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## REPORTS SHOW HEALTHY STATE

### Annual Meetings of Presbyterians

#### St. Matthew's Holds Largest Meeting in Its History

The annual meetings of the different Presbyterian churches throughout the city were held last evening, and in every case the reports received were most encouraging, showing the denomination to be in an excellent financial condition here.

#### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

In St. Andrew's Church the board of trustees, consisting of R. M. Magee (chairman), Frank Rankin, B. A. Ian, Dr. J. R. Mcintosh, William M. Angus (secretary), Alex. Wilson, Dr. P. R. Inches, C. H. Ferguson, Dr. A. D. Smith (treasurer), were elected. The treasurer reported that the total receipts for the year amounted to \$7,211.75, and a balance on hand at the close of the year of \$13,850.

#### CALVIN CHURCH.

A large number were in attendance at the annual meeting of Calvin Presbyterian Church. Rev. L. A. MacLean occupied the chair. The reports of the different societies were received and all were shown to be in a healthy state, substantial gains being made over the previous year. The treasurer reported that the total receipts were \$7,214.

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#### ST. DAVID'S CHURCH.

The annual meeting of St. David's Church last evening was exceptionally well attended and all reports received showed the church to be in a splendid financial condition, as the following comparative statement shows:

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|                                    | 1907.       | 1908.       |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Balance .....                      | \$2,138.68  | \$2,094.70  |
| For Congregational purposes .....  | \$8,827.51  | \$5,536.09  |
| For debt account .....             | \$1,154.00  | \$1,322.20  |
| For mission and benevolent .....   | \$1,724.83  | \$1,322.16  |
| For other religious purposes ..... | \$37.83     | \$12.73     |
|                                    | \$9,041.17  | \$9,022.18  |
|                                    | \$11,183.85 | \$11,117.58 |

#### Disbursed.

|                                 | 1907.      | 1908.      |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Congregational purposes .....   | \$5,580.03 | \$5,696.38 |
| Debt account .....              | \$600.00   | \$1,000.00 |
| Missionary and benevolent ..... | \$1,942.75 | \$1,724.80 |
| Other religious purposes .....  | \$416.84   | \$402.23   |
| Repairs .....                   | \$249.73   | \$155.93   |
|                                 | \$9,089.15 | \$9,979.23 |

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The following were elected trustees: F. F. Burpee, A. R. Melrose, N. J. Morrison, T. J. McPherson, D. McClelland, James Scanton, Robt. Strain, Fred Shaw, D. R. Willet.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

The annual meeting of St. John's Presbyterian church was held last evening in the school room of the church. After the devotional service, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, J. V. Russell was elected chairman and James C. Henderson, vice-chairman. C. H. Dolg, session clerk, read the report of the session for the past year, in which feeling reference was made to the general work of the congregation, the retirement of Rev. Dr. Fotheringham and the settlement of the new pastor.

## CONSERVATIVES SATISFIED WITH BORDEN AS LEADER

OTTAWA, Jan. 20.—A Conservative caucus was held tonight for a preliminary council of war as to the plan of campaign for the coming session, organization and division of work on committee and on other general reports, etc.

Mr. Borden expressed his willingness in view of the defeat of Oct. 26, to place his resignation in the hands of his colleagues, but they unanimously requested him to retain his leadership and expressed entire satisfaction in his course during the recent campaign. E. A. Lancaster, Lincoln, contributes the first budget to the private member's notices on the order paper. He will reintroduce his three-killed bill providing for protection of local railway crossings in cities and towns and will also propose a resolution asking for the abolition of the senate on the ground that the upper house has outlived its usefulness and has betrayed popular rights.

## SNORES CAUSE FIGHT.

Pugilist and Old Soldier Disagree About Nocturnal Nuisance.

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## TRYING TO BANISH BAR IN MANITOBA

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## RAILROAD ACCIDENTS AVERTED

### Though railway disasters of a serious kind happen, comparatively speaking, only very seldom, it nevertheless must not be supposed that narrow "gorges" do not sometimes occur, for alarming accidents in various parts of the world have often been prevented by the meeting of chance. Indeed, whenever or how- ever one may be travelling a certain risk is always bound to be run.

A TYPICAL INSTANCE. Only a few weeks ago a more or less serious accident was prevented in time by the presence of mind of a little girl returning home from visiting a friend last evening. The girl happened to catch sight of some bulky object lying across the rails, which examination proved to use a large tree trunk, had been blown down by the wind. So with all speed, and, be it said, not a little ingenuity, the girl rushed to the nearest "up" signal and, scaling the ladder, conspicuously enlaid away every atom of glass from the green light, afterwards treating the driver of the approaching train as astonished to observe a white light instead of the ordinary red. A French passenger train was running rapidly along one evening when the guard was startled by hearing someone pulling the train was about to pass had become insecure; thus, had not the train been stopped that very moment, a serious accident would certainly have taken place.

## THE HUMBLE COW.

On another occasion a humble cow was the means of saving an express from destruction, though be it said, no particular credit attaching to the animal itself. A signalman noticed our bovine friend straying upon the line and immediately sent a man to look for the animal and drive it to a place of safety. The man, however, was unable to discover the cow for some time, and so wandered on till he came to a spot where numerous empty trucks stood upon a siding. Arrived upon the scene the man was greatly alarmed to find that several cattle had by some means run down upon the main line, but luckily just managed to reach the siding in time to stop the express, which was then already overdue, before it arrived at the point of danger.

## SLEEPING WARNING.

On one occasion the engine of a luggage train in a certain island in the West Indies, completely broke down, but no thought was given to the danger that threatened the following passenger train till it happened to occur to an official that some steps should be taken to avoid another serious accident. Accordingly, the engine slowly reeled a clear lighted it, and strove up the line in the direction of the approaching train, the driver, having selected a comfortable position, he sat down upon the grass at the side of the rails. As soon as the train approached him by this time half asleep, raised himself from his recumbent position and held up a warning flag.

This slothful method of indicating danger was, however, quite sufficient to cause the driver to see that something was wrong, and he promptly stopped the train, and, alighting from his engine, proceeded to discuss the weather, and incidentally the break-down, with the official upon the bank.

## INSECTS THAT MAKE BLUFFS.

A penniless man who struts about in his clothes, making people think he is a man of money and position, is practicing the art of bluff. Bluff, to be explained, is the art of making much out of little, of causing people to think your brains or your position much greater than they really are.

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ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH. A large number of the members of St. Stephen's church and congregation were present at the annual meeting last evening. From reports received from the various societies in connection with the church it was shown that the church was in a very flourishing condition. The treasurer reported that the total receipts for the year were \$4,765.08. The report of the Sunday school was read and showed that the number of scholars enrolled is 225, with twenty teachers, ten other officers. The Sunday school treasurer reported that \$246.35 had been raised during the year. The following trustees were elected: Douglas McArthur, D. Barry Dolg, Samuel Corbett, H. C. Paga, Jas. M. Robertson, Geo. Flemming, Benj. Roden, Cecil Mitchell, Wm. Gilchrist.

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## SCOTT ACT CASES

### HEARD AT SUSSEX

Case Against Annie Quirk Concluded, but Judgment is Reserved

The case against Annie Quirk for keeping for sale liquor in the parish of St. John's, county of Kings, on contrary to the Canada Temperance Act, was taken up in the Sussex police court before Magistrate Hornbrook yesterday morning and occupied the attention of the court until 4 p. m. J. Arthur Freese prosecuted and John A. Barry defended.

Constable Asbell gave evidence to the effect that he, with Constable Slipp, acted on the 26th of December a five gallon keg of brandy, jug containing a couple of gallons of alcohol and a jug of Irish whiskey on the Quirk premises. The magistrate decided that there was sufficient evidence to put the defendant on her defense under the act and the following witnesses were called: Mr. Barry, William Henderson, Thomas Quirk and Mrs. Mary Clane.

This closed the case for the defense and argument of counsel was referred until a later date, when a second case will be heard against the same defendant.

Four o'clock a Hampton case was taken up. This was a charge against a man named Dearborn for keeping liquor for sale. Mr. Freese prosecuted in his case and Fred Sprout, M. P. P., defended. The defense put up in the case was that the liquor was for personal and private use.

SAVED THE GIRL. An Old Time Adventure With Solomon Island Cannibals.

One day on a Solomon beach a little girl ran to me and before I was aware of it, placed my foot on her neck. One knows that this means well enough. In hot war it means that if a chief allows his foot to rest on the defeated one's neck, the man's life is safe, but he is a slave forever, rescue or no rescue. I was puzzled at the child's action. It was soon explained. Shortly afterwards down came a lot of villagers and insisted on taking the youngster. I told them what she had done. Her mother was being cocked in the town, and the child should go to the ovens with her.

"Never!" I said. "What! We, who have eaten betel nut together many times, to quarrel for a mere child to thus avoid, and a mission ax worth tenpence made me a slave owner—'Among the Man Eaters,' by John Gagliardi."

"Oh, that-is an easy thing to do." A bold front was the only thing now. Luckily I had my sixteen shooter, Springfield back and putting a mark on the sand with my foot, I swore I would shoot the first man who crossed it. They knew I could answer for a dozen of them or so, and although clubs were up, and bows bent, they hesitated, as we all might, and I knew I had mastered them. Then one proposed I should buy the child fairly. They cared not to fight a friend. To this I at once agreed, and a miss was thus avoided, and a mission ax worth tenpence made me a slave owner—'Among the Man Eaters,' by John Gagliardi."