

12 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PRESBYTERIANS

Important Questions for Discussion at June Meeting—Church Union to Front

On Wednesday, June 1, Rev. John Forrest, former president of Dalhousie University, will open in Knox church in Ottawa the thirty-seventh annual general assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada.

Among the important matters which will come before the assembly this year for discussion, the one in which the members of the body are most deeply concerned is the proposition that the church should unite in an organic way with the Methodist and Congregational churches of Canada.

During the year the question has been voted on by the 68 presbyteries of the Presbyterian church, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the result shows a decided sympathy on the part of the ministers and the representative elders in favor of the movement for union.

It is the purpose of the church that the results of the forthcoming meeting of the assembly be sent down to the people, the rank and file of the church for judgment.

When all these suggestions have come into the committee of the three churches and such changes as may be considered desirable will be made.

Prominent men who are favorable to the union cause, on being asked what steps would be taken to consummate the union subsequent to the meeting, replied that nothing could be said on that matter until the sovereign voice of the people had been heard.

Plan of appointing a general secretary for the west to act conjointly with Dr. MacLaren. Rev. Dr. Carmichael will be named for this position, and there is no doubt that the proposal will go through.

RESERVE LANDS TO BE SETTLED SOON

The disposition of the recently-acquired reserve of the Songhees in abeyance for some time. Mayor Morley made this announcement to the city council Friday night.

In regard to the railway end of the proposition Mayor Morley stated that he favored a joint terminal. It would mean a great deal to the city's amenity to have railway lines cutting through lower and every other class, and the railway companies interested in the disposition of the lands, at which plans will be discussed and objections heard.

Two important deputations representing the city of Victoria and the Canadian Pacific railway waited upon the Hon. Dr. Young, the provincial secretary, and the Hon. Mr. Ross, the minister of lands, after the meeting to lay their respective claims and interests before the government in connection with the proposed disposition of the lands.

INDIGESTION RIGHTLY CURED STAYS CURED

Not by Treating the Symptoms but by Toning Up the Stomach to Do Nature's Work

Indigestion should not be neglected for by depriving the body of its proper nourishment it grows steadily worse. Neither stimulating medicines, which ruin the already weak stomach by making it work beyond its strength, should be used, nor predigested foods, which do not excite a flow of the digestive fluids, and by disease cause the stomach to grow weaker.

When these are once removed, the stomach to grow weaker. Nowhere is the tonic treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills more clearly useful. Its principle is to enable the stomach to do its own work by building up the blood and giving tone to the nerves.

All the general reports to be made to the assembly will be of a highly satisfactory character. The year has been one of expansion, development and growth both east and west.

PROGRAMME ISSUED OF OAK BAY REGATTA

All Details Arranged—Fifth Regiment Band Will Be in Attendance

The executive committee of the Oak Bay Boat Club has arranged all details of the regatta to be held on June 10, and the secretary is now awaiting entries to the various events, as outlined in the programme. The Fifth Regiment band will be stationed at Turkey Head during the entire afternoon, and it has been arranged with Mrs. Jensen to supply and serve refreshments to the members of the regatta.

LIGHT STANDARDS ARE OBJECTED TO

Johnson Street Residents Object to the New Westminster Type of Cluster

"Let there be light," has always been the cry in the dark regions of the world, but in the enlightened city of Victoria Friday the cry was not in regard to the absence of light so much as in reference to the particular kind of light, or to be explicitly stated, the type of cluster light to be used on the city streets.

For the present type of standard the city has paid \$46, whereas for the new type, commonly known as the New Westminster type, the price is \$14. Then these new standards were brought before the notice of the council it was decided to call for tenders on them and also upon the present style. These tenders resulted in Hutchison Brothers figuring at \$14 for the latter. Hutchison Brothers' tender was accepted and the city ordered 500 of the new type to be installed on the streets that had not their best scheduled for the present type.

It was pointed out that if citizens wanted the present type of standard there was no reason why they should not get it. All entries for the regatta had already been dropped from \$66 to \$54. None of the new standards have yet been installed, but it is not known if the tender of Hutchison Brothers, which was made in the event of a start not having been made the council will rescind the resolution adopting the 500 of the new type, and the original price of \$46 originally chosen at a price of \$54.

MISSION WORK IN JAPAN

Atlantic City, N. J., May 27.—The report of the board of foreign missions presented to the Presbyterian general assembly here, in speaking of the work in Japan last year, says: "Some of the most interesting reports were given by the missionaries in Japan. They were all of a high order of success. The work in Japan is now in a very active state. The missionaries are doing their best to reach the people at home keep up this infamous task."

INDIAN SLASHES WIFE

Wapato, Wash., May 27.—Officers both Indian and white, are seeking Jacob Felix, an Indian, who is charged with an assault upon his wife last Saturday evening. The woman was badly lacerated and is in about forty different places with a pocket knife. Most of these cuts were about the head, the scalp being practically hacked to pieces. Felix had been drinking for several days. The house in which the couple lived was set on fire after the assault and burned to the ground, together with its contents.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Nelson, B. C., May 25.—Excitement was created on the steamer Moyle on the trip down the lake from Kaslo last night loaded with excursionists returning from Kaslo's annual celebration, when a woman made an attempt to jump into the lake. She came aboard at Kaslo, apparently under the influence of liquor. She was taken to be taken back to Kaslo and attempted to jump overboard. She was seized by four bystanders and was confined in a stateroom.

EXECUTION AT MONTREAL

Condemned Man Collapses and Has to Be Supported on Scaffold

Montreal, May 27.—Francisco Gravello, 30 years old, paid his penalty yesterday at the Montreal jail for the murder of Giuseppe Chino. He was the first Italian to be hanged in the province of Quebec. Gravello as the hour of death approached went into hysterics, and at least had to be supported by the executioner and supported while the rope was adjusted and the last offices of the church carried out. He utterly collapsed at the last.

URGES GENERAL CESSATION OF WORK

VANCOUVER COMMITTEE PASSES RESOLUTION Trades and Labor Council Will Decide the Question To-night

Vancouver, May 25.—The joint committee of the Trades and Labor Council executive and the Business Agents' Board has recommended that the union workers of Vancouver leave their jobs on June 5, and to-night the delegates to the special meeting of the Trades and Labor Council will bring the question of a general strike before the executive of the Trades and Labor Council and the Building Trades Council, in conjunction with the Business Agents' Board, to recommend to the Trades and Labor Council that a general cessation of work in Vancouver take place on June 5.

The above was the resolution passed last night at the special joint committee meeting which was in session until almost midnight. It was stated this morning by Business Agent Pettipiece, of the Trades and Labor Council, that the committee was practically unanimous on the question, although its consideration involved several hours of debate. Two members were said to have proposed that the question be taken up at the regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, instead of being brought forward at a special session, but this suggestion was not accepted, the feeling being, it is said, that action should be decided upon at once.

The whole question is now put into the hands of the Trades and Labor Council. It was explained to-day, and this body will deal directly with the Master Builders' Association, Employers' Association and kindred organizations. In this way the unions believe they will secure more consideration than if they proposed a course of industrial strikes, such as those of the carpenters and other building workers who are generally admitted to have been worried by the Master Builders' Association.

SHOT BY BURGLAR

Store Employee Will Probably Die—Would-be Murderer Makes His Escape. Victoria, May 27.—When trying to capture a burglar who was robbing Whitney's store at Whinnock last night, an employee, a young Englishman named D. E. G. Probert, was shot through the stomach by a bullet fired by the burglar. The burglar got away safely, but the provincial police are out looking for him.

OPPOSES RECIPROCITY

South Dakota Professor Says Wheat Can be Grown Cheaper in Canada Than in States. Washington, D. C., May 27.—In opposing the Canadian reciprocity agreement before the senate finance committee to-day Prof. A. E. Chamberlain of South Dakota, by an elaborate array of statistics, sought to show that the cost of production of a bushel of wheat in the United States was 57 cents and in Canada 40 cents. He declared that the South Dakota farmers could not compete with the Canadian farmer in producing other staples.

DWELLING DESTROYED

Lytton, May 27.—Fire last night destroyed the dwelling of J. Blanchford. For a time a serious fire was feared, but fortunately it was changed, when the fire department arrived, to keep it from getting under control.

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GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

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Vancouver, May 26.—Gusteppe Bianca, charged with the murder of John McLarty in a street fight on February 11, was found guilty of manslaughter by the jury at the criminal sittings. The principal witness was Bianca himself. His story was that he and another Italian came out of a house and met McLarty and another man. All had been drinking, and they got into words which led to a fight between McLarty and Bianca. Bianca said that McLarty got him down in the mud and grasped him by the throat with such force that he felt himself choking to death, and unable to do anything else, he drew from his pocket a knife which he kept for cutting tobacco, and produced McLarty with it to make him release his grasp.

The medical evidence showed that McLarty had been wounded in several places and had died within three days after being taken to the General Hospital. Mr. Justice Gregory said the prisoner had been very ably defended and counsel for the defence had made a very impassioned address to the jury. He had also taken the unusual course of quoting a great deal of law, but on this point they must be directed by him. He could not place much reliance on evidence of good character in a case of this kind. Everyone had a good character until they lost it. It seemed to him rather a case of manslaughter than of murder and he charged them upon that point.

TWO KILLED ON RAILWAY

Seattle, Wash., May 27.—An unknown man, thought to be a laborer about 35 years old, was brought to the county hospital about 8 o'clock last night with a fractured skull, which is supposed to have resulted from an attempt to board a freight train of the Northern Pacific at Thomas Station, where he was found lying on the tracks. In an effort to save him one arm was amputated, but he died about 11:30 p. m.

THE DEUTSCHMAN CAVES

Revelstoke, May 26.—The Deutschman Caves, which a few years ago were an unknown quantity, are becoming an unparalleled attraction to easterners and tourists, said Chas. Deutschman, who has returned to the city after a trip to New York, Atlantic City, Chicago and many other big centres. The people down east, Mr. Deutschman declared, have become enamored with the natural beauty of these caves and have signified their intention of coming back for exploration purposes. One prominent New York man has already visited the caves twice and he is coming back again this summer, while a great many others have determined to make this point their annual summer outing. About \$7,000 will be spent around the caves this year, said Deutschman in fixing up the place. A wagon road will be built from Glacier to the caves and attempts will be made to open up new caves and have a new cave touched. All the buildings about the place will be re-painted and many other improvements made to add to the attractiveness of the place.

WAGE DISPUTE SETTLED

Winnipeg, May 26.—The Canadian Northern railway announces an amicable settlement with their car men between Port Arthur and Edmonton. The company grants a new wage scale, an increase of two cents an hour, beginning May 1st last, and an additional scale a year from now. The new wage scale ranges from 22 1/2 to 37 cents an hour. Improved working conditions are also granted. Fifteen hundred men are affected.

GRANTED EXTENSION OF TIME

Los Angeles, Cal., May 27.—Judge Bordwell granted to-day the motion of attorney for John McNamara, secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, and his brother, James B. McNamara, charged with murder by the use of dynamite, for a continuance of the time to alter their pleas to the charges, from June 1 to July 1. The motion was granted after considerable argument in which Clarence S. Barrow of Chicago, chief counsel, and his assistants, Job Hariman, Leconte Davis and Joseph Scott of Los Angeles, were arrayed against District Attorney John D. Ford, and his assistant, W. J. Ford.

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LAND ACT VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT

DISTRICT OF COAST RANGE HILLS. Take notice that W. H. Gibson, of Bella Coala, missionary, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about 120 chains east of the north-west corner of the Bella Coala Indian Reserve, thence east 40 chains, thence south 20 chains more or less to Nechee covey river, thence westerly along river 40 chains more or less to point of commencement, and containing 40 acres more or less.

REBELS ATTACK DIAZ'S ESCORT

Vera Cruz, Mexico, May 27.—While escorting ex-President Diaz from the Mexican capital to Vera Cruz yesterday the federal troops engaged a large force of rebels. The troops were successful in beating off the insurgents who lost 80 killed. General Diaz left the train and gave orders to his soldiers during the battle. Diaz's party, consisting of Mrs. Diaz, Col. Fortino Diaz and the latter's family, left Mexico City on a special train composed of three sections. The first section carried the president, the second of infantry. The presidential party was in the second section, which was followed closely by a third, also carrying troops.

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PROPOSED CHANGES

Washington, D. C., June 1.—The wool tariff bill ways and means committee of the House presented to-day the bill at noon to-day. The bill provides for a 10 per cent duty on wool, and a 10 per cent duty on wool grease. The bill also provides for a 10 per cent duty on wool grease. The bill also provides for a 10 per cent duty on wool grease.