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AGRICULTURAL DEPT. HAVING BUSY SEASON

Hon. Mr. Murray Refers to Activity of Officials—A Statement Relative to the Vote of Acadians.

Hon. James A. Murray, Premier of New Brunswick, reached the city yesterday from Sussex and is a guest at the Royal Hotel. Speaking with The Standard on the work of the agricultural department, of which he is the minister, the Premier said that the department this year has held a highly successful vocational short course at Sussex, while at the present time a course was being carried on at Woodstock. The Women's Institute at Woodstock and were now carrying on a winter course at Sussex, where there was a good attendance of pupils and keen interest was being taken in the work.

Mr. R. P. Steeves, the director of elementary agricultural education, the Premier stated, was now preparing plans for increased activity during the coming season. Professor Mitchell has given every evidence of being the right man for the position of live stock and dairy superintendent and Hon. Mr. Murray stated he believed that the plans Professor Mitchell was at present working out in the interests of these branches would be productive of excellent results. He was of the opinion that there was room for unlimited growth in the dairy industry in New Brunswick and it was the aim of the department to bring the industry to the high level which he believed could be obtained.

Hon. Mr. Murray was asked if he had read the editorial writings in the press of the province supporting the government, with reference to the attitude of the French portion of the electorate at the election held on the 4th of February last, and if so, what was his opinion with regard to it? "The French voters of the province have a perfect right in common with other citizens, to vote as they see fit," said the Premier, "and in what they think to be the best interest of the whole province, after studying the public questions involved."

"Any press comment might well have been directed to those people who used unfair canvassing and persuasive and persuasive means to vote differently than they otherwise might have done, if these false canvasses had not been used among them. As leader of the government, I wish to place myself and my party right in this matter. My party is, and has always been prepared to give representation to the whole people and fair play to all sections. I trust that the good feeling between the different nationalities in the province will continue to exist for the common good and the general welfare of New Brunswick. In any party is opposed to all political canvasses which might have a tendency to create dissension between the great races which compose the citizenship of this province."

TOKEN OF RESPECT.

At a meeting of the St. John Law Society at noon yesterday, with F. R. Taylor, K. C., presiding, the following resolution of condolence was passed touching on the death of James E. Cowan:

Whereas the members of the Saint John Law Society have learned with deep regret of the death of James E. Cowan, a member of this society for many years; and

Whereas during the entire period of his practice at the bar and in his public occupations Mr. Cowan displayed great industry and perseverance and by his kindly disposition and genial manner had won the good feeling not only of the members of the bar but also of a large circle of friends;

Therefore resolved that this society as a token of respect for his memory places on record their appreciation of Mr. Cowan as an honored member of the society as well as an upright and worthy citizen.

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PRESBYTERY IN SESSION YESTERDAY

Officers Elected and Reports Received—St. Stephen's and St. John's Churches to Unite April 6 As Knox Presbyterian Church.

The quarterly session of the St. John Presbyterian was held yesterday in the rooms, St. Andrew's church, there being present: Revs. G. Pringle, James Ross, F. Baird, M. S. MacKay, J. H. A. Anderson, William Townshend, M. H. Manuel, W. W. Malcolm, T. A. Mitchell, J. A. MacKellan, Dr. Morrison, F. W. Thompson, W. M. Fraser, A. J. Langlois, T. P. Drumm, G. Gough, R. H. Staver, A. P. Logan, F. S. Dowling, John Hawick, W. K. Read, K. C. McLennan and George Grant; Elders W. S. Clawson, F. T. Murphy, C. S. Everett and R. Scott. The following officers were elected: Moderator, Rev. M. H. Manuel, Florenceville, N. B.; clerk, Rev. Frank Baird, Woodstock; treasurer, Peter Campbell, St. John.

The Statistical Report.

Rev. Mr. Baird's statistical report showed that there are in the Presbytery sixteen self-sustaining congregations, fourteen augmented, five ordained mission charges and nineteen mission fields, making a total of fifty-four congregations under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery. At present two of the self-sustaining and four of the augmented charges are vacant. The total ministers on the roll is thirty-two as against thirty-seven last year.

Passing to other statistics the following figures were given: During the year elders increased from 259 to 266, a gain of seven; preaching places from 138 to 143, a gain of five; families from 3,957 to 4,172, a gain of 215; deacons from 388 to 415, a gain of twenty-six; new communicants from 324 to 357, a gain of thirty-three; communications, 6,543 to 6,798, a gain of 255. The value of church property shows a decline from \$515,000 to \$500,122. Total debts against church property show an increase, the figures rising from \$107,577 in 1915 to \$108,043 in 1916. The report called special attention to the practice of some churches not reducing their debts. In the opinion of the convenor the time has come when the Presbytery should take firm and drastic action to avoid the accumulation, and secure the reduction of standing debts.

Resignation Accepted.

The resignation of Rev. Mr. Harrison of St. George was accepted by the Presbytery and Rev. Dr. J. A. Morrison was asked to continue as interim moderator. The duties of the interim moderator of the church and its administration were taken up by Rev. J. A. MacKellan.

The transfer of the Port Kent congregation to that of Newburyport, U. S. A., was before the Presbytery and it was finally left in the hands of the clerk with instructions to secure the concurrent opinion of the people of Port Kent in the matter.

Four Sons in Khaki.

The moderator brought the attention of those present to the fact that Rev. James Ross had four sons at the present time serving their king and country, and by a standing vote the congratulations of the Presbytery were extended to Rev. Mr. Ross and his wife. The moderator said that he had a fine example would not doubt have a stimulating influence in every manse and household in the Presbytery.

Rev. B. H. Penland, who has been pastor of the St. George church for the last two years, was recommended to be accepted into the full ministry but that he take a short course in exegesis and theology further to supplement his equipment as a minister of the church.

Home Missions.

A report on Home Missions was given by Rev. Mr. Ross. Rev. J. H. A. Anderson reported on the augmentation fund of the last few months. A. Mitchell followed with a report on social service and evangelistic work in the church during the last few months. Rev. B. H. Penland, who has been pastor of the St. George church for the last two years, was recommended to be accepted into the full ministry but that he take a short course in exegesis and theology further to supplement his equipment as a minister of the church.

A communication from Rev. John H. McVicar, who is now in China, and a former moderator of the St. John Presbytery, was read by the clerk. Mr. McVicar announced that he had been appointed moderator of the Presbytery of Hong Kong, China.

At the afternoon session Rev. Mr. Malcolm read reports on Sabbath schools, and the standing committee.

Knox Church.

Committees from St. Stephen's and St. John's churches retired for the purpose of deciding on a name for the united church, and after a short conference they returned and announced that it had been decided that the name should be Knox Presbyterian Church.

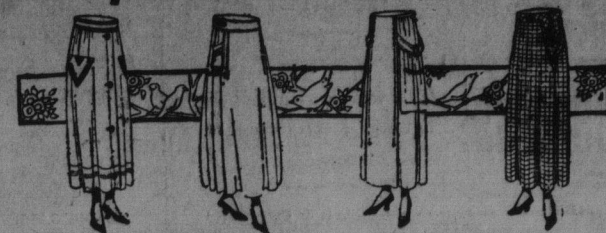
Rev. J. A. MacKellan was appointed moderator of the united church. The church will be united on April 6th.

After a number of delegates had been appointed the Presbytery adjourned.

Grand Orange Lodge.

The annual meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick is being held at Bathurst. Several of the delegates to the meeting from St. John left yesterday morning and included David Hipwell, Past Grand Master; B. C. Waring, P. G. M.; William M. Campbell, P. G. M.; Hugh Milley, P. M.; H. C. Lawton, Master; W. H. Sallis, C. M.; J. Rathburn, of Westfield.

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CHANCERY CASES.

The monthly sitting of the Supreme Court, Chancery Division, was held yesterday morning, Mr. Justice White presiding.

The cases of the Attorney-General vs. the St. John Lumber Company; Powell vs. Van Norden Trust Company; and McKee vs. Shand were stood over.

The case of the Maritime Nall Co. vs. Gregory was stood over until a day to be fixed for trial.

The case of Cohen vs. Hazen avenue Synagogue will be taken up to-morrow. M. G. Teed, K. C., is the plaintiff's solicitor, and G. H. V. Belue, solicitor for the defendant.

In the matter of E. J. Broderick, administrator of Mary T. O'Connell, vs. Alice M. Cullinan, S. A. M. Skinner moved for foreclosure and sale of property on Military road. The order was made, the damages being assessed at \$23.15.

In the case of Lawrence et al vs. Kathryn et al and McCauley vs. McCauley et al, A. Allan of Moncton, moved for partition of sale of lands in Westmorland county. F. J. Sweeney, K. C., appeared for the defendants in the latter case. The court considered.

J. P. H. Todd moved to confirm the master's report in the case of William P. McDonald vs. Neve, and R. Keltie Jones et al vs. Kennedy et al. The order was made accordingly.

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THE POLICE COURT.
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The report against School for allowing dancing in the cafe on Sunday morning was adjourned with the understanding that dancing in the cafe be discontinued.

Three Indian girls arrested in a disorderly house Monday night were sentenced to a term of nine months in the Home of the Good Shepherd.

Gertie Nugent, arrested for street walking was remanded.

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