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Quake Period Over
For Generation,
Hodgson Reports

Now that the accumulated stresses
have, in all probability been relieved
there is no occasion to anticipate
further serious disturbances during
the present generation," says Ernest
A. Hodgson, Dominion Seismologist
in one of his reports to Hon. Charles
Stewart, minister of the Interior, on
the earthquake which shook eastern
Canada on Feb 28 and whose centre
somewhere between Quebec City
and the Saguenay River along the
north shore of the St. Lawrence Riv-
er. Earthquakes, he added had oc-
curred before in that region. The last
severe one was about 50 years ago.

Some advice to builders in Canada
is given by Mr. Hodgson in his report.
"As an insurance for posterity," he
says, "it would be well to pay some
attention to location and methods
of construction of new buildings.
Where these are massive and of
stone or concrete construction with-
out reinforcement by steel girders
it is preferable to have the founda-
tion on rock or other solid substratum.
"Wooden or steel reinforced build-
ings are safe."

Some reports appearing in the
newspapers as the effect of the earth-
quake disturbance were found by Mr.
Hodgson to be untrue.
"The church at St. Hilairion did not
fall, nor was it damaged," he says.
"The report that the river level
fell on the St. Lawrence at the time
of the earthquake is without founda-
tion, the gauge at Levis showing per-
manent offset," he says.
As to the centre of the earthquake
of February 28, Mr. Hodgson has this
to say: "At present it may be said
that the disturbed fault is either in
the bed of the St. Lawrence near
River Ouelle, on the south shore or
north of the river about 30 miles near
the eastern boundary of Laurentides
Park. There is evidence in favor of
either to the exclusion of the other.
It is hoped that after all the data
have been examined the weight of
evidence in favor of one may prove
conclusive."

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OUR MINORITIES

Throughout the Dominion there
are groups of Presbyterians who
have suffered a great wrong. The
Church whose every stones were dear
to them is no longer their home.
They have been unchurched, yet the
head and front of their offending is
that being Presbyterians they chose
to remain Presbyterians.

Let no one say that the case of
concurring groups who insist on leav-
ing their Church is the same as that
of nonconcurring groups. They are
not left Churchless. In almost every
locality there is a Methodist Church,
which will cease on the 10th. of June
to be a Methodist Church and become
a Church of the United Church of
Canada. It was for Union with the
Methodist Church that the Presbyter-
ian Church was rent in twain. Union
with the Methodist Church was the
essence of the larger vision, and if
vision is an accomplished fact, if the
larger fellowship has been realized
through Organic Union, if denomina-
tionalism has ceased among those
in favor of Union, where is the hard-
ship if the concurring group mus-
unite with their Methodist brethren
who will no longer be Methodists?
It is but the tangible evidence and
logical result of their larger vision
If they voted for Union in the ab-
stract how can they refuse it in the
concrete? The truth is, the wrong in-
flicted on the non-concurring groups
is due to the fact that the leaders of
the Church were not so entranced
with the larger vision that they were
not keenly awake to the allurements
of property and physical assets. In

the thrill of the larger vision they
never lost their presence of mind in
relation to property. There was no
splendid gesture of magnanimity.
They forced through Parliament a
Bill which, in many respects, thwarts
the clear intention of the dead and
alienates the rights of the living.
They did not go to Parliament to vin-
dicate their spiritual liberty; for Par-
liament could neither confer or deny
spiritual liberty. It was not in the
power of Parliament to further or
frustrate Union as an act of spiritual
liberty. They went to Parliament to
acquire property in terms that great-
ly wrong continuing Presbyterians.
In 1843, our fathers went out and left
all behind them for the sake of lib-
erty. That was an adventure of faith.
In 1925, our leaders go out leaving
nothing behind them which they
could take. Even the great traditions
have expropriating labels ready for
transportation. Yes, even the "pic-
tures" were not to be left. What his-
torians will liken the adventure of
1925 to the adventure of 1843!

The plea that it is impossible to do
justice in all cases simply means
that to do justice would involve
material concessions that they re-
fuse to make, but what avails the
larger vision if it be not accompanied
by the larger justice?
The continuing Presbyterian
Church owes a duty to these dis-
interested groups. To the utmost limit
of its ability these groups should be
fostered and encouraged, that they
may emerge from their present dis-
tress and become Churches where
the light shines clearly and the Burn-
ing Bush is not consumed.

Continuing Presbyterians
Need Have No Worry

Now that Union of a section of
the Presbyterian Church in Canada
with the Methodist and Congrega-
tional Churches is to take place on
June the 10th, we wish to inform all
non-concurring or non-union charges
that provision has been made for
carrying on the missionary, educa-
tional and benevolent work of the
Church.

The Federal Executive of the
Presbyterian Church Association
has appointed Provisional Commit-
tees and Boards for the prosecution
of this work in its various depart-
ments. These Committees and
Boards will be replaced by perman-
ent bodies when the General As-
sembly of the Presbyterian Church
meets and reorganizes on June the
10th, and the work of the Church
will continue without interruption.
The boundaries of Synods and Pres-
byteries will be fixed as conditions
may require. We wish to assure
ministers, missionaries and mem-
bers who remain Presbyterian, that
full provision will be made to as-
sist them in their work, where as-
sistance is necessary. Some congre-
gations, especially those in the large
or centres, will encounter no diffi-
culty, but some in the smaller
towns and rural districts may re-
quire help. The continuing Pres-
byterian Church will make it a first
duty to assist those that maintain
their loyalty to the Church of their
Fathers, and will provide as ade-
quately as possible for the follow-
ing:—

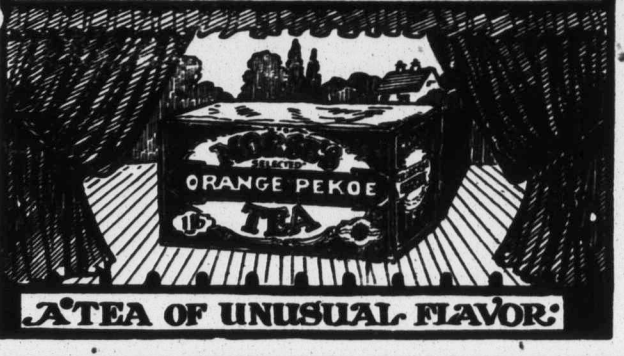
- (1)—Those congregations that
vote to remain out and find their
membership depleted by reason of
some of their members entering the
Union.
 - (2) Minorities in concurring con-
gregations that may desire to con-
tinue in the Presbyterian Church.
 - (3) Mission Fields and Augmen-
ted Charges that desire to remain in
the Presbyterian Church.
- Weak congregations and mission
fields that remain out of the Union
need have no fear concerning the
right of self-determina-
tion given to members of self-sup-
porting congregations belongs equal-

ly to members in Augmented Charges
and Home Mission Fields. The free-
dom that belongs to those deciding to
go out belongs equally to those de-
ciding to remain in. Present indica-
tions are that the continuing Presby-
terian Church will be well able fin-
ancially and otherwise to assist weak
charges and carry on missionary
work at home and abroad.
Signed on behalf of the Provisional
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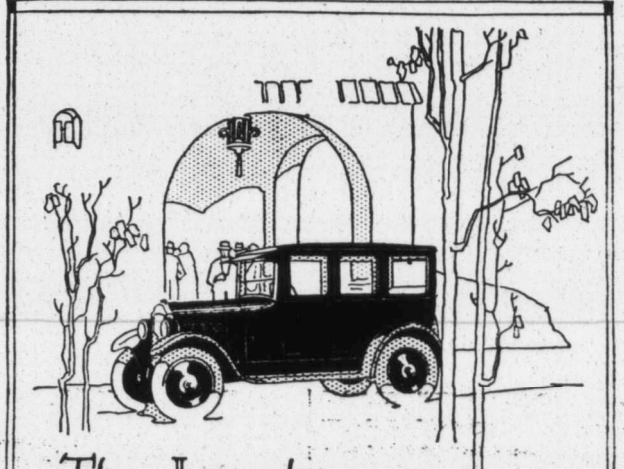
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