

KNOX CHURCH PETITION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Toronto Presbytery Fails to Arrive at Any Definite Conclusion—Representatives to Assembly.

"At Toronto, within Knox Church there, Tuesday, the first day of March, one thousand, nine hundred and four, at 10 o'clock forenoon, the Presbytery of Toronto met and was duly constituted." That is the statement that will appear on the minutes of the presbytery in respect of yesterday's meeting. Rev. Alexander MacMillan, the moderator, presided. The storm was responsible for a somewhat sparse attendance. The sale of the Knox church site was the main business brought before the assembly, and its discussion took up the greater portion of the day, the principal point being the proper provision for carrying on institutional work in the vicinity of the present church. It was agreed finally:

"That the petition and all relative documents be referred to a committee which shall also be empowered to confer with the representatives of Knox Church congregation, and with the congregation if deemed advisable, to consider all questions bearing upon the sale of the present site and the use of Knox Church property for future work in the city."

The committee appointed consisted of the Rev. J. McP. Scott, Alfred Gaudier, Prof. MacLaren, G. C. Pidgeon, E. F. Faskin, Wylie C. Clark, and Messrs. R. Haddow, H. E. Irwin, K.C., T. Allison and John Aitken.

Rev. W. Frizell was granted three months leave of absence to visit Palestine. There are sixty-seven ministers upon the roll of the presbytery. The following names are the eight that stand first upon the roll of commissioners: John E. MacPhaden, James Murray, Robert Atkinson, T. H. Rogers, C. T. Tough, J. A. Turnbull, W. G. Wallace, D. B. Macdonald. The following seven sessions have the right to nominate each one commissioner to assembly from the members of the session: St. James' Square, Boston, St. Andrew's, King's Lashby, etc.; Milton, St. Andrew's, etc.; Vaughan, Georgetown, etc. These nominations will be returned at the April meeting.

The presbytery appointed as representatives to the general assembly meeting this year in St. John, Rev. G. M. Milligan, D.D., Principal, Queen's; Rev. H. Warden, D.D., and Rev. Alexander MacMillan.

The five elders appointed were Lieut.-Governor Clark, R. Haddow, John Lawson, H. E. Irwin and Judge Winchester.

A resolution was passed congratulating the British and Foreign Bible Society upon its centenary celebration to be observed on Monday, March 7, and commending its work to the congregations under the care of the presbytery.

GRAND TRUNK TO PETITION AGAINST PAVING ESPLANADE

Hays Signed Agreement Understanding Company's Expense Would Not Exceed \$30,000.

The Grand Trunk Railway made a strong protest before the court of revision yesterday against the assessment of the cost of paving the Esplanade from York to Berkeley. The entire cost was estimated at about \$101,000, of which the city is to pay \$26,000, the property owners on the north side \$34,000, and the railway \$41,000, that entire amount apportioned to the property on the south side of the street. Alexander Dickson and Mr. Donald appeared for the company, and stated that, according to the agreement with the city, one-third of the cost was to be borne by the railway, and that was all they would pay.

Mr. Caswell, for the city, argued that the privately-owned property was too far away to be assessed for local improvements, the railways owning over 100 feet between the street and the other properties. He also said that the agreement provided that the companies should pay approximately one-third of the cost, and if the city had not agreed to pay for local improvements on it.

William Freeman, a property-owner, said the residents on the south side do not consider the pavement would benefit them, as it was but a railway yard. He did not consider the pavement would benefit the residents at all, and they expected that Harbor-street would be extended to Berkeley-street, and they would have to pay for local improvements on it.

Mr. Donald said that according to a decision of the court of appeal, the south side owners had a frontage on the street and would have to pay for improvements. Mr. Dickson said Mr. Hays had been told that the pavement would not cost the road over \$30,000, or he would have signed the agreement. The only recourse now was to petition against the pavement, and this the company would do.

The court decided to hold the matter over until March 15, and the intention will look over the matter at that time. The time for filing petitions expires on the 10th inst.

City Pays Land for Taxes. The eight lots left over from the sale of lands for arrears of taxes were knocked down yesterday by Auctioneer Henderson to Assessment Commissioner Fleming, on behalf of the city, for the amount of \$220,000.

There was no other bidder for the properties, which are not advantageously located. **Snow Cuts City \$20,000.** The street commissioner had all the men and teams he could obtain at work yesterday carrying away the snow from the streets in the downtown district. There were 1400 men employed, and about 280 carts and sleds. The snow on the streets south of Queen was carried down to the bay, and in other sections conveyed to side streets, and out.

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By night almost all of the last snowfall had been removed. The men will next be engaged in opening up the gutters and curbs to provide for the escape of water when soft weather sets in. It is estimated that the expenditure for snow clearing this year will amount to \$20,000, the largest cost for many years.

Four water services have been cleared of frost by the electric method introduced by the city engineer's department, but the work was discontinued yesterday on account of the men, who are employees of the Toronto Electric Light Company, being too busy in attending to the wires of their own company. There has been some trouble experienced in connection with the process, as it is impossible to tell where the pipes have burst until the electric current is sent thru, when the water begins to flow into the cellars and the street must be dug up in order to repair the break. The work will be proceeded with, however.

Extent of City Relief Work. The reports of the various charitable organizations through the city show an expenditure of about \$20,000 more than their receipts, which amounted to \$25,851. Indoor relief was afforded to 27,428 persons, and the house of industry aided 1226 families, or 3758 persons from the outdoor relief fund.

Dead Aged 131. New Brunswick, N.J., March 1.—Noah Babby died today in the Piscataway Poor House, of which he had been inmate for the last forty years. He had lived until April 1 next, according to his own statement. Babby would have been 132 years old.

No Hazing at West Point. Washington, March 1.—Hazing at the West Point Military Academy practically is a thing of the past, according to Col. Mills, superintendent of that institution. One of the cadets found guilty of hazing was dismissed and not readmitted.

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FOREIGN TRADE CUTS INTO BRITISH COLONIAL TRADE

Great Britain for the Last Thirty Years Has Been Losing Her Hold.

London, March 1.—The secretary of the tariff commission, continuing his lecture of last Tuesday at St. Philip's Institute, said he had calculated the percentage of British trade with the colonies as compared with the foreign trade with the colonies during the last thirty years and had taken the whole of our British possessions in groups. In every single instance he had observed the same movement, that the percentage of our trade with the colonies was diminishing compared with the foreign trade with the colonies. The diminution had been greatest in the case of Canada, where the United States had stepped into our position. He noticed the same movement in Australia. He had still a firm hold of the African colonies, but even there the same movement was taking place. The view of the colonies could not by isolation increase their trade to the extent they would if they were more closely bound to the mother country. The main features of the policy which had to be adopted were determined by the character of the industries and products of the different parts of the empire, and they led to the conclusion that the policy must include a so-called food tax.

Our present system was practically evolved in the interests of our colonies. It was based upon the assumption that in return for our manufactures we could get our food at a cheap rate. Twenty-five years hence the States would require every bushel of wheat the country could produce, and the demand for our manufactures in Canada would be increased. It would stimulate agriculture and would also stimulate the demand for other products in Canada which could be supplied from the mother country.

Woman's Narrow Escape. Miss N. B. Egan of Walmer road, while leaving a College-street car at Beverley street, yesterday afternoon, narrowly escaped serious injury. In getting off the platform someone too hastily closed the door, and the woman was thrown into the street. She was not injured, but the accident was a narrow escape.

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WHAT CITIZENS THINK OF ASSESSMENT ACT

James Wood of the Robert Simpson Company is not quite satisfied with the provisions of the bill.

"The principle of the bill is an improvement on the old method of personal assessment. The bill features in connection with assessing the real estate and buildings together is the effect it will have on the putting up of an inferior class of buildings. If the land value were the basis of the taxation, it would be preferable. In our own case we have a very expensive building, and an assessment makes it the most highly assessed retail building in Toronto. Our taxes per square foot are twice as much as the erection of an inferior class of buildings, whereas if buildings were exempt and the rating on land values, there would be some inducement for builders to put up higher grade structures than they otherwise would. I do not believe that any class of property within the city limits should be exempt for any purpose whatever."

J. H. Macdonald, K.C., was unable to avoid the question of the bill in his speech. He said: "I think the bill is in the right direction to go over the industrial nature of the city of Montreal. It is a step in the right direction, and that is the rational view. Here I think they have found a rational basis to be a satisfactory basis and they seem to be endeavoring to do their best to work out a scheme, and it is just a question of arranging the details. Each business has its own particular views. I understand in the city of Toronto the assessment commissioner can secure a satisfactory assessment on the proposed basis. It is a very hard question to deal with."

H. C. Hammond of Oler & Hammond has been too busy to give the opinion of the bill. "I have not given the matter much consideration, but I realize that the needs of the province are increasing year by year. Therefore, they are forcing around for some new avenue by which they can increase their revenue. I presume the process will continue until there is nothing left to tax but our bodies, and then it will be time to die." Mr. Hammond seemed to think that the bill was either on the verge of success or failure.

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HEROES. New York, March 1.—In saving a four-year-old child from being run over by a heavy express wagon to-day, Frank Carlin, an umbrella vender, was probably fatally injured. He threw the girl out of harm's way.

Winnipeg May Not Visit Henley. Winnipeg, March 1.—While there has been considerable talk to the effect that the Winnipeg Rowing Club intends to send an eight-oared crew to Henley, England, this coming summer, nothing has really been done in the matter, and a definite decision will not be reached until the annual meeting of the club, which will be held on March 25. A diversity of opinion has been expressed by various members of the club as to the advisability of making the trip across the ocean, but it is quite impracticable that Winnipeg will be represented at the great English regatta. The trip to Henley means a heavy expense bill, and it would not be the most sensible thing in the world to send a crew there that had not a mighty good chance of winning. Last year's crew was decidedly not equal to the task of winning there, and a member of the Rowing Club executive stated to-day that unless a much better crew could be gotten together the trip would be called off.

He stated emphatically that the present trip will be called off. In getting off the World's Fair regatta look good to the local rowing men, and, as expected, the Henley trip is postponed. The local senior eight will go to the Mississippi city to try conclusions with the best of the American college eight, proceeding from there to the Canadian Henley regatta at St. Catharines.

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MORE SCHOOL INSURANCE.

The property committee of the board of education Monday decided to recommend a new insurance schedule, which will increase the amount carried by \$27,400. The insurance now in force amounts to \$31,075. In very few cases was the amount left unchanged, while in a great many the committee voted for doubling the present policies.

The finance committee voted \$21,235 on the request of Principal Wallace of Hamilton Street School, to pay extra claims on account of the fire in that school. Mr. Thompson will get a bonus of \$100, if the recommendation of the committee passes the board.

Telegraph Briefs. The body of James Eilek, a railway conductor, has been found in the drainage canal at Chicago, murdered and robbed. Lord Francis Hope (formerly husband of May Yule), the actress, was married in London to the daughter of a Melbourne banker.

Captain William Thompson, once commander of the White Star Line, who commanded the Britannic on its record trip of 7 days and 16 hours in 1877, is dead. Five old \$100 bills were found in the plant of the New York Mills Cotton Co. at Litchfield, yesterday. Five hundred hands are affected.

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