

REV. F.S.DOWLING'S CALL DEALT WITH

Annual Meeting of the St. John Presbytery Concluded Yesterday—Reports of Committees Submitted.

The annual meeting of the Presbytery of St. John was concluded yesterday afternoon in St. Andrew's church and the session adjourned to meet again in June.

The election of commissioners to the General Assembly was the first business of the afternoon session. Six ministers elected were: J. V. Morash, Sussex; Rev. W. J. Bevis, Lorneville; Rev. J. A. Ramsay, of Moncton; Rev. James Ross, Halifax; Rev. J. S. Sutherland, Fredericton, and Rev. W. W. Malcolm, St. Stephen. The alternates next in order were Rev. A. Moorhead, Legate, Rev. George F. Sears, Rev. C. Y. Lewis, Rev. William Townsend, Rev. W. A. Ross, Rev. John Hardwick.

The elders elected were Hon. J. G. Forbes, A. F. Bentley, C. S. Everett, L. H. Somerville, Dr. Murray MacLaren and R. A. Jamieson, the clerk to choose alternates from the ballot.

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The call from St. Andrew's church, Sydney, to Rev. F. S. Dowling was next dealt with. J. H. Hamilton, J. A. MacKay, C. Allan, E. Atherton, Smith, John H. Murphy and Alexander Wilson appeared to represent St. Andrew's church, St. John. The Presbytery of Sydney wrote that the call, which was unanimous, had been signed by 552 communicants and 829 adherents. Mr. Dowling was to receive a stipend of \$3,000 with a manse and was to be colleague and successor to Rev. Dr. John Pringle. There were seven Sunday schools in the care of St. Andrew's church at Sydney.

Rev. Hugh Miller represented the Sydney church. Hon. J. G. Forbes said that there had been great harmony in St. Andrew's church during the time of Mr. Dowling's ministry and they would regret his leaving. Similar sentiments were expressed by J. H. Hamilton, Alexander Wilson, J. H. Hamilton, Mr. McKay, C. B. Allan and E. Atherton Smith. The call was placed in the hands of Mr. Dowling, who said he felt it his duty to accept and asked that he be allowed to make the transfer at the end of the month.

The moderator accepted Mr. Dowling's choice, granting the translation. Rev. Hugh Miller was appointed to be moderator of St. Andrew's church to moderate a call to another minister.

There were many expressions of regret at Mr. Dowling's departure.

Mr. Ramsay of the general interest committee read a letter from the General Board on the matter of finances. The letter pointed out 1922 receipts were not equal to expenditures. Deficits would probably be larger. In 1922 the special offering was \$146,100 and in spite of an endeavor to raise stipends budget givings were greater. This was the only encouraging note in the letter.

In 1923 to carry on the work as it had been last year \$1,600,000 would be required. Only \$1,415,000 had been authorized as estimates and this would mean reduction of effort.

The deficit of more than \$800,000 would have to be attended to and \$1,600,000 would be needed. The average budget in other years had been \$1,300,000 and this implied an endeavor to raise an additional \$300,000. The way to do this was for each Presbytery and congregation to fill its budget allocation.

Peter Campbell was appointed treasurer and on motion it was decided that allocations to Presbytery funds should be paid by May 1, or no grant for expenses made. Rev. Mr. Malcolm vouched for the following:

Rev. Mr. Dowling reported as Librarian.

Rev. A. V. Morash was appointed to be moderator of the Ralph Clark Memorial Bursary Fund.

Rev. William Fraser presented the state of standing committees, and these were adopted as follows:

Religious Education—Ministers, Rev. W. A. Ross, Rev. William Swan, Rev. E. Y. Lewis, Rev. W. W. Malcolm, Rev. W. J. Bevis, Rev. A. Wood, Rev. P. Jackson, Rev. J. Hardwick, laymen, Robert Reid, M. A. Halton, T. Baker, H. P. Craig, T. A. Baird, James Miller, W. B. Brown, W. H. Sinclair.

Records—Ministers, Rev. A. F. Fisher, Rev. J. Hardwick, Rev. G. F. Sears and Rev. E. J. Kerr; laymen, R. Campbell, J. Jamieson, C. Campbell, W. H. Murray and M. E. Finkham.

Finance—Ministers, Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Rev. S. R. Prince and Rev. W. H. Spencer; laymen, Peter Campbell and Alexander Wilson.

Supply and Statistics—Ministers, Moderator and clerk; laymen, C. S. Everett and T. H. Somerville.

Business—Moderator, clerk and conveners of committees.

General Interests—Ministers, Rev. J. A. Ramsay, Rev. Dr. Sutherland and Rev. F. S. Dowling, Rev. H. Miller, Rev. G. R. Prince, Rev. A. V. Morash, the Moderator, clerk and conveners of committees; J. Jamieson, Colonel Murray MacLaren, T. H. Somerville, A. F. Bentley, T. R. Speedy, J. Thompson, H. S. Campbell and Duncan Fraser.

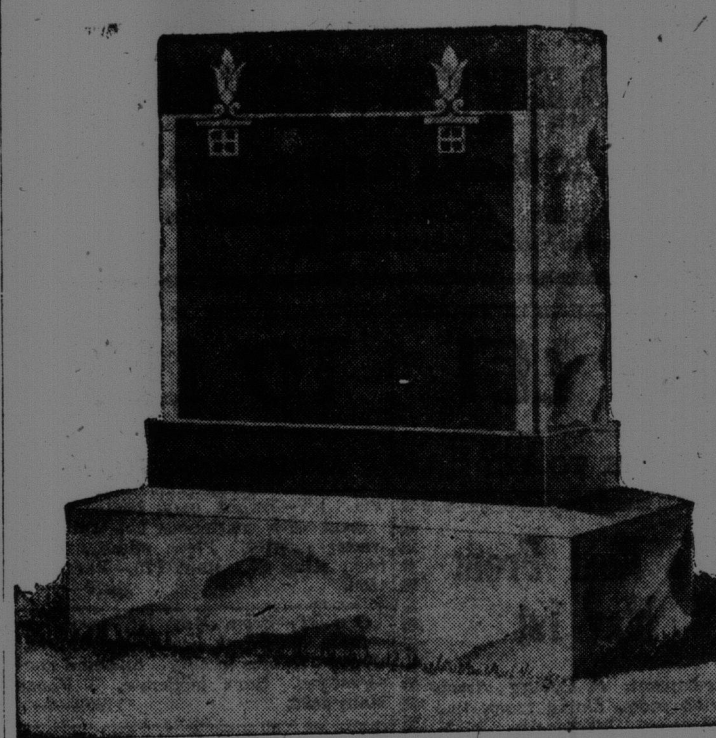
Home Missions—Ministers, Rev. W. M. Townsend, Rev. Dr. James Ross, Rev. F. S. Dowling, Rev. H. Miller, Rev. R. Moorhead Legate, Rev. W. H. Pringle, Rev. W. W. Malcolm, Rev. J. A. Ramsay and Rev. A. Sutherland; laymen, Hon. J. G. Forbes, C. S. Everett, Colonel Murray MacLaren, Dr. G. G. Corbet, G. Boulter, D. Evans, O. Cameron and A. F. Bentley.

Foreign Missions—Ministers, Rev. W. M. Fraser, Rev. R. Moorhead Legate, Rev. H. Miller, Rev. D. F. Marshall, Rev. D. F. Marshall, Rev. A. J. W. Back, Rev. W. J. Bevis, Rev. J. H. MacLean, Rev. G. F. Sears, Rev. R. J. Miller; laymen, O. Cameron, D. Campbell, W. C. Elliott, J. J. Galbraith, W. M. Walker and William McIlarg.

The application of Rev. W. Ross, retired minister of British Columbia, to be given a summer mission station was referred to the home mission committee. The Brandon Presbytery sent word that William Scott had resigned as a minister of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Mr. Swan gave notice of motion that the fall meeting of the Presbytery should be held in October rather than September.

The meeting recommended that the Home Mission Board grant applications for a grant and loan to St. David's



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congregation for building purposes and to the church at St. George for repairs.

In view of the fact that the Maritime Synod meets in St. Andrew's church, St. John, in October, it was agreed that the local ministers and representative elders should be the nucleus of a committee to arrange for the coming meeting.

The session at Grand Falls was instructed not to sell any further lots.

Rev. W. A. Ross read the Sunday school report for the year, telling of 180 schools with 565 teachers and an enrollment of 4,908. He introduced Miss May Gemmell, Presbyterian national girls' work secretary. Miss Gemmell gave a short talk on the C. G. I. T. programme.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland said that the November thank-offering had been a failure and he would not recommend another special appeal.

Dr. Sutherland read the report of the statistical committee giving figures for the past year. He said that only three congregations had reported and urged that an improvement be made for next year. There were many changes, both favorable and unfavorable, from last year.

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

Considerable routine business was transacted yesterday at the Common Council meeting. Commissioner Wigmore was given authority to buy one Venturi meter and one register for renewal work at the head of Little River, the cost not to exceed \$4,070. On motion of Commissioner Frink the Mayor was requested to table all the correspondence in the matter of the paving of that part of Douglas avenue concerned in the dispute between the provincial government and the C. P. R. with reference to the height of the new bridge. A letter was received from the executive of the Kindergarten Association refuting the charges of misrepresentation and mismanagement made recently by Mrs. J. W. V. Law. The letter will be acknowledged and filed.

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MAYOR FISHER PRESENTS REPORT

Says Building Inspector is Not a Safe Man to Have in Charge of Inspection of Buildings—The Matter in Commissioner Thornton's Hands.

At yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Common Council Mayor Fisher presented a report on the matter of the refusal of the building inspector to grant a permit for repairs to his building in Charlotte street. It was as follows:

I beg to report: (1) That in compliance with the expressed wish of the council an application was made in writing on 2nd inst. to the building inspector for a permit to repair the building at 96 Charlotte street, and the application, as was the case with the preceding ones, has been refused.

(2) That the building inspector, in refusing to issue the permit, is continuing to act in direct opposition to the legal advice given to him in writing by the city solicitor, advice from whom is constantly being accepted by the members of the council in their departmental affairs.

(3) That the building inspector has, by his present action, shown that he is not a safe man to have charge of the inspection of buildings.

A recommendation is that this report be referred to the Commissioner of Safety with a request to consider same and to report at the meeting of the Council in committee on Thursday next.

This recommendation carried and Commissioner Thornton will report on the matter.



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