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GRAND MANAN.

The Free Baptist Church at Grand Harbor.

Celebration of Its Thirty-fifth Anniversary—An Interesting Historical Sketch—The New Building.

GRAND MANAN, April 19.—The Free Baptist church at Grand Harbor, Grand Manan, held its thirty-fifth anniversary on Sunday, April 17th, in the new church building. Upon the platform were Rev. J. N. Barnes, its organizer and first pastor; Rev. Irvin D. Harvey, who was baptised and taken into the Free Baptist church at Seal Cove by Rev. J. N. Barnes 27 years ago; Licentiate Clement Wilson of the Free Baptist church at Seal Cove, and Foster S. Coder, a hospitalier of the Diocese of New Brunswick and West Isles, who is a convert of Rev. Jos. McLeod, D. D., and was baptised by him at Fredericton when attending the Normal school here.

Caroline Guphill, Hannah Guphill, Ann S. Guphill, Sarah Daggett, Sarah Guphill, Caroline Young, Mary Frankland, Phoebe Craig, Adeline Smith, Emily Ingersoll, Mary S. Ingalls, Mrs. James Smith.

The first church officers were: David W. Courcier, senior deacon; Richard E. Foster, junior deacon; George McDonald, deacon; Randall Smith and Chas. Guphill, helps; John Guphill, clerk; Mark Daggett, treasurer.

One hundred members were added to the church by Rev. J. N. Barnes during his pastorate. The seventh district meeting was held with the church at Grand Harbor for the first time in June, 1873. Rev. Mr. Barnes remained until 1888, and remained until October, 1897. It all he was over six years pastor of the Grand Harbor church.

The present church officers are: Deacons Mark Daggett, Judson L. Guphill, Sr., Abram Dakin; clerk of church, L. Leavitt Newton; treasurer, James Brown; Rev. J. N. Barnes orator of the Gospel; Rev. J. N. Barnes orator of the Gospel; Rev. J. N. Barnes orator of the Gospel.

NOT FOR AGES.

TORONTO, April 20.—The Evening Telegram's cable says Lord Aberdeen at the dinner of the Royal Colonial Institute, expressed the view that life membership in the house of lords might be given distinguished colonial leaders.

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Hon. Mr. Costigan Votes With the Government.

Otherwise, Party Lines Were Strictly Drawn on Bertram's Amendment to Amendment.

Hon. Mr. Foster, Who is Still Unable to Vote His Seat Was Paired With John Charlton.

OTTAWA, April 18.—Mr. Morrison, liberal of British Columbia, who spent some months last year in the Yukon, resumed the debate on the Yukon amendment. Mr. Morrison said there was doubtless a strong feeling at Dawson against the officials. He had himself been treated cavalierly by some of the officials who had not known he was a member of parliament. No doubt, similar treatment was accorded to others, but he had seen nothing to connect the government at Ottawa with any wrong that was done. He could not support the statements that the United States citizens, who constitute nine-tenths of the population at Dawson, were disorderly and required a military force to keep them down. On the contrary, these people seemed equal in all respects, as to intelligence and morals, to the citizens of any other city in Canada. What ever wrong may have been done in the past and gone. The officers who were complained of are no longer there, and Mr. Morrison held that the matter should now be dropped and the government should be induced to declare, as soon as possible, its future policy as to the development of that great country. While he would not hold the government responsible for what had occurred, if it had not come when the government must abandon its position of apologetic defence of the Yukon administration and take the responsibility of a constructive and effective administration in that region. In the meantime he would not stand as sponsor for the Yukon officials and would not say they were the best men that could have been selected.

After Mr. Cairns, conservative, had spoken, Mr. Richardson, liberal, from Manitoba, stated that he could not accept the belief prevailing on the side of the house that nothing wrong had occurred on the Yukon. He believed that a disgraceful state of things existed. At the same time he endorsed the appointment of Mr. Ogilvie, and thought no harm would occur if parliament should hold its hand till Ogilvie's report was submitted. Had it not been for the government's pledge that a judicial enquiry would be instituted, if Ogilvie would have reported incomplete, he would have voted for the opposition amendment. He did not think the amendment to the amendment was the logical outcome of the speech of Mr. Bertram, who moved it. He had intended to move an amendment himself, declaring that in the opinion of the house the charges should be thoroughly investigated, but thought, as Ogilvie's report was daily expected, and might throw light on the question, it would be wise to wait for it. If the report did not promptly arrive, or was not satisfactory, he would at an early day support an amendment similar to that proposed by the opposition. He attached much importance to the statements made by Messrs. Shaw, Mr. Miller, Messrs. Allan and Semple and others who had been in the country, and had been much impressed with the speech of Mr. Borden of Halifax.

Col. Donville began by saying that he had something to say to Sir Charles Tupper if he had been in his place. At this hint Sir Charles walked out, and Donville, amid laughter, began to scold him for his speech. The colonel wanted Sir Charles to understand that he (Donville) could take care of himself at any hour of the day. Donville explained that he did not need to take hot whiskey to gain strength to slander his opponents, and reminded Sir Charles of his advancing years, advising him to prepare for his future. Sir Charles was trading on his age and position. He had been a friend of Sir Charles, but was proud to say he was no longer in need of his friendship. The colonel said that he had driven the minister out of New Brunswick. He predicted that the minister would be beaten in every contest in the west of Quebec. Donville went on to say that he had been in the Yukon and knew all about it. He said that the government was blamed for the wrong doing in that country.

Mr. Oliver, liberal, Alberta, said he could not share the view of his liberal friends that the officials in the Yukon and elsewhere were innocent. He said that he did not share the view that the officials were to be treated as if they were innocent. He said that the Yukon officials were not innocent, and that the government was responsible for what had occurred.

THE SENATE

In the senate today, Hon. Mr. Ferguson brought up the bad mail service between Prince Edward Island and the dominion, owing to the Cape Tormentina and Abaco contract. He also brought up the question of the liquor warehouse at Cardigan Bay. Hon. Mr. Poirer called the attention of the government to the need of a better survey of currents on the Canadian coast.

THE PORT OF ST. JOHN

This morning Sir Wilfrid Laurier, with Hon. Davies, Cartwright and Blair, most a delegation which presided on the government, the improvement of the security of navigation to Canadian rivers. The speaker was Major Bond of the board of marine underwriters, Mr. Clark of the Montreal harbor board, Capt. Bernier, chairman of the St. Lawrence pilots, Professor Johnston of Montreal, representing the Royal Society of Canada, and Mr. Kemp of the Toronto board of trade. Major Bond, who was the principal speaker, argued that increased insurance rates were justified by heavy losses of cargo and vessels. He made the statement that deck loads sent from some ports, and especially from St. John, were simply a scandal, bringing discredit on that port and the rest of the dominion. He said that Montreal exhibited more care than any other port in loading ships, and that St. John port wardens carefully inspected the work and saw that the cargo was stowed to prevent shifting. In St. John, as he understood it, political influences governed the appointment of port wardens, who had no knowledge of this work.

Mr. Louis Davies pointed out that there was no politics in the matter, but that St. John was jealous of the powers given by "royal charter," and preferred to appoint its own port wardens.

The bill asked Major Bond whether any cases were reported of shifting of these grain cargoes, and Bond admitted he had not heard of such cases.

Most of the discussion related to obstruction to navigation of the St. Lawrence and to the need of a hydrographic survey for the dominion.

OTTAWA, April 20.—In answer to questions it was stated that Mr. Fisher's travelling expenses during the last eight months were \$780. Mr. Tarte's, \$150; that Mr. Foster's during his eleven years in office amounted to \$16,500; that the royal commission on legislation cost \$46,950, and that the military force in the Yukon cost \$48 per day for pay and expenses.

Mr. Charlton's bill raising the age of consent from sixteen to eighteen years was read a second time without debate.

The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to Mr. Donnell's bill for the amendment of the law relating to the drainage of land crossed by railways, and Mr. Richardson's bill to provide for the attachment of the salaries of civil servants. The debate on the two last bills was adjourned before a conclusion was reached.

Mr. Richardson's bill provides that the salaries of civil servants may be seized by way of attachment. The bill provides that after attachment issues the government shall deduct such part of the salary as the court orders, and pay it over as the court directs.

Mr. Spruille's bill to amend the criminal code with respect to combinations in restraint of trade was taken up and discussed at some length. Dr. Spruille made a particular reference to the "feather combine" which Spruille said was destroying small businesses.

The bill was referred to the banking and commerce committee.

The house adjourned at 10 p. m.

It is understood that Henry A. Costigan, now collector of inland revenue at this port, is to succeed the late Wm. L. Hamilton as district inspector of inland revenue. Mr. Hamilton, who died last week, resided in Kingston, Ont., and his salary was \$2,500. The salary of the Ottawa collector is \$1,600. Mr. Costigan, who is a son of Hon. John Costigan, was until last July, collector at Winnipeg. The appointment to the inspectorship is understood to have been made today.

DOMINION ALLIANCE.

Abandoning Prohibition for the Whole of Canada.

Its Legislative Committee After Stormy Fight Recommends Prohibition By Provinces.

OTTAWA, April 18.—The parliamentary committee of the Dominion Alliance had another meeting today. At the previous meeting Mr. Flint and those who acted with him agreed to prepare a majority report and submit it to Messrs. Gagnon and Moore. It was done, but today Mr. Gagnon in a report and asked the committee to pass upon it. The report was signed by Messrs. Flint, McCreary, Mr. Lellan and Christie, all supporters of the government.

It is a rather long document, setting forth that the substantial majority of the vote called last September was in favor of prohibition; that the small vote was a great disappointment and discouragement to prohibitionists. The report refers to the Quebec vote, pointing out that in that province 35 per cent of the qualified electors voted yes and only five per cent voted no. Though charges were made that the Quebec vote was fraudulent, it was probable that the vote fairly represented public opinion in Quebec, similarly as the vote in the other provinces indicated the preponderance of opinion in favor of prohibition.

A majority of the committee recommended that effect be given to the public opinion and expressed by enlargement of the scope of the Scott Act so that it could be adopted by an entire province instead of a municipality. Such legislation, the report says, would be a forward movement and might have the way for general prohibition.

This report was not accepted by Senator Vidal, Mr. Moore and Mr. Gagnon, and the committee separated. This minority will prepare a report quite different from that drawn up by Mr. Flint.

OTTAWA, April 20.—The legislative and executive committee of the Dominion Alliance had another meeting in the railway committee room this morning. Senator Vidal presided and among those present, besides members of parliament, were John Doull and F. Spence, Rev. Mr. Kittlewell and Featherstone of Hamilton.

The majority and minority reports of the sub-committees mentioned in previous dispatches, were presented. The committee appeared to be divided very closely on party lines. John Doull moved the adoption of a resolution on the lines of the Flint-McCreary (minority) report, giving up the idea of a general prohibition for the whole of Canada, but expressing the view that legislation should be adopted narrowing the scope of the Scott Act, applying it to a whole province instead of a county.

Mr. Gagnon moved an amendment which affirmed that a prohibitory bill was not only the outcome of the vote of the plebeian, but that it is the duty of the government to inaugurate such legislation.

Mr. Spence supported Mr. Doull's motion, and Mr. Kittlewell was willing to accept it as the best that could be got.

Mr. Featherstone of the Royal Templars supported the amendment and Mr. Richardson, the liberal member for Lisgar, Manitoba, alone of his party in parliament, spoke in the same sense.

The meeting grew disorderly at one o'clock and the chairman had to take a vote three times on the question. That the question be now put, before the count of hands by Mr. Spence was accepted. The motion was finally declared carried by a majority of one.

A vote was taken on Mr. Gagnon's amendment, when a second dispute occurred. Mr. Spence's count differing from that of some others. Finally the amendment was declared lost by a vote of 18 to 11.

Mr. Doull's motion was then put, and 18 voted for it. Mr. Spence made the nay vote one less, but after a recount the motion was declared lost. Most of the members then withdrew, but those who came from a distance protested against separating without accomplishing anything, so adjournment was taken to seven this evening.

The evening meeting was more calm. The minority of the sub-committee, who were invited to meet in the afternoon with the majority and prepare a resolution that would bring harmony, declined to abandon the issue of total prohibition for the dominion. They, however, concluded to make no further effort to prevent the alliance from adopting the general principle report, though they declined to take any responsibility for it.

The large committee got a good deal mixed in working out a programme, but finally adopted a resolution in favor of prohibition in all the provinces which may, in future, vote in favor of such legislation. The resolution affirmed the general principle and appointed a new sub-committee to prepare a definite plan of parliamentary action. Mr. Gagnon, not agreeing with the principle adopted by the alliance, did not go on the committee, which is thus composed: J. H. MacLaren of Toronto, Major Bond of Montreal, F. Spence of Toronto, with Messrs. Vidal and Aiken of the senate and Messrs. Flint, Bell, Richardson and McMullin of the commons.

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