cunningham.

New Westminster--Mrs. J. Cunningham, Miss F. Cunningham, Miss H. Robson, Mrs. Barracough, Mrs. Tupper, Mrs. Gillie, Mrs. Eburne, Mrs. Garritt, Grand Forks--Mrs. Farmer.

Ravelstoke--Mrs. Hyland and Mrs. Sutherland. Nelson--Mrs. Dean. Port Simpson--Mrs. Jennings.

Strawberry Vale--Mrs. Allison. Victoria, Metropolitan--Mrs. G. K. B. Adams, Miss A. Spencer and Miss L. E. Clero; Centennial, Mrs. S. Johns and Miss M. Beckwith; Chinese band, Miss Harrusan McHara.

Miss Boves, Mrs. Frith, Mrs. Robinson and Miss F. Watson will be among the visitors from Vancouver. During the first session the ladies of the Centennial church will serve lunches to the delegates.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The billeting committee in connection with the British Columbia conference of the Methodist church has arranged for homes for the delegates who will be in attendance during their stay in the city.

The following list shows the delegates and the billet to which each has been assigned: G. K. B. Adams--Parsonage, 91 Blanchard street.

W. W. Baer--Mrs. Berridge, View street. B. G. Dalderson, B.A.--D. Spencer, Moss street.

T. A. Bagnshaw, B. A.--Mrs. Boulding, 215 Richmond street. John F. Betts--W. H. Bone, Topaz avenue.

J. P. Powell--T. H. Matthew, North Chalmers street. A. J. Wallace--J. B. McCallum, Fernwood road.

E. D. Braden--Mrs. Terry, corner Belcher and Leighton streets. W. W. W. Brown--Mrs. Wellwood, 125 Quadra street.

F. L. Carpenter--Mrs. Jessup, 15 George street. James Calvert--Mrs. Scowcroft, 19 Burdett street.

A. C. Crews, D.D.--F. W. Fawcett, 24 Douglas street. Thos. Crosby--R. L. Drury, M.P.P., 340 Pandora avenue.

W. J. Sipprell, D. D.--Mr. E. Kermond, Henry street. J. Spencer, M. D.--E. Nicholas, Byron street.

R. Forbes Silliman--W. B. Deaville, George road and Government street. C. H. M. Sutherland--C. B. Deaville, George road.

Chue Thom Thom--Chinese mission, Fisguard street. W. Gordon Tanner, B. A.--Parsonage, 81 Blanchard street.

G. M. Tate--T. Hooper, Belleville street. R. E. S. Taylor--Parsonage, 68 David street.

Louis Thomas--W. B. Deaville, George road. S. J. Thompson--Parsonage, 68 David street.

James Turner--F. C. Jones, George road. Wm. Vance--S. Tranter, Fourth St. J. P. Westman--F. Vansant, 33 George road.

J. H. White, D.D.--S. Johns, Hill St. R. Whittington, D.D.--D. Spencer, Moss street.

C. M. Whittaker--Mrs. Francis, 17 Bowdell street. Robt. Wilkinson--J. H. Yeo, 11 Green street.

J. W. Winslow--J. E. Thomas, Second street. Henry Wilson--J. H. Yeo, 11 Green street.

James A. Wood, pres. conf.--W. J. Pendry, 82 Belleville street. John H. Wright--Mrs. Wilson, 14 Second street.

T. H. Wright--Japanese hotel, Uchiki Osama--Japanese mission. (Victoria District.)

Arthur Lee--Residence, Collinson St. N. Shakespeare--Residence, Hillside and Second.

C. Spencer--Residence, Birdcage Walk. Nicholas--Residence, Victoria W. Wesley Brethour--I. Walsh, 37 Pembroke street.

John Watson--Angel hotel. R. P. Edwards--Angel hotel. Wm. Manson, M.P.P.--Mrs. Matthews, George street.

Dr. Woodworth is a remarkably clear and able speaker, and has statistics of the Canadian west at his ready command.

At the formal opening of the conference this morning, President J. A. Wood gave a most instructive address on pastoral work. This is a subject on which Mr. Wood is considered an expert.

He said: We ask concerning a candidate for the ministry, "Can he preach?" It is equally important in these days, and especially in when and growing country like ours, in when and other circumstances would be considered questionable places.

Mr. Wood advised young preachers especially to keep their feet on the ground, to keep their feet on the ground, to keep their feet on the ground, to keep their feet on the ground.

Most of the business of the ministerial conference was devoted to the consideration of a ministerial character and other matters which pertain specially to the clergy themselves, and the session is generally conducted in private.

Those who are recommended for superannuation are Rev. G. W. Dean and J. L. Sheridan, of Victoria; Chas. Ladner, Ebenezer Robson, D.D., Jos. Hall and James Turner, of Vancouver, and E. B. Glass.

The committee on conference relation is composed of Revs. Dr. Whittington, D.D., S. S. Osterhout, Ph.D., John Robson, B.A., W. E. Pescott, B. A., W. J. Sipprell, D.D., J. D. P. Knox and A. M. Sanford, B.A.

When the session began this morning they proceeded in a body to the Centennial church, where they had accepted an invitation to lunch extended by the ladies of the church.

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The work on the Empress hotel, which is to adorn the spot which formerly was an eyecore to citizens of Victoria, is progressing very satisfactorily.

The contractors are now engaged in getting the walls of the seventh story in place. This will be entirely of dressed stone and is expected to add very materially to the effect of the building.

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There was a muster of about 50 ministers present at the opening session of the Methodist conference at the Metropolitan church this morning.

Among the noted men present this morning was Rev. James Woodworth, D. D., superintendent of missions for Manitoba and the Northwest provinces who from his lengthened experience has an intimate knowledge of conditions east of the mountains, and who doubtless will be provided a place in the programme of public meetings to tell of the rapid developments taking place in that section of the Dominion.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES IN DELIBERATION

REGULAR SESSION HELD BY BOARD LAST NIGHT

Extraordinary Expenditure Estimates Still Unsettled--Date For Field Sports Fixed.

The regular monthly meeting of the school trustees was held in the board room Wednesday; present, Mrs. Jenkins, Miss Cameron, Dr. Ernest Hall, and Messrs. Jay and Lewis.

Trustee Lewis did not want the matter relegated to the dim future, and Miss Cameron interjected a remark that the city council was certainly not holding out the olive branch to the trustees.

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decided to declare a school holiday on that day. The School Athletic Association also asked for another school holiday on the afternoon of Friday, May 18th.

A general discussion followed on several minor matters, among them being the declaration vacant of the seat of Trustee Mowat, who has left the city and been absent from two regular meetings.

COMMITTEES SUBMIT GRATIFYING REPORTS

With Reference to Preparations For the Victoria Day Celebration--The Fireworks Programme.

As stated in these columns yesterday the various committees in charge of the preparations for the Victoria Day celebrations are gradually completing all the details necessary to insure their success.

With respect to the regatta it is announced that entries are being received in large numbers. The Indians, especially, are interesting themselves, and already there are nine canoes, over 40 feet in length, slated for the competition.

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One of Three Things Always Cause RHEUMATISM

Do you know the system ride used of waste matter through bowels and kidneys? Yes, but by the skin as well.

As a matter of fact, the skin ride system of more urea than the kidneys do.

If the skin, or bowels, or kidneys are unhealthy--they won't throw off enough urea. This urea is changed into lactic acid--carried by the blood to joints and nerves--causing Rheumatism.

One never inherits Rheumatism. One does inherit weak kidneys, irregular bowels and bad skin action.

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26. Grand device. Mosaic lattice. A perfect hall storm of golden fire falling in all directions, which choppers into squares studded with flying color centers, which rapidly change and form constantly varying shades of light and color; the design covers 1,000 square feet.

27. Display of rockets. Variegated colors. 28. Flight of special searchlight rockets. 29. Prince of Wales plume rockets.

30. Special silver and pink streamer rockets. 41. Display of diamond tail comet rockets. Ascend with trails of flashing silver and throwing out emerald stars in their flight, finally bursting into magnificent rain which floats slowly downwards.

42. Discharge of shell. Crimson, blue and green. 43. The octopus shell, throwing out long, writhing, fiery tentacles in all directions. 44. Shell effect. Artificial moonlight.

45. Shell effect. Golden palm tree. 46. Shell. Pale blue and amber stars. 47. Shell. Special effect produced by discharge of large latest invention in rocket--down to the art, the sky appearing hung in all directions with chains of flashing lights of all colors, silver festoons, shooting silver meteors and berry comets, the effects lasting longer than any other aerial effects.

48. Grand device. Gigantic portrait of King Edward, flanked on either side by pillars forty feet in height and representing the art, the sky appearing hung in all directions with chains of flashing lights of all colors, silver festoons, shooting silver meteors and berry comets, the effects lasting longer than any other aerial effects.

INAUGURATED

Fateful Day Emperor

St. Petersburg, May 11, like a happy augur of the curtain of the great historical struggle for liberty.

Just a suspicion of the gulf, softening the scene to hand. The city, spread numerous green islands seemed swimming in the broad, swift-flowing azure by the reflecting heavens, while the golden churches, the spires and the St. Petersburg fortresses and the masses of yellow buildings of the palace seemed to be awaiting the coming of the Winter Palace. Flag police, were displaying house and streamers pennants fluttered from the tiny passenger boats the rivers and canals and many cars, cars colors.

The banks, stores of the factories, were of the ocean, but the government pact of a suspension of trial districts owing to the workers into city might provoke orders and perhaps there was something inspiring about the chain falling from the human race, and people taking up the civilization. The Russian millions Emperor were at the of the nation and to Polar seas and to of Central Asia.

Notwithstanding the trust of the government there was not lack of the foundation of a state between the Emperor would be laid strong. It was the attitude of the constitution which note on this city was not laid everywhere.

The city might have of siege, so heavy a Not only were details of strategic points were massed in the public buildings.

Early in the morning regiments of guards there all night. At of policemen took up approaches to the place of a third of no one was allowed without tickets. The Nicholas bridge from opened and the swing down the summit the imperial y majesties and the to pass up the palace of all moving the square room of Russia, the ceremony Began With Re At 1 o'clock in the

THE V. W. & Ottawa, May 10, day Hon. R. W. S the government by Vancouver, New 1000 railway, other thing rights to the Yellowhead Pass.

ANARCHIST One Charged With Had Exiles Poss London, May 9, Central News from five anarchists have been arrested Metz. The men had possession and a was found near where Emperor W arrive to-morrow.

FLOODS Great Loss of Life Property Washington, D. C. department to-day cablegram from tons at Hanover. "Immense flood Great loss of life foreigners safe."

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