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THE DOUGLASTOWN R. C. PICNIC, which was going on when we went to press last evening was a great success and was largely attended.

VERY LARGE CONGREGATIONS greeted, the Rev. D. Henderson, the new minister of St. Andrew's church, last Sabbath—morning and evening.

$25:—Five $5 bills were lost in Chatham on Tuesday. The finder will be rewarded on leaving the same with the proprietor of the Adams House.

MURDOCH'S advertisement of this week is an important one to householders, ladies and buyers of men's and youths' clothing. It should be read by all shoppers.

A POCKET BOOK containing a sum of money and a check was lost last evening between Loudoun's corner and the fire. A reward will be paid for its restoration. Apply at the ADVANCE office.

LOBSTER CULTURE:—Over 100,000,000 lobster fry have been hatched in the Pictou, N. S., hatchery this season, and have been distributed in the beds around Pictou Island. Last year over 200,000,000 were planted in the same locality.

ST. ANDREW'S MANSE is being fitted up anew with the electric light. The Trustees have had it painted and papered this summer, and it is now quite an ornament to the town as well as a model residence for their Pastor and speaks well for the zeal and thoughtfulness of the Trustees of St. Andrew's.

NOBODY DID IT:—The special session of the supreme court for the trial of Wm. Curtis for the murder of Garfield Astles and the wounding of George Coughlan at the Grey Rapids shivaree, was convened by Chief Justice Tuck yesterday at Newcastle and the grand jury reported no bill. Curtis, therefore, goes free. This episode will confirm the belief that there is only one recognised crime in Northumberland.

A TIGHT SQUEEZE was experienced on Monday evening in the Snowball mill by a lad named Stephen Gouchie, whose clothing was caught by the shaft of the edging-carrier, stripped from the lower part of his body and so tightened about his neck as to almost choke him. It was thought at first that he was fatally injured, but Dr. J. S. Benson who attended him, said he would be all right in a day or two.

PERSONAL:—A Sackville despatch of 7th to the Transcript says:—Rev. F. W. Harrison has sold his place to Mrs. Walter Irving and is removing from Sackville. The reverend gentlemen was pastor of the Methodist church here several years ago. He is universally liked and respected, and great regret is expressed at his departure.

Mr. Jas. F. Atkinson, of Richibucto was in town on Saturday and his many friends here gave him a hearty welcome.

THE DEATH OF GEORGE A. BARKER, son of Capt. J. McD. Barker of Chatham, took place at his home at Moncton, at midnight on Wednesday of last week, after a long illness, from cancer, for which he was operated on some months ago at the Victoria hospital, Fredericton. Deceased's last hours were passed peacefully, and his father, and brother, R. S. Barker, were with him. Mr. Barker leaves a widow and one child. His remains were interred at Petitcodiac.

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FIRE! As we go to press the Maritime Sulphite Fibre Company's chipping mill south of the Wellington road is burning. It was discovered to be on fire a few minutes past six last evening and its destruction was rapid and complete. Several cars loaded with wood, on mill siding took fire and were damaged. The Ronald Engine did excellent service in saving the surrounding pulp wood piles. The establishment contained 7 chipping machines, an engine and two boilers etc., and a new addition had just been completed, in which eight more chippers were to have been placed.

CAMPBELLTON MILL BURNED:—Campbellton has been unfortunate in having two mills burned this season. A few days ago the Doherty mill was destroyed and early on Sunday morning last, Mr. David Richards' mill, about a mile below the town, was entirely consumed. The night watchman saw the fire in its incipiency and started to put it out, but felt and partially stunned himself. Before he recovered, the flames were beyond his control. The mill containtained two clapboard and three shingle machines, a planer and some other machines and was valued at about $15,000. Besides the mill about $5,000 worth of clapboards and shingles were burned. The insurance was only $10,000 and was in the Western. Mr. Richards will, no doubt, build again.

THE 73RD BATTALION returned home from camp Sussex on Saturday. The man looked bronzed and, in the main quite soldierly. The band, led by Mr. Arch McEachran, and which was pronounced one of the best at camp, played through the streets. Many of its members were Douglastown men and belonged to the efficient band of that place. In the rifle shooting at camp the following men of the 73rd were prize winners, as best shots, in their respective companies:

No. 1 Co., Pte. Lucien Dupee, $2.50; No. 2 Co., Sergt. Major Young, $2.50; No. 3 Co., Pte. Ferdinand I. Parker, $2.50; No. 4 Co., Pte. Alex. Dick, sr. $2.50; No. 5 Co., Pte. James Williston, $2.50.

Prizes were offered by Lt. Col. McCulley to the N. C. officer having the neatest tent in the 73rd Batt. The following were the prize winners:—

Co 1, Corporal Ward
Co 2, Sergt King
Co 3, Lance Corporal Mersereau
Co 4, Corp McNaughton
Co 5, Cal Sergt Grey.

This has been the most successful camp held for a number of years. The rigid inspection which the men have now to undergo at the hands of Dr. McLearn, P M O, brings a much better class, particularly as far as physique is concerned.

Good Salmon Fishing on Restigouche and Metapedia Rivers.

A Campbellton despatch of last Saturday to the St. John Gazette says:—The late rain having raised the rivers about half a foot, has made a wonderful change, and livened up matters considerably. The mail boat came down yesterday having 21 salmon on board, the results of two days' fishing of two rods, at Indian House and Patapedia pools. There is no question about there being plenty of fish, as the water was clear and fish could be counted in large numbers in various places along the river. But the river got too low for fishing in the reaches, and anglers began to get restless.

The Metapedia is quite equal to the Restigouche this year; the fish ascended it in May. The Club people have made some fine fishing at Causapascal. Mr. Julien T. Davies, of New York, who had been fishing the Mowat waters for a few days, left last night to return later. He had good sport, the score on these waters to date being as follows: 9 fish, 23½, 22½, 21, 24, 22½, 25, 22½, 31, and 19 pounds respectively.

The early run of fish got ahead, and escaped the anglers. No doubt some big scores will be made this month, as the fish are now collected in hundreds in many of the deep pools.

Excursions.

During the summer season the steamers Nelson and Miramichi will afford excellent opportunities for single excursionists, or excursion parties to enjoy trips over the routes on which they run. The arrangement commenced yesterday, and Wednesdays will hereafter be excursion days on the Nelson, and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays on the Miramichi. For rates and other particulars see advt.

A July Marriage.

Mr. Edward A. McCurdy, the Agent of the Merchants Bank of Halifax for Newcastle and Miss Anna Ritchie Wheeler were united in marriage on Tuesday at eleven o'clock at the residence of Mr. Robert Ritchie, the bride's uncle. F. Blanchard McCurdy of Halifax was best man and Miss Dibblee of Woodstock, bridesmaid. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Aitken and was very private. The happy couple left on the afternoon train for St. John en route for Boston, New York, and Niagara Falls. They will return to Newcastle in about two weeks by way of Montreal and will reside in the elegant quarters over the Merchants Bank. A large number of the intimate friends of the bride and groom were at the station to congraulate and wish them bon voyage and a happy and prosperous future.—[Advocate.

St. Andrew's S. S. Picnic.

The St. Andrew's Sabbath School picnic came off on Tuesday of last week. The Rustler had been engaged to take the little pleasure seekers, and their Minister, Superintendent, Teachers and friends to and from Beaubear's Island.

The day was an ideal one for the occasion, and a very large representation of the congregation of St. Andrew's accompanied the little ones. The Rustler, laden with its precious cargo, left Chatham at 9.30 a.m. and the grounds were reached before 11 o'clock. After tea, coffee, cake, sandwiches etc. had been partaken of, swinging, sack races, and games of various kinds were engaged in with great zest and thoroughly enjoyed by the older as well as by the younger members of the company. Many prizes—some of them very valuable,—were awarded during the day for proficiency in the field of games and amusement. The Rustler returned about 8 o'clock in the evening, and safely landed a happy, if a "weary-looking" company. The day seems to have been enjoyed by all. The St. Andrew's S. S. picnic was very "timely," for at it the members of the church had an opportunity of more thoroughly making the acquaintance of their young minister, who has already thrown himself very heartily into his work, as pastor of St. Andrew's church.

Monseignor Connolly's Golden Jubilee.

Very Rev. Mgr. Connolly's golden jubilee as a priest was observed on Sunday in a fitting manner by the Roman Catholics of St. John. The attainment of 50 years in the service of God is an event which calls forth general expressions of congratulation, and respect and Mgr. Connolly's golden jubilee was marked by a spontaneous outburst of admiration, respect and love, not only from those of his own flock, but Catholics in general in the city, province and other parts of the Dominion and United States, and by others of other faith to whom the worth and sterling qualities of the venerable priest are well known. His has seen a half century of work which has left its impress for good in many ways, and this was fully recognised and referred to in many ways during the progress of his jubilee celebration. Rev. H. A. Meahan of Moncton preached an able sermon from Jer. iii, 15: 'And I will give you pastors according to my own heart, and they shall feed you with knowledge and doctrine.' The sermon was an able and eloquent one. Amongst the congratulatory telegrams was one from Chatham offering the felicitations of the Mayor and Town Council—a fitting tribute—as it was in this town that Mgr. Connolly was ordained to the priesthood by Rt. Rev. Wm. Dollard D.D. on the second Sunday in July 1848.

His Lordship Bishop Sweeny was unable to attend the high mass, but was at Mgr. Connolly's residence later when addresses were presented and letters and telegrams read. He read a letter of compliment from His Lordship, Bishop Rogers of Chatham. For himself, Bishop Sweeney spoke feelingly of the monseignor, who was a boy with him at college, and was with him in his early days of priesthood.

St. Luke's Picnic.

The annual picnic of St. Luke's Methodist Sunday School was held on Tuesday at Woodburn. About 200 children assembled at the church at 8.30 and, headed by the Boys' Brigade, marched to the Snowball wharf, where the steamer St. George, was waiting to convey them to the picnic grounds. The day was delightful and a better spot than Mr. Fisher's farm could not have been chosen.

One amusing feature of the day was a baseball match, played by some ladies and gentlemen, some of the ladies winning distinction by their dexterous slides to first base.

Races were contested by a large number, and suitable prizes awarded. One event particularly worthy of note was a race for ladies, which was keenly contested, the winner displaying wonderful bursts of speed and great staying powers.

About 5 o'clock the picknickers again boarded the St. George and thoroughly enjoyed the trip, reaching Chatham about 7 o'clock.

The winners of the different events were as follows:—

Infant class—boys, Dan Dickson and Germain Pallen; do. girls, Georgie Tait Emma Harding.

Junior—boys, Cecil Mersereau, Harry Groat; do. girls, Emma Harding, Teresa Eagles.

Boys' race—Thomas Anderson, John McLean; girls do., Bessie Eagles, Flor. Stapledon; boys' do., Bernie Johnston, Wm. Tait; girls do., Violet Eagles, Mamie Tweedie.

Blindfolded races—boys, Earl Watters; girls, Flor. Stapledon.

Ladies' race—1st Mrs. H. H. Pallen; 2nd, Mrs. Nicol.

Boys' race, Herb Pallen.

Backwards race, Herb. Pallen.

Best bunches of wildflowers—Lib. Ross, 1st, Kate McIntyre, 2nd.

Halifax School for the Blind.

MURDOCH SQUARE, HALIFAX, N. S., July 6th, 1898.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:—Within the next few weeks I hope to visit the Counties of Westmorland, Kent, Northumberland, Gloucester and Restigouche, for the purpose of seeking those who may be partially or totally blind and making arrangements for such as may be between the ages of six and twenty-one years to enter the School for the Blind at Halifax. This school is free to all boys and girls who have not sufficient sight to attend the public schools or who are totally blind. It will be unnecessary for me to point out the great advantages of education to those who are deprived of sight, suffice it to say that through the training given in this school scores of young men and young women who might otherwise be dependent on their families and friends are now earning for themselves comfortable livings.

May I ask your readers to send in to the office of the MIRAMICHI ADVANCE the names, ages and addresses of any partially or totally blind persons under twenty-one years of age of whom they may know in the County of Northumberland. Yours sincerely,

C. F. FRASER, Supt.

The Phantom Ship.

The Restigouche Telephone says: Many and interesting are the tales told about the phantom ship, often seen in the Bay des Chaleur, but on the 24th of June at 2 o'clock in the morning, while the men were at work in Moffat's mill, their attention was attracted to a light in the harbor and inspection showed distinctly the masts and jiboon of a vessel in flames, which was seen to start from Miguasha and run in a zig-zag direction to Charlo. The men watched it for twenty minutes, and it was no optical delusion, for every man in the mill saw it.

Respecting the foregoing, THE ADVANCE'S miracle editor says it would be only a matter of courtesy to accept the Telephone's statement if it were at all possible to do so, but as there are solid reasons for doubting it, we venture to brand the Telephone writer as one of the most consummate—ah, er—specimens of credulity extant. Miguasha may, possibly, be seen from Moffatt's mill, but there are "everlasting hills" between the mill and any point near Charlo. If the alleged phantom ship had been represented by the Telephone as having zig-zagged like a corkscrew rocket heavenward to the milky way, we might believe that "every man in the mill" had seen it, but when the fiery vision simply ran to Charlo, we fail to understand the kind of sight the men were possessed of to enable them to look through the solid earth and rock composing the hills which intervened between them and any point on the Charlo side of the Baie Chaleur. When Serjeant Buzfuz asked Sam Weller if he had a pair of eyes? Sam said he had, and that was just it. But, he remarked, "If they was a pair o' patent double magnifyin' gas microscopes of hextra power, p'raps I might be able to see through a flight o' stairs and a deal door, but bein' only eyes, you see, my wision's limited." We assume that the men in Moffat's mill had "only eyes," and therefore remembering those intervening hills, we must disbelieve the Telephone's phantom ship story, this time.

A Modern Mill.

During the past two years, the well known three-gang steam saw mill owned by Senator Snowball, and situated at the eastern end of the town of Chatham has been undergoing extensive repairs and improvement, and we had heard so much of the automatic system introduced last winter for the purpose of moving the logs, lumber, refuse etc., that our reporter paid the establishment a visit one day last week for the purpose of seeing the changes that had been made. The big mill was always one of the best in Canada and, certainly, was in the front rank of those of the maritime provinces. During the winter of 1896-7 the gang-foundations were entirely removed, new ones put in and other improvements effected at a cost of many thousands of dollars. Last season it became necessary to discontinue the practice of burning the greater part of the surplus wood and bark refuse from the saws under the river bank south and east of the mill, and a refuse-burner was built by Messrs. Mooney during the winter in connection with the boiler-furnaces, so that the former danger and annoyance caused by the old method of consuming the mill refuse are done away with.

While the refuse-burner was being constructed, a complete automatic labor-saving system for handling logs, deals, edgings, laths, palings, fuel for the boilers, cut-wood and, in fact the different products of the mill, was installed, and at the present time the well known mill is one of the most perfect in the Dominion in all its departments.

No newspaper description can convey to the reader an adequate idea of the different mechanical devices which seem to make all the departments of the mill appear to work with almost human intelligence, but a brief account of what our reporter saw during his visit of a half hour, will demonstrate that the establishment is a very perfect one in its operations.—

There are a half dozen or more steam engines and, apparently, enough steam is made to run as many more, were they necessary. We will not describe these, however, for we are more interested in what they accomplish. Going to the east end of the mill, overlooking the boom, into which the rafts of logs are put by the steamers, of which Mr. Snowball has five—the St. George, St. Andrew, St. Nicholas, St. Isidore and St. Kilda—we saw logs coming up the slip and into the mill by way of a chute having an endless chain device which took them out of the water and brought them along up the incline, silently and steadily to rollers, by which they were brought on to the bed. They stopped in the right place and were promptly thrust off to sides of the bed by two discs, which suddenly rose up through transverse slots from below it. These discs are called "kickers", but they convey to one the idea that they "shoulder" rather than "kick" the log off to the sides of the bed. The same kickers send the logs right or left as desired by one man, who, in this case, was Mr. Michael Murray. He stood on a small platform, which had three levers protruding upwards through it, and we discovered that one of these levers controlled the logs ascending the chute leading from the pond to the mill, and that by moving it in the desired directions, a log could be either brought up or sent back to the pond; by moving another the log could be advanced on the bed, held stationary or sent back, and by moving the third the "kicker" would send the log to the right or left.

Each side of the bed is an inclined plane, and the logs lie in a tier on these, each log pressing by gravitation upon that below it and nearest the gang saw carriages. The lower log is stopped by an iron device called a loader and which is composed of two pieces of metal like two sides of a rectangle, into the hollow of which the lower log rests until it is needed on the gang-carriage when, by pressing a foot-lever, it is thrown upon it by an oscillating motion, either slowly or quickly as the operator wills.

This, briefly described, is the series of devices by which the logs are taken from the pond and placed upon the saw-carriages ready to go through the gangs and be cut into deals, boards, scantling or whatever is desired. The driving of "dogs" into the logs at the foot of the slip, the haul-up chain, running over or on the bed in the mill, the removal of the dogs by men in the mill, and the rolling of the log with handspikes and peevies from the bed to the saw-carriage are all superseded by the devices described. We were informed that the chain which runs at the bottom of the haul-up chute was made in Mr. Snowball's machine shop connected with the mill, and the steel bunkers and other parts of that gear by James Fleming of St. John. The log loader was made by the Watrous Engine Company of Brantford, Ont.

The logs, having gone through the gangs and edgers, the deals are carried on to the surveying table by live rollers, which are operated by a foot-lever at the will of the surveyor and, after being trimmed, the trimmer passes them out of the mill on live rollers, their movements being controlled by the trimmer in a way similar to that at the command of the surveyor. On leaving the mill they run automatically to a platform and are either sent thence by live runs which carry them to the extreme western side of the yard and thence across Water street to the piling ground south of it, or they are distributed, during the shipping season, down inclined runs, over rollers, to the ports of the vessels.

The edgings from the edgers and slabs from the gangs are carried on live runs to the west end of the mill where they come upon endless screw-rollers, which give them a side motion that drops them upon the slasher floor, where they are immediately caught by chain conveyors and carried across the mill through the slashing-saws. These are 4 or 5 in number, a little over four feet apart, and revolve on a common spindle. They cut the slabs and edgings into about 50 inch lengths as they pass through them and these pieces then drop into a level trough and are carried slowly along this at right angles to their former direction by an endless chain. As they pass, the pieces fit for lath and paling wood are sorted out, while the firewood is thrown into inclined chutes which drop it on to the intermediate floor, where it is carried between saws, which cut it into stove lengths. Then, it drops into a conveyor, which passes it out over the yard, where it drops into five vertical chutes which may be opened and closed at will, and from these it is discharged into the carts in which it is hauled for delivery about town and elsewhere. What passes these chutes goes over the end dump and is used to complete the loads.

The portions of the slabs and edgings suitable for laths, palings, or birch squares, being selected, are placed alongside of the several machines through which they are put.

The refuse from the gangs is thrown upon slasher tables where it is cut up by saws nine inches apart, and dropped into a conveyor which carries it to the top of the boilers to be used for fuel. The apertures through which the refuse drops upon the boilers can be opened and closed at will, so when there is enough fuel there the surplus is carried on to cars by which it is conveyed to the outside refuse burner.

The refuse from laths, palings, and birch squares is also thrown on a slasher table and is cut up and conveyed to the boilers in a manner similar to that from the gangs.

The lathe and palings, after being bundled, pass through trimming-saws four feet apart and fall on to a live roller run by which they are carried to the piling-ground.

The sawdust from the gangs, edgers, trimmers and other saws, is carried by chutes to conveyors which take it to the top of the boilers where it is used as fuel, together with the other refuse.

The different movements, which make up a labyrinth of automatic mechanical appliances, each having its particular work to do, can be thrown off separately, so that a mishap or defect in one does not necessarily affect any other.

The improvements in the mill were designed and carried out under Mr. Henry S. Lyman and the machine work under Mr. Wm. Mather.

It is not necessary to say anything of the enterprise which has prompted Mr. Snowball to make his mill the most perfect and modern in the maritime provinces, and the equal of any in the Dominion, for he is recognised as one of the most progressive men in the trade, and well deserves the foremost position he occupies in it.

Church of England Synod.

ST. STEPHEN, July 5.—The diocesan synod of the Church of England was opened at 2 o'clock p.m. to-day, His Lordship Bishop Kingdon presiding. A large attendance of clergymen was present and a much larger attendance of lay delegates than is usual at the opening meeting of synods. Amongst those present were Revds. Canon Forsyth, T. W. Street and P. G. Snow, Geo. Burchill, Esq. and Major Maltby.

The first regular business was the reading of His Lordship's address. Then reports were presented and read from the board of home missions, Sunday school committee, synod executive committee, religious instruction, and several other committees.

The evening session was taken up with reading of reports from the different parishes.

The clergymen and lay delegates are loud in their praise of the hearty and cordial reception accorded them by the people of St. Stephen, and are highly pleased with the beautiful scenery and thrifty appearance of the town and its inhabitants.

JULY 6TH.—The Synod assembled for business at 10.30 a.m.

Mr. Geo. Schofield of St. John and Archdeacon Neales of Woodstock moved the suspension of the rules of order so that a motion might be made about the next meeting place of the Synod.

The Rev. Canon Forsyth and Mr. Geo. Burchill brought in a motion that the Synod should be held next year in Chatham, on the first Tuesday of July,

This motion gave rise to a heated discussion and Mr. Peters and Judge Hanington moved an amendment to the effect that the date might be omitted.

Mr. Justice Hanington spoke for some time on this matter, and said that he considered the first week in July to be the most favorable date for the delegates from country districts.

Mr. A. H. Hannington then rose to question the statements of the preceding speaker. He said that he did not notice many country delegates present, at least from among the farming class. He did not believe that the date in question was the best and most suitable.

An amendment to the amendment was then moved by Mr. Fairweather, of St. John and Rev. Mr. Dewdney. The mover thought that the Synod should be held in either Fredericton or St. John, and made his amendment with that end in view. He spoke of the discomfort caused at the present Synod by insufficient hotel room for the delegates. He thought that St. John or Fredericton would not be found wanting in this respect.

Mr. Dewdney, in seconding this amendment, stated that it was unfair to delegates to make them travel so far and put them to so much expense.

C. N. Vroom, also of St. Stephen, spoke strongly against the amendment, and the Rev. J. M. Davenport of St. John supported the views of the Rev. Canon Forsyth.

Rev. Cecil Wiggins and Mr. George Fairweather of St. John, also spoke on the question.

On being put to a vote both amendments were lost, and the original motion was carried unanimously.

The Synod elected the following delegates to the provincial synod, which meets in Montreal in September:—

Clergy—Dean Partridge, Archdeacons Brigstocke and Neales, Canon Roberts and Father Davenport, O. S. Newnham, Canon Forsyth, H. Montgomery, T. B. Hooper, Scovil Neales, J. Roy Campbell, A. G. H. Dicker; substitutes, A. D. Dewdney, C. P. Hannington, C. Wiggins, H. E. Dibblee, A. W. Smithers, R. P. McKim.

Lay delegates.—G. A. Schofield, C. N. Vroom, Judge Hanington, J. Roy Campbell, T. Barclay Robinson, A. C. Fairweather, H. L. Sturdee, E. A. Simonds, George Burchill, Hurd Peters, Henry Wilmot. Substitutes,—Dr. Deacon, W. B. Wallace, H. S. Wright, C. E. L. Jarvis, A. H. Hanington, W. E. Smith.

The balance of the afternoon was taken up in receiving the clerical reports from parishes and missions, reports of the auditor, treasurer, and considering business matters generally.

The evening session was devoted to a discussion of W. B. Wallace's resolution to have the reports of standing committees printed before the meeting of the synod. The matter was finally referred to a select committee to report to the next synod. The recommendations of the Sunday school committee were, on motion of Rev. Mr. Montgomery, considered at some length.

The standing committee on Sunday schools, Rev. H. Montgomery chairman and Rev. E. B. Hooper secretary, submitted a report recommending the organization of a Sunday School Teachers' Association for the Diocese.

July 7.—Work was resumed this morning at 10 o'clock. After the roll had been called the minutes of the last meeting were read, discussed and approved. His Lordship the Bishop then read to the Synod a telegram from the Rev. H. Parlee, conveying the intelligence that his church at Westfield has been burned.

The different committees were then appointed. These committees included the Board of Management, of Dominion and Foreign Missions, the Governors of Kings College, the Trustees of Girls' School, Windsor, the Committee for Interesting Sunday Schools in Missions.

The order of business was suspended in order to allow a resolution of sympathy with the Parish of Westfield to be passed.

Judge Hannington gave notice of a motion to appropriate $55 from the special fund for the prizes at the Church School at Windsor.

The remainder of the morning was occupied in discussing the report of the Board of Home Missions, the question of Sunday School mission work receiving much attention. Eloquent speeches on this subject were delivered by the Rev. Archdeacon Neales, Rev. Archdeacon Brigstocke, Mr. A. H. Hanington and others. It seemed to be generally the sentiment of the Synod that more work must be done among the children, and that their ideas of mission work must be broadened.

The bishop, speaking on this report, thanked the clergy for their full reports on the condition of their parishes and requested more care in returning statistics to the Secretary.

The report was finally adopted.

At the afternoon session, the following resolution, offered by C. N. Vroom, was unanimously adopted:—

"That in view of the proposed plebiscite at an early date of the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, this synod urge on the churchmen of the diocese the importance of prayerful consideration and action in the matter that the result of the ballot may make strongly for the welfare of mankind and the glory of God."

A vote of thanks was passed to Rev. O. S. Newnham and the St. Stephen parishes for hospitality extended; to the railroads and the steamboat lines for favors granted, and to the press for the attention paid to the synod meetings.

Having finished the business of the synod sooner than expected, adjournment took place at 3 o'clock, to meet next year at Chatham.

This evening a largely attended public meeting was held in the school room of Trinity church in the interests of domestic and foreign missions. His Lordship presided and addresses were delivered by Archdeacon Brigstocke, Rev. R. P. McKim, H. L. Ketchum and A. H. Hannington. After the synod adjourned the board of home missions and the executive committee met and organized for the appointment of the various sub-committees.

The following are on regular committees of the synod:—

Standing committee of Synod, Rev Canon Forsyth.

Domestic and foreign Mission, Rev Canon Forsyth,

Memorials on Deceased Members committee, Rev T W Street, Bathurst.

Board of Discipline committee, E Lee Street.

Board of Home Missions, Rev P G Snow, E Lee Street, Hon J P Burchill.

Board of Church Literature, Rev Canon Forsyth.

Delegates to the Provincial Synod which meets in Montreal in September, Rev Canon Forsyth and George Burchill.

Northumberland Co. S. S. Association.

The eleventh session of the above association was held at Newcastle Thursday and Friday, July 7 and 8. The attendance was large from the beginning; seventy-four teachers and superintendents registered.

Thursday 2.30 p.m. the first session opened with devotional exercises by Rev. Wm. Aitken, after which he gave the delegates an address of welcome which was very highly appreciated. The president's address was read, he being unable to attend. After the appointing of the several committees the parish reports were next in order. The following were reported: Blackville, James Dale; North Esk, Miss H. Deyarmond; Newcastle, S. McLeod; Chatham, Miss Y. Wright; Glenelg, Miss McNaughton; Alnwick, Miss Shirreff, Nelson, Derby and Blissfield did not report. Some of the workers of the above reported parishes gave some idea of the work that was being carried on. On the whole they were of an encouraging nature. Miss Lucas gave a thirty minute address on the primary work.

At the second session the devotional exercises were led by the Rev. L. C. Baker.

The primary department was the first. This was fully explained by Miss Lucas stating what such a department should be in such a school. The home department was next. This was fully set forth by Dr. A. L. Brown, who was until recently that departments's president. The necessity of work on this line was plainly set forth. The grading of the modern school was clearly set before the teachers by a diagram on the board and fully explained by E. R. Machum. The hour being late, the fourth item was left over till the morning session, viz., the normal work. Meeting closed by singing, and benediction by Rev. T. G. Johnstone.

The third session was opened by Bible reading by the county secretary, showing the seven positions of Christ to us.

After the minutes, the county secretary's report was read, showing advancement in the work. In some parishes the work has taken great strides. The report dwelt on one or two needs of the work. One encouraging feature was that the county had been fortunate in having at work at present Miss Shirreff, an efficient worker. There are 49 schools, 2,499 scholars and an average attendance of 1,844. These figures are ahead of last year.

After the report, Miss Sheriff gave the normal work of a modern school by symbols, showing clearly the object to be attained by a normal training. It showed that a teacher to teach nowadays had to have an knowledge of the Bible lesson, and from a training in this work the teacher can work and teach to better advantage. The advisability of having the younger scholars take these lessons was urged, thus preparing them for work and from year to year graduating. This address was of great importance to the work. Too much cannot be said on this work department.

A conference on a Lesson Preparation by Miss Shirreff, who gave points by which a teacher may prepare, also five positions a teacher should hold: 1, A Christian; 2, an active church member: 3, a normal student; 4, a model of patience; 5, a zealous worker.

This session the nominating committee's report was adopted.

The officers elected are as follows: S. McLoon, president; D. P. McLachlan, secretary-treasurer; T. A. Clark, recording secretary; Miss M. Mowatt, A. McLeod and M. H. Clark, the executive committee; Miss H. McLeod, supt. home department; Rev. G. M. Young, supt. normal department; Miss A. McLeod, supt. primary department. Vice Presidents: Ludlow, Mr J Fairley, sr; Blissfield, M A Kelly; Blackville, J H Dale; Northesk, Miss A Forsyth; Southesk, Mr B Hubbard; Newcastle, N A Clark; Chatham, Miss V Wright; Glenelg, Miss B McNaughton; Alnwick, Mrs W McKnight; Derby, Mr N Tweedie; Hardwick, Miss E Noble; The president was escorted to the chair and made a few remarks.

At the fourth session Rev. D. Henderson, the popular pastor of St. Andrew's Chatham, and an energetic worker, opened the session by prayer and praise. This was a lively session indeed, and the teachers were not backward in taking part. Many points were brought out and many made plain and explained by Miss Lucas, E. R. Machum and Rev. G. M. Young. This was the redeeming half hour. The class (as usual) of mischievous boys came in for a good share of discussion.

Rev. G M Young, gave an address on "The value of a good superintendent in the schools" which was attentively listened to. Miss Shirreff gave quite a few suggestions asking all to take a note of them.

The fifth session was held in the Methodist church, the others being in St. James hall. It was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. J. A. Clark, after which E. R. Machum gave a twenty-five minute address on Provincial Work. What It has Done, What It is Doing, and What It will Do. The figures of the advance in numbers of this work were given on the board and surprised many.

	Schools	*Teachers*	*Scholars*
1884,	569	1,726	16,176
1897,	1,177	7,410	48,910

Average attendance, 1884—11,814
" " 1897—31,473
Moneys collected, 1884—$6,222 72
" 1897—17,522 22

The Resolution committee submitted the following:—

That the Northumberland County Convention now in session record its feelings of deep sorrow and regret in the recent death of our dear fellow worker, Dr McKay, and as individual workers

That we express our appreciation of his ever loving and heartfelt sympathy in the work, finding him at all times ready and willing by his counsel and guidance to help and encourage others in the work."

This report was adopted by a standing vote.

Mr A. Burr sang a solo.

J. A. Nichols, the temperance orator from Montreal, had kindly consented to take the item on this session's programme that was set down to the late Dr. McKay, he being so anxious at the meeting of the executive to have that delegated to him by the resolution committee.

The credential committee reported workers present at the convention: 1 field worker, 17 superintendents, 56 teachers.

God Be With You being sung, this interesting convention closed by benediction by Rev. T. G. Johnstone. Miss Lucas was untiring in her efforts, and we are deeply indebted to her for her help. She is such an addition to our provincial work it is to be hoped that the provincial association may see their way clear to have her in the work all the time. It may well be said she has the work well in hand.

War Despatches.

NEGLECT OF AMERICAN WOUNDED.

Gen. Shafter's headquarters, before Santiago, July 8, by the Herald's Despatch Boat Golden Rod to Port Antonio, Jam., July 9—Shocking conditions prevail in the general hospital at these headquarters. American soldiers wounded in the operations against Santiago are being left for hours exposed in the sun and rain, while many Cubans, injured in aimless straggling over the field of battle, are well provided for.

There is no shelter for scores of our own soldiers, but every member of Gen. Shafter's staff is provided with an individual tent, in which they may be seen resting in comfort by the neglected sufferers.

If the actual condition of hundreds of our wounded troops could be realized at home it would cause a thrill of indignation to run through the nation. The general army hospital here is in a miserable condition. There are only a few tents for the accommodation of the wounded, and the two large ones now available for the sufferers are filled with injured Cubans. Nearly all of these men were hurt while engaged in aimless wandering about the field during the fighting on Friday and Saturday.

While the Cuban troops are thus being well cared for, our own troops are crowded into the smaller tents. But even this is true only of the more fortunate of the American sufferers. Many lie entirely unsheltered from the sun and the showers, which fall daily in this region. I am appalled at the number of our wounded soldiers who are being subjected to a scorching sun bath during part of the day, and then to a severe drenching in the rain during other hours.

LIGHTERS SWAMPED AND LOST.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 9.—The war department have been advised that in a severe storm off the coast of Cuba eleven lighters en route to Santiago in tow of tugs, were swamped and lost. So far as known no lives were lost. The lighters were from Mobile, New Orleans and Charlestown, and were intended for the use of General Shafter in transferring supplies and ordnance from the transports to shore. Their use was essential to the prompt forwarding of all military necessaries to the front before Santiago. The war department upon receipt of this information immediately put in operation efforts to replace the lost lighters at once.

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EDITOR ADVANCE:—Crops are very promising, especially hay. Grain is looking exceedingly well and all kinds of garden stuff as well.

We have abundance of rain; forest fires are an impossibility. People are exercising more care in saving the growing forests. In many places in the woods printed notices are found posted on trees,