Sharp Debate Features Synod Session :: City Welfare Fund Near \$35.000 Mark

Bitter Verbal Warfare Rages At Synod As Charges Based On Divided Churches Are Hurled and Denied By Rival Factions

Toronto Grows

Rare Blossoms

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, April 28.—Six double white blossoms of hepatica were found yesterday by Herbert Staples, tucked away among dried leaves and blooming trilliums on the banks of the Don river. When shown last night before the Field Naturalists' club, these flowers were declared to be the first specimens of the kind found in Canada.

D.D., Hamilton, convener; Rev. F. H. Larkin, D.D., Seaforth, Rev. H. D. Cameron, Forest, W. A. Stuart, Mitchell, Dr. J. M. Field, M.A., God-

Aged and infirm ministers, widows

and orphans—J. R. Moodie, Hamilton. convener; Rev. J. H. Barnet, D.D., Norwich, Rev. John Hosie, London,

G. A. Thomson, Moncton.

Historical—Rev. William Perrie,

D.D., Wingham, convener; Dr. Wallis,

Niagara Falls, Rev. J. J. Monds, Pe-

trolia, Alex Farquharson, Marlin, D.

Chicken Thief Suspected of

Causing Disastrous

Blaze.

Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, April 28.-Fire of un-

barn, cattle shed and implement shed

in addition to a large quantity of

farm machinery, several tons of hay

and straw and considerable grain, of

A MacVannel, St. Marys.

Betting, Lotteries and Beer Are Scored By Presbyterians

The Presbyterian synod of Hamilton and London went on record last night as being opposed to race track gambling and the publishing of betting odds and to all forms of lotteries and games of chance. The synod recorded its disapproval of the action of the provincial government in disregarding the vote of the people on the temperance plebiscite by permitting the sale of stronger beer, in Premier Ferguson violating his pledge to temperance workers that the O. T. A. would be strengthened, and in the expressed argument of the government that the amendments had been made for the purpose of increasing the revenue. In connection with lotteries, the synod adopted a recommendation

that the government be requested to make it illegal to hold such lotteries it church affairs or for charitable purposes. Concerning the temperance question, the synod adopted a recom mendation urging all Presbyterians of the synod that in making a selection for parliamentary candidates in the future only those should be chosen who frankly and avowedly were in support of the B. T. A. prior

SARNIAN IS MODERATOR **OF ANTI-UNIONIST SYNOD**

Rev. J. J. Paterson, D.D, Heads Organization of Continuing Church.

COMMITTEES CHOSEN

Rev. Ephraim Scott Nominated To Head General Assembly.

There came into being at a meeting of Western Ontario anti-unionist Presbyterians, held in New St. James Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon, a provisional synod of Hamilton and London of the continuing Presbyterian church of Canada.

Rev. J. J. Paterson, D.D., Sarnia, heads the new synod as moderator, Rev. Austin L. Budge, M.A., Hamilton, was appointed clerk, and Rev. John McNair, D.D., London, formerly clerk of the London presbytery, was

named treasurer. Rev. Ephraim Scott, D.D., editor of the Presbyterian Record, Montreal, the Presbyterian Record, Montreal, was unanimously nominated for the moderatorship of the general assembly of the continuing Presbyterian church.

A. MacVannel, St. Marys.

Commission, organization purposes —Dr. Drummond, Dr. Cunningham, Mr. Oke, Dr. Barnet, Rev. J. J. Brown, Mr. Andrew, Mr. MacKay, Mr. Westland, Mr. Monds, Mr. Shaver, Rev. H. Turner, Dr. Stewart.

The invitation extended by Rev. James MacKay, B.D., to hold the meeting of the continuing synod in New St. James church here on the

that church was accepted.

Provisional committees and a commission to deal with matters of organization and conference were ganization and conference were ap-pointed as follows:

General interests—Rev. H. M.
Paulin, Windsor, convener; Rev. G.
H. Smith, D. D., St. Catharines, Rev. J. M. MacGillivray, St. Thomas, Rev. Peter Reith, Glamis, R. H. Cutt, Goderich, J. A. Andrew, Mitchell, T. L. Hamilton, Listowel.

Home missions—Rev. D. R. Drummond, D. Hamilton, Conversed Rev.

mond, D.D., Hamilton, convener; Rev. Mond, D.D., Hammon, Conventy, L.A. C. S. Oke, Brantford, Rev. J. A. Shaver, Strathroy, Dr. Stewart, Thamesville, Geo Armstrong, Avon-Foreign missions—Rev. James Mac-

Foreign missions—Rev. James Mackay, B. D., London, convener; Rev. J. A. Brown, Shakespeare, Rev. W. Walker, St. Marys, Geo. Hope, Hamilton, John Penman, Preston.

Sunday schools and young people's societies—Rev. R. C. McDermid, Goderich, convener; Rev. W. M. Kannawin, D.D., Hamilton, Rev. James Nicol, Listowel, Rev. William McIntosh, Napier, Harmon Westland, Goderich, Convener, Rev. William McIntosh, McIntosh,

McIntosh, Napier, Harmon Westland,

lowering Almond. Early spring dowering shrubs; gaily in full bloom before the leaves appear; their growth is dwarf bush and ompact, slender branched; when in bloom completely hidden by autiful double flowers of rose of white, snuggling tight to the

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OTHER CHARGES

Jnionists Parry Shafts of Dr. Banks Nelson With Counter-Thrusts.

UNION ISSUE REVIVED

Question of Co-operation Between Factions Is Left To Church Court.

Church union problems monog he meeting of the Presbyterian synod of Hamilton and London yesterday afternoon in First Presby-

So warm did the discussion become that it proved exceedingly difficult that it proved exceedingly difficult woodside should not be moderator, Rev. W. R. McIntosh, D.D., King street church, London, to hold the members within the bounds of parliamentary rules, and bounds of parliamentary rules, and the gospel," Dr. Nelson refused and added that "Dr. Woodside is a disturber of the peace." in fact, more than once the debate threatened to get entirely beyond his

In sharp contrast to the turmoil of the afternoon session, all was tranquil at the evening meeting, and the synod was brought to a close with emarkable unanimity, both factions listening with the keenest and sympathetic interest to the presentation of the home and foreign mission committee reports by Rev. M. C. Tait, Wallaceburg, and Rev. L. B. Gibson, Ph.D., Woodstock, respectively. In principles of the synod by Rev. W. H. Sedgewick, D.D., Hamilton, convener of the general assembly's committee on home missions, and Rev. G. M. Ross, Presbyterian missionary to North Honan, China.

Battle Over Union. Styled as the budget debate at the Styled as the budget debate at the afternoon meeting, and ostensibly seeking ways and means to bring the missionary contributions up to the mark for the half-year ending June be consummated, the discussion of veloped into what proved to !.e a futile verbal battle as to whether the unionist or anti-unionist party is to blame for the disruption of congregation of c plame for the disruption of congregations after the vote has been taken by drawing off the members of its party, onstituting the minority in the sev-

Rev. S. Banks Nelson, D.D., Hamilton, chairman of the general in-terests committee, declined to bring in any recommendations in connection with his report because he held that he was "a dying convener of a out of a total of 73,200 votes in the dying synod." Mr. Reith. Dr. Grant (Walkerton)

Rev. D. C. MacGregor, D.D., St. the general treasurer of the church that part of their missionary alloca-

tion due on June 10. The Bombshell.

Rev. F. H. Larkin, D.D., Seaforth, and Rev. F. W. Gilmour, Atwood, moved in amendment: "That whereas great unrest has arisen throughout the bounds of this synod, as revealed by the votes of the congregations on church union, showing 162 congrega tions non-concurring, and only 164 concurring, and whereas this unrest Chatham, April 28.—Fire of un-known origin destroyed the stable, carried effort to induce unionist min-bern cattle shed and implement shed orities to withdraw themselves and their support from their congrega-tions, this synod feels unable to heartily encourage its people to sup-port the budget of the church unless satisfactory assurances are given that the unity and integrity of the con-

W. F. Pettypiece, Harwich township, near North Wood, early this morning. Four horses, two head of cattle, and near North Wood, early this morning. Four horses, two head of cattle, and six hogs and several chickens were burned to death. Mr. Pettypiece had recently purchased a number of chickens and it is thought the fire may have been caused by a match dropped by some person or persons bent on stealing the chickens. As far as is known no person had been around the building for several hours. The loss is partly covered by insurmay have been caused by a match dropped by some person or persons bent on stealing the chickens. As far as is known no person had been around the building for several hours. The loss is partly covered by insur-

BALDWIN SEES NO SIGN OF EARLY CONFERENCE the policy of the general board of the Presbyterian church, that all con-London, April 28.-Premier Stanley Baldwin, replying to a question in the house of commons today regardng the possible summoning of an

disarmament conference. early call of such a conference from Charges Are Denied. Dr. MacGregor, as a member of the

Mr. Gilmour insisted that he merely asked the question, but Dr. Nelson asked the question, but Dr. Nelson rose to assert that "it was all evidence that could be sworn to and

"I would call Dr. Neison's attention to the fact," interjected Dr. McIntosh, "that his opinion is not the opinion of this synod."

Dr. Nelson—That may be, but nevertheless I'm right.

Dr. McIntosh—As moderator I say session Mr. Tait totalled the givings for missions in the synod at \$238.

Urges Mission Loyalty. Rev. H. V. Mooney. Woods urged above all else "loyalty to our

urged above all else "loyalty to our missionaries." He asked if all the objections being raised by the antis were because they felt that the unionists were winning more members from non-concurring congregations than they themselves were winning from congregations, which had voted to enter the united church. Rev. L. B. Gibson, D.D., Woodstock, affirmed that "there had been no such concerted attempt to round up the antis in congregations that had voted union as there had been of unionists in congregations that had voted union as there had been of unionists in congregations that had voted anti." Dr. Gibson proposed that "both sides keep quiet and mind their own business." He held in his hand a circular which, he said, was issued by the union committee in which the antis were referred to as "the enemy."

the enemy."
Dr. Nelson—Read that declaration Dr. McIntosh-We all know that lot of literature has been issued on both sides; better not go into that. Rev. R. N. Gale, Chatham, asked the question whether there was such the question whether there was such a thing as "a Presbyterian church association fund."

There were two or three "No's" from the audience in reply to this.

Describes Document. Dr. Nelson then took the floor and described the document referred to by Dr. Gibson as signed by Rev. Dr. Woodside, and asserted that "Dr. Woodside should have been put in

added that "Dr. woodstde is a disturber of the peace."

"Apparently it is intended that this
meeting shall be a rough house," said
the moderator, in again asking for a
withdrawal of the remark. Dr. Nelson consented to the withdrawal of
the remark, but wished to submit the
document in question to the press,
claiming that in it lay proof of his
remark with regard to Dr. Woodside.

Issued Challenge.

"My committee will undertake not to lift a finger between now and June 10," continued Dr. Beattie, "in ingregations in which the vote has not yet been taken, if the Presbyterian association guarantees that it will nark for the flat on which union is to likewise and lift a finger. Moreover, be consummated, the discussion de-

or to conclude the debate. In reantis, as to the number of congrega ions in the synod voting noncurrence, etc., Dr. MacGregor stated that out of 367 congregations in this synod, 150 had so far voted non-consuch action, representing 46,832 votes

Dr. MacGregor acquiesced in the Andrew's Presbyterian church, moved suggestion made by Rev. J. A. Puethat "the synod urge all congregations within its bounds to forward to motion and amendment be withdrawn. provided the amendment was with-

After Dr. Larkin had consented to such action, Dr. Gibson urged that some motion be drafted upon which ooth parties could agree Rev. Dr. Drummond, D.D., Hamil-on, counselled that the matter should be allowed to rest, since the synod had given evidence of such positive opinions and decisions.

Motion is Passed. Dr. Beattie supported Dr. Gibson however, in his effort to put some-thing on record, and accordingly with the unanimous endorsation of the wood the following motion, strikingsynod commends to all its people the great missionary enterpri church for the prayerful and gener-

As the newly-appointed chairman of the committee on religious educa-tion, Mr. Pue-Gilchrist brought in three recommendations: First, "That the synod place itself on record as open to the fullest possible co-opera-tion with any individual members or any organization of the non-concur-ring Presbyterian church, which may hereafter be formed." second, "That or less cold reception.

Mr. Gilmour then took up the discussion, and asserted most phatically that all the trouble had arisen because of the fact that the union committee had dissented from school at Alma college, and the respective school at Alma college. promote the attendance of their young people at the Presbyterian summe school at Alma college, St. Thomas and that the non-concurring syn when such is formed, be invited to

While not unsympathetic to the proposals advanced, Dr. McIntosh expressed the view "that the synod, being subordinate court, should let the

ose to assert that "it was all vidence that could be sworn to and ot heresay."

"I would call Dr. Nelson's attention of the synod, with the consent of the synod, others, with the consent of the synod, and the consent of the synod, others, with the consent of the synod, others, which is the consent of the synod, others, and the

Welfare Workers Meet IS SET FOR MAY 29

Audience Limited To 600-Only Graduates' Degrees Conferred.

The University of Wetsern Ontario convocation will take place in the ssembly hall in the college of arts building at 3 p.m., Friday, May 29. At 2:30 the academic procession will form up in the natural science building, according to an announcement made yesterday by Dr. W. Sherwood Fox, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.S.C., D.Litt., dean of the college of arts.

The graduating class of 1925 will the closing exercises in the uni-Because of the limited capacity of

the auditorium, invitations will be limited to 600. The general public will be able to witness the academic procession as it marches from the natural science building to the scene of the convocation exercises in the main building.

Tecumseh hotel last night, when the majors, captains, chairmen of divisions, and club representatives were the guests of George O'Neil and members of the executive of the drive.

The exact figures for the day's work

the only awards of honors that was the made publicly at the convocation this year are those obtained by students who are graduating. Those won by students of the three junior

The order of exercises will begin with the processional by the University Little Theatre orchestra. The invocation will be delivered by the Rev. Principal C. C. Waller, Huron

meeting shall be a rough house," said the mederator, in again asking for a withdrawal of the remark. Dr. Nelson consented to the withdrawal of the remark, but wished to submit the document in question to the press, claiming that in it lay proof of his remark with regard to Dr. Woodside.

Rev. William Beattie, D.D., C.M.G., chairman of the London Presbytery's committee on church union, was aroused by the renewed attempts to fasten upon the unionists the biame for disrupting congregations. He offered to lay bare all correspondence and records of his presbytery committee in this connection, providing the London Presbyterian Church association do the same.

Issued Challenge.

of the awards by the graduates. The chancellor, W. J. Roche, M.D., LL.D., will then speak. The National Anthem will precede the recessional by the Little Theatre orchestra.

Deputation Leans Toward Government-Owned System To Provide Outlet.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, April 28. — A deputation omposed of Hon. John Oliver,

remier of British Columbia; George ficulty in getting subscriptions equaling those of last year. In most cases fills, M.L.A., Edmonton; W. T. they were a little better. They mills, M.L.A., Edmonton; W. T. Henry, M.L.A., Grand Prairie, and representatives of the boards of trade of Edmonton and Grand Prairie, waited upon Hon. George P. Graham, minister of railways and canals; Hon. J. H. King, minister of public works, and Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of public works, and Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of world with his team today. of the interior, in camera this after-

the delegation that a railway outlet be provided for the Peace River district; and a preference was shown towards the opening up of this terri-tory by the Canadian National Rail-

No indication of a decision in this matter was given as a result of the conference, and it is understood that

Scorched by Burning Blankets.

Canadian Press Despatch. North Bay, Ont., April 28.—News able to be present, but sent in a total reached here today of a fatality at of over \$300. South River during a severe electric

Presbyterian church, that all congregations should stay together until June 10. He asked whether the home mission board had refused to give fields to student applicants, and intimated that the board had declined to place any men whom it knew to be anti-union in sympathy.

When such is formed, be invited to co-operate both in this effort and in the seffort and in the seffo

passing through the body. Cooper was instantly killed, and the body badly burned. The blankets caught the time the appointments had been made, maintained that no such disreputable action as hinted at by Mr. Gilmour would have been adopted by the board.

Mr. Gilmour insisted that he merely casted the question but Dr. Nelson

great need for "one holy catholic

Door Open To Missions. In reporting on foreign missions, Dr. Gibson declared that "the wide open door is awaiting the Christian missionary as never before in foreign lands." The synod adopted Dr. Gibson's recommendations that the missions recommendations that the missions of the commendations of the control of th Dr. McIntosh—As moderator I say you are wrong.

Dr. Nelson—As man to man I say I am right.

Dr. Nelson sat down amidst cries of "Order."

Mr. Gilmour then attempted to tell "a funny story about a Methodist parson," but he did not get far with that and he, too, took his seat, after reasserting amidst stamping of feet, that the unionists were responsible for all the turmoil.

Dr. McIntosh—I would like to ask Mr. Gilmour—It doesn't make any difference to me at all; it does a lot of harm.

"Well, I wanted to know that," replied the moderator. "because, to as-" lambda as follows: I at the evening session Mr. Tait totalled the givings for missions in the synod at \$238,—1200 on "soll at the synod at \$238,—1200, on in the synod at \$238,—1200, on it is sollows: Ham-120, by presbyteries as follows: Ham-120, by presbyteries as follows: Ham-120, on Stratford \$22,000, Huron \$15,000, Straits \$15,000, Straits \$15,000, Maitland \$16,000, Bruce \$12,000.

Dr. Sedgewick in his address stated that the the sasembly's home mission committee had wiped out its entire debt at the end of last year and would, with a fair amount of support for the first six months of this year, and would, with a fair amount of support for the first six months of this year, and would, with a fair amount of support for the first six months of this year, and would, with a fair amount of support for the first six months of this year, and the Kingdom of God," Dr. Ross spoke as a mission field with \$0,000,000 people in it.

"The Chinese and Eastern people on the subject, "The Synod was concluded by a worldly church," and emphasized the worldly church, and emphasized the synod at \$238,—15000 son's recommendations that the mission solutions \$25,096, London \$25,000, All the synod at \$238,—15000, All the synod at

Response On Second Day and Fund Is Now \$34,500

Canvassers Secure Contributions Totalling \$9,500 With Many To Hear From.

BETTER THAN 1924 Needy of City Will Not Want As People Give Freely.

A conservative estimate of the amount of money contributed to the thus realize their dreams of having United Welfare association fund yesterday was placed at \$9,500. This was announced at a dinner in the Tecumseh hotel last night, when the

The only awards of honors that will were not available last night, for many of the enthusiastic canvassers were still out trying to make a record As it was several of those who came years will be presented publicly at in early announced a surplus over special ceremonies to be held in the last year.

In totaling the figures submitted, A. E. Silverwood said that the reports augured well for the most successful season in the history of welfare work in London. There had been but a

Citizens Back Drive. That the citizens appreciated that the M. C. R.

those who could not help themselves must be aided was evidenced by the fact that the donations this year year house hill, Port Stanley, where the showed a 20 per cent increase in the giving, was one of the strong points brought out by Dr. A. J. Grant.

The president, James Gray, said that he was pleased with the won-J. N. Gould of Port Stanley will often the continued.

The committee adjourned until 11 o'clock to morrow morning, when cross-examination of Mr. Marlew will be continued. with London for a long time. The only object in grouping them under a single head was to save time, energy, money, labor for the people. In handling the canvassing one week

In handling the canvassing one week a year the work, as far as public giving was concerned, was done with, and the charitable organizations could go along with their programs of service to the unfortunates.

J. J. McHale called upon his captains to give an account of them-selves for the day. They had no dif-ficulty in getting subscriptions equal-

and Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of the interior, in camera this afternoon.

It was urged by the members of it was urged by the members of ed \$2,000 received and the promise of honoght.

more. Among those who brought in good returns were Harry Mc-Phillips, Tom Hayman, Sam Amero, E. Vates E. Yates.
R. H. Dowler, major of division 3

announced \$2,000. Captains Ed. E. Reid and George Wesley had met with success practically everywher they had gone.
District 4 Leads.

Dr. A. J. Grant, of district 4, said that a splendid spirit was being shown. It looked as if the windows of the charity buildings would not have to be boarded up. There had been a remarkable response. His captains had brought in \$3,000. Wife and Child in Same Bed

Seembed by Burning

Captains had brought in \$3,000.

Dr. Grant's captains had done exceptionally well. Max Lerner had gone over his quota. He had made 113 per cent. F. Walker, George Copeland and others announced a gain over last year.

B. Wolfe of the B'Nai B'rith so-

ciety was another captain who re-ported a record. Commandant Hurd of the Salvation Army was not

Stores and offices visited totaled around \$400. The Knights of Columbus representative, E. J. Ryan, was not present, nor was Fred G. Knapp of the London Advertising club. Alex Morrison, Lions club, will report today.

CHATHAM POLICE ASKED TO AID IN SEARCH FOR LAD

Special to The Advertiser. Chatham, April 28.—Walter Moore asked to assist in the search for him Mary school, is reported as missing from his home. Police have been asked to assist in a search for his.

COMBINE WOULD **CUT OCEAN RATES**

C. P. R. Representative Says Conference Necessity To Stabilize Rates.

MIGHT WITHDRAW

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, April 28.-"I do not see low we can get along without a conference or some association," W. T. Marlow, general freight agent of the C. P. R., told the special parliamentary committee on ocean rates this afternoon. Mr. Marlow was being examined by G. H. Montgomery, K.C., counsel for the steamship lines. "We have frequently received representations from shippers that what they wanted to know was that they were getting the same rate as their competitors," Mr. Marlow continued, Stability of rates depended on the

conference. "You think the conference is an advantage?" queried H. J. Symington, K.C., government counsel, in cross-examination

"It is almost a necessity," was the

"Do you object to competition by a line not a member of the confer-ence?" pursued Mr. Symington. Mr. Marlow replied that he would not say that there would be objection

by conference lines.
"Wouldn't it be a measure of con Mr. Symington persisted. Mr. Marlow admitted that the conference lines probably would meet the rate of the independent line. "They might even go below it," he said. He hought, however, that as soon as rates got down to "an unprofitble basis" conference lines would withdraw

from the business.

"What would you think of a government body to control rates?" Sir Eugene Fiset, a member of the com-Mr. Marlow said he would prefer not to express an opinion on that question. He was not authorized by

the management of his company to "Have you ever felt any spirit of domination by American members of the North Atlantic conference, oper ating against Canadian shippers? Mr. Marlow was asked. "No, we have never found that," he



a Serbian of Hamilton, who is charged with the murder of Vaso Kenezevich a, fellow-countryman.

Kenezevich a, fellow-countryman. The two fought over a board bill.

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Valkyrie, was forwarded to Cleve-

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taken to his residence on the School-

Port Stanley, April 28 .- The body of the late Charles Wright, identified

of Charles Wright,

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