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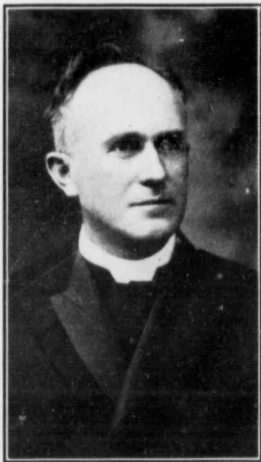


VIEW FROM THE MOUNTAIN OF THE CENTRAL SECTION OF HAMILTON. THE CONFERENCE CITY.

Greetings

NEVER before in the history of Methodism has the General Conference met under such trying conditions. It is imperative that, in your deliberations, you give your best thought and wisest counsel in formulating plans in the interest of church and state.

Your conference will necessarily be tempered by the recollection that since last session many of our bravest and best have paid the tremendous price demanded for the maintenance of our treasured liberty, and that, at present, our Methodist homes are so largely represented on the battlefields of Europe. This sobering influence will but increase your determination to bravely shoulder the responsibility which these conditions impose, and we trust that the omniscient God may direct your plans and give you the peculiar wisdom so necessary to cope with the present situation.



REV. C. L. McIRVINE
Pastor of Conference Church and Chairman
of Local Committee.

Methodism in Hamilton is honored and enriched by your presence. We assure you of our heartiest co-operation in making the present conference an unqualified blessing.

We extend to you the freedom of our city and the hospitality of our homes, and assure you that everything consistent with existing conditions will be done to make your sojourn in Hamilton both pleasant and profitable. May God's richest blessing rest upon our united efforts.

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Digest of Proceedings

THE General Conference of the Methodist Church is the highest court of the denomination. It consists of equal numbers of ministers and laymen, and meets every four years. Its delegates are elected by the Annual Conferences, in the ratio of one delegate for every twelve ministers—the ministers and laymen meeting separately and electing their own representatives. The General Superintendent, although not a member of the Conference, is *ex-officio* President of its sessions.

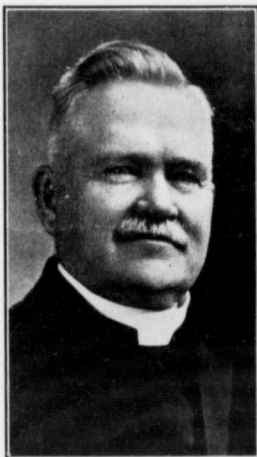
The 1918 General Conference is composed of 187 ministers and 187 laymen. It will convene in First Methodist Church Hamilton, Ont., at 10.00 a.m., on Wednesday, October 2nd, 1918. The opening services will be under the direction of the General Superintendent, and after Scripture reading, singing, and prayer, will conclude with the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the delegates and visitors to the Conference.

The Conference will then be organized by calling the roll, filling vacancies and the election of the Secretary.

The Quadrennial Address of the General Superintendent will be presented during the first afternoon of the Conference.

A great public welcome will be given the Conference on that evening when the Hon. Sir John Morison Gibson, K.C.M.G., and Mayor Charles G. Booker will speak on behalf of the Province and City. Responses will be made by Rev. S. D. Chown, D.D., LL.D., and others.

The Agenda Committee has followed the practice of previous Conferences, and arranged that the Sessional Committees shall meet almost every morning during the Conference. These Committees are divided into three groups, as follows: Group A.—Course of Study: The Church, the War and Patriotism; Discipline, No. 1; Finance; Missions; and Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.



REV. T. ALBERT MOORE, D. D.
Secretary of the General Conference; Secretary Social Service and Evangelism.



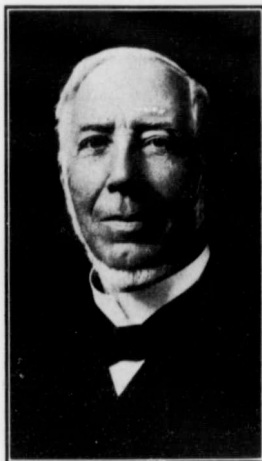
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Group B.—Book and Publishing; Deaconess Movement, Discipline, No. 2; Education; Social Service and Evangelism; and Superannuation Fund. Group C.—Church Union, Discipline, No. 3; Lay Agencies; Memorials; and State of our whole work. The Committees in Group A will meet each morning at 8.45 o'clock, Group B at 10.00 o'clock, and Group C at 11.15 o'clock, and at such other times as may be arranged. Each memorial and resolution is referred to the appropriate committee, and many very interesting debates will take place at these meetings.

A most interesting feature of the meeting will be the conferences on the Policy and Programme of the Church. These are arranged for the following sessions: Thursday, October 3rd, 8.00 p.m., The Foreign Department of the Missionary Society, Leader, Rev. James Endicott, B.A., D.D.; Friday, October 4th, 2.00 p.m., The Home Department of Missions, Leader: Rev. C. E. Manning, B.A., Cultivating the Home Base, Leader: Rev. J. H. Arnup, B.A., and The Forward Movement of Missions, Leader: Rev. F. C. Stephenson, M.D.; Saturday, October 5th, 9.00 a.m., The Education Society, Leader: Rev. J. W. Graham, B.A., D.D., LL.D., The Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, Leader: Rev. S. T. Bartlett; Monday, October 7th, 2.00 p.m., The Superannuation Fund, Leader: J. C. Hay, Esq; The Supernumerary Fund, Leader: J. M. Palmer, LL.D.; The Church and Parsonage Aid Fund, Leader: Hon. W. H. Cushing; Monday, October 7th, 8.00 p.m., Social Service and Evangelism, Leader: Rev. T. Albert Moore, D.D.; Tuesday, October 8th, 3.00 p.m., The Woman's Missionary Society, Leader: (To be decided). These Conferences will be of more than passing interest, and will give the delegates much information concerning the activities of Methodism through its General Boards and Departments.

Another session that will be of surpassing interest will be the great Patriotic Meeting, when addresses will be given by the General Superintendent, Capt. the Rev. John Garbutt, Lt.-Col. the Rev. Cecil G. Williams, and the Hon. N. W. Rowell, LL.D., M.P., all of



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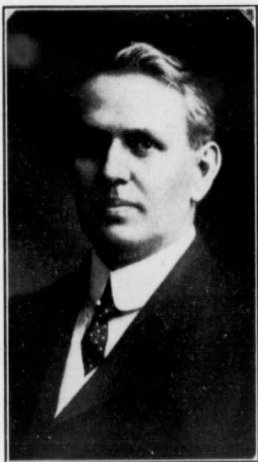
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whom have been overseas, and, having viewed conditions from different angles, will bring messages of great strength, suggestion and interest.

The reception of Fraternal Delegates from sister Methodist Churches, with their inspiring messages, will be sessions of the very deepest interest. At this writing, while the names of all Fraternal Delegates have not been furnished, the meetings are planned as follows: Friday evening, October 4th, the messages from the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, by Bishop, the Rev. Joseph F. Berry, D.D., LL.D., and from the Methodist Episcopal Church South, of the United States, by the delegate appointed by that Church. On Friday evening, October 11th, Rev. W. Hodson Smith, the very efficient Principal of the Children's Home and Orphanage, London, England, will deliver the fraternal message from the British Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Mother Conference of world-wide Methodism. Other delegates will represent other denominations and their reception will be arranged by the Business Committee.



REV. W. B. CREIGHTON, B.A., D.D.
Editor of the Christian Guardian.

The programme also provides for the reception of delegations from our earnest, forceful and successful Woman's Missionary Society, on Tuesday afternoon, October 8th. Doubtless many Hamilton ladies interested in this splendid work of our women will be present at this session. Delegations from the W. C. T. U., the Y. M. C. A., the Lord's Day Alliance, the Bible Society, as well as other organizations will also be received, and their representatives heard by the Conference during certain afternoon sessions.

The questions which apparently will command the greatest interest of the Conference will be Evangelism—how shall the Church be dominated by its spirit?; Missions—especially the development of the interest of the people in this activity; Education—in its relation to the ministry, the Sunday School, the rural problem, and sociology; the Course of Study—making it more practical for our probationers; Overlapping of Departments—how shall this be avoided and the work made more effective?; Board of Finance—shall a budget system

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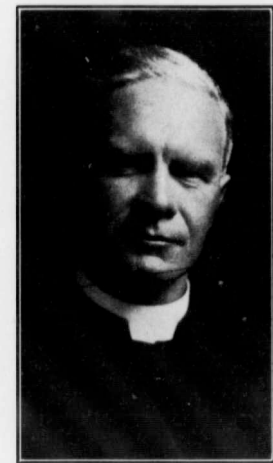
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be approved, and the finances of the Church brought under review of a General Board; and many other subjects affecting the Church in her influence and activities, and in every relation of life.

These questions and many others will be carefully considered in the Committees, and then brought before the Conference for discussion and decision. While it is now impossible to state when any of these matters will be discussed, it is probable that early in the Conference the Business Committee will recommend the days when the reports of certain Committees will be considered, and the election of the General Conference will be held. It will be possible for those interested in any subject to discover the probable time when it will be up for consideration.

This review of Conference work, while necessarily brief and partial, may be helpful to our people to understand something of the events of interest and questions of importance that will centre in its sessions. Of course, the whole programme is subject to the Conference itself after it has been organized, and all the items herein mentioned may be changed, although that will be done only when the stress of circumstances warrants it.

It is anticipated that this General Conference will result in greatly increased endeavor throughout the whole Church in deepening spiritual life, arousing evangelistic activities, extending missionary impulse, making effective educational plans, strengthening our Sunday School and Young People's Work, and in many other ways hastening the fulfilment of the prayer, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth."



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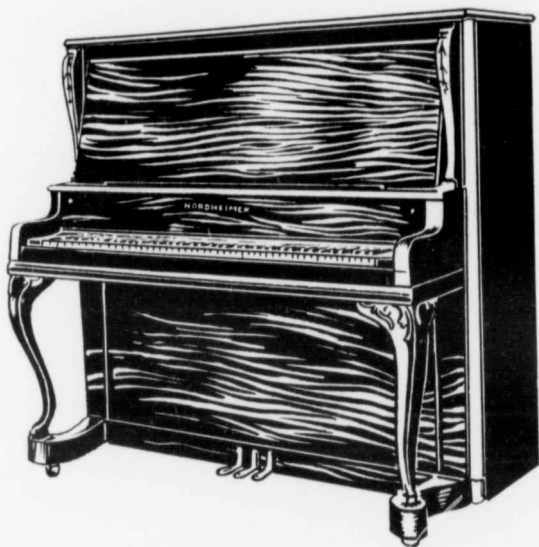
Methodist Churches, Oct. 6th.

- Conference Church (First Methodist)—11 a.m., Rev. Joseph F. Berry, D.D., LL.D.
Bishop, Methodist Episcopal Church; 7 p.m., Fraternal Delegate Methodist
Episcopal Church, South.
- Centenary Church—11 a.m., Rev. Professor James Smyth, B.A., LL.D.; 7 p.m.,
Bishop Berry.
- Wesley Church—11 a.m., Rev. C. W. Follett; 7 p.m., Rev. George K. B. Adams.
- Zion Tabernacle—11 a.m., Rev. R. J. D. Simpson; 7 p.m., Rev. Manson Doyle, B.A.
- Charlton Avenue Church—11 a.m., Rev. John J. Coulter; 7 p.m., Rev. Chas.
Endicott.
- Emerald Street Church—11 a.m., Rev. T. E. Bartley, D.D.; 7 p.m., Rev. S. J.
Shorey, D.D.
- Simcoe Street Church—11 a.m., Rev. Chas. S. Deeprose; 7 p.m., Rev. G. W. Whit-
man.
- Barton Street Church—11 a.m., Rev. C. W. Service, B.A., M.D.; 7 p.m., Rev. W.
E. Millson.
- Ryerson Church—11 a.m., Rev. W. H. Goodwin; 7 p.m., Rev. J. W. Aikens, D.D.
- Calvary Church—11 a.m., Rev. John Maclean, M.A., D.D.; 7 p.m., Rev. Neil Mc
lachlin, B.A.
- Lake Church—11 a.m., Rev. J. W. Ashton, B.D.; 7 p.m., Rev. I. G. Bowles, B.A.,
B.D.
- Mt. Hamilton Church—11 a.m., Rev. Oliver Darwin, D.D.; 7 p.m., Rev. S. Laid-
man, M.A., Ph.D.
- Garth Street Mission—7 p.m., Rev. John A. Agnew.
- Tregina Avenue—11 a.m., Rev. F. W. Hardy, M.A., B.D.; 7 p.m., Rev. W. Hol-
lingsworth, S.T.L.
- Sunbeam Mission—7 p.m., Mr. Will. Gibben.
- Bartonville—a.m., Rev. F. Stacey McCall, B.A.

Other Churches, Oct. 6th.

- Central Church—11 a.m., Rev. S. P. Rose, M.A., D.D.
- St. Paul's Church—11 a.m., Rev. Robt. Milliken, D.D.
- St. James' Church—11 a.m., Rev. C. D. Draper.
- Erskine Church—11 a.m., Rev. R. E. Spence, B.A., B.D.
- Westminster Church—11 a.m., J. W. Churchill, M.A.; 7 p.m., Rev. S. C. Moore,
B.A., B.D.
- Laidlaw Memorial Church—11 a.m., Rev. T. B. Wilson; 7 p.m., Rev. J. Calvin
Reid, B.A., B.D.
- Chalmers Church—11 a.m., Rev. J. C. Hartley; 7 p.m., Rev. Joseph Coulter, B.A.
- St. Giles' Church—7 p.m., Rev. W. G. T. Brown, B.A., B.D.
- Calvin Church—11 a.m., Rev. C. Elmer Kenney, B.A.; 7 p.m., Rev. Thos. E. Sawyer
- St. John's Church—11 a.m., Capt. (Rev.) John Garbutt; 7 p.m., Rev. E. N. Baker,
M.A., D.D.
- St. Andrew's Church—11 a.m., Rev. W. H. Graham, B.A.; 7 p.m., Rev. T. G. Mc
Ateer, B.D.
- Congregational—11 a.m., Rev. E. W. Stapleford, B.A., D.D.
- A. M. E. Church—11 a.m., Rev. Chas. Howse; 7 p.m., Rev. G. R. Clare.

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- Centenary Church—11 a.m., Rev. S. P. Rose, M.A., D.D.; 7 p.m., Rev. Prof. Salem, G. Bland, B.A., D.D.
- Wesley Church, 11 a.m., Rev. S. Wesley Dean; 7 p.m., Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B.A.
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- Emerald Street Church—11 a.m., Rev. D. W. Johnston, D.D.; 7 p.m., Rev. Hugh Dobson, B.A., B.D.
- Simcoe Street Church—11 a.m., Rev. T. Jackson Wray; 7 p.m., Rev. George M. Young.
- Barton Street Church—11 a.m., Rev. J. E. J. Millyard; 7 p.m., Capt. (Rev.) H. B. Kenney.
- Ryerson Church—11 a.m., Rev. James Endicott, B.A., D.D.; 7 p.m., Rev. R. Newton Powell.
- Calvary Church—11 a.m., Rev. Peter Bryce; 7 p.m., Rev. Robert Smith.
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- Bartonville—a.m., Rev. Fred. Friggens.

Other Churches, Oct. 13th.

- Central Church,—11 a.m., Rev. R. P. Bowles, LL.D., Chancellor, Victoria College.
- St. Paul's Church—11 a.m., Rev. J. W. Sipprell, B.A., D.D.; 7 p.m., Rev. Hamilton Wigle, B.A.
- St. James' Church—7 p.m., Rev. R. J. Fallis.
- Erskine Church—11 a.m., Rev. W. Lashley Hall, B.A., B.D.
- Westminster Church—11 a.m., Rev. A. S. Tuttle, M.A.
- Laidlaw Memorial Church—11 a.m., Rev. M. M. Bennett, B.A.; 7 p.m., Rev. A. R. Whattam.
- Chalmer's Church—11 a.m., Rev. C. E. Crowell, B.A.; 7 p.m., Rev. Sylvester L. Toll, B.A., B.D.
- St. Giles' Church—11 a.m., Rev. A. J. Irwin, B.A., D.D.; 7 p.m., Rev. Ernest Thomas.
- Calvin Church—7 p.m., Rev. J. Holmes Toole, B.A.
- St. John's Church—11 a.m., Rev. James E. Holmes; 7 p.m., Rev. Menotta C. Flatt.
- Congregational Church—11 a.m., Rev. W. W. Andrews, M.A., LL.D.
- Wentworth Baptist—11 a.m., Rev. A. J. Paul, B.A., B.D.; 7 p.m., Rev. A. J. Langford, B.A.



THE MARKET IN THE CONFERENCE CITY

By Richard Butler
A Bit of Methodist History

THE first annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada was held at Elizabethtown, Upper Canada, commencing June 21st, 1817, and was presided over by Bishop George, of the Genesee Conference, New York. It was a new and strange thing the holding of an annual conference in Canada. It was an epoch in the history of Upper Canada, for that conference, from the opening of the first session till the close, was one continual revival. Five sermons were preached on Conference Sabbath, and over one hundred persons were awakened and savingly converted. Among the number was Bishop Philander Smith, afterward the second bishop ordained by the Methodists in Canada. So widespread was that revival that at the next session of conference in 1818 an increase of 1,624 members was reported.



REV. A. C. CREWS, D. D.
Editor of Sunday School Publications.

The first conference held in Hamilton was in 1827, the session beginning on the 30th of August, Bishop Hedding presiding. Three districts were represented; 44 preachers; 30 circuits, and a total membership of 8,633. At this session Rev. John Ryerson was appointed Presiding Elder of the Niagara District, and Revs. Thomas Madden and Anson Green to the Ancaster circuit. Hamilton had not yet become a station but had been for years a part of the Ancaster circuit.

In the year 1800, the family of David Springer was one of the United Empire loyalists families which came from New Jersey to seek a home in the then unsettled country of Upper Canada, where land could be had almost without money, the principal consideration being the settlement of the country. The family first located on the Niagara frontier and later came to the Head of the Lake, by which name Hamilton was then known. Richard Springer, a son, located one hundred acres of land in the south part of the town, from the mountain down to Main street, between Wellington and Walnut Streets. On this farm he built his log cabin near the site of what is now the Wood Milling Company's mill. When his log cabin was ready for

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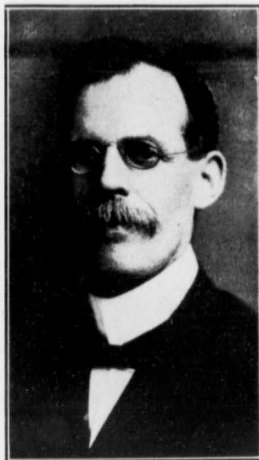
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occupancy, in the year 1801, Richard Springer, who was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in New Jersey, invited his neighbours to his home for the purpose of holding a prayer meeting, which was probably the first Methodist service held at the Head of the Lake. Many of the neighbors were Methodists before coming to Canada, and they enjoyed that first prayer meeting. Mr. Springer invited the little congregation to come together in his cabin on the following Sunday, when services were held, with Mr. Springer as exhorter. This was the first introduction of Methodism into what afterwards became the city of Hamilton, and Richard Springer was its founder. When the congregation became too large for the log cabin the services were held in the woods adjoining, when the weather permitted; and when it became too cold for outdoor services the people gathered in Mr. Springer's log barn. Those old saints sacrificed comfort that they might enjoy the blessings of their religious faith.



REV. JAMES ENDICOTT, D. D.
General Secretary of Foreign Missions.

It was not till twenty-two years after Richard Springer settled here that the first Methodist church was built in Hamilton; and it was the first church of any denomination erected in this town. During those twenty-two years the Methodists worshipped in Mr. Springer's barn till it could not hold the increasing numbers, and then in the school-house that stood on the lot east of the present church.

There was a reason why the Methodists did not build their first church till the year 1823. The Canadian government prohibited the ownership of land for church buildings and cemeteries by the Methodist, Baptist, Congregationalist, and certain branches of the Presbyterian denominations, nor were any of their ministers permitted to perform the marriage ceremony. For the first forty years from the beginning of Methodism in Canada its ministers were prohibited by law from solemnizing matrimony, and if any of its adherents desired to get married, the ceremony had to be performed by a minister of the Church of England, or of a branch of the Presbyterian Church, or a Catholic priest.

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It was not till the year 1823 that the Methodist and other prohibited denominations were permitted to hold property for church buildings and for cemeteries. It was then that the Methodists built their first church in Hamilton. It stood on the site of the handsome building in which the present General Conference is meeting. On the 11th day of June, 1823, Richard Springer, John Aikman, John Eaton, Peter Ferguson and Charles Depew were constituted the first official Board and purchased the lot, paying for it a sum equal to \$20. A contract was let to Day Knight, Richard Springer's son-in-law, to erect a building at a cost of \$1,700. It required a great sacrifice on the part of the early Methodists to build a church at such a cost. Compare that church which cost \$1,700, with the present building which cost at least \$160,000, and see where Methodism in Hamilton stands to-day.



REV. F. C. STEPHENSON, M. D.
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Movement.

In the year 1832 the Presbyterians built on the site of the present St. Paul's Church, and in 1835 Rev. James Gamble Geddes, then a young man, was sent to Hamilton by the Episcopal Church of Canada to organize and build a church, and 400 acres of the clergy reserve land were allotted toward the support of the church. Mr. Geddes held services in the court-house at first, but when it became time for his first communion he got permission from the trustees of the Methodist church to hold the services in a consecrated building rather than in a public court-house. About this time the Roman Catholics sent Father Gordon from Dundas to take charge of the building of a new church. It was fully thirty-five years from the time Richard Springer held the first Methodist prayer meeting in Hamilton before the Church of England, the Presbyterians, and the Catholics built houses of worship.

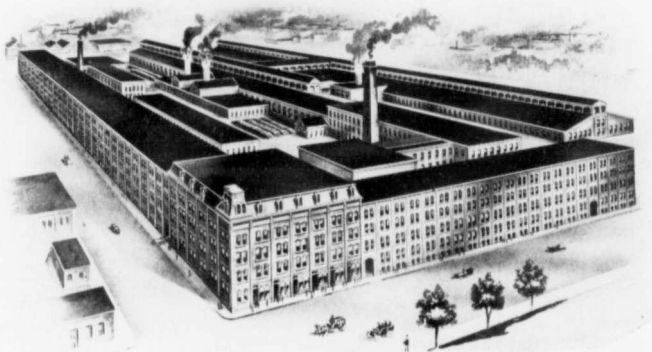
When the Canadian church became independent of the American branch, its form of government was changed, and instead of bishops and presiding elders it adopted the title of general superintendent for its official head. Under the old system the bishops and the presiding elders as a cabinet decided the charges to which the ministers were



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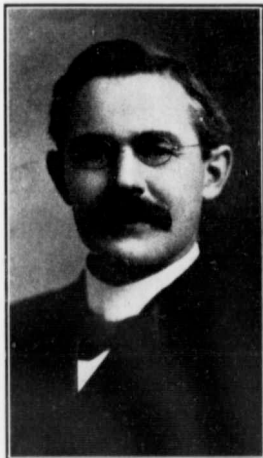
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sent, and no minister knew where he might be stationed till the closing hours of conference, when the list of appointments was read. This was immediately followed by singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," the benediction by the bishop, and the lamentations of some of the preachers who happened to be selected for circuits that were not desirable. But the die was cast, and all the disconsolate preacher could do was to sing that old hymn of resignation, "Ill go where you want me to go, dear Lord."

The old King Street First Methodist Church had the field to itself for nearly twenty years, when some of the leaders of Methodism decided that it was in the best interests of the denomination that a second church should be built. A lot was purchased at the corner of John and Rebecca streets, where John Street Church, now Wesley, was erected and ready for occupancy in 1842. In 1845 the third church was decided upon, and a stone building was begun on the corner of McNab and Merrick streets, and was estimated to cost \$4,500 in addition to the amount paid for the lot. The Methodists were beginning to build more costly churches, but it took the trustees of the Stone Church five years to raise the money to complete the building, and it was not till the year 1851 that it was ready to be occupied, and then it was dedicated without a mortgage.



REV. S. T. BARTLETT
Secretary Sunday School Department.

With three churches in Hamilton the conference sent three men to occupy the pulpits. Each minister took his turn Sunday about to preach in one of the three churches, and their salaries were made up from a common fund, each one being paid \$600 a year. There were giants in those days in the Methodist ministry in Canada—such as Samuel D. Rice, Ephraim Harper, James Elliott, Charles Lavel, Samuel Belton, Jonathan E. Betts, who preached in the old King Street Methodist Church, the trustees of which in 1856 were Edward Jackson, Dennis Moore, Oliver Springer, J. Kendall, W. Howard, John Bickle and John Crossley. Centenary Church came in 1868, and has been a power in Methodism and, with the growth of the city, new churches have been added, bringing the present total up to fourteen.



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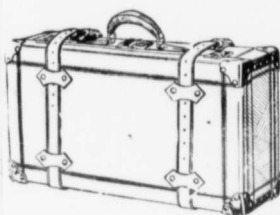


ISTORIC as well as sacred is the ground on which stands First Methodist Church, the Conference Church of 1918, for it is part of the 300 acre farm on which Robert Land, the first white man to settle in this vicinity of whom there is authentic record, located when he first came. Mr. Land was one of the loyalists who, when the United States declared independence, preferred to continue their allegiance to the British Crown and crossed the Niagara frontier into what was then but a wilderness. History records that in 1669 La Salle, the explorer, came up the lakes and landed on the shores of what is now Hamilton Bay, but it was the coming of Mr. Land a century later that marked the beginning of what is now the great manufacturing city of Hamilton.

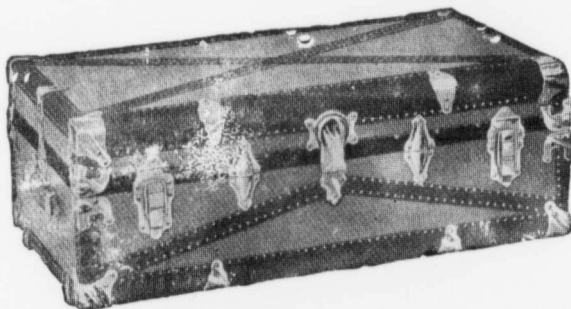
Other settlers followed close in the footsteps of Mr. Land, and in 1791 the first survey of the district was made; but it was not until war broke out between Great Britain and the United States in 1812 that George Hamilton, son of Hon. Robert Hamilton, moved with his wife and child from Niagara-on-the-Lake and located on the farm adjoining the Land property on the West. After the war this farm was subdivided into village lots and now forms the central part of the city, which derived its name from the original owner of the property.

It was not until the Government-constructed canal, connecting Hamilton bay with Lake Ontario, was opened in 1834, making this the head of navigation, that Hamilton began to suffer from growing pains. A cholera epidemic and a conflagration that wiped out the business section of the settlement in 1832 were among the setbacks the early inhabitants met with, but their indomitable spirit survived even these, and in 1834 the population numbered 2,100. After the opening of the canal the population grew more rapidly and on June 9th, 1846, Hamilton was incorporated as a city, with a population of 6,832.

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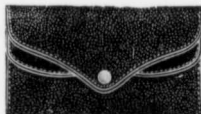
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But there were those who, even in the dark days, saw a bright future ahead for the City and refused to be discouraged. Their faith has been fully justified, for since 1864 the growth and progress of the City has been continuous and, at times, remarkable. During the last ten years the population has almost doubled, now numbering 110,137.

If further evidence were needed to support Hamilton's claim to being the "Ambitious City" it can be found in the fact that it is the City from which the National Policy was promulgated; the centre of the community where Farmers' Institutes had their birth; the City in which the Canadian Club idea had its inception, the home of the Empire Day movement and the first City in Canada to have an electric Street Railway, as well as the first City in the world to solve the problem of long distance transmission of electric current. It now boasts the largest agricultural implement works and largest plow works in the British Empire, is the centre of the steel and iron industry in Canada and the home of upwards of 450 varied industries, large and small. Proportionate to population it has led all Canada in the number of men enlisted for service in the great war and in its Patriotic givings, while in other lines of endeavour it has been equally prominent and successful.

Hamilton's geographical position has made it a natural distributing point and this has been an important factor in making it a manufacturing centre known the world over as the "Birmingham of Canada." A railway junction point, it is served by the main lines of all the important Canadian railways and also has direct connection with the great American lines. With what is practically a land-locked harbor, it ranks second only to Montreal in outward water shipments

of merchandise, while numerous electric lines give it connection with the rich farming and fruit growing district of which it is the heart, being located at the western end of the famous Niagara fruit district—"The Garden of Canada."

In addition to being known as the "Ambitious City," and the "Birmingham of Canada," Hamilton is also known as the "City Beautiful," the view from the mountain out over the Niagara fruit district, the bay, Lake Ontario, Burlington Heights and the Dundas Valley not being surpassed anywhere. Hamilton has many points of natural beauty and historic interest that must be visited to be fully appreciated.



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