

PRESBYTERIAL PROCEEDINGS

Commissioners Appointed to the General Assembly.

Church-Life and Work—Sunday School Statistics—A Call Sustained.

At yesterday afternoon's session of the Presbytery of London, Dr. McCrae moved in amendment to the rule prevailing in the appointment of commissioners of the General Assembly, that the exceptions provided for in the case of the first year, after a minister's induction, be set aside.

The motion was ruled out of order, and the mover gave notice that he would present the motion at the next ordinary meeting.

COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

According to rotation, the following ministers were appointed as commissioners to the next General Assembly: Messrs. J. F. Scott, Thomas Wilson, George Gilmore, Walter Moffat, J. J. Proudfoot, Dr. Johnston, R. McIntyre, D. R. Drummond, J. H. Courtenay, J. Lindsay. The appointment of elders was left over, with the exception of the following gentlemen, who were also appointed: Mr. J. L. Cooke, St. Thomas; Mr. Telfer and Mr. George Cairncross.

CHURCH LIFE AND WORK.

Mr. Wilson, Glencoe, presented the report on church life and work. The following recommendations were adopted: 1. That sessions be asked to look carefully into the church life and work within the bounds of their congregations, and prepare the reports from year to year. 2. That the presbytery would reaffirm its faith in the supreme importance of home life and would urge all members to whom its work may come with weight, earnest care and oversight of the same. 3. That the individual members be more strongly urged to assume their share of the religious work, and that sessions be urged to frequently cultivate the grace of liberality in congregations. 4. That the people be continually warned of the insinuating danger of the drink habit; urged to use their best efforts to develop a strong temperance sentiment, especially among the young people of our church; that every legitimate means be used to enforce the law of the land, and obtain as far as practicable a greater restriction of the liquor traffic. 5. That we again assert our conviction of the duty of the church to endeavor to secure the total abolition of the traffic in the land. 6. That the legislature be urged to continue the study of the subject of scientific temperance in our schools.

The whole report was then adopted with the recommendations attached.

The following were appointed as a special temperance committee: Dr. Johnston, Dr. R. Drummond, J. H. Courtenay and Messrs. Tait and Greenlees.

A CALL.

Mr. Steven presented a call from Chalmers Church, Dunwich, and McBride Church. The call is in favor of Rev. S. Lawrence, Vancouver, and is hearty and unanimous. It was moved that the moderator's conduct be approved, and the call sustained as a regular Gospel call, and that the congregations of Vancouver and Glencoe be cited to appear for their interests at an adjourned meeting of presbytery, to be held in First Church, London, on first Tuesday in April, at 1 p.m.

It was agreed to hear report of committee on young people's societies at adjourned meeting in April.

Leave was granted to Knox Church, St. Thomas, to consolidate their debt.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

Mr. J. H. Barnett presented the report of the Sabbath school committee. There are 65 Sabbath schools, 734 teachers, 6,012 scholars, 4,147 average attendance, home department 124 communicants were received from the ranks of the Sabbath school scholars; \$1,847.57 was contributed for self-support; \$1,040.08 for schemes; \$500.36 to the century fund; other purposes, \$485.15; all purposes, \$4,066.83. The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That the report be received and our thanks be given to the great Father above for his goodness. 2. That members be urged to overlook all reports before they are sent out to conveners. 3. That sessions be requested to urge through their visitation the attendance of all young people at Sabbath school and Bible class. 4. That ministers and sessions be urged to do all in their power to have the Home Department instituted in all homes.

Thanks were given to the conveners, and the report as a whole adopted.

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUTATION.

The following applications were made for commutation for the past six months: Aylmer and Springfield, \$50; Fingal, \$25.00; Hyde Park and Komoka, \$25; Port Stanley, \$100; Tempo, \$125.

and South Delaware, \$25.00. For the ensuing six months: Aylmer and Springfield, \$100; Fingal, \$25.00; Hyde Park and Komoka, \$125; Port Stanley, \$200; Tempo and South Delaware, \$125.

Mr. Stewart, of Melbourne, was appointed to visit Wardville and confer with the congregation in regard to their petition and report to the Presbytery.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in First Presbyterian Church, on the first Tuesday of April, at 1 o'clock, to finish the business, the next regular meeting to be in Glencoe, at 9 a.m., on the second Tuesday of May. Conference of Young People's Societies the previous afternoon.

ONE MORE PEG-LEG

Norfolk Police Think They Have Michael Toohy's Slayer.

A telegram was received by The Advertiser yesterday afternoon from a correspondent in Norfolk, Va., containing the words: "Murderer London policeman arrested." A later dispatch brought the information that the accused was one, Wm. Scott, colored, and that he was arrested at Portsmouth, near Norfolk. He denied all knowledge of the murder of Policeman Toohy in this city. The dispatch adds that the police there will communicate with the authorities here and that they hope to secure the \$500 reward offered by the Canadian authorities. As Pegleg Brown was hanged here nearly two years ago for the murder of P. C. Toohy, it is unlikely that Scott will be long detained by the Norfolk police. Scott is the second Toohy suspect arrested within a month.

PETROLIA PEOPLE PRAISE DR. FITCHER

A Mother's Thanks for Her Daughter's Cure.

There are dozens of people in Petrolia who know from practical experience that there is no remedy equal to Dr. Fitcher's Backache Kidney Tablets for backache, lame or weak back and all kidney troubles of young or old.

One of those who never fails to speak highly of this remedy is Mrs. Frank Henderson, who gave the following account of her daughter's cure: "My daughter had not been feeling well for some time. Her headaches were depressing, the kidneys were inactive. She had swelling of the feet and pains in her back. We gave her Dr. Fitcher's Backache Kidney Tablets, and they gave immediate relief. She is continuing to take those tablets, for they stopped the swelling of the feet and removed that lameness almost entirely from the back, while those headaches are becoming less frequent. They had invigorated her generally, and have already accomplished more than anything we have ever before obtained."

Dr. Fitcher's Backache Kidney Tablets are 50 cents a box, at all druggists or sent by mail. The Dr. Fitcher Company, Toronto, Ont.

BELMONT.

Belmont, March 12.—Mrs. Thompson, relict of the late John Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Byron and Master Jesse Buchanan were bidden on Friday evening, March 8, by the gathering of about 70 friends, prior to their departure. Mr. A. C. McIntyre, of Mapleton, read an address, while Mrs. Thompson was presented with an easy chair, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Byron were made the recipients of a beautiful mantle clock, and Master Jesse Buchanan was given a purse of money. Messrs. Daniel Turner and Thomas McIntyre made the presentation. Addresses were given by Messrs. James McIntyre, Jas. O'Bryan, D. F. Thompson and John Noble; duet by Mr. and Mrs. O'Bryan; John Noble sang two solos. Refreshments were served, and the meeting closed by singing "God Save the King."

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Byron, accompanied by Master Jesse Buchanan, left en route for Waterloo county the following morning. Mrs. Thompson leaves shortly for Eismarch. She had been a resident of the township of Yarmouth for three decades continuously, and many grateful tributes were accorded by the speakers.

Miss Nina M. McGregor, principal of Dewers public school was forced to relinquish the principalship consequent upon serious illness. Miss Kate McLachlin has assumed charge of the school for a few weeks.

W. H. Odell left en route for Belle River to buy up a herd of dairy cows and swine.

Miss Flora McInnis is visiting friends in Bosanquet.

Archibald Kennedy, of Brandon, spent a few weeks here visiting the second of his childhood after an absence of 22 years.

FACTORY LOOMING IN VIEW!

Definite Proposal From Agent of New York Capital

That Is In a Rested in the Beet Sugar Industry—Ready to Put in \$250,000 If Need Be—Meeting to Be Called.

A meeting of gentlemen who are hopeful of forming a company and establishing a beet-sugar factory here was held at Messrs. Pardon & Pardon's office yesterday. Though the meetings held in the past with the object in view were not attended by results from which sunbeams might be extracted, this one was so far in advance of the others, that the outlook for a factory is promising, to use no more expressive term. Several local gentlemen were met by Messrs. Bograaff, of Bay City, Bayley, of New York, and De Voe, of Omaha, Neb., who are all interested in the industry in the United States. From Mr. Bayley came a definite proposition. He represents New York capitalists who are investing about \$5,000,000 in sugar factories in the United States and Canada. In effect, he said:

"The smallest sized factory we consider costs \$500,000. We will put up \$250,000. You local gentlemen could make up the balance, \$250,000. If you prefer it, we would go in for anything between \$200,000 and \$250,000. The men I represent would rather that the big end of the stick be held by local people. Why? Because they are then sure that the concern will be looked after properly. Besides, they don't want the bother of managing it. It gives you gentlemen a feeling of greater security too."

"What will we do? Well, this: We'll put up the plant, machinery and all, and operate it with experienced men. The first year, before this, though, we'll send competent men to instruct the farmers how to grow the right beets. We put one in at Lyons, N. Y., took full charge of it the first year, the worst of it, mind you, and paid a dividend of 20 per cent. You must act quickly if you want us to build the factory this year, and that bounty, you know is quite a thing to get hold of."

"The working capital, when you once get started, is not large. It will not be necessary to organize a company right away. The best thing to do is to get four or five reliable men to go down to New York. On the way down they could get off at Lyons and see the whole business, books and all, so as to know exactly the profits that might be expected. Then they could go on and meet the gentlemen I represent, with a few more men, and the formation of a company would not be the work of a day."

Mr. Bayley did not say that all at one time, but that was the substance of what he communicated to his audience.

The time limit appeared to be the great hindrance in the minds of most present, though Mr. Moody, who was present, was confident that the capital could be secured in time.

Finally, it was decided that the mayor, who presided, should call a meeting for Thursday night, in the city hall, and a concerted effort will be made to carry the scheme to a successful termination.

Pain in the Back.

Makes life miserable for many. Can it be cured? Yes, in a night. Nervine gives a complete knockout to pain in the back, because it is stronger, more penetrating, more highly pain-subduing than any other remedy extant. One drop of Nervine has more power over pain than five drops of any other remedy, and it is true strength you want when you've got a pain. Your money back if it is not so. Druggists sell Nervine.

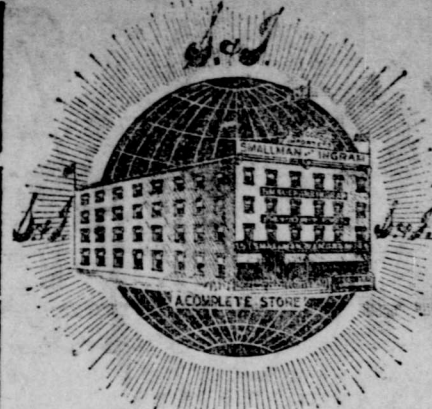
The jury at Wichita, Kan., disagreed in the case against Mrs. Carrie Nation, tried for smashing a "joint."

SO RAPIDLY does lung irritation spread and deepen, that often a few weeks a simple cough culminates in tuberculosis. Give heed to a cough, there is always danger in delay; get a bottle of Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, and cure yourself. It is a medicine unsurpassed for all throat and lung troubles, and is compounded from several herbs, each one of which stands at the head of the list as exerting a wonderful influence in curing consumption and all lung diseases.

The second reading of the Manitoba railway bills passed the legislature Monday night on a party division of 23 to 9.

AT ALL TIMES OF YEAR Pain-Killer will cure a useful household remedy. Cures cuts, sprains and bruises. Internally for cramps and diarrhea. Avoid substitutes; there's only one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis.

Dr. Crockett was elected mayor of Fredericton, N. B., by a large majority on Monday.



THE WEATHER TODAY—Unsettled; rain or snow.

This store closes at 7 p.m. every Saturday. By shopping early you can help along the early closing movement.

Lace Curtains...

Housecleaning Season Almost Here.

Thinking about housecleaning now? Many are, so you're not alone. New Curtains will doubtless be required in many homes. The expense need not stand in the way, that is if you buy at the prices which we quote below, and you can if you will but take the simple precaution to examine the bargains which we are now offering in Lace Curtains. At these prices we are not offering the entire stock—just a few.

Several pairs White Madras Curtains, 3½ yards long, beautiful floral designs, 4-inch frill, a very pretty bedroom curtain. The regular price was \$3.50; selling today for \$1.95

Several pairs Cream Madras Curtains, very pretty floral designs, suitable for bedrooms. The regular price was \$2.50; now only \$1.45

Also a few sample pairs Brussels Net Curtains, slightly soiled. These we are offering at greatly reduced prices, and if you are thinking about curtains at all do your buying early, as these goods will not be with us long at these prices.

New Print Wrappers.

We have on our tables for early spring selling an excellent stock of New Print Wrappers in a great variety of styles and colorings. The prices are what you yourself would call low, and when you see the Wrappers you will wonder how such nicely-made washable garments can be sold at such figures.

At \$1.00—Ladies' Wrappers, of assorted light washable prints, lined to waist; full sweep; soft roll collar; yoke and collar finished with narrow white braid; Mother Hubbard style; sizes 32 to 44. Rare value at \$1.00

Also a good line of Red and Black Print Wrappers, Empire style, at \$1.00

At \$1.25—Ladies' Wrappers of medium light washable prints, in pink, blue, French gray, hello, etc., lined to waist; Hubbard style; yoke and soft rolling collar, trimmed with frill of goods. This is an extra good line and special value at \$1.25.

At \$1.75—Ladies' Wrappers, of good washable prints, in hello, French gray, and blue; Hubbard style, with 4-inch frill at bottom of very wide skirt; square yoke, with four box-plaits, front and back; neatly finished with white wash braid; value at \$1.75.

Of Black and White Prints; good quality; tastily finished; full width skirts; sizes 32 to 44. These we have at \$1.50 and \$2.00

Ladies' Black Satene Wrappers; nicely made; suitable for mourning or elderly ladies. A range of these at \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$2.75

New Huckaback Toweling.

We have just received a number of pieces of new Huckaback Toweling for making Hemstitched Towels, etc. These we will dispose of by the yard at the following special prices:

16-inch Cream Huck.....10c | 27-inch Bleached Huck.....25c

18-inch Cream Huck.....12½c | 27-inch Bleached Huck, extra quality.....35c

Leather Belts, Stick Pins, Hat Pins, Etc.

In our Notion Department will always be found the very latest novelties for Ladies' Wear. Just now we are showing our new Black Patent Leather Belts with Gilt Trimmings, also a nice assortment of Black and Colored Leather Belts with Chatelains to match.

Black Patent Leather Belts at, each 15c, 30c and 50c

Fancy Brooch and Stick Pins, prices ranging from 10c to 75c

A large assortment of Fancy Hat Pins, at, each 5c, 10c, 12½c, 20c and 25c

SMALLMAN & INGRAM

149, 151 and 153 DUNDAS STREET.

LION FACES THE BEAR!

Britons Build a Railway Siding in Spite of Russia's Protest.

Chinese Movement to Recover Manchuria—Six More Heads Demanded by the Ministers.

London, March 13—4:30 a.m.—Friction has arisen in Tien Tsin between the British and the Russians over a piece of land alleged to belong to a railway company and to have been in possession of the company for some years. According to the dispatches from Tien Tsin the Russians assert that this land is part of their new concession and therefore Russian property. Mr. Kinder, manager of the railway, had begun to make a siding, but was stopped by the Russian authorities. He appealed to Col. McDonald, who referred the matter to Gen. Barrow, British chief of staff in Pekin, who replied "Carry on the siding with armed force, if necessary."

CHINESE ACTIVITY.

Berlin, March 12.—Official circles in Berlin declare that it is impossible to judge here exactly what leads to the Chinese activity around the Great Wall. The Russian papers are spreading reports that the movement there is engineered by Gen. Tung Fu Hsiang and Prince Tuan for the reconquest of Manchuria. It is to the interest of Russia to circulate this view. On the other hand, it is believed in Berlin that the Chinese troops near the Great Wall have but slight power of resistance, as the report of Col. Ledebur's engagement seems to indicate.

NOT YET SIGNED.

The statement that Russia insists upon China's signature to the Manchuria convention rests upon Chinese authority, but Germany has no reason to suppress such information, and the fact remains that the agreement has not yet been signed.

RUMOR NOT BELIEVED.

Nothing is known here as to the published report that German capitalists are negotiating with high Chinese officials for the erection of arsenals at Nan King, Woo Chang and other points, but the rumor is not believed in Berlin.

AN UNFOUNDED REPORT.

The statement current that 600 Russian marines, with guns, have been landed at Mao San Pho, near Fusan, the terminus of the railway running through Korea, on the Strait of Corea, or Broughton Strait, which adjoins the Strait of Corea, and which with Kruzenstein Strait, separates Corea from Japan, is regarded as unfounded. In authoritative quarters here it is pointed out that the agreement between Russia and Japan pledges Russia not to land troops in Corea without notifying Japan.

WANT MORE EXECUTIONS.

Pekin, March 12.—A general meeting of the foreign ministers was held this morning, and the reports of the committees were heard. Regarding more

punishment of the Chinese connected with the Boxers, there is strenuous opposition against demanding that many more heads will fall, but a list containing the names of 96 minor officials will be presented soon to Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang, urging that they be tried for complicity in the outrages, and punished, when found guilty, in such a manner as the Chinese themselves see fit, except in the case of six men who, the ministers think, should be executed.

WILL SEEK REDRESS

Government Will Claim Damages for Lynching of John Knox.

Montreal, March 12.—There is no doubt that Hon. David Mills, minister of justice, will ask damages for the lynching of John Knox, a native of Quebec, at Scranton, Miss., for he intimated today that similar proceedings will be taken to those taken by the Italian government after the lynching of Italians.

A letter sent by John J. Hogan, of Mobile, Ala., to his mother here, says: "I am just back from Scranton, Miss., where my good friend, Jack Knox, shot his stepson through mistake, thinking the gun would not go off. When I arrived at Scranton the bloodthirsty Mississippians had my friend hanging to a tree. They gave him a trial, but it was one-sided, and the only witnesses were two negro women and one white woman. They saw the affair from a long distance off, and they swore that he was guilty of murder."

It is said that the sheriff of Scranton was either intoxicated, or pretended to be intoxicated, when the mob demanded the keys, and he gave them up without a word.

ABSOLUTE SECURITY.

Genuine Carter's Little Liver Pills.

Must Bear Signature of

Wm. Wood

See Fac-Simile Wrapper Below.

Very small and as easy to take as sugar.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. FOR HEADACHE. FOR DIZZINESS. FOR BILIOUSNESS. FOR TORPID LIVER. FOR CONSTIPATION. FOR SALLOW SKIN. FOR THE COMPLEXION. GENUINE. Purely Vegetable. CURE SICK HEADACHE.

YOUNG DOCTOR IN LUCK.

Ypsilanti, Mich., March 12.—Dr. A. J. Elliott, who has been here about six months, since his graduation from the U. of M. medical department, has received word that an uncle has died in Montreal, leaving him property valued at \$250,000. Elliott worked his way through college by doing odd jobs. He says he will now go to Europe and take up advanced medical work.

FIRE! 100 SHOTS.

Hudson, Mich., March 12.—Four safe blowers, who cracked a safe in Toledo last night, got off a Lake shore train here at noon. Marshal Charles Atkinson and deputies made a strong effort to arrest them. All but one succeeded in making their escape after a desperate running fight in which more than 100 shots were exchanged.

Special to the Mail and Empire.

Kingston, March 12.—We wish to announce to your readers that all druggists are now selling the new 25c size of Catarrh, Asthma, Bronchitis, etc., to try it. Such a small price for so sure a cure is bound to make it popular. Prepared by proprietors of Poison's Nervine.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Feather and Down Cushions 50 Cents Each.

Large stock of Pillows and Mattresses, iron and Brass Bedsteads. Pillows and Cushions filled with feathers on the shortest notice. Large assortment of Stoves at Hunt & Sons' Bed and Mattress Cleaning factory, 583 Richmond street. Telephone 397.

Leave London at 7:15 p.m., Arrive New York 10:00 a.m. Following Day.

This can only be accomplished by getting your tickets over the great New York Central from the Michigan Central agent, who will secure you a berth and sell you tickets. Fare same as by other lines when tickets purchased in Canada. 12 ub

So far the postal investigations have cost about \$15,000.

ONE FACT IS BETTER THAN TEN HEARSAYS. Ask Doctor Burgess, Supt. Hospital for Insane, Montreal, where they have used it for years, for his opinion of "The D. & L. Menthol Plaster." Get the genuine made by Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

A young woman in Atlanta, Ga., was bitten by a spider, from which paralysis resulted, and death may follow. NOT A NAUSEATING PILL.—The ex-cipient of a pill is the substance which enfold the ingredients and makes up the pill mass. That of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills is so compounded as to preserve their moisture, and they can be carried into any latitude without impairing their strength. Many pills, in order to keep them from adhering, are rolled in powders, which prove nauseating to the taste. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are so prepared that they are agreeable to the most delicate.

In Prussia there are at present 53 persons who have an income of over \$250,000 a year.

SEVERE COLDS are easily cured by the use of Fickler's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, a medicine of extraordinary penetrating and healing properties. It is acknowledged by those who have used it as being the best medicine sold for coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs and all affections of the throat and chest. Its agreeableness to the taste makes it a favorite with ladies and children.

Boils keep coming

pus, as it is usually called, clogs up the circulation, causing the accumulation of this poisonous matter, which must be removed from the congested parts. At the same time the blood should be enriched and purified by the use of BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS. The best proof we can give you is the testimony of others. Here are some; others will be supplied on application to the proprietors.

FLAT LANDS, Restigouche Co., N.E.

THE T. MILBURN CO., Toronto.

Gentlemen,—A short time ago my blood got out of order so much that numerous boils appeared on my face and neck, and hearing BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS highly recommended as an excellent blood purifier, I decided to give it a trial. After using the first bottle the boils gradually started to disappear, and before I had taken the second bottle I was completely cured.

Yours truly, GEO. CALDWELL.

Have you Boils? If so, read the following letter from Mr. William Thompson, of McNeill's Mills, P.E.I.

THE T. MILBURN CO., Toronto.

Gentlemen,—Some time ago my blood got out of order and before long I had boils breaking out all over me. They appeared on my legs, neck and arms, and were so painful that I could not possibly sleep at nights. I tried many remedies, but without any effect, until a friend advised me to take BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS. Before I had used two bottles I was entirely cured, and I cannot honestly say too much in favor of B.B.B. as a purifier.

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Mrs. G. MOORE of Hamilton says: "I cannot praise B.B.B. enough for impure blood, boils and sores. It is a perfect cure for boils. I have used it for twelve years in my family and cannot praise it too highly."

Miss MAUD SLATER, West LaHave Ferry, N.S.: "In the spring I was troubled with boils, one coming after another. My blood was bad and I was miserable when I began taking B.B.B., but before taking many bottles was completely cured."

ALFRED HAMMOND, Townsend Centre, N.S.: "I used two bottles of B.B.B. and find it a great remedy for boils. I used it two years ago and have not been troubled since. I can recommend it highly."