

MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE MONTREAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

HELD IN THE SYDENHAM STREET METHODIST CHURCH, KINGSTON,
ONTARIO, COMMENCING MAY 31ST, 1894.

The ELEVENTH SESSION of the MONTREAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Church assembled, according to appointment, in the Sydenham Street Methodist Church, Kingston, Ont., Thursday, May 31st, 1894, at 9 o'clock a.m.

Rev. W. JACKSON, D.D., President of the Conference, occupied the chair.

After singing Hymn 531, the Secretary of Conference, Rev. S. D. CHOWN, read the 12th chapter of Romans, and Revs. J. T. PITCHER and DAVID WINTER offered prayer. The Conference prayer-meeting continued with great power from on high until 10 o'clock.

The President called for the names of the laymen elected as members of the Conference by the district meetings. (See page 110.)

The roll of ministerial and lay members was then called, and 134 ministers and 47 lay members responded to their names.

The Conference was then called upon to elect a President, when Rev. E. BRADSHAW RYCKMAN, D.D., was elected on the first ballot.

After the newly elected President had addressed the Conference in felicitous terms, he called upon the Conference to elect a Secretary.

Upon the third ballot, Rev. A. LEE HOLMES, M.A., was elected.

The Rev. A. LEE HOLMES, M.A., asked the Conference to relieve him from the responsibilities of Secretary in view of the fact of his being engaged in the financial interests of Stanstead College. The Conference, on motion, accepted his resignation.

The Conference was again asked to elect a Secretary, and upon the first ballot the Rev. WM. PHILP, B.A., B.D., was elected to that office.

On nomination by the Secretary, the following were appointed assistant secretaries: Rev. D. C. SANDERSON, Rev. F. G. LETT, and Mr. J. R. LAVELL, B.A.; and Rev. C. D. BALDWIN, Journal Secretary.

Rev. JAMES LAWSON was re-appointed reporter to *Christian Guardian*, and Rev. E. RICHARDSON KELLY was appointed to sign railway certificates.

QUESTION—What is the report of the Special Session of the Conference?

ANSWER.

The Special Session of the Conference was opened in the Sydenham Street Church, Kingston, Ont., May 29, 1894, at 9 a.m.

Rev. Dr. JACKSON announced Hymn 753. After singing, the Secretary read Isaiah lxiii., and the Revs. RICHARD WHITING and JOHN ARMSTRONG