

### PRESBYTERIANS HAVE SHORTAGE OF WORKERS

For Carrying on Their Laudable Work in the Foreign Missionary Fields—Ask for Recruits.

### MANY VACANCIES TO BE FILLED

Serious Situation Confronts the Church and a Number of Men Must be Found at Once.

Ottawa, June 4.—Assembly began consideration this afternoon of perhaps its most important branch of activity, Foreign Missions.

The most striking feature of Foreign Mission work at the present, it was revealed, is the shortage in the staff in every field.

After stating the grave shortage of workers, the report went on:—“We have not been able to find men to fill all the vacancies in the mission fields. It is a very serious condition we are confronting, and a considerable number of men must be found at once as our missionaries are overworked and health, in many cases, is imperilled.

At its meeting in April this year, the Board gave earnest consideration to this critical condition, and adopted the following resolution:—“The Board of Foreign Missions is faced to face with a situation which demands the immediate and urgent attention of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The church in Canada has contributed during the last years a larger amount than ever before towards mission work, but Dr. Baird said that much more must be obtained, if even to keep level.

The increased cost of transportation and above all unfavorable exchange rates have served to almost double expenditure.

In view of the fact that, during the next five years, some \$300,000 are to be expended upon buildings and equipment in all lands, the Board considers it expedient and necessary that a delegation of two commissioners, should visit all our Foreign Fields.

1. To cheer and encourage the missionaries and to express by personal visits, the sympathy and good will of the Canadian church for the native church.

2. To make careful study of conditions and needs.

3. To bring back and spread information throughout the home church and to stimulate missionary interest and enthusiasm, and

4. To advise the Board in regard to its building programme, the best kind of training, new equipment, new methods of approach and any plans for advancing the work.

Dr. Baird, in moving the adoption of these proposals, explained the reasons for sending out a delegation, and said that the missionaries on furlough do not emphasize their needs enough. They are too modest. The recommendations were adopted with the exception of clause 4, which was deferred for future consideration.

Co-ordination. In submitting the report on co-ordination at the Presbyterian General Assembly today, Rev. Dr. Drummond of Hamilton, made the following recommendations:

That, in lieu of the present board of finance, there be constituted a board of not more than forty-eight members appointed by the General Assembly and to be known as the General Board. That the Board consist of at least two members (one a Minister and the other a layman) from each Synod, with one additional member for every 20,000 communicants, or fraction thereof over and above 40,000 communicants, all to be nominated by their Synods.

That two members be nominated by each of the following boards: Board of Home Missions; Board of Foreign Missions; Board of Sabbath Schools and Young Peoples' Societies; Board of Education; W. M. S.; and one each from Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund; Widows and Orphan Fund; Board of Trustees; Church and Manse Board; Board of Publication; Record Committee and Eastern W. M. S. Ex-officio members would be the Moderator, the Secretary of the Board, the Treasurer and the Junior Clerk of the Assembly.

The whole question of better administration arose on the suggestion of the last Assembly that the course of study at the McGill Medical Convention be approved. This proposal has been approved, and Dr. Drummond said that the committee recommended that Dr. Robert Baird, Toronto, be made treasurer, with Miss King, Toronto, as assistant. The Assembly took up the report clause by clause.

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### MARINES LANDED AT QUEENSTOWN

Rails Torn up and Goods Train Wrecked Near West Heath.

Cork, Ireland, June 4.—The battleships Warspite and Valiant arrived in Cork harbor today and transhipped a large number of marines into Queenstown, which took them into Queenstown, where they landed. The transport Carizsa embarked 1,400 troops at Devonport for Queenstown, from which place they will be distributed in Westport, Waterford, Cork and other counties.

A goods train was wrecked last night near West Heath, as a consequence of the rails having been torn up.

### CHANGE IN DOMINION COAL CO'S STAFF

Gen'l Supt. Tonge Resigns to Accept Position in London With British Steel Corp'n.

Halifax, N. S., June 4.—A special despatch from Glasgow today to the Morning Chronicle says:—“Further changes in the Dominion Coal Company's executive staff, in addition to the appointment of H. J. McCann as assistant General Manager, are rumored. Among these are the resignation of General Superintendent Tonge and Chief Engineer Herd, and the return of Alex. McNeill, Daniel McLean and J. R. McNeill. Mr. A. S. McNeill is mentioned for the position of General Superintendent, and Messrs. McLean and J. R. McNeill as district superintendents.

It is said that Mr. Tonge will leave shortly for London to accept a position as consulting engineer for the British Empire Steel Corporation. No confirmation of these reports is available.

Chief Forestry Reports a Better Outlook—Copious Rains North—Small Fire at Grand Bay.

Chief Forester Prince reported to The Standard last evening, that there had been a decided improvement during the last twenty-four hours, in the forest fire situation. Copious rains of Thursday were instrumental in drenching the three fires which had been raging in Restigouche, Madawaska and Victoria counties. No new outbreaks have been reported from that section, and it is hoped the worst is over. The fire in Northumberland forest tracts are practically subdued by the tireless work of men, assisted by a few showers.

A few incipient fires were started yesterday along the line of the C. P. R. between St. John and Fredericton Junction. They are thought to have been started by sparks from locomotives. One occurred at Gasperaux and another at Grand Bay. Men were quickly rushed to the two places, and it is thought they will have the fires under control before much damage can be done.

### NEWFOUNDLAND HONORS TWO FIGHTING HEROES

Substantial Purses Given Two of Its Sons Who Won Highest Honors During the War

St. John's, Nfld., June 4.—At Government House, on the King's Birthday, Governor Sir Alexander Harris presented Sergeant Thomas Ricketts, V. C. and Seaman Leander Greene, D. C. M., with a purse of five hundred dollars each, in virtue of their having won the highest decorations of any Newfoundland soldiers or sailors during the war. The donor was George W. B. Ayscough.

The insignia of the Order of the British Empire was presented to Lieut. H. M. Winter. His Excellency announced that His Majesty the King had conferred the Imperial Service Order on R. H. O. Dwyer, for many years Commissioner of Charities for Newfoundland.

### MCGILL AWARDS HEALTH DIPLOMAS

Three Health Officers of St. John Among Those Honored.

Montreal, June 4.—The diplomas of Public Health from McGill University will be granted three medical men who have completed the course of study at the McGill Medical Convention on Tuesday. They are W. F. Dow, M. D., of Bay Roberts, Nfld.; Edgar Douglas, M. D., Halifax; and H. E. Wheaton B. Sc., M. D., of Peticodiac N. B. Among those to whom diplomas have been granted are three health officers in St. John, N. B., three in Halifax.

### PUBLIC WORKS ESTIMATES ARE BEFORE HOUSE

Members from Maritime Provinces Right to the Front in Asking for Expenditures.

### SOME MARITIME ESTIMATES PASSED

Appropriations Made for Repairs at St. John Post Office and Detention Station at Island.

Ottawa, June 4.—(Canadian Press)—The Public Works Department, which were before the House tonight, brought out a flock of requests for improvements needed in this or that constituency. Several members from the maritime provinces wanted money spent in their districts, and the Minister of Railways was given a busy time explaining why he was unable to meet all the requests, and at the same time practice economy to the letter.

The Maritime Provinces estimates passed this evening were: Nova Scotia—Amherst: drill hall, grading paving, etc. \$25,000, a revolt of \$12,000. Halifax—Dominion buildings, improvements, repairs, etc., \$7,000. Halifax Quarantine Station—Repairs and improvements, \$5,000 revote.

New Brunswick—St. John: Dominion buildings, improvements, etc., \$7,000; St. John post office, repairs and renewals to heating system, \$2,000; St. John quarantine on Partridge Island, rebuilding detention station, \$9,000, of which \$5,000 is revote.

Prince Edward Island—Appropriation not required for 1920, \$2,000. Maritime Provinces—Departmental public buildings, repairs, etc. \$25,000.

D. D. McKensie pleaded that Sydney harbor be improved. He said some changes were necessary for the growing trade there. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King asked for government buildings in the towns of O'Leary and Alberton, P. E. I.; A. B. Copp, Westmorland, asked for post office improvements at Sackville, where the people had to stand in line two hours to get mail.

To those and other pleas Dr. Reid made similar answers. The appropriations had been made only to cover a surplus of necessary repairs, he stated, but in some cases he would see what could be done in the supplementary estimates.

### FOREST FIRES IN N.F.L. DO SERIOUS DAMAGE

Settlement at Big Bull's Arm Practically Wiped Out—Many Narrow Escapes from Death.

St. John's, Nfld., June 4.—Extensive forest fires have been sweeping several sections of the Peninsula of Avalon since the morning of the 1st inst. A special message last evening reported four men missing, supposed to be at Big Bull's Arm, Trinity Bay, sixteen dwellings, and an equal number of outhouses, ten stages with fishing tackle, two considerable quantities of fish were totally destroyed. The whole settlement is practically wiped out. Residents saved nothing and had to make their way to other places by putting in on boats.

Two girls, hemmed in by the fire, were forced to plunge into the sea to escape, but their clothing, hair and hands singed. They were rescued by a boat from a neighboring section. A fisherman, while endeavoring to save a dwelling, had considerable burning and was saved from death by rescuers throwing him into the water.

It is estimated that the loss to one settlement is fifty thousand dollars. The government is rushing relief, food and clothing to the scene. A special message last evening reported four men missing, supposed to be at Big Bull's Arm, Trinity Bay, sixteen dwellings, and an equal number of outhouses, ten stages with fishing tackle, two considerable quantities of fish were totally destroyed. The whole settlement is practically wiped out. Residents saved nothing and had to make their way to other places by putting in on boats.

### FEMALE POLICE DOG NURSES FOX PUPS

Adopts Family of "Silvers" After Mother Fox Had Refused to Care for Them.

Special to The Standard. New York, June 4.—Tabby cats are not the only animals besides the foxes themselves, that can nurse baby silver foxes successfully. J. Gordon Noakes, sales manager for the New York Fur Auction Sales Corporation, today received information telling how a female Belgian police dog, part of the protective force of a New York State fox farm, had nursed three little "silvers" until it was time to rear them. The mother fox had refused to care for the little ones soon after they were born, but the police dog herself, a mother of seven puppies, took the job willingly. Mr. Noakes informed said that the good care she took of her foster family is evident from their size and the fine condition of their pelts. By adopting the fox pups the dog saved the owners of the farm from a threatened loss of several hundred dollars.

### PROVOST FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Was Charged With the Killing of His Cousin, J. Stanley Brown.

Mount Clemens, Mich., June 4.—Lloyd Provost was found guilty of the murder of J. Stanley Brown by a jury in the Circuit Court here tonight. The jury was out approximately three hours. The verdict returned was "Guilty of murder in the first degree." After the jury had retired, Judge Lamm, in a statement charged that perjury had been committed and ordered an investigation by the prosecuting authorities of the county.

### ONE PEERAGE IS BESTOWED

Prince Albert Becomes the Duke of York, Earl of Inverness and Killarney.

London, June 4.—Only one peerage is bestowed in the King's birthday honors and that is conferred on Prince Albert, who becomes the Duke of York, Earl of Inverness and Killarney. Prince Albert, the King George's second son, thus takes the titles his father possessed as the late King Edward's second son. The majority of the honors are for services rendered during the war.

### THREE MEMBERS OF N.F.L. HOUSE ARE UNSEATED

Bribery Charges Filed Against Two Members Are Sustained by the Supreme Court.

### SHIPPING MINISTER ALSO UNSEATED

Alleged That Some of the Votes Which Gave Him His Seat Were Improperly Cast.

St. John's, Nfld., June 4.—This week has seen the handing down of decisions affecting two districts and the unseating of three members of the local House of Assembly. The more recent case concerned the district of Harbor Main. Last November, this district elected two candidates, put in the field by the late Cashin Government, William Woodford, formerly Minister of Public Works, and Dr. W. E. Jones. Within the statutory time, petitions were filed against both alleging bribery on the part of the candidates during the election.

While the Supreme Court was hearing the cases, William Woodford resigned, and later stated that representatives of the present government had offered him inducements to take this step. His charges involved Premier Squires and a member of the Legislative Council.

The decision of the Supreme Court holds Woodford guilty of bribery, and also unseats Jones on whose behalf, it declares, bribes were committed, though it does not disqualify the latter.

Another case which has attracted a great deal of attention, was that of the election in the district of Bay Verde. A. E. Hickman, the defeated Cashin candidate, took steps to have included: Rev. W. I. Green, Miss A. J. Archibald and Rev. H. Kemp, Trinidad; Dr. Margaret O'Hara, Rev. G. Buchanan, and Rev. A. A. Scott, for the district of Bay Verde. The Supreme Court found that the Hickman contention was correct, and that some of the electors, who had voted for Cave, had not been sworn in as electors.

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### HALIFAX AND THE MILITARY

Conferences Held Relative to Taking Over the Military Property.

Halifax, N. S., June 4.—(By Canadian Press)—Mayor Parker, who recently returned from Ottawa, and members of the City Council have held a private conference to consider the question of the taking over of military property in the city. The proposition, as suggested during conferences recently held at Ottawa is that the military should concentrate all, or nearly all their property in one section of the city. As far as can be ascertained, this will be in the vicinity of the Round House, which property will, it is understood, be transferred to the military in the near future.

### NAT'L WAGE BOARD GRANTS INCREASE

Railway Men of England Benefit by the New Order.

London, June 4.—The National Wage Board has issued a report granting the railwaymen further increases in wages ranging from two shillings to seven shillings a week, according to their grade, in the increased rates already granted under the sliding scale. The demands of the men for special pay for holidays and similar days were refused.

### DROWNING ACCIDENT AT SALMON COVE

St. John's, Nfld., June 4.—A drowning accident occurred at Salmon Cove, Conception Bay, last evening, when a boat containing three persons capsized, and a lad named Parsons lost his life. The body was later recovered.

### EAST TIPPERARY BARRACKS BURNED

Defenders Compelled to Surrender Their Arms—No Casualties.

### STAGE ALL SET FOR THE G. O. P. CONVENTION

Republicans Gather at Chicago Tuesday to Build Their Platform and Nominate Ticket.

### GREAT CROWDS ARE ATTRACTED

Chicago at a Loss to Know Where All Delegates and Visitors Are to Be Stored.

(By Canadian Press) Chicago, June 4.—The stage is all set for the opening here on Tuesday next of the Republican National Convention for the selection of a presidential candidate. On the 26th of this month the Democrats, meeting in San Francisco, will also choose a champion. After that what has been styled the "open season" for presidential candidates will be over, and the fight will narrow down to a struggle between the nominees of Chicago and San Francisco. There was talk of a "third party" being formed and led by Senator Hiram Johnson of California, should he fail of nomination here, but recent assurances by Mr. Johnson seem to have removed that danger.

In their general lines the two great national conventions are very similar, and nothing in British political institutions offers a parallel to them. About 1,000 delegates attend, representing the various states in the ratio of the representation of each state in Congress. Political and spectacular considerations attract great crowds to the convention cities as well. Chicago, for example, is housing 40,000 convention visitors, hotels and rooming houses reaping a golden harvest. As a spectacle, the usual national convention is very far from far to witness. There is much for eye and ear, and the demonstrations as each name is placed in nomination recall the wildest scenes of Mardi Gras. This year, the newspapers, who are to report the proceedings at Chicago, have asked for police protection. Past experience has shown that it is not pleasant to be trampled upon and kicked in the face by enthusiastic partisans.

### MOTHER DELIBERATELY PLANS THE DEATH OF HERSELF AND THREE CHILDREN BY GAS ASPHYXIATION.

Boston, June 4.—Mrs. Mollie Binder and her three small children, Harry, Abraham and Geraldine, died from gas asphyxiation at their home on Lincoln street, Dorchester district today, under circumstances indicating, in the opinion of the police, that the deaths were deliberately planned. All the bodies were found lying on one bed.

### SINN FEINERS BEAT OUT CARSON FOLLOWERS

in County and District Council Elections Their Candidates Win in Strongholds of Orangeism.

Belfast, June 4.—The followers of Sir Edward Carson have been abashed in County and district council elections in their own strongholds in choosing boards of guardians. In addition to the Sinn Feiners winning County Tyrone, for the first time and maintaining their hold on County Fermanagh, Michael Carolan, who was elected to the Sinn Feiners wing of the Orangeist Council, today having his sentence at hard labor for an alleged seditious speech, today headed the poll in the Spankhill division of Belfast, which previously had been a stronghold of Orangeism. Still another Sinn Feiner headed the polls in the Falls division, Belfast, the stronghold of Joseph Devlin and another Sinn Feiner was elected in Lisburn.

### FIRES THREATENING VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD

Broke Out Today on Land of Englewood Pulp Co. and Are Working Towards Settlement.

Special to The Standard. Westfield, June 4.—A forest fire, which broke out today on the Back Land Road, on property of Englewood Pulp Co., is causing more or less alarm to property owners here. The blaze covers a large area and tonight was working rapidly toward the village. The fire is on land that was burned over about fifteen years ago, and the flames are being fed largely by stumps and undergrowth. A rich wooded section is in the path of the flames about two miles distant. Unless there is a heavy rain to check the spread of the fire, or a change in the wind, it is feared the village proper will suffer damage.

### PROTECT SCALLOPS IN NOVA SCOTIA

Sale or Export of Scallops Taken in Nova Scotia Forbidden.

Ottawa, June 4.—An order-in-council gazetted this week, forbids the catching of scallops in the Province of Nova Scotia for use outside of that province and the sale or export of any scallops taken in Nova Scotia is forbidden under penalty.

### BOLSHEVIK LEADERS SHOT BY UKRAINES

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