

8.45 p.m., Farewell Meeting for Brotherhood men, conducted by —.

MOOSONEE DIOCESE.

JOURNAL NOTES OF REV. J. LOFTHOUSE, CHURCHILL, HUDSON'S BAY—WINTER VISIT TO SPLIT LAKE, 1896—1,000 MILES ON SNOWSHOES AMID NORTHERN GALES.

Wednesday, Feb. 12th, 1896.—At 9 a.m. this morning I started for Churchill to cross an almost unknown country to Split Lake on the Nelson River, a journey of between four or five hundred miles. From there I hope to make my way to York Factory, another 300 miles at least, and then back to my own work at Churchill, thus completing the one thousand miles on snowshoes. May God enable me to carry it through to His glory. Joseph Kichekeshik, our catechist from York Factory, was my guide. Besides him we had my boy Sammy, and five dogs hauling a flat sled with blankets, etc., and provisions for twelve days for men and dogs, so that we had a very heavy load, and from the first I saw there was little hope of my getting a chance ride. For some time I had been far from well and feared the trip somewhat, but went forward trusting in the promise, "As thy day so shall thy strength be." The day was beautifully fine with the thermometer about zero. Nearly all our small population came down to the mission to see us start, and joined us at family prayers. Our first day's march was up the Churchill River; this being deep in snow, made it hard work for the dogs and travelling very slow, so that we only made about twenty miles: camp was made about five p.m. on the bank of the river. After supper and prayers we turned in with no shelter but God's beautiful sky, which was studded with millions of stars and the "Grand Aurora," lighting up the heavens with the brilliancy of ten full moons.

Thursday, Feb. 13th, 2nd day.—Churchill-like, a change took place in the night; the wind changed and snow fell heavily. We had to "shift camp," and for an hour had a miserable time; fortunately it was not very cold; arose at 6 a.m., and after prayers got away at 7.30, still up the Churchill. At 11 we came to Deer River, which flows into the Churchill from the south-east; here we saw the last house we can hope to meet with for some 300 miles. Going up this river about a mile we got on to the plains, and here we got our first blizzard; it was bitterly cold, and "Husky" coats were the only things to keep out "Jack Frost"; we were truly thankful when we came to a clump of trees where we were able to camp for the night.

Friday, Feb. 14th, 3rd day.—Gale continued all night and we had a most uncomfortable time. A "camp" is not pleasant at any time, but in a gale it is almost the worst place one could choose even for an enemy. It was bitterly cold, and the camp fire so smoky that one was nearly blinded. When we arose this morning we were covered with about six inches of snow. The gale continued all day, and out on the plains we could not see 100 yards; to travel was impossible, and we could only sit and nurse our misery with as much patience as possible.

Saturday, Feb. 15th, 4th day.—The gale abated a little in the night, though it still continued to drift; the wind, however, was in our favour, so we decided to push on; our way was across bare plains with no shelter. It was bitterly cold, and as the dogs travelled very slowly it was hard work to keep anything like warm. When night came on we turned into our hotel, a small bluff of woods, and made our bed in the snow.

Sunday, Feb. 16th, 5th day.—Having already lost one day in camp, we were obliged to travel to-day, so after a short service we started. Wind went round to south, and a gale came on from that quarter, blowing right in our faces; we were crossing lakes and plains with hardly a tree to be seen. Pressed on until noon, when we got into thin woods and made a fire, but to stay here for the night was impossible, as we could not get sufficient wood to keep on a fire. It was now drifting so hard that we could hardly see a dozen yards ahead; our guide went on alone, and returned in about two hours saying we could get a camp further on; we therefore faced it again, and

after an hour's struggle got into fairly thick woods, where we made camp and had a hearty little service.

Monday, Feb. 17th, 6th day.—Last night was mild (zero) and got a good sleep, the first since leaving home; started at 7 a.m. and soon after the wind changed again to north-west, and another furious blizzard set in from that quarter; it seems as if we were to have nothing but gales, but pressed on the whole day, though we never saw a quarter of a mile ahead, and at times could not see a dozen yards. Got a very poor camp with very little shelter.

Tuesday, Feb. 18th, 7th day.—Gale continued all night, and our camp was full of snow, making things most uncomfortable; started about 8 a.m., and getting into thick woods we did not feel the wind so much, but the travelling was bad; the snow was fully three feet deep, and at each step we sank above the knees; dogs and sled were nearly buried. About 5 p.m. we came upon an Indian "trail" and were truly thankful, for the dogs would soon be done up with working through such heavy snow.

Wednesday, Feb. 19th, 8th day.—Made an early start, hoping to see some York Factory Indians. Crossed "Owl River," and at 10 a.m. came to a tent, but the inmates had "gone off." We followed their trail all day and came to the second tent, where we found letters (written on a tree) saying they were short of food, and were gone further west in hopes of meeting deer. We were greatly disappointed, as we had come a long distance out of our way to see them, and had nearly lost two days by doing so.

Thursday, Feb. 20th, 9th day.—Bitterly cold night; men had to turn out at 4 a.m. to put on a fire; made an early start, and leaving the Indian "trail" we struck away south through thick woods with heavy, soft snow, making it very hard work both for men and dogs. Our guide killed a porcupine, which we had for supper. Indians consider this a "dainty dish," and my men certainly enjoyed it (they enjoy anything in the shape of food), but very little satisfied me.

Friday, Feb. 21st, 10th day.—Had a very heavy day through thick woods and deep snow; all of us were fairly knocked up when we camped at 5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 11th day.—We had hoped before now to come upon a chain of lakes that would give us fair travelling to Split Lake, but we have missed them. Our guide has never been in this part of the country before, and confessed that he was at a loss how to find the lakes. Our going to see the Indians has thrown us too much south, and we may have to keep on until we come to the Nelson River, when I suspect we shall be nearer York Factory than Split Lake, and may have to go to the former place; our dogs are getting done up, and we have only another night's feed for them.

(To be Continued.)

THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Continued from last week.

Monday, Sept. 7th.—The Lower House of the General Synod re-assembled on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, when the Prolocutor said the usual prayers.

Mr. Worrell, the lay secretary, read a communication from the secretaries of the Diocese of Montreal, certifying that Major E. L. Bond had been appointed to represent that diocese, the delegates previously chosen being unable to attend. Major Bond was declared by the Prolocutor to be admitted to a seat.

The lay secretary read the report of the joint committee on constitution, order of proceedings, and rules of order, submitting an amended constitution, which was read and referred to the committees on printing, with instructions to print the amendments.

Dr. Langtry gave notice of a motion for a requisition to the House of Bishops for the issue of a pastoral calling upon the whole Church, clergy and laity, to return to the observance of the Church in a three-fold publication of the bans of matrimony, as the only safeguard against improper marriages.

On motion of Judge McDonald, seconded by Judge Harrington, the message of the Upper House in reference to a deputation to the Convention of 1898 in Washington, D.C., was concurred in, and the following were appointed a committee to name delegates: Archdeacon Evans, Archdeacon Cooper, Canon Matheson, Hon. H. Aylmer, Judge Harrison and the mover, Judge McDonald, convener.

Dr. Walkem moved, Archdeacon Cooper seconding, that the message of the Upper House relating to the report of the joint committee on the education and training of candidates for holy orders, be not taken up until the report comes up for consideration. An amendment moved by Dr. Davidson, seconded by Archdeacon Cooper, was carried, and the message was concurred in, and the report was referred to the committee on canons, to be embodied in a canon.

Rev. Dr. Langtry moved that the several resolutions asking for the appointment of committees, to report to the house, be referred without discussion to a committee to be named, on the suggestion of the mover, by the Prolocutor. The motion was seconded by Rev. J. C. Roper, but on being put was lost.

Nominating Committee.—The report of the nominating committee was taken up on motion of Archdeacon Kaulbach, seconded by Rev. H. G. Fiennes-Clinton, and was adopted clause by clause, with a couple of amendments, as follows:

"State of the Church, eastern division—Archdeacon Weston-Jones, Rev. J. C. Roper, Dean Innes, Archdeacon Houston, Rev. T. Boydell, Messrs. J. Hamilton, Geo. A. Schofield, Dr. A. Johnson, Col. A. J. Mathieson, M.P.P. Western division—Rural Dean Burman, Rev. J. P. Sargent, Rev. H. G. Fiennes-Clinton, Mr. F. H. Mathewson, Mr. D. J. Goggin, Judge Harrison.

"On amendments to the constitution—Archdeacon Brigstocke, Canon Richardson, Archdeacon Evans, Rev. J. Simpson, Archdeacon Dixon, Canon Spencer, Canon Von Iffland, Dr. Langtry, Judge Harrington, Mr. Charles Jenkins, Mr. Strachan Bethune, Dr. Davidson, Judge Senkler, Niagara, Judge Fitzgerald, Chancellor Walkem, Dr. Heneker, Mr. J. A. Worrell and Judge Senkler, Ottawa. Western division—Archdeacon Cooper, Rev. H. G. Fiennes-Clinton, Rev. J. P. Sargent, Canon Matheson; Messrs. John Machray, W. Myers Gray, Thos. Robinson, J. P. Jephson, Justice Wetmore. And that the same gentlemen compose the committee on rules of order.

"Committee on canons, eastern division—Dean Carmichael, Dean Partridge, Canon Spencer, Archdeacon Roe, Rev. J. C. Roper, Mr. Charles Jenkins, Chancellor Walkem, Judge Senkler, Ottawa, Dr. L. H. Davidson. Western division—Archdeacon Scriven, Archdeacon Fortin, Canon O'Meara, Justice Wetmore, Mr. J. H. Birch, Mr. W. Myers Gray.

"On elections—Archdeacon Kaulbach, Archdeacon Cooper, Judge McDonald, Mr. J. P. Whitney, Judge Harrison.

"On expenses—Mr. N. W. Hoyles, Dr. Heneker, Mr. J. A. Worrell, Mr. Chas. Garth, Mr. F. H. Mathewson.

"On memorials of deceased members—Archdeacon Bedford-Jones, Archdeacon Fortin, Archdeacon Brigstocke, Mr. D. J. Goggin.

"On unfinished business and printing—Canon Spencer, Mr. J. A. Worrell, Mr. J. H. Brock, Dr. Davidson, Mr. H. J. Cundall, Sheriff Inkster."

After considerable discussion, on motion of Judge McDonald, seconded by Mr. Hoodless, Major E. L. Bond was substituted for Mr. Strachan Bethune as a member of the committee on constitution. Some members held that a substitute delegate ceased to be a member of the Synod on the close of the session or on the arrival of the original delegate. In opposition to this it was held that the Synod could only recognize the certificate of the diocese as to the membership of the substitute who was present.

On motion of Canon O'Meara, seconded by Mr. Charles Jenkins, the name of Judge Harrison was substituted for that of Mr. W. Myers Gray on the committee on canons, eastern division.

Clauses 5 and 8 of the report had been previously adopted. Clause 6 recommending a committee on expenses was deferred.

The report of the finance committee, already published, was adopted on motion of Hon. G. W. Allan, seconded by Mr. A. H. Campbell.

A motion by Archdeacon Weston-Jones, seconded by Dean Partridge, was made, and after discussion, lost by a vote of 16 to 41. It was to the effect that the rule regarding the mode of collecting the amount of the expenses assessed on the dioceses be rigidly adhered to, with the exception that the amount due to the delegates be remitted *pro rata* direct to them by the treasurer.

On motion of Hon. G. W. Allan, seconded by Mr. A. H. Campbell, it was resolved that the duties of the expense committee be transferred to the finance committee, to be called the finance and expense committee, and that the expense committee cease to be a standing committee of this Synod.

Moved by Hon. G. W. Allan, seconded by Mr. N. W. Hoyles, that the following be the members of the committee on finances and expenses: Dr. Heneker, Messrs. J. A. Worrell, F. H. Mathewson, N. W. Hoyles, W. H. Myers Gray, G. A. Schofield, Major Bond, Matthew Wilson, Dr. L. H. Davidson, J. Hoodless, Judge Harrison, Charles Garth, convener, H. J. Cundall, and that three form a quorum. The motion was carried after debate by a vote of 45 to 13.