

ST. COLUMBIA GUILD.

New Society Organised as a Result of the Presbyterian Convention.

Rev. A. S. Morton, of Fairville the First Presbyterian Church, presiding.

The opening session of the convention of Sabbath schools and Young People's societies in the presbytery of St. John's...

The subject of an ideal Sabbath school library was then discussed. Rev. F. Fotheringham opened the debate and gave many interesting statements...

Much credit is reflected on the joint conveners of the convention, Rev. A. S. Morton, B. D. Fairville, and Rev. F. W. Murray, Milton, N. B., and other helpers for the splendid organization and excellent arrangements prepared for the various sessions.

There was a large attendance Wednesday afternoon when the types of Young People's societies were considered. The first paper by A. Gordon Leavitt on St. Stephen's church guild presented in a clear and concise manner the work done by the different departments of the guild...

The outcome of the convention is the organization of a society to be called 'The St. Columbia Guild of the Presbytery of St. John's' and last evening in the closing session, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year...

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THE DREYFUS CASE.

The Condemned Man Continues in Fairly Good Spirits.

His Majesty Receiving Numerous Telegrams and Letters Asking Her to Plead With President Loubet for Dreyfus's Pardon.

RENNES, Sept. 15.—Captain Dreyfus continues in good spirits and his health is fairly satisfactory, although the intestinal trouble still clings to him. Dreyfus visited his husband and children and came away looking cheerful. He spent about an hour with him. Maitre Labor's assistant sees him twice a day.

Most of his waking hours are passed in reading correspondence, and the Paris literary review, in which the same discipline as prior to the trial, and is allowed exercise daily in the prison yard. A canvas screen is hung across the courtyard to prevent his being seen from the windows of the houses adjacent, and to prevent photographers getting snapshots of him.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—Alluding to the foreign comment on the verdict of the Rennes court martial, the Temps says: 'The inveterate enemies of France who are exploiting the Dreyfus affair, who in the past have made as much capital out of acquittal as out of condemnation. Their hate will not change, but they will always have so many listeners, for simple people do not hate France, but sincerely believe her dishonored.'

DEATH OF JOHN DOULL.

President of the Bank of Nova Scotia, and One of Halifax's Leading Citizens.

HALIFAX, Sept. 14.—The death of John Doull occurred this forenoon. Mr. Doull was 77 years of age, had been in poor health for some time. Few in this community were better known than he. Coming to Halifax from Freetown some thirty years ago, Mr. Doull engaged himself with the dry goods firm of William and Charles Murdoch, and in that establishment served a number of years. Murdoch & Co. did the largest business in dry goods of any firm in the city, and William Murdoch was a man of uncommon commercial ability.

Mr. Doull soon commenced working for himself, and in partnership with Mr. Miller, under the firm name of Doull & Miller, did a large and profitable business in the dry goods line.

Mr. Doull was president of the Bank of Nova Scotia and was an active director of the Point Pleasant park. Mrs. Doull died some years ago. There are four sons, William, Frank, Alex. and Walter.

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