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CONFERENCE ENTERTAINED AT A BANQUET

Provided by the Ladies of George Street Church and Held in Schoolroom

SPENT THE AFTERNOON AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Feature of Yesterday Morning's Session Was Missionary Report By Dr. Fenwick

The largest gathering that has ever been seen at a Methodist Conference was present yesterday morning. After the usual devotions Dr. Fenwick, Superintendent of Missions for Newfoundland, gave in his report. Our aim, he said, is to make our Methodism self-supporting, and in this we have succeeded.

Election

The following elections then took place:

Representatives to the General Mission Board.—Dr. Fenwick and A. Mews, Esq. Beneficiary under the Macpherson Bequest.—Rev. T. B. Darby, B.A. Representatives to the Board of Temperance and Moral Reform.—Rev. J. B. Saint, S.T.L. Annual Conference Missionary Committee.—Dr. Fenwick, Rev. W. H. Browning and H. N. Burt, Esq. Representatives to the General Committee of the Supernumerary Fund.—Dr. Fenwick and A. Mews, Esq. Representatives to the General Conference at Ottawa next September.—(Clerical) Revs. F. R. Matthews, B.A. C. W. House, W. H. Browning, Dr. Curtis and James Wilson, with Revs. Chas. Leuch and J. R. Saint as reserves; (Laymen) A. M. Martin, J. Leamon, A. Mews, W. H. Peters, A. Vatcher, with Judge Jenney and P. Trapnel as reserves.

Afternoon

The Conference were generously entertained at the Government House by Their Excellencies Governor and Lady Davidson.

At 7 p.m. a Conference Banquet was generously provided for by the friends of George Street Church. The Sunday School room was tastefully decorated and a large gathering partook of the good things which were provided.

The following programme was then given, Rev. J. W. Bartlett, Chairman: Invocation—Rev. Jas. Wilson, ex-President.

Word of Greeting—The Chairman. Instrumental Solo—Mr. Gordon Christion, L.R.C.M.

Methodism's New Day—Rev. W. J. Smith, B.A. Quartette.

"Our Missionary Policy"—Rev. Dr. Fenwick. Solo—Dr. Macpherson.

"Our College"—A. Mews, Esq. Hymn—"Onward Christian Soldiers."

Educational Problem—Rev. Dr. Curtis. Cello Solo—Alex. Mews, Esq.

PORTE FINDS THE AMERICA SATISFACTORY

Believes That She Will Make Possible The Forthcoming Trans-Atlantic Flight

WILL PUT HER THROUGH SERIES OF ENDURANCE TESTS

Aeroplane Will Also Be Thoroughly Tested Here Before Start Is Made

Hammondsport, N. Y., June 24.—The first successful trials yesterday of the America air craft, in which Lieut. John C. Porte, and George E. A. Hellelt plan to fly across the Atlantic ocean from Newfoundland to England, are to be followed by a series of severe tests beginning today. The aeroplane will be shipped to St. John's early next month. After being reassembled at St. John's another series of tests are to be made, and the two pilots plan to start on their perilous air voyage on or about July 15th.

SEVEN STUDENTS TO BE ORDAINED

Service Will Be Held at George Street Methodist Church on Monday Night.

The charge will be delivered by Rev. James Wilson, the Retiring President.

The annual ordination service of the Conference of the Newfoundland Methodist Church will be held in George Street Church on Monday night at 8 o'clock.

Seven student-probationers are to be ordained, the following being the men who have completed their full course on probation and at a college: A. Thorpe, F. Sawdon, W. H. Palmer, D. Bugden and F. D. Cotton from Sackville University; H. T. Hatcher, B.A., B.D., from Wesley College, University of Toronto, and W. W. Cotton, from Victoria College, University of Toronto.

The charge will be delivered by Rev. Jas. Wilson, ex-president of the Conference.

SIR R. BORDEN'S 60TH BIRTHDAY

Ottawa, June 26.—Premier Sir Robert Borden is 60 to-day. Congratulatory telegrams are pouring in from all over the Dominion.

Job's Mildred has arrived at Penambuco after a run of 34 days.

The Outlook for the Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. Dr. Halfyard. Solo—H. Courtenay, Esq.

The Outlook for Newfoundland Methodism—Rev. F. R. Matthews, President of Conference. Benediction—Rev. C. House, Secretary of Conference. God Save the King.

Tragic, Fatal Accident By Which Patk. Connors Was Killed Yesterday

Was Attempting to Board a Moving Motor Express When He Slipped And Fell Under the Wheels—Death Was Instantaneous.

Another fatal accident happened yesterday afternoon, the victim this time being Patrick Connors, 16 years old, employed at the R. N. Co.'s express department, who was instantly killed by being run over by the Co.'s motor express near the station at 4 o'clock.

Chaufeur Cofield, who drives the van, says that he had just left the station with a load of trunks. One of the boxes slipped down and he stopped the machine to fix it. In looking back he saw the form of the lad on the ground with Mr. Stewart Long bending over him.

How It Occurred

Several persons saw the accident. It appears the boy attempted to jump on the side of the vehicle just as it started, but fell under it and the hind wheel went over his body.

The form with blood issuing from the mouth and nose was carried to the station and Drs. Roberts and Anderson who were summoned, were quickly in attendance and did all possible to save life, but their services

were of no avail, as death must have been instantaneous.

The bones of the chest were broken and the head and face were badly gashed. The truck weights about a ton and a half and being loaded must have been a ton heavier.

Rev. Fr. Sears, of St. Patrick's Church, reached the scene a few minutes after the tragedy and administered the rites of the church. Upon the rev. gentleman devolved the sad task of acquainting the father, Mr. Michael Connors, Mundy Pond Road. The corpse was taken to the morgue where it was coffined by Undertaker Martin, and later it was conveyed home.

Spectators say it was purely accidental and the chaufeur was not in any way responsible. The car was going slowly at the time.

The accident elicited the sympathy of all classes of citizens.

The unfortunate boy was popular with the employees of the express department.

Nationalist Volunteers In England

London, June 27.—The Irish volunteer movement has spread to England, a branch having just been formed here. The majority of the recruits are Irish employees of the civil service.

Drilling practice is being conducted in a German gymnasium which flies the German flag. This fact lends some significance to the story appearing in The Nation, a Radical weekly, to the effect that a report on the military characters and arrangements of the Ulster volunteers has been prepared for the Kaiser by specially qualified officials.

WILL ABANDON C.P. COAL MINE IN THE WEST

Hosmer Mine, in the Fernie District, is to be Permanently Closed Down

MILLIONS SPENT ON IT, BUT MINE WAS NOT PAYING

Town Is Now Being Deserted and Property There Has Become Valueless

Calgary, June 27.—The coal mine at Hosmer in the Fernie District is to be permanently closed down and the town is being deserted by its population, owing to the fact that the coal mines at that point, owned and operated by the C.P.R., have been shut down for ever. The work of dismantling the machinery is under way and merchants and property owners are panic-stricken because property will be worthless without the mining industry which alone supported the town.

Already Leaving

Unmarried men are already leaving Hosmer.

The mines have been a big disappointment from the start, the large sums spent on development failing to reveal coal in paying quantities, so that it has finally been decided to close the mines, as operations could only be carried on at a great loss.

Hosmer will be the second deserted town in that district, Morrissey having been abandoned for similar reasons, after millions had been spent on it.

FOOTBALL RECEIPTS

The football receipts last evening amounted to \$35.00.

Mexico City Optimistic About Peace

People of the Capital Are Even Planning Demonstration In Honor of The Mediators.

Mexico City, June 26.—The Mexican Senate is to meet to-morrow to hear the Executive's report on the outcome of the mediation conferences at Niagara Falls. Optimism prevails generally.

The inhabitants of the capital are planning a big demonstration in honor of the South American mediators. Prominent politicians express the belief that peace will be restored in Mexico before long.

CHANGE FRENCH LAW OF MARRIAGES

Paris, June 26.—The French Senate to-day adopted, without debate, a Bill allowing brothers-in-law to marry sisters-in-law.

The measure had previously been passed by the Chamber of Deputies.

EXPRESS AT 1 P.M.

The express arrived at 1 p.m.

Congratulations Of Conference

Extended Governor Davidson On His Knighthood—Resolution Of Thanks.

At this morning's session of the Methodist Conference, immediately after the adoption of the Journal, upon motion of Dr. Curtis, the members, by a standing vote and with acclamation, passed the following resolution:

"RESOLVED that the Conference place on record its high appreciation of the generous hospitality and delightful entertainment extended to its members and their lady friends at Government House on Friday afternoon by His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson;

"RESOLVED FURTHER that the Conference embraces this opportunity of conveying to His Excellency their sincere and hearty congratulations on the new honor recently conferred upon him by His Majesty, the King, and pray that Sir Walter and Lady Davidson may long be spared to perform with such distinguished ability, grace and dignity the Vice-regal service in the dependencies of the Crown."

KAISER COMMANDS BRITISH FLEET

Kiel, June 26.—The German Emperor visited the British flagship of the second battle squadron, the King George V., on which his flag as Admiral of the Fleet was hoisted.

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SYNOD PASSES RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Dealt Yesterday With the Empress of Ireland and Newfoundland Sealing Disasters

TEMPERANCE MATTERS GET LOT OF CONSIDERATION

Great Deal of Attention Given to Missionary Problem—Report On Education

Friday afternoon the Bishop took the chair at 3.30. Present: 45 Clerical, 15 Lay Delegates. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Hon. Robert Watson and the Rev. J. T. Richards gave notice of motions. The Rev. G. S. Chamberlain asked leave to introduce his bill referring to the appointment of Lay Delegates, amending cap. 1, section 6 of the Rules and Constitution of the Synod. He then moved the first reading, and gave notice of the second reading.

Rev. G. R. Godden moved the following resolution:

Resolution of Sympathy

"That the Synod desires to place on record an expression of its profound sympathy with the people of Canada in the loss which they have sustained through the recent disaster to the Empress of Ireland;

"And that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to His Royal Highness the Governor General of Canada."

In moving this resolution, the Rev. gentleman said:

"I feel that it carries with it the sympathy of every member of this Synod. If it be true that sorrow makes us wise and that sympathy is born of sympathy, surely we as a people have learned through our own sorrow to sympathize with the distressed. When that terrible disaster occurred amongst the crews of our sealing steamers on that awful night in April, no people were more ready with messages of condolence and expressions of regret than the people of our sister Colony.

"The generosity of the Government of Canada and of the Canadian people will never be forgotten by the people of Newfoundland for it shows that we are united in one common brotherhood and by our common faith.

Fellow Feeling

"Therefore, my Lord, the Synod of this Diocese, of a people who have suffered, offers to a people who in like manner have suffered with us, its heartfelt sympathy with them in their distress."

Rev. Canon Noel seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. Canon White read the report on the Temperance Committee of the Synod, and moved its adoption.

The following members took part in the very interesting and instructive debate, which followed: Revs. Canon Bolt, Loder, Prescott, Fletcher, Clayton and Chamberlain, and Messrs. Hayward, LeMessurier and Wakeley.

The report was then received. Rev. Loder and Mr. Wakeley made a strong plea for total prohibition.

Sealing Disasters

Mr. LeMessurier then moved the following: "Resolved that the Synod expresses its deepest sympathy to the bereaved

C.P.R. COUNSEL PLACES BLAME ON 'STORSTAD'

Claims Disaster Was Caused by Collier's Officer in Putting the Helm Hard Aport

ARGUES THAT THE EMPRESS WAS STOPPED WHEN STRUCK

Gives Reasons Why the Empress Foundered So Quickly After the Collision

Quebec, June 27.—Because the wheel was put to port and then, without authority from the officer in charge, put hard a port when she had steered away, Butler Aspinall, K.C., in the course of his address to the Empress of Ireland wreck Commission, contended that the Storstad was responsible for the disaster of May 28, in which 1014 people lost their lives.

Scuffed At It

He further argued that to find that the Empress starboarded her helm as assumed by the Storstad legal battery would be to charge perjury against Captain Kendall, who had claimed that no alteration took place in the heading of his ship and that she was stopped like a log in the water as indicated by the signals heard on the collier.

It was only while scoffing at the idea of Captain Kendall telling a deliberate lie when he had recently faced death, did Aspinall become at all dramatic. For the rest of the time he was calm and coldly argumentative, relieving the tedium effort on the crowded court room by touches of humor or by cutting sarcasm.

Why Foundered Quickly

Why did the Empress founder so quickly after collision when there was the evidence of Mr. Hillhouse who had been called, that the ship had been designed to float with two compartments flooded? Her side had been torn out and torrents of water had rushed on one side. Had the compartment been filled evenly she would have floated but this gave her a great list and the weight of the Storstad helped to drag her over. There was also a possibility that one of the boilers had been distributed.

relatives and friends of those who lost their lives in the late disaster to the sealing steamers Newfoundland and Southern Cross."

Rev. H. J. Read in seconding the motion wished to bring before the Synod the fact that there was a branch of the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Society in Newfoundland. Channel has the only agency and it would be well if there were others. He explained the benefits which go to members.

The resolution was carried unanimously. Canon White moved the adoption of the report on the Synod's Standing Committee on Education. He was obliged to adjourn the discussion owing to the time limit.

Evening Session

There were present at roll call: 48 Clergy and 36 Lay Delegates. Revs. W. R. J. Higgit and T. E. Loder gave notice of motions. Unfinished business being taken up, the House went to Committee to continue (Continued on page 4.)

Oh, Well It's The Season For Fish Yarns, Anyway

New York, June 24.—Suggestions that they were crazy with the heat were indignantly disputed by passengers, officers and crew of the United Fruit liner Metapan, when they reached port recently and told of an adventure in which a shark and an alarm clock figured away down in the Barbican Sea.

The shark trailed the vessel just a few hours out of Puerto Colombia, Colombia. It was a playful sort of shark and cut up various antics. Soon the whole ship's company was observing the shark. They—the passengers—began dropping things overboard, sandwiches, fruit, loaves of bread and any kind of food that could be secured.

Chief Steward Baillie, driven to de-

spiration by the demands of the passengers for fodder for the shark, decided to get rid of the unwelcome escort. To that end he took a large alarm clock, wound it, set it to go off in 20 minutes, attached to a line and tossed it overboard.

The shark grabbed it. In just 20 minutes the shark began to perform. The alarm clock was gonging the get-up call in his interior. He leaped high out of the water, chased his own tail, turned somersaults in the air, rolled over, spun on his tail like a top and generally conducted himself in an utterly irresponsible manner. Finally he headed east with the speed of a torpedo boat.

Canadian Exchequer Court Orders The Sale Of The Collier Storstad

Montreal, June 24.—By order of Justice Dunlop, of the Admiralty Division of the Exchequer Court here, and with consent of both parties interested, the S.S. Storstad will be sold at public auction, the sale to be accomplished within a very short time. This follows the action taken by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company against the owners of the Storstad collier, and obviates the necessity of conducting the legal suit case.

This order, which was made out at 12 o'clock to-day is as follows: "The Judge, on the application of the owner of the steamship defendant, and seeing the consent of both parties, ordered that the S.S. Storstad be sold at public auction not less than five days after the last publication of a notice of such sale shall have been inserted three times during one week in the newspapers published in Montreal, Halifax and New York; the purchaser to pay immediately upon adjudication a sum equal to ten per cent. of the amount of purchase price, and the remainder of said purchase price upon taking possession, but not later

than within fifteen days thereafter; that a commission of sale issue addressed to the Marshal of this court and that after the execution of said commission of sale the Marshal pay into this court the gross proceeds of said sale with his account and vouchers; the said proceeds to take the place of said ship and to avail for all parties interested therein, costs reserved.

Upon receipt of this order Mr. W. S. Walker, Registrar of the Admiralty Court, proceeded at once to order the commission of sale.

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Seven Killed By Explosion

The Fatalities Occurred On Board a U. S. Government Dredge.

Sheffield, Alabama, June 26.—Seven were killed and more than a score injured last night by a dynamite explosion on the Government dredge fleet at Smithsonia, on the Tennessee River, 18 miles below this town.

10,000 MEN IDLE IN MONTREAL

Montreal, June 26.—Ten thousand able-bodied men are walking the streets of Montreal, unable to find employment. The vast majority of them are Bulgarians, Russians and Austrians, mostly new arrivals. Many are from England and Scotland also.

Turkish Officers In England Buying Materials Of War

London, June 24.—Turkish naval officers have arrived in England on a mission for the purchase of coal and transport vessels in preparation for a possible war between Turkey and Greece. The Graeco-Turkey situation, however, has improved. Turkey has replied in a conciliatory spirit to the Greek note demanding that the persecution of Greek residents of Asia Minor cease and reparation for injuries already inflicted, and has further invited the powers to send agents to Asia Minor to make a thorough investigation of the Greek allegations.

ed several officers responsible for the orders. The Turkish reply has not been published, but it is understood it contends that it was the forced emigration in a body of the Mussulmans of Macedonia which provoked reprisals in Asia Minor, and expresses the regrets of the Porte at these disorders.

WEATHER REPORT.

Toronto (noon)—Fresh to N. winds, fair to-day and on Sunday with stationary or slightly lower temperature. Rogers (noon)—Thermometer 74, two degrees higher than yesterday; Barometer, 29.30.