

REV. DR. FALCONER UNANIMOUS CHOICE FOR MODERATOR OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Rev. Dr. Somerville, of Owen Sound, Withdraws in Favor of Easterner—Retiring Moderator, Dr. Armstrong, Discusses Home Life and Religion in Schools.

With the great majority of the 400 delegates in attendance, and almost as many Londoners present as interested spectators, the 22nd annual session of the General Assembly of the Canadian Presbyterian Church was opened at 8 o'clock last evening in the First Church, corner of Park and Dufferin avenues.

The opening proceedings were simple, but none the less impressive, consisting as they did of the singing of the Doxology, a prayer by the retiring moderator, Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of Ottawa, asking for divine guidance for the assembly in its deliberations of the coming week, and the reading of a passage of Scripture.

The gathering was thoroughly representative of the church in Canada. Every presbytery from coast to coast is believed to have its delegate or delegates present to assist in the important work before the assembly. Clergy and laymen alike were there—veterans in the church work, some of 50 years' standing, who have seen Presbyterianism advance steadily from a comparatively small position until it has reached its present large and influential proportions. There were also the younger generation of clergy and lay workers, in addition to the missionaries from the home and foreign field, and the men who are guiding the work at the several Presbyterian colleges throughout the Dominion. Such a religious gathering has not been witnessed in London in many years.

The Election of Moderator.
The event at the opening session of the assembly which always creates the keenest interest among the delegates is the election of a moderator. Dr. Armstrong, one of the pioneer preachers of Ottawa, held the position during the past year with credit to himself and satisfaction to the assembly. Those most prominently mentioned as his successor, for some time past, were Rev. Dr. Falconer, of Picton, N. S., one of the foremost ministers of the church in the Maritime Provinces, and Rev. Dr. Somerville, of Owen Sound, who is also recognized for his ability and as being thoroughly fitted for the office of moderator.

In retiring, Dr. Armstrong said he had attempted to discharge his duties always bearing in mind the welfare of the church, and he felt that in his work he had the good will and confidence of the members. He referred to the death during the past year of church, and a number of others, the list being longer than usual, and he closed "this little modest work," as he expressed it, with "a modest little suggestion"—that the assembly should relieve the new moderator from his pastoral work that he may have a little freedom and be enabled to go about more in the discharge of his duties.

A Plea for the East.
Nominations for the office of moderator were then called for, and the name of Rev. Dr. Falconer, of Picton, N. S., was submitted by Rev. Dr. Scott, editor of the "Presbyterian," of Montreal. Dr. Scott spoke of Dr. Falconer as one who was eminently fitted for the position. He said also that seven years had elapsed since the moderatorship was given to the eastern section of the church, and he thought it would be well to pass it by for another year, especially as for a considerable period after the union of the churches in 1875, a moderator was chosen from the east about once in four years. Dr. Scott said he believed Dr. Falconer is the only living member in Canada today who was present when the union was effected.

The nomination of Dr. Falconer was seconded by Principal Forest, of Dalhousie University, Halifax.

Dr. Somerville Nominated.
Rev. Dr. J. B. Fraser, of Annam, in the Presbytery of Owen Sound, nominated Rev. Dr. Somerville, of Owen Sound. In doing so he took Rev. Dr. Scott to task for bringing in the question of east vs. west in connection with the moderatorship. He thought the assembly had heard the last of it. Dr. Fraser spoke of the splendid work done by Dr. Somerville in behalf of the church, he having for years been secretary of the home mission and augmentation committees.

Dr. Merchant, of this city, seconded the nomination of Dr. Somerville, to whose good work for the church Dr. Merchant made a fitting reference.

Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Toronto, did not have a nomination to offer, but he reminded the assembly that the election of a moderator should be characterized by the same dignity that prevails in the church courts in Scotland on similar occasions. He did not like "the pitching of the names of candidates" in the papers before the election.

"Now," said Dr. Milligan, in an introduction of the retiring moderator's sermon tonight, let us put Dr. Falconer in. Remember, he has given two boys to the church. Let us be generous. I am sorry Brother Fraser did not consult me before he nominated Dr. Somerville. Had he done so, I do not think he would have made the nomination." This remark created some amusement.

Choice Made Unanimous.
Rev. Dr. Somerville, however, asked that he should be allowed to withdraw his name—not because of the remarks of Dr. Milligan. He felt he had the goodwill of the brethren, but it was his desire to move that the nomination of Dr. Falconer be made unanimous. Dr. Somerville's mover and seconder agreed to withdraw, and Dr. Falconer was

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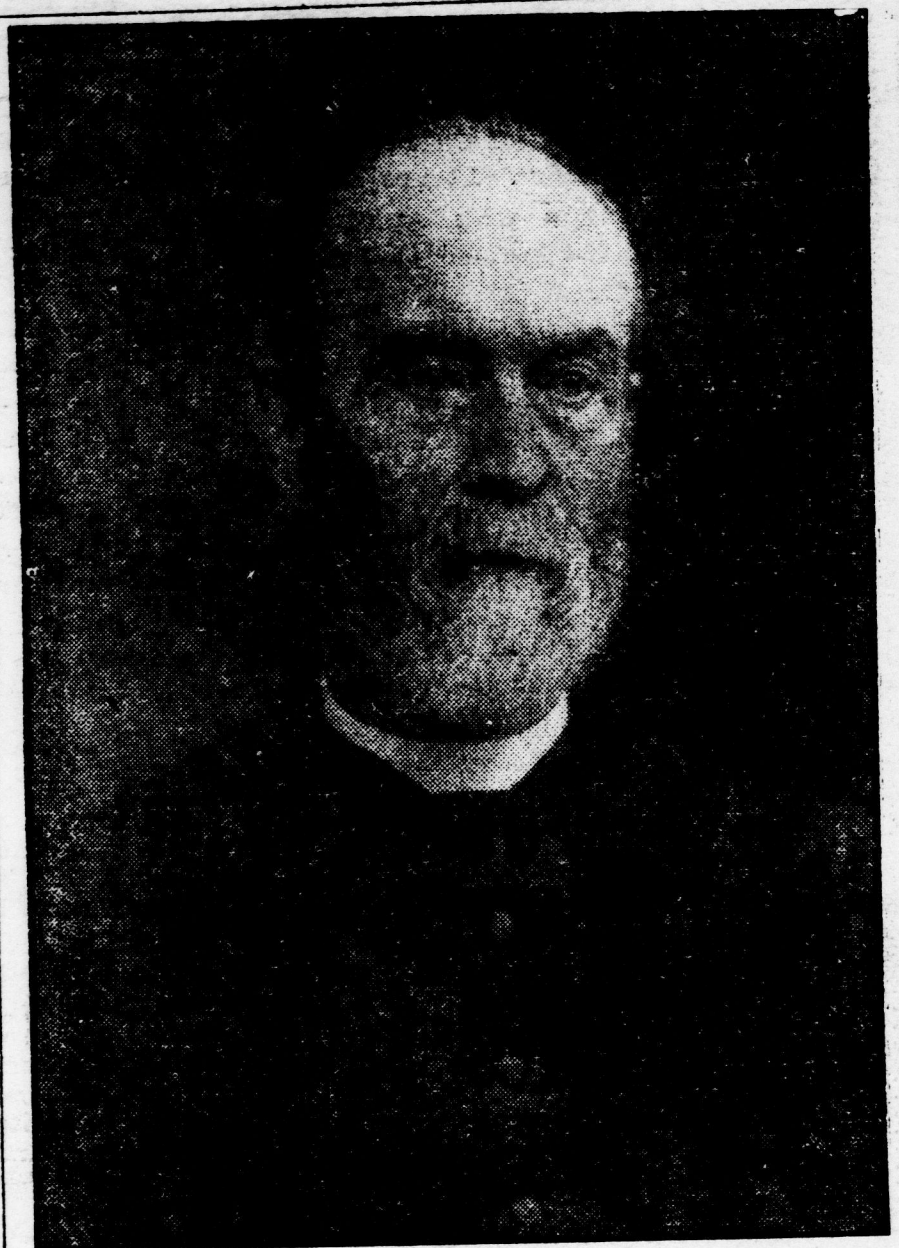


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REV. DR. FALCONER, MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WITH BROAD SMILE, ALL WILL SOON ADMITTED PERJURY USE RIVER WATER

Wm. Tazzman, Mentally Weak,
Acknowledged Serious Crime
in the Police Court.

In a very unconcerned manner, William Tazzman stood up behind the bars at the police court this morning, and with a smile pleaded guilty to the charge of perjury, which was laid against him by James Fox.

Some time ago Fox and another man were tried before Squire Chittick on a charge of breaking into and stealing from Mrs. Young's hotel at Crumlin. Tazzman swore that he had seen both men break in and steal from the hotel, but this was proven to be entirely untrue. Fox, the accused, therefore laid a charge of perjury against Tazzman, who appeared for trial today.

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Tazzman was thereupon discharged. John Robertson hails from England. Last night he and James McIntyre had been spending their coin, and in the course of events became considerably intoxicated, and were wearily wending their way homeward, when they halted on one of the busiest corners in the city. When requested to move by P. C. Robertson, they were not ready to go, and Robertson went on to "go to pieces." P. C. Black went on to "go to pieces," but the next time he came to the corner they were still there. He told them a second time to move. This time the love of freedom arose within Robertson, and he addressed the P. C. in the following words: "You Canadian policemen think that you run this town, don't you?" Black decided that he might as well have the game as the name, and so Robertson was run in. It cost him \$5 to run out this morning, and was discharged.

A drunk was ordered to spend a week at Carter's castle to recover his health after a severe attack of alcoholism.

KILLED BY ZULUS.
Morrisburg, Ont., June 7.—Word has been received here from the Secretary of State, through the high commissioner in London, announcing the death of J. Lorne Bouck, son of R. M. Bouck, of this town. He was killed in an encounter at Nkandha, Zululand. Bouck served in the Boer war, and was given a hearty reception on his return home in November, 1900. Shortly afterward he went to South Africa again, and was in service with the Royston Horse Constabulary.

MR. THOMAS M'CORMICK DIES ON WAY HOME FROM CALIFORNIA

The Well-Known Manufacturer
Passes Away Unexpectedly
This Morning.

Mr. Thomas M'Cormick, one of London's most prominent citizens and business men, died on his way home to this city early this morning.

At the beginning of the year, Mr. M'Cormick, whose health had not been of the best for some time, left on the advice of his physician, to spend the winter in California. He visited his son-in-law, Mr. J. R. Pollock, in Ontario, Cal., where he resided until a few days ago. Last week he suffered a severe spell of weakness, and he determined to come home. Monday night he left Ontario, accompanied by his

nurse. The next the family heard of him was this morning when Mr. George McCormick received a telegram saying that his father had died a short time after the other side of Kansas City, that the body had been taken off at that place to be embalmed. The remains will probably arrive here on Friday. Mr. Thomas P. McCormick, a son, left this morning to bring the remains home.

The late Thomas M'Cormick had lived almost his entire life in the city of London, and was well known in civic and business life, and in all charitable works.

He was born in Dungannon, County Tyrone, Ireland, on July 1, 1830. When 18 years of age he emigrated to America. He landed in the United States and settled in Buffalo. For a time he

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GOT PRICES FROM GOV'T'S FRIENDS

Witness at Arctic Inquiry Says
That Is Rule With All
Administrations.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, June 7.—Edward Adams, chairman of the steamboat inspection service, concluded his evidence when the Arctic investigation committee opened this morning, after which J. U. Gregory, agent of the marine department at Quebec, was called. He said he had been in the Government service for 42 years, and had had much to do with certifying to prices and keeping track of prices generally. He said his practice was to obtain prices from friends of the administration.

He said he had once bought from a Liberal when the Conservatives were in power, and he soon heard from the Government about it.

"You have had a good training," "I have had training under Sir Hector Langevin. I could not keep my situation for 40 years if I had not known how to swim."

Mr. Gregory went on to say that he had not purchased anything for the Arctic expedition that he had not had specific orders to carry out. Questioned by Mr. Carvell the witness said that the cigars cost about 5 cents all round. He considered the cigar and tobacco supply as small, and as for liquor there were necessary on a northern trip, and the very best should have been supplied in case of sickness.

91 AT THE WINDY CITY; HEAT KILLS SEVERAL

Chicago Has Warmest Day of the Year
—Hot at Kansas City.

Chicago, June 7.—Yesterday was the warmest day of the year thus far in Chicago, the temperature rising to 91 degrees at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the United States observatory.

The highest temperature recorded here was 88 degrees.

ALFONSO'S NEW TROUBLE
Premier Moret and the Spanish Cabinet Hand in Resignation

Madrid, June 7.—Premier Moret today presented to the King the resignation of the entire cabinet.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARM.

Sun rises, 4:36 a.m. Moon sets, 5:51 p.m.
Sun sets, 7:56 p.m. Moon rises, 5:33 a.m.

An important disturbance is centered in Northern Dakota, causing heavy rains and thunderstorms over Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Elsewhere in Canada, with the exception of some local showers, the weather has been for the most part fine.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver, 46-54; Kamloops, 50-60; Edmonton, 40-58; Calgary, 44-58; Qu'Appelle, 54-64; Winnipeg, 56-78; Parry Sound, 62-74; Toronto, 60-82; Ottawa, 60-68; Montreal, 56-70; Quebec, 48-64; St. John, 50-62; Halifax, 50-58.

DEAD MAN COMES TO LIFE
Regains Consciousness Just as Undertaker Gets Busy.

Lapeer, Mich., June 7.—"Here, what is all this about?" asked Patrick Gleason, as he watched an undertaker busily engaged in preparations to lay him out. Pat drank carbolic acid on Monday, and yesterday was pronounced dead by a physician. The authorities of the church were consulted as to the mode of burial, and the undertaker was preparing to embalm him when he woke up. An order was made today committing him to an asylum, but his nephew arrived from Brown City and says he will take him to his home and look after him. Gleason is well-to-do. He has been drugged for some time.

ROJESTVENSKY CALLED COWARD

With Officers Will Be Tried
for Surrendering to Japs—
Penalty Is Death.

St. Petersburg, June 7.—The naval court of inquiry has presented an indictment against Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, who commanded the Russian fleet at the battle of the Sea of Japan, and the officers of the torpedo-boat destroyer Bedovi, for surrendering to the enemy after the battle. The indictment is a crushing arraignment of the demoralization and cowardice of the officers, contrasting their conduct with that of the officers of the torpedo-boat Grozny, which in practically the same position as the Bedovi, engaged and sank a Japanese torpedo-boat. The trial of the indicted officers has been fixed for July 4. The penalty is death.

NEW CUSTOMS CASHIER IS WALTER BARTLETT

Popular Londoner Named to Succeed
the Late John Stephenson.

Mr. Walter Bartlett has been appointed to succeed the late Mr. John Stephenson as cashier in the customs department at London. He will begin his duties at once.

The appointment is a popular one. Mr. Bartlett is well known to all Londoners. He was born in London and has lived here all his life.

In early life he was a tailor by occupation, but for many years has been engaged in business, the firm name now being Bartlett & Ellis.

In all legitimate sports Mr. Bartlett has been a familiar figure and in old boys' reunions he has been one of the moving spirits.

It is understood his salary to commence will be \$1,000 a year.

AUSTRALIANS TO WAR ON ALL MONOPOLIES

And Negotiate for New Preference
Treaties Within Empire.

Melbourne, Australia, June 7.—Lord Northcote, the Governor-general of Australia, in his speech at the opening of the Federal Parliament today, announced the immediate submission of a bill for the "Preservation of the Australian Industries, and the repression of destructive monopolies."

The Governor-General also stated that the negotiations of the Australian Government for new preferential trade treaties with South Africa, New Zealand, and other parts of the Empire were far advanced.

FOUND DEAD.

Belleville, Ont., June 6.—Samuel Gillett, a farmer was returning home last evening when in some manner he was thrown from his rig. When found he was dead, his neck being broken. Gillett is believed to have been intoxicated by years of age and leaves a widow and grownup family.

SUING STREET RAILWAY

Chas. Barakat Asks Damages for Injuries
Received in Accident.

Notice of an action for damages was today served on the London Street Railway Company on behalf of Charles Barakat, of Fullarton street.

Barakat is the young man who was injured by a trolley which left the rails on Richmond street, near the custom house, on Saturday evening last. He sustained a fracture of the arm and was severely bruised.

Unstated damages are claimed. Mr. John Faulds is acting for Barakat.

A rig containing two young men and two ladies was upset on Briscoe street, South London, the other evening. The rig was badly damaged and the occupants were severely shaken up. The accident is alleged to have been due to the construction work of the street railway company, the claim being made that sufficient lights were not placed to warn persons driving of the dangerous state of the roadway. A suit for damages is threatened.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SEEN FROM THE GALLERY

The Rev. W. D. Armstrong, D.D., Ph.D., pastor of St. Paul's Church, Ottawa, the retiring moderator, who preached the opening sermon last night, is a big man both physically and intellectually. He is besides a handsome man, his preaching is strong and "solid" rather than showy. He is a distinguished graduate and medalist of Toronto University; has been in his present charge over 32 years, and is not only an able preacher and pastor, but distasteful to ecclesiastical law, and was not elected as the new moderator, and has been in his present charge since 1866. He is the author of essays and reviews in various magazines. Dr. Campbell is a great botanist, a prominent member of the Natural History Society of Montreal, and makes frequent excursions to the Mountain scenes about the metropolis, in pursuit of his favorite pastime. He is one of the best versed ministers in ecclesiastical law in the church. As clerk he is precise, accurate and always courteous and obliging to all, especially to newspaper men. In private he is a lively and delightful conversationalist and companion. Mrs. Campbell is a sister of the late reverend and beloved Dr. J. Macdonnell, of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto.

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One of the most striking figures of the assembly is the senior clerk, Dr. Robert Campbell, of St. Gabriel Church, Montreal. He is a Canadian born, was the first medalist of Queen's College, Kingston, was ordained in 1862, the same year as the new moderator, and has been in his present charge since 1866. He is the author of essays and reviews in various magazines. Dr. Campbell is a great botanist, a prominent member of the Natural History Society of Montreal, and makes frequent excursions to the Mountain scenes about the metropolis, in pursuit of his favorite pastime. He is one of the best versed ministers in ecclesiastical law in the church. As clerk he is precise, accurate and always courteous and obliging to all, especially to newspaper men. In private he is a lively and delightful conversationalist and companion. Mrs. Campbell is a sister of the late reverend and beloved Dr. J. Macdonnell, of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto.

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One very notable thing about this great assembly is that every committee and board has a report of being out of debt and of more generous support than ever before, except one. The exception is the aged and infirm ministers fund, the most worthy scheme of all. But even this fund received more generous support than last year. The deficit of \$4,000 arises on account of the amalgamation of the eastern and western funds and a consequent heavier draft than before.

A very interesting fact in connection with the present Presbyterian gathering is that Dr. Falconer, the moderator, and the venerable Archdeacon Richardson, of St. John's Episcopal Church, London Township, were ordained about the same time. The archdeacon was ordained in 1844, and the moderator was ordained in 1845. In their early days co-operated in many good works in Dartmouth and Halifax.

The appointment of a general agent and treasurer for the western part of the church as successor to the late Dr. Warden is one of the most important matters to come before the General Assembly. Mr. Alex. Warden, a son of the late agent and treasurer, has been acting since his father's death. It is admitted on all hands that Mr. Warden has done the internal work of the office most carefully and efficiently. As Mr. Warden had done this work for many years under a late father, he may be supposed to be thoroughly conversant with it. There are some in the church and assembly who seem to be in favor of leaving matters as they are, appointing Mr. Warden treasurer, and not appointing any general agent.

This, however, many of the most influential commissioners feel would be a profound mistake. They say Dr. Warden found the work very heavy and that while Mr. Alex. Warden would be continued in his present position, one of the sanest and strongest men of the church should be placed at the head of this great work. It seems, looking at the whole situation, that this can be done at practically the same expense as the work was carried on at under Dr. Warden's management. The names we have heard mentioned are Rev. Dr. Wallace, of Bloor Street Church, Toronto; Rev. J. W. McMillan, of Winnipeg, and Dr. John Somerville, of Owen Sound. If the assembly decides in this direction, Dr. Somerville, who was so long and closely associated with Dr. Warden in connection with the home mission and augmentation work, there certainly seems to be no man in the church better fitted for the position.

Both began their schooling at the Queen's Royal College, Trinidad. The Queen secured a Government scholarship of \$750 a year for three years, and the Glenchrist scholarship for the West Indies. Their arts course was taken in Edinburgh, and their theology partly at Halifax and partly at the new college, Edinburgh, with a post-graduate course in Germany. Robert A. was appointed lecturer in New Testament exegesis in the Presbyterian College, Halifax. He became professor in 1895, and principal of the college in 1904, a remarkable achievement for one of his years.

The second son, James W., was ordained in Newport, in 1893, and after serving at Truro, went to Fort Massey Church, Halifax, where he is now stationed. He is a preacher of the first rank.

At this assembly the Presbytery of London, which sends all its commissioners by rotation, is represented by Rev. Messrs. Lindsay, Clark, Currie,

Mr. Terry L. King, freight agent of Central Vermont Railway at St. Albans, formerly of this city, will go to Costa Rica with Mr. W. E. Mullins, as secretary. Mr. Mullins, who is also a former Londoner, having been appointed general manager of the Costa Rica line.

Mr. King, accompanied by Mrs. King, is now visiting at his old home here.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.
June 6. Reported at. From.

Kaiser Wilhelm New York.....Bremen
Grosvenor New York.....Genoa
Citta di Genova New York.....Genoa
Barbarossa New York.....Genoa
Parisian Boston.....Boston
Teutonic Queenstown.....New York
Nordland Queenstown.....New York
Saxonia Queenstown.....New York
Sicilian Naples.....New York
Berlin Manchester.....Montreal
Deutschland Plymouth.....New York
La Provence Havre.....Bristol
Turcoman Father Point.....Bristol
Marina Father Point.....Bristol
Lake Manitoba Cape Race.....Liverpool
Manchester

Traders: Fame Point.....Manchester
Monmouth.....Avonmouth.....Montreal
Numidian.....Falmouth.....Glasgow

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REV. DR. CAMPBELL,
Clerk of the General Assembly and
Pastor of St. Gabriel's Church,
Montreal.

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