

THE CONFERENCE OF PREMIERS

Will Be Most Important Ever Held in Canada—Oct. 8 the Date.

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—The conference between representatives of the provinces and the Federal Government, which will convene here on Oct. 8, will be the most important that has ever been held in Canada, and it is not at all improbable that as an outcome amendments to the British North America act will be sought. The provincial representatives, it is said, will be sounded as to how they would regard the proposition to surrender power to subsidize railways and the interest which they have in the sea coast and inland fisheries. With respect to the former, the granting of subsidies to railways has greatly impoverished most of the provinces, and has led to the creation of divided jurisdiction. Many of the important provincial railways connect with lines of national character, and it seems only common sense to suggest that if they were under federal authority an unnecessary duplication of work would be avoided, and the provinces saved from large expenditure of money. The system which now prevails is far from satisfactory. Railroad promoters, begin by obtaining aid from municipalities and they use this as a lever to secure a bonus from the Province. Then they go to the federal authority and urge the fact of the bonuses already granted as a reason why they should be assisted from the Dominion exchequer, so that the people contribute three towards railway enterprise. There is a growing feeling against the granting of any railway subsidies at all, but if the people's money is to be used for this purpose it is argued that it is better to be controlled, of course, by central authority, removed from local influences and prejudices. And with the control of such works vested in one body, greater efficiency, closer supervision and uniformity of administration would be secured. The same thing might be said of the fisheries. At present there is divided jurisdiction and considerable ambiguity as to the respective powers of the Dominion and the provinces. The result is confusion, uncertainty and often friction. All this might be prevented by an understanding under which control should be vested in the central Government. It is not to be expected, of course, that the provinces would surrender any rights which they now possess without adequate compensation, nor is there any desire that they should do so. These and other matters are proper subjects for consideration, and should they be favorably regarded might form the basis of arrangements by which subsidies to the provinces, under which they would enjoy much better terms than now obtained.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. Edward Barrett, city editor of the Stratford Record, was in the city today on a flying visit.

—The flag on the Masonic Temple is flying at half-mast out of respect to the memory of the late John S. Dewar.

—Rev. W. J. Clark and his brother, Rev. John Clark, of Calgary, leave tomorrow for a vacation in the Eastern States.

—Mr. Archie Black, who has been with A. H. Black's hardware for fifteen years, has severed his connection with that firm.

—A meeting of the water commissioners was called for this afternoon, but as Commissioner Saunders is out of the city it is likely to be postponed.

—Mr. Arthur Francis sang the sacred song "Just For Today" in a pleasing manner in Chalmers Church last night, and delighted a large congregation.

—Mr. Francis possesses a rich, yet powerful voice.

—The Wellington Street Methodist Church choir gave a composition of Mr. J. W. Fetherston's last evening. The solo part was taken by Mr. H. Boyce, who is a promising young baritone, and the cornet obligato by Mr. Court Edwin. The anthem was much admired.

—In the report of the Woodmen of the World, on Saturday, under the heading "The Feature of the Fair," the statement was omitted that Mr. James McGregor, of this city, was also in charge of the log cabin during the week, and that H. C. C. Hodgins was a visitor.

—Rev. John Clark, of Calgary, brother of Rev. W. J. Clark, preached yesterday in the First Presbyterian Church. Like the pastor of the church, Rev. John Clark is one of the most talented men in the Presbyterian ministry, and he was listened to with deep interest.

—A very pleasant time was spent on Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. F. Gray, 417 Ridout street, when about forty friends gathered to celebrate the anniversary of Mr. George Fear's birthday. Mr. Fear was presented by his friends with a beautiful gold-mounted watch guard, a gold stickpin and an address.

—Miss Lulu Otter Rich, soprano soloist, sang "Jerusalem" at the morning service at Knox Church, South London, yesterday, and in the evening she rendered "O Divine Redeemer" in St. Paul's Cathedral. Miss Rich is one of the most talented vocalists heard in London in several years, where she has been studying and leaves in the course of a day or two on a tour with Victor's Royal Venetian Band.

—Mrs. Harvey, provincial visitor of the Children's Aid Societies, paid a visit to the shelter in South London today. She has also visited the foster homes of many children placed by the local society in the western district, and all of the little ones were found to be well treated and happy.

—Ald. Geo. W. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hunt, Mr. Gordon and Miss Nita Hunt, Mr. W. O. Matthews, Mr. H. T. Reason, Mr. C. H. Reason, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Rumball, Mr. Somerville and Miss Ada Somerville, are among the Londoners who have gone

to Winnipeg on the Canadian Manufacturers' excursion.

BUSY FREIGHT DAY.
Yesterday was a busy day for the Grand Trunk with eastbound freight. Several double-headers passed through from the Tunnel to Toronto and the Bridge.

BUILDING SNOWFLOWS.
Two large snowplows, for use on the double-track lines, are being built at the Grand Trunk works in East London. A number of plows were built last year, but as the winter was very mild, they were not required on a single occasion.

HAND CRUSHED.
Charles Hill, an employee of the Scott Machine Company, had his hand crushed in the elevator at the works of the Hobbs Manufacturing Company, Ridout street, today. He was taken to Victoria Hospital, but it was found later that the injury was only a slight one. Hill went back to work this afternoon.

PROMINENT MASONS WILL ATTEND.
The funeral of the late Mr. John S. Dewar tomorrow afternoon will be attended by members of the Masonic order from many parts of the west. Among the number will be E. T. Malone, past grand master of Toronto; Deputy Grand Master Freed, of Hamilton, and Judge MacWatt, past district deputy grand master, of Sarina.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.
A man with a very long memory returned to the city from California a day or two ago, after an absence of 21 years. In strolling about the streets, he met a resident of London, who closely resembled an individual who had stolen \$86 from him before he went to the coast, and he immediately hunted up a county magistrate, and had a warrant issued. It transpired, however, that the suspect was a brother of the person who is supposed to have committed the theft. Hence the warrant was not executed.

A SEPTEMBER WEDDING.
Miss Minnie A. Durward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Durward, concession 12, Downs, was united in marriage recently to Mr. John A. Wilson, of London, Rev. A. Grant, of St. Mary's, officiated. Precisely at 5.30 o'clock, to the wedding march, played by Mr. Geo. Mann, of Grey, the bride party entered the parlor. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by her sister, Miss Elsie Durward. The groom was supported by his cousin, Mr. Wm. Wilson, of Ilford. The bride was becomingly gowned in muslin, chiffon, over white silk, with the customary veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. The bridesmaid was also prettily attired in pearl gray, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Miss Maudie Hepburn made a charming little flower girl in white, orange, over pink, and carried a basket of pink carnations. In the music, which was given by the choir, the wedding ceremony, where a wedding repast was served. The many presents testified to the high esteem in which the young couple are held. The groom's gift to the bride was a pearl crescent; to the bridesmaid, an amethyst ring; to the groomsmen, a diamond scarf pin; to the flower girl, a bracelet. The bride's going-away suit was a plum-colored broadcloth, with hat to match. Guests were present from Thamesford, Ilford, London, and Detroit. After a short honeymoon spent in Port Huron, Saginaw and Cairo, Mich., they will be at home to receive their friends at 84 Maitland street.

WELCOMED NEW JUDGE

Mr. Justice Mabey Holds First Assize Court in London.

The Middlesex fall assizes opened this afternoon at 1 o'clock at the court house. Mr. Justice Mabey presided. Mr. Ed. Hunt, K.C., welcomed his lordship on behalf of the Middlesex bar on the occasion of his first official visit to London. Justice Mabey replied, thanking the members for their kind and hearty welcome, saying that it had always been a pleasure to him to meet them, and that he hoped it would always be so.

His lordship then addressed the grand jury. He pointed out that there is no criminal work at this assizes, that their duties will be entirely confined to the inspection of such public buildings as are in receipt of public money. When this has been done they will submit their report, and such change and improvements as they suggest will be sent to the proper authorities. This work should be considered, not only as pleasure, but as a duty, he said.

CARPENTERS SCARCE

Fifty Wanted at Car Works, But They Can't Be Secured.

"If there are 50 carpenters in London in quest of work, they can find it at the Grand Trunk car shops any time," said Master Car Builder Treleven today. "We are badly in need of carpenters for freight work. We can't get them, and the repairing is piling up on us rapidly."

The staff at the shops is working full time, and there appears to be no let-up in the work.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Edward Walker, of Nelson street, had John Crozier, of Erie, Ontario, for a guest during Fair week.

Mr. Edward Walker entertained his sister, Mrs. James Herrick, Detroit, at his home, 185 Nelson street, during the Fair.

Rev. A. J. Elson, B.A., of Hyde Park, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Peter Elson, is visiting in Philadelphia, Atlantic City and Washington.

The Misses Clark, who spent a very enjoyable week with Miss A. Clarkson, William street, have returned to Woodstock and Tavistock, their respective homes.

Friends of Miss Flavia E. Holland, Winnipeg, who is visiting her parents for a short time, will be welcomed on Tuesday afternoon and evening at 863 Central avenue.

WITH FOUR EXCEPTIONS.

Occupants of Gilmour Hotel Have Been Accounted For.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—The missing persons since the Gilmour fire are now narrowed down to four, Lizzie O'Neill, Mrs. Beckett, Miss Loveday (Peterboro), a Bernardo Inspector, and Miss Renaud, address unknown. Dr. Connolly and W. Wilson have turned up in Montreal, and Mr. Shillington in Chatham.

INSURGENT LEADERS WITHDRAW FORCES

Agrees to Suspending of Hostilities Pending Arrangements.

Havana, Sept. 17.—The insurgent leaders, Campos, Marqueti and Carillo, have withdrawn their forces from Guanajay, and have agreed to the suspension of hostilities, pending peace arrangements.

Other insurgent leaders, so far as can be heard from, are also agreeing to the suspension of hostilities.

SPLENDID FIRE ENGINE

London Company Manufactures It for City of Halifax.

The Canadian Fire Engine Company this morning shipped, via the C. P. R., a magnificent fire engine to Halifax. The engine will be placed in the fire department of that city, but will first be shown at the Halifax Exposition, which opens in a few days.

The engine is said by experts to be one of the finest on the continent. It is named the "Alexandra," and is of 1,600 gallons capacity. It weighs light—that is, without water, hose or coil—9,225 pounds. The contract made with the city of Halifax stipulates that the engine, loaded, must not weigh over 11,000 pounds, so that it will be within the weight.

The pumps are all of phosphor bronze, so as to avoid corroding, as it will be called upon to pump salt water when placed in commission in Halifax. It is finished in nickel and this morning was shown on the streets of London, and afterwards weighed at the city scales.

Fire Chief Clark was one of those present when the weight was taken, and he stated to The Advertiser that the steamer is one of the finest he has ever seen.

"I saw it officially tested on Saturday," he said, "and I must say it is a splendid piece of machinery. It is a credit to London, and I think it should have a card, 'Made in London' placed on it to advertise the city."

The engine is a three-horse power. With the ordinary coal used at the factory, a pressure of 135 pounds was maintained, and two large streams of water were thrown a great distance on Saturday.

The steamer was sold to the city of Halifax for \$7,000.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Provost Macklem Preaches at St. John the Evangelist Church.

The harvest thanksgiving services held in St. John the Evangelist Church yesterday, both morning and evening, were well attended. Special decorations ornamented the auditorium of the church. They consisted chiefly of autumn wild flowers. The music was of a special nature, the programme including an anthem, "All Thy Works Praise Thee" (Pattison), Miss Maud Fowler taking the solo, and Woodward's service in E. Flat.

At the morning services Provost Macklem, of Trinity College, Toronto, preached, taking as his subject, "I am the vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me you can do nothing." Provost Macklem said that these words had been spoken during the great crisis of Christ's life, the last few days before his crucifixion, and that he had chosen the vine to illustrate his meaning, because the relation of the vine and its branches is much the relation that he wishes to exist between himself and his followers. As the branches depend upon the vine for their life, so Christ's followers must depend upon him for their salvation.

METHODIST CONFERENCE

Delegates Visit McGill University and Wesleyan College.

Montreal, Sept. 17.—Committees of the Methodist Conference were hard at work on Saturday morning whipping their affairs into shape for the resumption of business on Monday, and it is expected that the big questions of the congress will be undertaken in real earnest when the delegates reassemble.

On Saturday afternoon a visit was paid to McGill University, and afterwards to Wesleyan Theological College, where luncheon was served. At the latter place Principal Shaw announced that it had been decided to confer in absentia the degree of D. D. honoris causa upon Rev. D. R. Mackenzie, Kanazawa, Japan.

GILMOUR HOTEL LOSS

Owners Valued the Building and Its Furniture at \$125,000.

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—Messrs. Cluff, owners of the Gilmour Hotel, state that the value of the hotel and furniture was \$125,000. The hotel was built twelve years ago and cost between \$68,000 and \$72,000. Some enlargements have been made since, and there has been a general increase in the cost of building and the value of property. The insurance on the building and part of the contents, owned by Messrs. Cluff, is put at \$40,000. Of this amount \$5,000 each is

Try Our Spices

The spices in your canning and pickling recipes are there for a definite purpose; they are intended to blend and produce a delicate, appetizing flavor. But they don't always do it; the spices the writer of the recipe used were perfect, full flavored ones. We have that kind—the very finest that money will buy.

Strong's Drug Store

184 DUNDAS STREET.

THERE'S DOUBLE VALUE AND DOUBLE STRENGTH IN STRONG'S BAKING POWDER, 25c A POUND.

placed with the Royal Alliance, Norwich, and Hand-in-Hand Companies. The rest of the insurance is divided among the London Mutual, the Metropolitan, the Anglo-American and the Standard.

Laid Pen Aside 'AFTER 40 YEARS'

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loved grand lodge, at the meeting in Toronto in July.

Got Grand Lodge Honors.

In 1883 at Ottawa Mr. Dewar was elected to the office of grand junior warden, and, but for his innate modesty he might long since have held still higher offices in grand lodges.

For the past twenty years he has been a member of the board of general purposes—the executive of grand lodge—and it will be a difficult matter to fill his place as chairman of the committee on printing and supplies. He was also representative of the grand lodge of North Dakota near the grand lodge of Canada—an honor of significance, showing that his reputation as a Mason was not confined to Canada. In other branches of Masonry the deceased acquired distinction. In 1880 he received the Royal Arch degree in St. John's Chapter, No. 8, and was also one of the oldest members of Richard Coeur de Lion Chapter, No. 1, in Toronto.

Mr. Dewar was a past grand master, a past preceptor and past grand registrar of Great Priory. He was likewise one of the original members of the first body of the Mystic Shrine organized in Canada, viz., Saltunet, since defunct, and at the time of his death was a member of Ramesses Temple, Toronto. He had also attained the eighth degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The Red Cross of Rome and Constantine was another order with which he was identified during its existence. As a writer on Masonic matters he was considered an authority, articles from his pen always finding ready acceptance in the fraternal press. Masonry in Canada sustains a severe loss in the passing of this most ardent of craftsmen.

Served on School Board.

Mr. Dewar never sought public honors, though time after time urged by friends to enter the municipal arena, and it was only his keen interest in matters educational that induced him to become a candidate for school trustee in what before the amalgamation of South London, was known as School Section No. 2, Westminster. For several years he sat at that board, and was largely instrumental in the introduction of the kindergarten in London and Western Ontario. On the annexation of the suburb he became a member of the city board of education and capably filled the office of chairman in 1905. His tenure of business duties subsequently compelled him to retire from the board.

Mr. Dewar was a true friend, and as a friend he will be greatly missed. He numbered his friends by the hundreds and to have his friendship was to possess something to be prized. With him, meant more than a mere name, it meant a whole-hearted interest in your affairs, a sincere sympathy, a true sympathizer with you in your sorrows. To do a good turn for a friend no matter how inconvenient the doing might appear was to him a pleasure. But he was a despoiler of sham, which no one could detect quicker than he.

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Four Days of Phenomenal Selling of Dress Goods and Silks

Made such inroads in our stock that you would scarcely have recognized it on Saturday night as the same epic and span assemblage of new materials arranged for display during the first days of the week. Fair visitors were particularly enthusiastic over our magnificent showing and unusual values, and showed their appreciation by buying freely.

Today (Monday) We Release From Bond, Piles of Cases of New Tweeds, Vicunas, Cheviots, Broadcloths, Etc.

These will be ready for your inspection in the morning, and they are worthy of a special trip down town.

New Belts and Neckwear for Autumn Liberal Assortments and Liberally Priced

You'll find no duplicates of some of the striking novelties. Even the staple lines are so entirely different from what you'll find generally shown that you will turn naturally to Young's when in quest of these feminine fixings.

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A PARTING APPEAL

Missionary-Elect Woodburne Addresses a Large Audience.

Mr. A. Stewart Woodburne, B. A., missionary-elect to India, was the preacher at Adelaide Street Church last evening, and was listened to by a large and deeply-interested audience.

Mr. Woodburne gave a stirring missionary address from Exodus, xiii, 13, urging that it would be well for the church today to be guided by the command given to Moses in these verses. "Under the heads, 'Attitude,' 'Battle,' 'Commission'—the missionary A B C—the preacher showed that the church's attitude should be one of expectant activity; it should, by God's power, be continued for his kingdom, and his commission was to go forward and carry the story of the cross to every land.

Mr. Woodburne, in urging the claims of India, showed that of its 300,000,000 of population, there were only 2,000,000 who professed Christianity. He read an interesting letter from his brother Arthur in Yellamanchili (received Saturday), detailing the startling and marvelous progress of a religious revival in that section.

Mr. Stewart Woodburne, who is a member of the late Principal Woodburne of the public school teachers' staff, is to be ordained on the 25th inst., and expects to start on his journey to India on Oct. 5.

FOOT BADLY CRUSHED

900-Pound Weight Fell on Clark Rumball at G. T. R. Roundhouse.

Mr. Clark Rumball, of Egerton street south, is laid up with a badly crushed foot and will not be able to resume work for some weeks.

Rumball was working in the Grand Trunk roundhouse, when a 900-pound weight fell on his foot, badly crushing it, and breaking a couple of bones. It was necessary to remove him to his home in a carriage.

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