

rator of the Kirk Session of New London North.

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St. John's Newfoundland.

The Rev. Neil Forsythe, of the Irish Presbyterian Church, has arrived at St. John's, Newfoundland, having accepted a call to become colleague and successor of the Rev. M. Harvey, of Free St. Andrew's Church, in that city. Mr. Forsythe has entered on his new sphere of labour with much acceptance, and every prospect of usefulness, his high standing as a student and a minister are proved by the most satisfactory testimonials. We congratulate the congregation on having secured the services of one so well qualified to fill such an important post, and to aid their present pastor, whose incessant labours for upwards of twenty-two years, have affected his health to such an extent as to render a colleague desirable.

Rev. Mr. Patterson from Scotland is to be settled in the other Presbyterian Congregation in St. John's, in connection with the Synod of the Maritime Provinces.

So soon as the Union is consummated, it is probable that a Presbytery will be formed in Newfoundland. This step will be very important, and will doubtless inaugurate a new era of missionary effort, as the Presbyterian Body has not hitherto done much to cultivate this large field, and has not been in a position to do much more than "to hold the fort" in a few important places.

Dr. Burns and Fort Massey.

The Fort Massey Call has been accepted; Montreal will lose Dr. Burns and Halifax will (D.V.) have its full quota of Presbyterian ministers again. Though we still regret the loss of Mr. Smith, yet we feel thankful that his place is to be so soon and so satisfactorily supplied.

We subjoin that part of Dr. Burns's speech, in which he announced his decision to the Presbytery of Montreal:

Taking everything into consideration, he came to the conclusion that he would accept this call to Fort Massey congregation in Halifax. He expressed the deepest regret at leaving his present congregation, and the pleasant society of esteemed friends in Montreal. He had received a liberal salary from his people, and last year they presented him with \$1,200, and this year \$500. His attachment had steadily increased, and he regretted exceedingly to leave. His thanks were due to Dr. McVicar for his kindness to him, and if the Presbytery released him from his present charge, he would go away with many happy memo-

ries of his five years' experience in Montreal.

Rev. Mr. Black passed a warm and glowing eulogium on the character and services of Dr. Burns, and urged the Court to grant him a release, unless they found some grave reasons in the interests of the church for not acceding to his request. He [Mr. Black] had no doubt the glory of God and the good of the church were the chief objects which Dr. Burns had in view when he decided on the change. Mr. Black concluded by moving that a release be granted.

Rev. N. Patterson, in seconding the motion, spoke in the most laudatory manner of Dr. Burns.

He was followed by Rev. Mr. Scrimger, Rev. D. Patterson, Rev. J. Wellwood, Rev. Mr. Watson, Clerk of Session, and the Moderator, each one of whom deplored the removal of Dr. Burns as a personal and public loss.

The Moderator put the motion, and there being no dissentient, it was declared carried, the translation to take effect from 22nd Feb. next.

The Rev. J. Smith, of Galt, and formerly pastor of Fort Massey congregation, was present, and expressed the great pleasure he felt in the decision of Dr. Burns and the Presbytery.

Several members of the congregation who were present at the meeting, expressed their regret at the prospect of losing the revered pastor.

St. George and Mr. Wallace.

Mr. John Wallace has accepted a call to St. George, and we feel thankful for the cause of Christ and of Presbyterianism in that missionary district will receive earnest and every way efficient labour. Mr. Wallace is a young man of good talents and education. He is a graduate of Dalhousie and a theological student of Free College, Edinburgh. He has done good service for upwards of a year in the Home Mission field, and we trust he will be a blessing to the town of St. George and the opening settlements around. The charge will be laborious, but so are the greater number of the congregations in the Maritime Provinces. With the Lord's blessing we trust he will be able to gather up the scattered fragments of Presbyterianism there, and that the Spirit of the Lord will make them into a living body.

SOURIS AND BAY FORTUNE.—"We are engaged in Church building. We have just finished the seating of the Souris Church and in Bay Fortune we are building another one. In a short time, under the blessing of God, I hope that we will become a self-sustaining Church."—*An Extract.*