

THE MILLION-DOLLAR FUND

Again Occupied the Deliberations of the Methodist Conference.

Numerous Reports Presented - St. James', Montreal, Will Get Nothing of the Fund-The Temperance Committee Modifies Its Report-For the Relief of the Methodists of New Westminster.

Conference held two sessions yesterday, though the morning one was not of the regular kind. It was a meeting of the body in sections, and the matters under consideration were of sectional interest. Thus the Maritime Provinces have a separate superannuation fund, which they manage for themselves, and the west has likewise a superannuation fund, which it controls for itself. These and similar subjects for discussion were disposed of in the morning, and in the afternoon the Conference met for the ordinary session devoted to the customary order of business. Neither meeting was of a particularly lively kind. The ranks of the delegates are being depleted day by day by various calls of a private nature, which take them away. The laymen especially are rapidly becoming insignificant in numbers.

Reports Presented.

Greetings from the Genesee Conference, now sitting on the other side, were received, and a suitable reply ordered from the Conference on Fraternal Delegations. Several notices of motion were given, and then the Conference settled itself to listen to reports from various committees.

Dr. Ross, speaking for the Superannuation Committee, read the minutes of the new board of the Superannuation Fund. The Toronto Conference is represented in it by two ministers and three laymen; London and Montreal by one minister and one layman; Hamilton by one minister and two laymen; Bay of Quinte by two ministers and one layman, and Manitoba by one minister.

The first report of the Education Committee followed, and as it will have to be taken up item by item, when the Conference discusses it, for the present it was accepted as read. Itinerary and Transfer was heard from for the second time. The Temperance Committee, which had been commanded to rescind its former declaration "that the liquor traffic cannot be legalized without approval of a majority of the conference," and that the traffic in intoxicating drinks is immoral, and it is the duty of the conference to prohibit it." This did not give complete satisfaction, but after a time it was adopted. The committee had recommended also as a policy that Methodists should support in elections only candidates pledged to support prohibition. Dr. Courtice wanted the extreme rigor of this second suggestion. Judge Dean said that the Methodists should not fall into the evil of the Roman Catholic Church of dictating absolutely to its adherents what in any given case they shall or shall not do. Dr. Dewar and Mr. Preston made telling speeches in this connection. In the end the order of the committee was changed to a recommendation.

20th Century Fund.

By the order of the day the Twentieth Century Fund project came up next for discussion. The committee having taken into consideration the recommendations passed in previous sessions of the conference, reported a second time on the proposed distribution of the fund when raised. The report was ranged under two headings. First, it recommended that St. James' Church be not included under the Twentieth Century Fund, but that it be made the object of a separate appeal to the church at large. Secondly, re distribution of the fund the contributors to the fund were to be allowed to state to what particular object they wished their subscription credited. They were to be allowed a choice among education, superannuation, church relief, missions, and General Conference Fund. Dr. Potts spoke strongly in favor of this second suggestion, as being the best possible on which to base an appeal to the country. St. James' was not being abandoned, but it was with the full support of her representatives that the committee's action had been taken.

Words of Wisdom.

Mr. Gurney stated that the great object was to popularize the movement, and he thought that to give each donor his own say as to how his money would go was the best means of attaining this. This democratic view of the thing was the correct view, if it prevailed, the million dollar fund would be raised. [Applause.]

Dr. Williams thanked the Conference for their courteous sympathy for the old St. James' which he had no fear of St. James' and for the million dollar fund. There was some distrust of the million dollar fund were launched upon the connection at the same moment each might react injuriously to the other. Dr. Potts explained, however, that as no other appeal to the church would be allowed until the end of the century this fear was not likely to be realized. On the contrary he thought that each movement would strengthen the other.

The discussion here backed back to the plan of distribution of the fund. Rev. Mr. Bland of Montreal had a novel suggestion. He proposed to fund a good percentage of the million to be administered by a board to encourage churches to pay their debts. Churches might be enticed by some scheme to keep them out of the fund in proportion to their efforts to help themselves.

St. James' Not in It.

By the vote of the conference all reference to St. James' in the report was eliminated. But Dr. Shaw succeeded in forcing a motion making St. James' a beneficiary, before the conference again, and the discussion was thus re-opened. It was voted down, however, and St. James' was therefore left to look after itself, though greatly strengthened by the moral support which the action of the conference has lent it. The recommendation of the committee was accordingly adopted without further attempt to change.

Ways and Means.

The part of the report which dealt with methods for the raising of the fund was next gone into. It was long and elaborate and the conference thought it could do little in the way of suggestion. Some wanted to get to work earlier than the committee recommended, viz., at the meeting of the annual conference next year, but no definite action was taken. The report was voted on as a whole and adopted. Mr. B. Clement of Clinton objected to the minute claiming that the minister should be better represented on it. The matter in this respect was referred back to the committee.

The committee was further empowered to appoint an executive of seven. A formal declaration of sympathy for St. James' was then passed by the conference, moved by Mr. D. P. Rose, seconded by Mr. Griffith. The motion authorized Dr. Wil-

MURDER STILL A MYSTERY

Remains Found at Bridgeport Not Those of Rachel Warner, Who is Still Alive.

Bridgeport, Conn., Sept. 14.—The police are working steadily to-day on the yellow mill pond murder mystery. There have been no more or less positive identifications. People have viewed the dead woman's head at the morgue and positively identified it as some one they knew. It was positively identified in some quarters yesterday that the woman was Rachel Warner, a nurse. A reporter who set out to investigate this claim proved that Rachel Warner was alive.

Another Identification.

J. W. Butterfield avers that the body is that of Mrs. John Collins. The body of a machinist in Bridgeport. His identification is so positive that the police place great reliance upon it. Butterfield identified the woman by two marks hitherto unknown, but plainly visible. One is a long line of slight indentation on the forehead, the other a bare spot on the crown of the head. Mrs. Collins lived with her husband at No. 325 State street, Bridgeport, until three weeks ago. Butterfield said Collins told him he had quarrelled with his wife.

The Detectives are Hunting for Dr. Nancy Guilford.

She is known as "Old Nance," a wrinkled old woman with furtive manners. She is a midwife.

The Prohibition Question.

Editor World: I am glad that you have told your readers that there is an important vote to be held on the 29th inst. on the liquor question. "Face the question manfully now," you say, "even if it costs something, and you will find the reward later on." This is all very well.

But you oppose prohibition and are "in favor of a stringent license law." But, dear me, what more stringent license law than the one we now have has the Toronto number and have never before discovered a single editorial advocating a stringent license law. But, though we have a stringent law now, the deplorable evils of Intemperance go on, and your pages testify to the horrible crimes committed by drunken men and women, even as the 800 taverns in Toronto in 1874 were reduced to 150. Crime has not diminished in that proportion, and will not so long as there is free sale by 100, or 100, or 50.

In the Twenty Years from 1874 to 1893 the retail licenses in the five chief cities were reduced as follows:

Cities	Taverns	Shops
Toronto	1874 300	184
	1893 150	50
Ottawa	1874 127	93
	1893 12	20
Hamilton	1874 120	77
	1893 7	33
London	1874 47	44
	1893 35	6
Kingston	1874 97	25
	1893 38	7

And throughout the rest of the province the taverns were reduced, during the same time, from 4005 to 2411. This reduction in both city and country was caused, most probably by the educational effect of the Scott Act and provincial plebiscite campaigns, neither of which enjoyed the benefit of active help from the Toronto World.

And, therefore, Mr. Editor, would it not be a consistent thing, from your own standpoint, to explain the particular kind of a "stringent license law" which you desire to see enacted? You acknowledge the evil; what's the remedy? Would it not be your view if, after you people have pronounced for prohibition, the measure should provide for a gradual extinction of the traffic? It is not likely to be about suddenly, in any case. Ample notice has already been given in the provincial plebiscites that prohibition of the traffic is desired, and those who have increased their holdings, or have invested in purchasing licenses, will have only themselves to blame for their losses. But, no one will suffer more loss than many Canadian merchants have done, at various times, through tariff changes, nor than many persons suffered through their investments in Winnipeg and Toronto real estate when the late boom collapsed. If the law is carried, it will be enforced, and command respect. We are a law-abiding people.

William H. Orr.

East Buffalo Cattle Market.

East Buffalo, Sept. 14.—Cattle in the absence of sale, the cattle market was unusually unexcited. The feeling was steady to firm on good butcher grades and steady on top grades of stockers. Calves were in light supply, fair demand and steady; choices to extra were quoted \$7.50 to \$7.75; good to choice \$7 to \$7.50.

Sheep and lambs—The offerings were liberal, about 22 loads. The market was liberal, from 10c to 15c lower than yesterday, and moderate demand. Choice of lower markets in Jersey City and New York, where offerings were excessive, caused a decline. Lambs were in light supply, fair demand and steady; choices to extra were quoted \$7.50 to \$7.75; good to choice \$7 to \$7.50.

But the market was considered abnormal to-day, with only a moderate number on sale, 15 loads, while orders were double or about five higher than expected on the part of the buyers. The cause of the real day's inadequate supply and a good, but not abnormally large demand. Yorkers were quoted \$4.40, medium \$4.35, heavy \$4.25 to \$4.30; pigs, \$4.10 to \$4.15; roughs, \$3.50 to \$3.75; stags, \$3.75 to \$3.85; grass-fed, \$4.45 to \$4.50. All the offerings were cleaned up with orders in the field unsatisfied. Some buyers were held to a 35c limit, at which price, however, none could be bought.

Sporting Goods Below Cost.

In another column will be found an announcement that the entire sporting goods store of the Griffith Cycle Corporation, being sold off at less than cost, as the firm are retiring from business in Canada. Local sportsmen should take advantage of this opportunity, as such a chance will probably never occur again in Canada. If the entire stock be not disposed of by Sept. 30, the balance will be sent to the firm's headquarters in London, Eng., and from there distributed throughout their branches in various parts of the world.

Massey Hall Concert Course.

The subscriber's list for the series of events has already demonstrated that large audiences will greet the various groups of artists who will appear at these different events. The success has been so marked that it is very probable the list will close at an earlier date than originally planned. Names, however, will be taken at the box office during the remainder of this week.

Sheehan Stripped the Line.

On the night of Sept. 7 Mrs. William Edridge, 889 King street west, had her clothes stripped off and she reported for loss to the police. The next night P. C. Twigg went to 3 Wellington avenue and found the stolen property in the possession of John Sheehan. Sheehan was convicted in the Police Court yesterday and was sent down for 60 days.

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