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OTTAWA.

Rev. Prof. Welch, D.D., of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was the preacher in St. Andrew's on Sunday.

In the absence of Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Rev. J. Taylor, B.A., of Chelsea, conducted the services in St. Paul's church, last Sunday.

The Confederation, of Mount Forest, making mention of the proposed visit of an honored Minister of this city to his former charge, says: "It is eleven years since Dr. Ramsay left Mount Forest, and during that time he has occupied with great ability and acceptance one of the most prominent and influential pulpits in the Capital. We are sure that very many will make it a point to hear him both as preacher and lecturer."

QUEBEC PRESBYTERY.

Met in Quebec on the 3rd and 4th of March—Mr. H. Carmichael, moderator, and was re-elected for another six months. Much time was given to Home Mission, Augmentation and French Evangelization matters, and grants were recommended for the ensuing year, with provision for a goodly number of Mission schools and Colporteurs in connection with French work.

Rev. J. M. Callan was transferred from Metis to Lake Megantic. Rev. E. W. Watson was re-appointed for the next six months to Grand Mere. Rev. A. Paterson, M.D., was appointed Immigration Chaplain, to serve presently at St. John, N.B., and at Quebec on opening of the St. Lawrence navigation.

Building of new churches were reported—one at Marsboro and another at Asbestos, in connection with the Danville congregation.

Rev. E. McQueen gave official intimation to the Presbytery of the death of Rev. Rodk. MacLean, late of Hampden; and submitted a resolution thereon, which was cordially received by the Presbytery. Rev. M. MacLeod was appointed interim moderator of Hampden.

A call from the congregation of Sawyerville, in favor of Rev. P. D. Muir, of Leeds village, was presented and sustained. Commissioners were heard. Mr. Muir, while leaving himself in the hands of Presbytery, intimated his willingness to remain at Leeds village, and the Presbytery resolved not to place the call in his hands.

The Presbytery adopted a resolution, approving the Governor General's project in the matter of preservation of the Quebec Battlefields, and commended the scheme to the favor and support of the people, as also calculated to help in cementing the two races, and to foster a healthy patriotism. Another resolution was adopted, urging the local committee having in charge arrangements for the celebration, not to pay any public monies for religious services in connection with any of the public functions connected with the celebration.

Dr. Duval, of Winnipeg, was nominated as Moderator of the approaching General Assembly, and Rev. F. M. Dewey, M.A., Montreal, as Moderator of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

In view of the considerable number of families that are scattered, at long distances from ministers and churches, in view of the large extent of railroad construction going on within the bounds, for which the Presbytery could get no supply, and in view of the number of vacancies usually in the Presbytery, for which it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure regular supply, Rev. J. R.

MacLeod urged the wisdom of securing a pastor at large to divide his time with such work. The Presbytery took steps to make provision for such work for the approaching summer.

The reports of Standing Committees were submitted by the respective conveners as follows: Church Life and Work, Rev. E. McQueen; Sabbath School, Rev. P. D. Muir; Y. P. Societies, Rev. H. Carmichael; Temperance and Moral Reform, Rev. J. N. Brunton; Systematic Benevolence, Rev. N. Carmichael.

At the evening session a Conference on Sabbath School Work was held, during which Rev. J. C. Robertson, General Secretary, gave an address. Commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed as follows:—Ministers, Messrs. C. W. Nicol, H. Carmichael, J. R. MacLeod and A. T. Love; Elders, Messrs. Jno. Whyte, Jno. McCammon, Jas. Muir and A. J. Elliot.—J. R. MacLeod, Pres. Clk.

MONTREAL.

The entertainment given in St. Gabriel church last week in aid of foreign missions and church work was quite successful. The Rev. Dr. Campbell presided, and an attractive programme was provided. There was a large attendance and a most enjoyable time was spent.

The Minister of Taylor church has the courage of his convictions, notwithstanding the calling down given by certain aldermen to the Secretary of State (Hon. Senator Scott). Mr. Reid recently made reference to the moral condition of this city in the following terms: "It is not true that Montreal is becoming a sort of hieising and byword all over the land for corruption of many kinds? Just imagine in this fair city we have 1,362 places where liquor is sold according to law—and how many without law?—a place where liquor is sold to less than every three hundred persons. Toronto is not so very much smaller than Montreal, and she has but 208 licensed grog shops. About one-seventh as many as Montreal has. Then when we realize the way in which law is administered is it not enough to make respectable people blush. Last year, according to the newspapers, there were fifty-six liquor sellers arrested for illegal liquor-selling, and they managed to settle their cases out of court, without any punishment. When we read such evidence as that lately given by the Rev. Arthur French, in connection with houses of ill fame, do we not feel that it is high time that something should be done to clear the atmosphere and cleanse our city from its horrible reproach." No doubt Mr. Reid speaks by the book, and it will be interesting to watch how the aldermen will deal with this new attack, not by a Minister of State, but by a Minister of the Gospel.

The special meetings conducted by the Rev. Wm. Meikle, B. A., Evangelist, in the Avonmore church, are arousing deep interest. The Evangelist preached the Gospel in demonstration of the spirit and with power.

Mrs. Gollan, of Dunvegan, was recently "surprised" by her Sunday school class. She was presented with an affectionately worded address, along with a suit case, and handsome toilet set. Two members of the class, John J. Campbell and George Ross, read the address and made the presentation.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Rev. C. H. Stewart, of St. Paul's church, in this city, has been chosen as Moderator of Presbytery for the ensuing term.

Rev. Hugh Hamilton, formerly of Manor, Sask., has been called to Morris, Man., salary \$1,000, with manse, and four weeks' holidays.

Rev. J. H. Cameron, on leaving his late charge at Kildonan, was presented with an appreciative address along with a well-filled purse of money.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Hart, Winnipeg presbytery resolved to express its appreciation of and sympathy with Dr. Pringle of Dawson City, in his struggle for the maintenance of public morality in the Yukon.

In view of the General Assembly meeting in this city in June, a strong committee on arrangements for the reception of commissioners was named at last meeting of Presbytery, with Mr. G. R. Crowe, as chairman, and Rev. D. M. Solandt, as secretary.

Rev. Dr. Sinclair, who has so efficiently filled the pulpit of St. Andrew's church during the absence of Rev. J. W. McMillan, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday, and on Tuesday left for Dawson City. Mr. McMillan will resume his duties on 1st April.

Rev. J. I. Walker was last week inducted as pastor of the Riverview church. Rev. Dr. Wilson presided. Rev. A. McTaggart preached the sermon; Rev. Alexander Matheson addressed the minister, and Rev. S. Polson the congregation.

Reports from all over the Dominion indicate the election of Rev. Dr. Duval to the Moderatorship of the General Assembly, meeting in Winnipeg in June. The minister of Knox church well merits the distinction, and will discharge the duties of the position with dignity and ability.

The presbytery ordained Andrew Kirk, who is engaged as missionary at Winnipeg Beach; and in view of the application of Rev. Edward Lee for admission to the ministry his credentials were remitted to a committee consisting of Rev. C. H. Stewart, Rev. Dr. Duval, Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland and Archibald Macdonald.

Winnipeg Presbytery sends the following commissioners to the General Assembly: by open vote, Rev. Dr. Duval; by rotation, Rev. D. Iverach, Rev. D. N. McLachlan, Rev. R. J. Hay, Rev. E. B. Chestnut; by ballot, Rev. Dr. Patrick, Rev. Dr. Gordon, Rev. Dr. Bryce, Rev. Dr. Wilson, Elders, Archibald Macdonald, George A. Young, James Thomson, Rev. W. M. Rochester, J. P. Matheson, E. F. Stephenson, D. McArthur, Hon. David Laird, G. R. Crowe.

At the recent meeting of Presbytery, Rev. Dr. Patrick presented the following overture to be transmitted to the general assembly. "Whereas some students, intending to enter the ministry of this church, resort at their convenience to colleges in the United States and elsewhere for the study of theology, without the sanction of this church being had in any way; whereas, this liberty is liable to be abused and has been abused; whereas, in such cases due supervision of the students' course of study cannot be had; and whereas, action in regard to license and ordination in such cases varies with the several presbyteries, it is humbly overtured to the venerable, the general assembly, by the presbytery of Winnipeg that it take steps to regulate this practice, or to do otherwise in the premises, as may seem meet."