

PRESBYTERIAN PROSPERITY

Reports Show Advances Along All Lines— More Power For the Synods—Home Mission Work.

During Thursday afternoon's session a few changes were made in the names of those elected as delegates by the different presbyteries. Rev. Dr. McLaren submitted the report of the committee on the enlargement of the powers of synods. The report showed that the committee had met and drawn up some valuable suggestions, and that the overture which the report submitted to them last assembly contained; sent it down to synods and presbyteries, and requested their views in regard to it. Thirty-five presbyteries reported on the overture. Different answers were received, most of which were in favor of the overture, while others offered suggestions and one desired to see the powers of the synod enlarged. The committee met in January and decided to ask the views of presbyteries in reference to the propriety of having the work of the church in its great departments brought regularly before synods so as to deepen the interest felt in them and evoke the liberality of the church in their support. The returns received in reply to this inquiry were not very numerous, but they were all favorable.

Some discussion followed the report as to the power which should be given to the synods. Dr. Worden did not think power should be given to the synods to receive or reject ministers from other churches. Dr. Campbell thought such matters would receive fair and just consideration at the hands of the assembly.

After considerable discussion it was decided by vote of 105 to 62 that power should not be given to the synods to receive ministers from other churches.

The question of granting leave to ministers to retire from the active duties of the ministry mentioned in the report was discussed at some length.

Prof. MacLaren moved, seconded by Dr. Campbell, the clause as amended, should be passed. The resolution was carried.

The synod was given the right to deal with the erection of new presbyteries within the bounds as well as the adjusting of the boards of presbyteries already existing within said synods. When a new presbytery is to be erected, covering territory under the jurisdiction of two or more synods, the sanction of the general assembly must however be obtained.

The clause of the report granting the synod power to deal with the reception and issuing finally of all appeals, complaints and appeals, which do not affect the doctrine or constitution of the church, or interfere with the jurisdiction of the general assembly, matters under the direction and control of the general assembly, received serious consideration. Principal Patrick thought the clause should be taken away. In this he was supported by Dr. Campbell. A vote was taken and the clause was allowed to stand over.

The report of the committee on the aged and infirm ministers' fund (western section) for the year ending February 29th, 1904. The report showed that for the first time in the history of the fund, the maximum annuities have been paid, so that the ministers who have given forty years of ministerial service have received the sum of \$400 each, and those who have given shorter service received in like proportion.

The committee made a strong appeal to the congregations for support to the fund. The report dealt with and explained ministers' rates for individual ages, and gave the names of several of those who are now receiving aid from the fund.

The report as a whole was adopted with the exception of the amalgamation of the funds east and west, and a clause which referred to the aged and infirm ministers' fund, saying that every minister should connect himself with the fund within four years from the date of his ordination or lose all benefit in it.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. McDonald for his valuable and devoted services in connection with aged and infirm ministers of the church.

Rev. Anderson Rogers submitted the report of the committee on the aged and infirm ministers' fund (eastern section) which showed that the condition of the fund has decidedly improved. The advance in the number of annuitants is twenty-one while two years ago it was twenty-six.

ing, but always enjoying themselves in a God-fearing manner. The report was adopted.

The moderator then introduced Rev. Dr. Carmichael, who spoke about the foreign mission work near Maple Creek, and western Manitoba. When the church was first settled in that territory, it was necessary for him to go to God to see if he could ascertain why all this increasing demand for church work. Dr. Carmichael referred briefly to the kind of growth in the west, mentioning the different stations the Presbyterian church has there. The growth in several of the districts was marvellous during the last few years.

The Galicians, Dr. Carmichael said, were going to make excellent citizens. At first it was feared that they would be hard to teach, but the work among them was most encouraging.

Rev. Dr. Herdman of British Columbia made a report on the work in the district he represents, pointing out the vast extent of territory which has to be covered.

In 1881 their mission work at that time was most primitive. That town now has a handsome church, in which is done a progressive Christian work. There is in that territory a most loyal and loving people. Each one seems to be willing to sacrifice himself and his interests for the progress of a righteous cause. Dr. Herdman reported on the work which is being done by students, who go there from year to year. From one of these students, Dr. Herdman believed, would develop in British Columbia. A new spirit had come into the country in regard to the observance of the Lord's day, and nearly every house had Sunday, Dr. Herdman said that he was looking toward the future. They did not believe in the Lord's day and other business places were closed on Sunday. Dr. Herdman said that he was looking toward the future. They did not believe in the Lord's day and other business places were closed on Sunday. Dr. Herdman said that he was looking toward the future.

The committee to strike standing orders was composed of: Prof. MacLaren, convener; Drs. Somerville, Macgillivray, Lyle, and Balfour. Messrs. Thomas Stark, James Strachan, Bert R. Baxter, J. McQueen, Alex. Neilson, James Muir, elders.

The committee to examine special cases of ministers asking admission to the ministry, announced that a committee be appointed to consider the whole matter of increased ministerial stipends, especially in regard to ministers in augmented charges, and that the report be made to the assembly at a later date. The motion was seconded and strongly supported by Dr. Lyle of Hamilton, who, referring to the matter of increased stipends, said that owing to the extra number necessary to be taken on as a result of the growth of the west, they needed an increase in living had increased about 15 or 20 per cent, and he thought the salaries of ordained ministers should be increased. He believed it would be a burning shame for the church to refuse to do so. Dr. Warden therefore moved a recommendation, which had been adopted, that a committee be appointed to consider the whole matter of increased ministerial stipends, especially in regard to ministers in augmented charges, and that the report be made to the assembly at a later date.

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Dr. Warden read a report of an overture which had been moved in Truro by Rev. E. Smith, D. D. The overture was as follows:—

Whereas, it appears that the cost of living has increased so rapidly that the minimum stipend of ministers in many cases is insufficient to meet the increased expenditure.

Therefore, the Presbytery of Truro do hereby recommend that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of raising the minimum stipend to a higher figure.

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on hospital work. As a church the Presbyterians were doing only half of their work, for the Lord's day, "Preach the gospel, and baptize the sick." The government had promised valuable assistance not only to the Good Samaritan hospital but to all the hospitals in the territory. He would like to see hospitals erected wherever there are missions on the border.

The report of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund in connection with the Church of Scotland was presented by Dr. Campbell, and showed that although the receipts for the year were diminished, the fund was in a thoroughly healthy condition and the chances are that there will be a considerable surplus over after all expenses are paid. On motion of Dr. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Morrison, the report was adopted.

A very favorable report of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Synod of the Maritime Provinces was submitted by Dr. Sedgewick. The expenditures for 1903 were \$4,101.25, the receipts \$18,325.77, leaving a balance of \$14,224.52. On motion of Dr. Sedgewick, seconded by Dr. Scrimgeour, the report was adopted.

In the absence of Rev. Joseph Henderson, Dr. Warden presented the report of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund (western section), which showed a balance to their credit of \$1,088.

The report was adopted, and steps taken towards the amalgamation of the western and eastern sections of the fund.

Colin H. Campbell submitted the report of the board of management of the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian church in Canada for Manitoba and the Northwest for the year 1903. The report showed a great deal of work done in the Northwest. Twenty-nine loans were made during the year, amounting to \$18,150, an average of \$625 to each building. These loans are usually repaid in from three to five years, and they bear interest at the rate of five per cent, which is much lower than the prevailing rate for available loans in the west.

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Surprise Soap
cleanses so easily
that wash day is like child's play.

There is nothing in it but pure Soap. It cannot injure the clothes and gives the sweetest results. To wash the Surprise way.

Read the directions on the wrapper. You can use Surprise in any and every way.

number of valuable Scottish relics, some of which were once the property of Prince Charles Stuart, and all of which have been for generations in the possession of the chief of the Clan MacNab.

On the whole the university is in a most prosperous condition.

Principal Gordon, speaking on the report referred to the great variety of universities and colleges throughout the land, some of which were strictly denominational, some non-sectarian and supported by government aid; some depending neither on church or government, as McGill; and some depending on government, church, and private beneficiaries. All these had their own surroundings and circumstances, but there was no one special, perfect type of university. Every university, every college, should be animated by the highest ideals and aim to give the greatest good to its students. He would not have every college connected with a church; if he could, he believed more good would be derived from the different types. However, he thought there should be a spiritual atmosphere in every college. There was sometimes a narrow idea that church universities were bigoted and pursued their course narrowly along the lines of their particular creeds. This might in some cases be so, but it was not necessary. It was often said that non-sectarian universities were almost godless in their proceedings, but from both of these ideas he would say: "Good Lord deliver us."

Queen's University had always, he believed, pursued a course animated by a broad catholic spirit, so that today there were more non-Presbyterian students in attendance at Queen's University than there were Presbyterian students.

It was reasonable to ask why was the purpose ever thought of severing the university from the church? All the members of the Presbyterian church in Canada were corporators of Queen's University, then why was the separation decided? There were two or three facts which seemed to influence that idea. During the last twenty-five years there had been many graduates of Queen's, and her association with the graduates had tended to a national attitude of engineering in connection with the university. The graduates had been of all denominations, who had taken a deep interest in their alma mater, even after they left her halls. The council consisted of trustees, the members of the senate and as many graduates as would constitute a number equal to that of trustees and members of senate combined. It seemed to him that the university should be allowed to represent five of their number as trustees, irrespective of religion or church connection. Many of the graduates have been of great help to the college and it appeared as if they were aiming at a nationalization of the university and a separation from the church.

Another reason for the shaking off of the policy which had existed in regard to the university, year after year, was the relation of the university to the government and the people of Ontario. As a sectarian school it received no government grant. There is a school of mining and engineering in connection with Queen's, which has received generous aid from the government. The work of the government, on the other hand, has been greatly assisted by this school on account of the opportunity given for the training of its students. In 1868 the government grant to the university was withdrawn, and the thought was prevalent that the university would be benefited by making it a non-sectarian school and thus get back the government aid.

There was another reason for separation, which, briefly stated, was that owing to the existing circumstances Queen's could not move without the permission of the church, while on the other hand the church refused to approve.

Resolved further that this resolution be sent to the board of trustees for transmission to the general assembly. The board of trustees at the meeting, 27th April, passed the following resolution:

The trustees having already approved proceedings in connection with the proposed constitutional changes, in view of the action which has been taken by the general assembly and the permission appointed by the general assembly to reaffirm the resolution of September, 1903, and to continue in the meantime the existing connection between the university and the church, pending the action of the church regarding the support of the university.

Prof. Dyke is one of the ablest and most scholarly speakers in attendance at the assembly, and although comparatively a young man has an extensive knowledge of university work, connection not only with the church but with the state at large. His remarks were listened to yesterday afternoon with the deepest interest. After he had finished it was decided to consider in connection with Queen's University the report of its committee.

Dr. Fletcher, the speaker who opened the discussion, strongly urged that the church continue to support Queen's University. He stated that graduates of that institution, but strongly urged that nothing be done whereby the university would be severed from the church. Dr. Lyle moved, seconded by Dr. Campbell, that a committee be appointed to draft a resolution pointing out the attitude of the assembly to the matter.

These remarks of Laurier (who may raise to make the fact that the secretary of the assembly, Mr. Labelle, contended that the report of the committee was not act in their own name, but in the name of the Canadian people) were listened to with the deepest interest.

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The measure has a gauntlet of the senate until the first of June, but the administration, a measure, although assured to patiently while the opposition in the inquiries of the government most of the people, the verdict of the people is the sum and substance of the election before the platform laid out, the state ownership is the most favorable in country. Letters to the daily received, the election before the platform laid out, the state ownership is the most favorable in country. Letters to the daily received, the election before the platform laid out, the state ownership is the most favorable in country.

It will take some time to settle the work that has been done by the opposition, the benefit, against the railway, and the sale of the Grand Trunk. Mr. Able to prevent passing its amended consent, the opposition than were an original bill of sale, assistance of his in securing a few significant but his efforts have been making the election the true victor in the transaction. The bill laid down by the fax is of sound mind. The more it will its common sense of the voters from the vic. Eriely put the money, it should transcendental business ring about.

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A Woman of Forty-five
is young and lovable nowdays, but she is at the threshold of the disease of rheumatism, which she has cured.

SHOULD KNOW
that there is one sure and true and speedy cure for them, giving relief almost the instant the first spasm of the disease is one to three days.

The Southern Rheumatism Cure
do it.

Miss M. C. Kennedy, Toronto, writes: "Before taking South American Rheumatic Cure, I was unable to get any relief from the doctor who attended me, but after taking it I recovered completely."

THE GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE
is invaluable to women especially. Relieves pain in urinary organs in six hours, and cures a permanent cure, very quickly.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Miss Martha Osborne, of Milltown, wins the Douglas Medal.

Largest Graduating Class in History of the College—Degrees Conferred.

FREDERICTON, June 2.—Ideal June weather greeted the graduating class of the University of New Brunswick...

Prize, \$2.00. Selection of the above seven Counties. Prize, \$4.00. Principal of the bona fide.

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Division III—B. A. Yandall. (Of the above Messrs. Chestnut and Somerville are graduates in electrical engineering, the others in civil engineering.)

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Independent Opinion Favors Mr. Borden's railway Policy.

Not only did Messrs. Puttee and Robinson, M. P.'s (independent), vote for R. L. Borden's proposals of government ownership of a trans-continental line, but the independent papers in Canada came in for the principle as well.

AN IDEAL FIGHTING POSITION. (Toronto Telegram.) An ideal fighting position has been captured for the conservative party by the courage of Mr. Borden.

MR. BORDEN'S ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION. (The Ottawa Journal.) The specific declaration of Mr. Borden was not astonishing; but perhaps it was all the more impressive from the fact that it came after weeks of discussion during which the conservative members of the house had ample time to deliberate.

LET THE RAILWAY BELONG TO THE PEOPLE WHO PAY FOR IT. (The Montreal Star.) If the country is bound to be saddled with nine-tenths of the expense of building the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, it will be quite soon enough to give it away after we have tried the experiment of government ownership.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL. Young Richardson Who Took Money From the Royal Bank. HALIFAX, June 2.—Detective Power arrived today from Boston with Edgar H. Richardson in custody on the charge of the larceny of \$11,238 from the Royal Bank of Canada at Sydney.

RAISES A DISTINCT ISSUE. (The Toronto World.) Mr. Borden not only declares in favor of public ownership, but he declares that the agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific is subject to the condition that the government will close the discussion and to check the advance of public ownership.

WELL CUT UP. Portion of a Woman's Body Found in a River. KNOXVILLE, Tenn., June 5.—The decomposed, dismembered body of a woman was taken from the Tennessee river near this city today, parts of the body having been found in different places.

BUILD THE LINE; OWN THE LINE. (The Toronto News.) The government advocates a trans-continental line, weighted with a mass of doubtful and dangerous details. Government ownership will be postponed, perhaps will be rendered impossible.

WITHOUT A PARALLEL. The Kingston News and Times comments upon the Ottawa Journal's (independent) arrangement of the government supporters as follows: "The Ottawa Journal draws public attention to the fact that the G. T. P. agreement was first made without the knowledge of nine-tenths of the liberal members of the house."

BOLD AND CLEAR. (Hamilton Herald.) "Mr. Borden's announcement of the policy of the opposition on the trans-continental railway question, made in parliament yesterday, was bold, clear and unequivocal. He urged in favor of having the new railway, 'from coast to coast, built, owned and controlled by the people of Canada, and not by the Grand Trunk Railway Company.'"

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

JUDGE RITCHIE DEAD. Has Been on the Nova Scotia Bench for Nineteen Years. HALIFAX, June 5.—The death occurred at 7 o'clock this morning of Judge J. M. Ritchie, of the supreme court of Nova Scotia. He was stricken with an affection of the heart a week ago, but up to that time appeared to be in good health.

MR. BORDEN'S DECLARATION. (Winnipeg Tribune.) The people of Canada are to be congratulated that within a few days of the escape from the machinations of the brigands who, with the assistance of their parliamentary cat's-paws, have been huddled together in the natural resources of the dominion, has been provided by the declaration of Mr. Borden, endorsed by the Ottawa opposition.

POOR ST. JOHN. Carry Say: it is the Worst City in the Provinces. CHARLOTTETOWN, June 5.—Carry Nation came to town last night from Pictou and will stay on the island several days. He is of the opinion that St. John is the worst city in the provinces that she has yet visited.

W. H. FRY DEAD. Well Known Court Stenographer Passed Away Friday Morning. After a Short Illness. The numerous friends of W. H. Fry will learn with regret of his death at the General Public Hospital Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

GROOM WOULDN'T DELAY. So Bride's Relatives Had to Get a Hustle on With the Trouseau. Wedded This Morning. A very quiet wedding in which there is a trace of romance, was celebrated at the Park Hotel, this city, at an early hour this morning.

CANADA'S POLLY. (Toronto Telegram.) Canada will finance the whole Grand Trunk Pacific railway and then enjoy the supreme satisfaction of being ground between the upper millstone of English ownership and the lower millstone of United States management.

DIED AT PETTICOODIAC. Miss Annie G. Esharty, who for ten years taught school in St. Malachi's Hall, died at Petticoodioc on Thursday after an illness extending over a period of about two years.

PROBATE COURT. In the estate of the late Daniel N. Vanwart letters of administration were granted yesterday to his widow, Gertrude Vanwart, and his son, Roy A. Vanwart. The estate is valued at \$20,000 and \$19,000 persons property.

Piles. To prove to you that Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain cure for piles, we have a certain quantity of the ointment for sale at a very low price. It is a certain cure for piles, and every form of itching, burning, and soreness of the rectum. It is a certain cure for piles, and every form of itching, burning, and soreness of the rectum.

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RIOT AT WORLD'S FAIR. When Bull Fight Was Stopped the Crowd Burned a Building. ST. LOUIS, June 5.—Incensed over their failure to see a "genuine Spanish bull fight" which the authorities had ordered stopped, a riot was started in an arena near the world's fair grounds this evening, by a crowd of 2,000 men and boys who were unable to get their money back and the building was burned to the ground.

Louisburg Schooner Olympia Abandoned by Her Crew. HALIFAX, N. S., June 4.—Supt. Boutiller of Sable Island reports that on the night of May 8th the schooner Olympia of Louisburg went ashore on the northeast west bar, and the crew took to the dories and are supposed to have gone on board another vessel. The wreck was sighted this morning of the 8th by Capt. Clarke of the Lockport schooner Ida Clarke. He boarded her and found fire still burning in the galley, as though the crew had left in a hurry and recently. He saved all the stores and a quantity of wreckage.

AFTER WILD GESE, Premier Peters and Others Are Again Gunning With Blank Cartridges. CHARLOTTETOWN, June 5.—Premier Peters, Hon. Ben. Rogers and George Simpson leave tomorrow morning for Ottawa in connection with the fisheries award and other cases.

BASTFORD, Me., June 4.—Sid. eds Silver Spring for Sand River, N.S.; Hunter, for St. John.

