

BAPTISTS ELECTED OFFICERS

Pressing Spiritual Needs of Miramichi Lumber Camps Considered.

Newcastle, July 11.—This afternoon the Baptist association chose the following officers. Revs. W. Camp, J. B. Gaugon, H. H. Saunders, Dr. Hutchinson, on the home mission board; H. Wentworth, Dr. McIntyre and G. B. MacDonald, secretary, Judge Emerson, Moncton; assistant secretary, Rev. J. G. A. Byles, Doaktown; treasurer, James Patterson, St. John; standing advisory committee, Revs. J. B. MacDonald, St. John, and H. Wentworth, Doaktown; corresponding secretary, Rev. S. W. Schurman, Newcastle; E. Wilson, J. Ainsworth, C. G. Pincombe, F. S. Porter, W. C. Groucho, J. A. Corbett, G. A. Lawson, chairman; J. H. Jenner and F. L. Atherton, Harry King, Calvin Jones, Chester C. Hayward and Dr. Camp, obituary committee. Revs. David Price, J. A. Cahill, H. W. Camb.

In discussing the home mission report Rev. W. E. Piper's motion that this association earnestly recommend to the home mission board to give their attention to the pressing spiritual needs of the lumber camps and the Miramichi forests in the winter, suggesting they should send some one to visit those camps next winter, was referred to the home mission board.

The following changes were made in the ministers' list: Additions, Tilley B. Wetmore; new pastors, A. C. Berce, E. C. Jenkins, V. E. Piper, Milton Addison, J. H. Balfour, James B. Hogan, C. Orrington Howlett, John S. McFadden, A. J. Vincent, C. F. Wilson; removals, died, W. Kierstead, C. W. Townsend, George Howard, Dr. C. T. Phillips; removal, F. E. Bishop, C. Wall, H. S. Copeland, S. H. Cornwell, Clark, J. H. Copeland, S. H. Cornwell, Kenneth McLennan, Frank C. Orchard, Davis R. Sharpe, Calvin W. E. Allison.

A letter concerning the discipline in the St. George church was referred to the advisory committee. The report of the resolutions committee was adopted with sympathy to Rev. J. E. Davis in his permanent disability incurred in the Master's service.

Heartily endorsing the establishment of summer Sunday school in situations at Wolfville, for the development of Sunday school workers, also similar work carried on in Kent county by Rev. R. M. Byson.

Approving of interdenominational missionary summer school at Sackville and commending it to Baptist membership.

Recommending the denominational position on the temperance question, namely total prohibition of the liquor traffic.

Thanking the railway and steamship lines for courtesies.

Thanking the Newcastle church pastor, his wife, the committee, and the choir.

Thanking the Methodists and Presbyterians for hospitality and assistance.

WOULD BE ABOLITION OF TREATY

Britain Objects to Free Passage of American Vessels Through Panama.

Washington, July 11.—The lines are drawn tonight in the great diplomatic struggle between the United States and Great Britain over the question of whether this country may discriminate in favor of American vessels in the administration of the Panama Canal. The words "discriminate" in the submission of the question to the Hague Tribunal, a series of diplomatic and legislative conferences today developed the fact that the forces in the American government which favor allowing American ships free passage through the canal are in control. These forces take the position that there is nothing in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty under which the canal was built to prevent this concession.

The diplomatic struggle precipitated by the note received today from Mitchell Innes, charge of the British Embassy, is expected to be fought along the following lines: Great Britain will take the position that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty provision which forbids discrimination in favor of the interests of any nation in the conduct of the canal would operate against the provision of the Panama Canal bill now under consideration in the senate. This position will be supported by a lengthy argument now on its way from London by Mr. Innes.

The United States will hold that so long as the ships from all foreign nations are treated on an equal basis in the use of the canal, the United States may pass American ships free or rebate the tolls charged them. This position was taken by the house when it reversed the report of the house interstate and foreign commerce committee which would have prevented free passage to American ships and passed the present bill.

Legislation Seems Certain.

The ultimate passage of the measure now before the senate seems assured. The senate said today that the British note would not prevent consideration of the measure whenever it is reached in the ordinary course of business.

But the position of Great Britain will strengthen the opposition of the free provision.

After a conference with President Taft, Representative Sulzer of New York, chairman of the house committee on foreign affairs, made a statement supporting the bill.

Kineo, Maine, July 11.—A Mitchell Innes, charge of the British Embassy, refused today to discuss Great Britain's request that the enactment of the Panama canal administration bill be held in abeyance until he could present a note in behalf of his government. He said that the state department at Washington, D. C., July 11.—Later to which Charge Innes referred, was received by Secretary Knox. Although the text was withheld, it was said at the state department that the British Government felt that to allow American vessels to pass through the Panama canal without the payment of tolls or to refund tolls collected, would be to violate the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

As to the coastwise traffic, the British government felt it would be difficult to frame a provision that would not be unjust to its interest. It was requested that congress hold the pending bill until the embassy had an opportunity to transmit to the state department a supplementary note from the British government now on the way by mail.

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COURTENAY BAY WORK FORMALLY INAUGURATED WHILE THOUSANDS CHEER

Dominion Cabinet Ministers Officiated Yesterday Afternoon, at Ceremony Which Marked Commencement Of Great Development of National Importance.

Crowning Event of Old Home Week Proved Great Attraction—How W. T. White Discharged Blast on Site of Mammoth Dry Dock -- Inspiring Speeches Pregnant with Optimism for City's Future--The Sports and Garden Party.

Yesterday marked the culmination of the Old Home Week celebration, and the principal feature of the day was the formal inauguration of the development work at Courtenay Bay. The ceremony, incident to the inauguration of the work, was an interesting and well witnessed by quite a number of citizens who visited the scene in automobiles, hackbays or on foot.

Interesting speeches, keyed to the note of the occasion, were delivered from a platform erected on the flats east of the site of the dry dock, the speakers being Mr. Prink, Minister of Finance; Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance; Premier Fleming; Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Customs; Hon. William Pugsley, Geo. W. Fowler, M. P., and P. R. Warren, of the staff of Norton Griffiths Company. After the speeches Hon. W. T. White set off a blast which blew out a portion of the side of the hill where the dry dock will be built.

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LIBERALS PROBABLY RETRIEVED

Premier Scott's Majority Estimated at from Twelve to Sixteen.

Regina, July 11.—While definite results from many of the outgoing constituencies have not yet been received reports to hand at 10 o'clock indicate that the Scott government has been returned to power by a majority variously estimated at from 12 to 16. Premier Scott is apparently returned in Swift Current, although his majority has been reduced.

Mr. Hamilton, leader of the opposition, is reported elected in South Saskatchewan by a majority of two. Four Liberal gains—Moose Mountain, Last Mountain, Souris and Pleasant Hills—are recorded among the constituencies from which definite results have been received. No conservative gains are as yet indicated. Liberals are reported leading in 23 constituencies and Conservatives in 12. From fourteen constituencies no reports have been received.

Chatham Man Tells Thrilling Story of Experiences in Regina Catastrophe — Wind Carried Structure Away.

Montreal, July 11.—A thrilling story of the Regina disaster is told by Harold Logie, who was in Montreal today, on his way to his old home at Chatham, N. B. At the time of the cyclone Mr. Logie and his wife and one child were at their home on Smith street, Regina. They had just returned from a walk, and had left the child in the baby carriage in the hall.

"When the cyclone struck us," said Mr. Logie, "I had no idea that the rocking of the house was caused by the wind. The house was away to and fro as though from an earthquake, and my wife and myself, as well as the furniture, were being thrown from one side of the room to the other. It was not till afterwards that I realized that this swaying happened while the house was in the air. It was a wooden house and the wind simply took it up, carried it a short distance, and let it fall with a crash. I don't remember what happened then for a time, for I was stunned."

"When I woke up somebody was shaking me and pouring cold water in my face. Our house was simply a heap of broken wood and neither my wife nor child were to be seen. Ultimately we found the child dead. By and by we heard knocking under one corner of the ruins, and after much labor we dug out my wife. She was practically unhurt, two collapsing walls having met over her and prevented her from being crushed."

OLD HOME WEEK IN NEWCASTLE PROVES MOST SUCCESSFUL

Parades and Other Features Mark Big Celebration — Prizes Were Awarded for Floats and Exhibits.

Special to The Standard. Newcastle, July 11.—The first day of the Old Home Week celebration was a grand success both in attendance and enthusiasm. Hon. I. J. Tweedie made a patriotic speech in the forenoon and presented a flag to the town. The living flag was a spectacular feature.

In the afternoon there was a parade of mercantile floats, cadets, boy scouts, polymorphous, decorated automobiles, etc. Prizes were awarded as follows: Best trade float, "Camp in the woods," D. and J. Ritchie's employees; best original float, "Micomar lumber camp," Sinclair Bros.; employees; best original display, A. E. Shaw; best decorated float, "Micomar lumber camp," Sinclair Bros.; employees; best original exhibit, "Cowboy," Allan Falconer. Honorable mention was made of the following trade floats: J. B. Snowball's Meadow Brook Stock Farm and an original display of a Japanese tea garden, Mrs. Crocker; decorated carriages, Misses Lingley and last night.

ANOTHER BAD ACCIDENT IN INVERNESS SCOT

Train Plunges Over Embankment On Inverness Line Killing Engineer.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, July 11.—An accident occurred on the Inverness railway to-day when the regular train left the rails and plunged down an embankment near Glendyer Station. The engineer, William Campbell, is dead. The train left Inverness this morning on her regular trip to Hawkesbury and probably because of a sun kink the engine and four cars left the rails and plunged down the embankment near Glendyer station. Engineer Campbell was caught in the wreckage of his engine and was badly crushed and scalded by escaping steam, succumbing to his injuries ten minutes after being removed from the wreck.

RAIN QUENCHES FLAMES--TROOPS WERE NOT NEEDED

Halifax Soldiery Ready to Fight Forest Fires Near Hubbards But Were Not Required—Damage \$75,000.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, July 11.—Forest fires have been raging for a week on the south shore about five miles from Hubbards in lumber areas owned chiefly by the Lewis Miller Company.

Two hundred men have been fighting the fires. This afternoon they feared they could do nothing more and applications were made for troops from Halifax to go down and take up the battle. Three hundred men of the Royal Canadians and Engineers paraded ready to proceed by special train at 7 this evening. At 8 o'clock a tremendous downpour of rain came and word was received in the meantime that troops need not be sent down. They were accordingly held pending further advice.

The loss is already estimated at \$75,000.

NOTES OF INTEREST FROM BUSY AMHERST

Amherst, July 11.—Rev. G. Quinton Warner, who for the past fifteen months has been conducting the services in Christ church, left last Thursday for Montreal, where he will be assistant pastor of Trinity church. The departure of Rev. Mr. Warner from this town will be generally regretted by all the citizens.

Mrs. and Mrs. George T. Douglas and Mrs. Bradley, mother of Mrs. Douglas, who have been on a motor tour throughout the Maritime Provinces, returned home the latter part of last week.

Bernie Nichol left Friday last for the Annapolis Valley. He will spend the summer months near Centreville in Kings county at a private sanatorium in that place.

Mrs. Luther, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Carlos Pihman for the past four weeks, left Saturday for Pennsylvania to visit friends. After spending some weeks there, Mrs. Luther will proceed to her home in the western states.

Mrs. C. E. Casey and family have moved to their summer home in Wentworth.

Miss Sadie Tait is spending a couple of weeks in St. John visiting friends in that city.

Frank Birch, who has been visiting his son-in-law, W. T. Caldwell, left last Friday evening for Montreal, from which city he will take a steamer to his home in Great Britain.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ward, nee Phalen, of Beachmont, Mass., is the guest of her niece, Mrs. C. J. Silliker, Victoria street.

Mrs. Walter B. Calhoun and family went to their cottage at Tidnish yesterday, to take up their residence there for the holiday months.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. McDougall and family left Tuesday for Wallace, Mrs. McDougall and family will move into their summer cottage which has just been completed at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carr, accompanied by Miss May Maston, left Monday evening for St. John where they will take in the Old Home Week celebration.

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BRITISH PRESS LAUDS BORDEN

Attitude on Naval Question Wins Hearty Commendation of Leading Journals—Conferences with Ministers.

London, July 11.—The Right Hon. R. L. Borden and his fellow ministers devoted themselves almost entirely today to conferences with members of the British cabinet. The Times declares that his speech last night assures Mr. Borden of his place in English esteem as a leading, trusty and inspiring figure in the great arena of imperial affairs.

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DARING HOLD-UP OF AUTO PARTY IN VICTORIA COUNTY

Highwaymen Intercept Automobile Near Andover but Occupants Make Clever Get Away—Popular Couple Wed

Andover, N. B., July 11.—A daring attempt at hold up and highway robbery was made on Tuesday night five miles from here. While an auto

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From the meagre descriptions the party could gather of the holdup men they are of the impression that they were tramps of the ordinary itinerant type.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's mother yesterday when Miss Matilda Watson, daughter of Mrs. Susan Watson, and for some time a popular saleslady in the store of Geo. T. Blair, was united in marriage to Anstey Hetherington, a prominent and successful farmer of Aroostook. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. B. Hopkins, rector of Trinity church. The popular young couple have the best wishes of a host of friends.