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RADIO FANS

Fair Warning to Disturber
Editor "Union Advocate"

Dear Sir:—

Please allow me space in order to see if I can do something to draw attention once again to the unnecessary noises caused in the air by ignorant people operating radio sets or allowing their friends and their children to do so.

I noticed that you drew attention to this disturbance in your last week's edition asking people to endeavor to operate their sets in a reasonable manner, but it seems as though some of the less intelligent ones have deliberately set out to make matters worse since they have found it causes a public nuisance to allow their set to oscillate too freely.

Recently I have been working on a set in Newcastle and I have found it practically an impossibility at times to keep a set of headphones on through the howls received from a regenerative set somewhere in the neighborhood. If anyone in this town, who is responsible for this interference, should read this letter, I want him to understand that an improperly operated regenerative set has been known to cover a distance of twenty five miles with its howls.

Regeneration is a splendid thing, in a radio set because it permits extra amplification of signals through the feeding back of some of the energy in the plate circuit into the grid circuit thus saving tubes, but when regeneration is used in a careless manner, it causes very great annoyance to the neighbors by making howls, grinding and growling noises in their sets, which can only be avoided by tuning out that station and bringing in another.

The offending person referred to in the third paragraph of this letter, evidently does all the tuning of his set on the dial of the tuning unit only. He rotates the dial until he comes across a whistle. This he proceeds to tune from a high squeal down to inaudibility by having it set dead on the wave length. Then he moves his hand away from the dial and immediately the set howls through the body capacity being removed from it. He then has to go back to his dial to move it slightly to right or left, so that when his hand is moved away the next time it won't howl. While all this is being done the neighborhood has to sit back and listen to the effects of his ignorance.

I wish to inform this fellow that tuning is done by the arranging of the various parts of the set; by tuning them to the desired wave length and not by leaving everything out of tune and trying to bring your station in on your

dial only, which can't be done.

I am making diligent enquiries nightly regarding this man and I intend to find out where the interference is coming from if it takes me a month. I then intend to show him how to tune his set and, if after that I hear him again, I will report and have his set removed. I am using a direction-finding set, so the more he makes his set howl the better, my chances are of locating him.

W. G. Y.

CHURCH UNION

Editor "Union Advocate"

One aspect of the above that has not received the consideration in the several local legislatures to which it is entitled (namely, the equitable distribution of the general property of the Presbyterian Church such as its mission fields, superannuation funds, endowments of colleges etc.) will come very prominently to the front in the course of the next few weeks. The British Columbia legislature in fact is the only one that took cognizance of the far-reaching effect of the decision of the Lords of the Privy Council in the case of the appeal of the (so-called) Wee Frees on the vote of the Free Churches of Scotland to unite under the name of the United Free Church. Only some 25 churches stayed out of the Union (and these were treated as cavalierly as the Unionists of today would like to treat those remaining loyal to the Presbyterian Church in Canada) but they appealed to the courts of law and the case went from court to court until it ended in that final court of appeal, the Privy Council. That body decided that the Wee Frees were the body entitled to possession of the general property of the Church and that the other congregations had voted themselves out of their denomination, although joining up with other Presbyterian bodies; and not as in the present Union joining with two outside denominations. As the burden imposed upon the Wee Frees was utterly beyond their ability to sustain, in the maintenance of the missions, colleges etc.; a compromise was effected and approved by the British parliament bringing about equitable division of the general property.

It was this principle laid down by the Privy Council that British Columbia had in mind when in passing the Bill authorizing a vote by Presbyterian churches on union in that Province a proviso was attached for further legislation and appointment of a committee for an equitable division of the Presbyterian Church property.

Doubtless it was also that decision that influenced the Parliament of Canada to state that the powers granted were granted in so far as so far only as Parliament has the power.

What British Columbia has done the other provinces will have to do and that this is recognized in Ontario was evident a few days ago when two enthusiastic unionists offered to pay off their congregation's debt if they could be guaranteed that the property would belong to the United Church and they were told that no such guarantee could be given. The decision of the Privy Council may be just as applicable where the congregation is not unanimous in the vote to join the United Church; and a minority for remaining Presbyterian should not vacate the property until a test case and appeal to the Privy Council decides the matter.

W.

MR. BARNJUM
ISSUES A CHALLENGE

To the Editor:—

Sir:—

My attention has been called to the fact that some of the organized opponents of an amicable and peaceful union are stating that in trying to arouse public opinion to the seriousness of our present situation

Anti-Unionists Still
Lead in Church Vote

Montreal, Jan. 31.—The Presbyterian Church Association Committee issued the following statements on Church Union figures showing a majority opposed:—

Votes cast to date in all Canada for Union; 64,175.

Votes cast to date in all Canada against Union 65,566.

Majority against Union 1,390.

Total membership of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; 374,951.

In the Province of Quebec and Ontario; which contains three-fifths of the membership; there is a strong majority against Union. In every case that has been reported to us where the adherents have been allowed to vote; they have been practically unanimous against. There are one million of these in Canada who are deprived of a vote by the Act.

In the Province of Saskatchewan; there are 192 Presbyterian congregations; yet the Union Committees today announce 341 congregations as voting for Union in Saskatchewan. Nearly all their strength in that Province is among churches that were already Union; and where these have voted; Methodists and all other denominations have been allowed to vote as well. There are 1,250 of these congregations in Canada with preaching stations.

As far as our figures go; about 270 self sustaining Presbyterian congregations in all Canada have voted to go into Union. The Union Committee have the complete returns from the church offices and the situation would be cleared up if they published them. The figures published from day to day are quite misleading. Four congregations in the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa reported as going in unanimously are now arranging to take the vote. Others may do so later.

Forty-two churches in Toronto have voted; 19 for Union and 23 against. The last eleven churches to report from Toronto have gone against Union.

Glengarry Presbytery; the figures of which have been questioned by Union Committee; voted nine churches for Union and nine against with a majority of 581 of the total vote in the Presbytery against Union. The last congregation to report is Dunvegan; 55 for and 156 against.

The Union Committee reports 700,000 members in the United Church. Sixty-four thousand Presbyterians have voted to enter.

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If my detractors are sincere and want to do some good for the cause of forestry let them accept this challenge; otherwise the public will know what to think.

FRANK J.D. BARNJUM

Montreal, February 5th 1925

Church Union Reports
From Rev. Dr. Pidgeon

We have been requested to publish the following reports on the Church Union situation, as it is seen and known by the Union Committee at Toronto.

"The Presbyteries of Ottawa and Lanark and Renfrew, situated mainly in Ottawa City and Valley, contain 159 congregations or preaching stations, of which only 17 out of 91 which have already voted have decided not to enter the United Church. Of the 19,180 members in full communion in these Presbyteries 4,770 have cast their ballots against Union. More than half of these belong to congregations that gave a majority for Union and it is not likely that many of them will withdraw from their congregations.

Preaching stations to the number of 25 in Ottawa and 43 in Lanark and Renfrew have not yet taken the vote. These are for the most part small congregations or mission stations. Many of these will doubtless enter Union without a vote. As they contain about 3000 communicants their decision in any case will not greatly change the present result.

The Sunday School enrolment of the non-concurring congregations is less than 20% of the total enrolment in the Presbyteries and 25% of the enrolment of the congregations which have voted. The young life of the Church is to be found most largely with the Unionists.

The Methodists and Congregationalists have in this region 119 preaching stations. It is, therefore, a reasonable forecast that in Ottawa City and Valley the United Church of Canada will have 250 congregations or preaching stations, as compared with 25 or 30 in any Presbyterian Denomination that may yet be organized.

The Presbytery of Paris, out of a total membership of 8017 has recorded only 1518 votes against entering the United Church of Canada. Nine congregations have not yet reported but in all of these the Union sentiment is strong; some hoping to enter the United Church without taking a vote.

In the Presbytery of Huron the determination on the part of congregations to enter the United Church is even more pronounced. Out of a total membership of 4741 only 920 have voted not to go with the Presbyterian Church into Union. Three charges and one mission field are yet to declare themselves, but it is confidently expected that all these will favor the United Church.

These two Presbyteries gave a total of \$436.94 toward the Missionary and Benevolent work of the Church, while the amount contributed by those intending to remain outside of the Union movement is \$5,982.

Total Congregations Voting Out
Paris Presbytery 31
Huron Presbytery 26

Forward into the United Church of Canada is the prevailing note in that broad district stretching from north of Brampton to Georgian Bay and covered by Orangeville and Owen Sound Presbyteries. Of the 90 congregations

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In these Presbyteries five only have voted not to enter the Union. These five have a membership of \$89 while the membership of the two Presbyteries totals 9844.

The three Presbyterian congregations in the City of Owen Sound and St. Andrews Church, Orangeville with a combined membership of 2406 have voted to enter with their mother Church into Union and equally emphatic is the decision of a couple of dozen of congregations in the rural districts.

In this same broad belt of country the Methodist and Congregational Churches have more than 100 preaching appointments and nearly 10,000 members. It is a practical certainty that the United Church will have here eight times as many congregations and members as the non-concurring body.

Following the action of the Assembly in 191 Union swept New Ontario. Now there are only 3 congregations in 4 Presbyteries that are not already working on a Union basis, while the ministers stand 44 to 2 in favor of the policy of the Church.

As may be seen from the following statement Church Union has been widely approved by the congregations that have given it a fair trial over a period of nearly ten years.

Of the 184 congregations in these 4 Presbyteries only 3 to date have voted non-concurrence. Those which do not take a vote enter the Union automatically.

Presbytery Total Con. No. voted
gregations to Feb. 2.

North Bay 59 2
Temiskaming 35 0
Sudbury 60 0
Algoma 30 1

TOTAL 184 3

Nova Scotia Presbyterians have pronounced with no uncertain sound in favor of the United Church. The historic Presbytery of Truro where the earliest permanent Presbytery in Canada was formed in 1786 has already decided to bring all its congregations into the Union.

St. Matthews Church, Halifax founded as a union congregation in 1749 and later becoming a Presbyterian Church has honored its splendid tradition by voting Union. Halifax Presbytery has but one non-concurring congregation.

In Cape Breton only two congregations have voted out.

As in 1875 the chief opposition is in parts of Pictou County. The Anti-Union charges of 1875, after forming separate synodical and presbyterial organizations one by one joined the United Church. The last to surrender entered in 1908. How long the present schismatics will remain out is a matter of conjecture.

The vote February 2, in Nova Scotia is as follows:

Presbytery	Total Con.	No. voted	gregations out to Feb 2
Sydney	61	2	
Inverness	27	1	
Pictou	76	19	
Wallace	44	0	
Truro	56	0	
Halifax	70	1	
Lunenburg & Yarmouth	36	1	
TOTAL	370	26	

To the Members of the Presbyterian Church in Canada:—

The Presbyterian Church in Canada is CONTINUING IN THE UNITED CHURCH in accordance with its historic doctrine of Unity, and by the action of its constituted Courts.

This is recognized by:

1. The Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System (representing world-wide Presbyterianism.)

2. The United Free Church of Scotland.

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