

A MEETING OF METHODISTS.

Annual District Meeting of Chatham District Met at Richibucto.

A GOOD YEAR.

Harcourt, June 15.—The ministerial session of Chatham Methodist district meeting convened in Richibucto church Tuesday afternoon, 12th inst., Rev. James Strothard in the chair. Rev. Aquila Lucas was appointed journal secretary. Usual business was transacted at the first session. In the evening a public meeting was held at which the chairman presided. Rev. J. B. Champion gave an address on The Administration of the Holy Spirit in Answer to Prayer; and Rev. J. Spicer Gregg on The Secret of Effectual Prayer. The session was continued on Wednesday morning. E. S. Weeks passed a very satisfactory examination for the ministry.

The annual district meeting opened on the 13th at 2 p. m. and after public meeting there was a night session. There were present Revs. James Strothard, Chatham; Hammond Johnston, Newcastle; J. Spicer Gregg, Derby; Ernest S. Weeks, Tabusintac; Richard Opie, Bathurst; William A. Thompson, Campbellton; Aquila Lucas, Buctouche; John F. Estey, Richibucto; and Josiah B. Champion, Harcourt, and the laymen were: Robert W. Beers, Richibucto; Thomas A. Clark, Newcastle; William W. Tozer, Millerton; A. C. Woods, Chatham, and Miles Wheaton, Buctouche.

Rev. A. Lucas and E. S. Weeks were elected secretaries; Rev. J. B. Champion, statistical secretary, and Rev. Wm. A. Thompson and A. C. Woods were chosen audit committee.

The following were elected lay delegates to annual conference at Marysville, 21st inst.: S. McLeod, Chatham; I. B. Humphrey, Newcastle; Geo. N. Clark, Rexton; William W. Tozer, Derby; Robert W. Beers, Richibucto; Miles Wheaton, Buctouche; Henry Harvey Stuart, Harcourt; William J. Kent, Bathurst; John Devereaux, Campbellton.

The following were elected to represent Chatham district on committees of annual conference: Sunday schools—Rev. A. Lucas, I. B. Humphrey.

Epworth Leagues—Rev. J. S. Gregg, John Devereaux.

Contingent fund—Rev. J. F. Estey, Henry Harvey Stuart.

Sustentation fund—Rev. Richard Opie, Wm. W. Tozer.

Temperance, prohibition and moral reform—Rev. J. B. Champion, Henry Harvey Stuart.

Memorials and miscellaneous resolutions—Rev. H. Johnston, Robt W. Beers.

Sabbath observance—Rev. A. Lucas, Robt W. Beers.

Church property—Rev. J. S. Gregg, Wm. C. Kent.

State of the work—Rev. James Strothard, I. B. Humphrey.

Nominating—Rev. John F. Estey, alternate.

At close of session a resolution was passed expressing the district's appreciation of the efficient and satisfactory manner in which the chairman, Rev. J. Strothard, had for three years conducted the business of the chair.

In the district there are 1,086 church members, an increase of eight during the year. There was raised for all purposes \$10,129.82. Some of the items are: Home mission, \$595.19; foreign missions, \$448.78, and sustentation fund, \$157.70.

At the public meeting in the evening Rev. W. A. Thompson spoke on the Agency of the Holy Ghost in Conviction, and Rev. Hammond Johnston on Some Facts in Relation to the Conversion of Young People.

Next year the meeting will be at Harcourt.

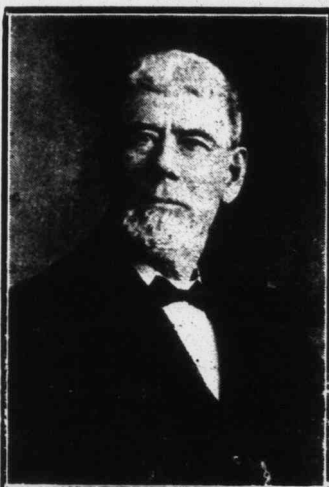
Teachers' license examinations opened Tuesday morning at Fredericton, St. John and Chatham. There are 248 writing, of whom fourteen are at St. John and four at Chatham, and the remainder at Fredericton. This is an unusually large number.

A meeting of the Campbellton Company of the 73rd Battalion was held in the Curling Rink Wednesday evening. The required number of men were easily secured and the Company will go to Sussex on the 26th with Lieut. E. McKenzie in command.

NEWCASTLE'S MAYOR RECEIVES ATTENTION

Brief History of Mayor Hennessy's Life as Written for the New Freeman.

The following sketch, specially prepared for The New Freeman, will be read with interest by the many friends of Mayor Hennessy, of Newcastle, in all parts of the province:



MAYOR HENNESSY.

On the seventeenth of April last the electors of the town of Newcastle directed themselves of any sentiment which might have guided them in their choice for municipal honors in the past, and elected as mayor Mr. Patrick Hennessy, one of their foremost business men. This is the first time a Catholic has been called upon to fill the honored position of head of the council board.

Last year Mr. Hennessy was defeated at the poll by a very small majority in favor of Stanley Miller. This year the defeated candidate was again opposed by the same rival, but the ratifiers saw they had made a mistake in their choice of last year and they concluded that it would be very unwise on their part to allow the public welfare to suffer by repeating their former mistake, so they wisely elected Mr. Hennessy, who had during the four years he served at the council board, proven himself to be a careful, industrious, honest public servant.

Mr. Hennessy is a native of Battelstown, County Wexford, Ireland, and a son of the late Mr. Michael Hennessy, who emigrated to the Miramichi in 1840 and entered the employ of William Abrahams, at that time engaged in an extensive shipbuilding business at Rosebank. Mr. Hennessy did not accompany his parents to America, but came out thirteen years later, landing at Beaubears Island (his father having moved there some time previous to the suspension of the Abrahams firm) and entered the employ of Harley & Burchill, one of the largest ship-building firms on the Miramichi, where he served his apprenticeship as ship carpenter, and afterwards worked at his trade successively in the ship yards of the late Hon. Peter Mitchell, Hon. Richard Hutchinson, and the late John Hays at Kacbank. Late in the sixties, the shipbuilding industry in the colonies received its death blow by the introduction of the iron vessel. Those firms that had engaged in building wooden ships that gave employment all the year round to a very large number of mechanics, and to the farmers in winter time getting out the frames for such vessels, were forced out of business and the ship carpenters had to seek employment in the neighboring state of Maine or wherever such employment could be found. Mr. Hennessy, unlike many of our young men who went abroad in search of golden opportunities never found, stayed at home and made opportunities for himself. In 1875 he entered the grocery business on a very small scale on the very site where he is to be found today. His dwelling and capacious ware-houses erected for the purpose of carrying on the large wholesale and retail grocery and provision trade that he has built up during those years that he has been engaged in business are ample proof that industry, fair treatment to purchasers and a strict attention to business are the secret of his success.

Mr. Hennessy has always identified himself with the welfare of his town and when assistance was wanting to encourage industry to start in the town it was not found necessary to solicit his subscription or his time, as they were voluntarily offered. Mr. Hennessy has on several occasions served on delegations on matters of vital importance of the town such as the equalization of freight rates, extension and connection of railway facilities, steamboat connection and the regulation of licenses of parties doing business in our town and county; and Mr. Hennessy has held very important offices. He was a member of the school board for sixteen years prior to the town's incorporation Act, he was appointed a county almshouse commissioner in 1892 which office he still holds, and is chairman of that body since the death of the late Hon. C. L. Call. He has been president of the Board of Trade of the town for several years past, and although the large business which he manages would naturally occupy most of his attention still he finds some time to devote to works of public utility and philanthropy and charity.

BATHURST

Social and Personal

Bathurst, N. B., June 13.—The church of England presented a very handsome appearance on Tuesday night at 9.30 o'clock, having been beautifully decorated by friends for the marriage of Miss Mollie Gervin, and Mr. A. Griffith Bishop. The church was crowded with the relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The bride, who looked charming in a handsome gown of white silk with veil and wreath, entered the church on the arm of her father Mr. G. Gilbert, and was attended by her sister, Miss Francis Gervin, who wore a becoming dress of blue silk. Little Miss Ruth Gilbert, acted as maid of honor. Mr. R. M. Bishop, of Boston, brother of the groom, was groomsmen. After the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. H. Hooper, the bridal party drove to the home of the bride's parents, where they were entertained until time for the Quebec express. The happy young couple, after a tour to include the principal Canadian and American cities will reside in Bathurst. Very many good wishes for happiness and prosperity are extended by their many friends to Mr. and Mrs. Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Rive, and Mr. Rupert Rive, of Carleton Place, spent several days in town this week.

Mrs. T. M. Fraser and little son, of Halifax, have come to spend the summer, and are the guests of Mrs. J. F. Bryer.

Miss Georgie Burns, after a visit to Halifax is home again.

Miss Aelen Bishop has returned after a lengthy and very pleasant visit to Chatham. Mr. Chas. Morrissey, of Newcastle, spent a few days here this week.

Mr. C. P. Hickey, of Chatham, visited Bathurst this week.

Mrs. W. A. Cragg, returned to Dalhousie after a pleasant visit to her mother.

Mrs. A. Grant, went to Campbellton this week.

Mr. H. Adams, of New York, is visiting his relatives here.

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the kind ever held here was a social given by the Citizens' Band on Friday night at the Masonic hall. Much praise is due the young men who organized the affair and made it such a success.

Peter Murray, of Chatham was seriously hurt yesterday morning while working at the Miramichi Pulp mill. He was working on the mill track pushing a wood car when another came behind and knocked him down. His hip was found to be dislocated and his body bruised. He was taken to the hospital.

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