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CHARLOTTETOWN PRIEST
CREATES A SENSATION

Lays Information Against Himself for Using Wine at Communion

Rev. James Simpson Defies Prosecutor to Proceed—Declares He Will Have City Fathers Up for Having Liquor at Reception to Prince Louis, and That if a Poor Man is to Be Fined \$100 for Treating, Others Must Pay the Same Penalty.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Oct. 9.—(Special)—Rev. James Simpson, priest incumbent of St. Peter's Episcopal church, is out tonight with a letter in the evening papers concerning the treating section amendment of the prohibition act. He says he has secured the opinion of eminent Ontario lawyers who contend that to give or dispose of any intoxicating liquor in any other place than in a public house or elsewhere and placing wine on the table at parties.

HON. MR. EMMERSON
MAY GO WEST TO LOOK
OVER G. T. P. ROUTE

Mr. Schrieber Starts First to Inspect it, and Minister Will Follow if Necessary.

Ottawa, Oct. 9.—(Special)—Hon. H. R. Emmerson has referred the plans of the route of the Grand Trunk Pacific from Touchwood Hills to Edmonton, to Mr. Schrieber. These plans were filed with the minister about a week ago. Mr. Schrieber will leave on Wednesday to go over the proposed route and will report to Mr. Emmerson as to whether it is the best obtainable in the interests of the country.

When at Edmonton, Mr. Schrieber will take a look over the country to the west, port upon the route leading to the Rockies, which will shortly be presented to the government.

If necessary, the minister will go west and make a personal examination of the route before reporting upon the plans to the government. The council will deal with that report and afterwards the railway commission will have the plans submitted for its approval.

HARVARD CENSUS FALLS OFF

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 9.—The official registration figures of Harvard University were given out today and the total of 885 shows a decrease of 139 from last year.

NEW YORK REPUBLICAN
SCHEME DIDN'T WORK

Offering of Mayoralty Nomination, to Charles E. Hughes Intended to Burk Insurance Inquiry—Scathing Letter Declining Honor—Secretary of War Taft Announces Twenty-five Ports Able to Repel Any Hostile Navy if it Isn't Foggy.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) New York, Oct. 9.—The unprecedented situation is presented of an election without a candidate. Twice within the last ten years an anti-Tammany candidate has been elected to the mayoralty, showing that the thing is not altogether hopeless. This year a respectable fight might have been put up although the popularity and ability of McClellan together with the lack of any great popular issue made his re-election almost a certainty. But that the Republican cause should be so utterly disorganized and helpless that they cannot get even a respectable figurehead for the sacrifice could not have been expected by any one.

The situation is pitiable and the chagrin and mortification of the so-called Republican leaders is indescribable. The opponents of Odell lay it all to him. He has tried to run things all his own way and he has run the organization into the mire.

One after another candidate with the Odell tag has turned away in disgust, but none administered the wholesome spanking that Charles E. Hughes gave the Republican leaders who had him nominated in convention without his knowledge or consent.

Mr. Hughes is doing grand work as counsel to the insurance legislative committee. He more than intimated in his refusal today to take the Odell nomination, that he thought it was a move to burk the inquiry. Among other things he told the nomination committee:

"In my judgment I have no right to accept the nomination. A paramount public duty forbids it. It is not necessary to enlarge upon the importance of the insurance investigation. That is undisputed. It is dealing with questions vital to the interests of millions of our fellow citizens throughout the land. It presents an opportunity for public service second to none and involves a correlative responsibility.

WANTS MILITARY DRILL
IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minister of Militia's Plan

Would Have Teachers Qualified to Instruct Them, and in Larger Cities a Sergeant Would Act—Will Place Scheme Before All Local Governments.

Ottawa, Oct. 9.—(Special)—Sir Frederick Borden returned to the city today. Being interviewed he said: "I found a splendid spirit everywhere we went, without any exception. Canadian from the east and from the west and old country people vying with each other everywhere in their enthusiasm. There is any amount of material in the west just waiting for the opportunity to be enrolled in the active militia for the defence of Canadian integrity."

CRUISER CANADA
VISITS ST. ANDREWS

Tonight a Ball Will Be Tendered Commander Knowlton at Owens Hotel, Campobello.

St. Andrews, N. B., Oct. 9.—(Special)—The Flagship Canada of the fishery protection service, under the command of Commander Knowlton, arrived at Owens Hotel and Campobello, P. E. I., this morning. A number of townspeople visited her and were courteously treated by Commander Knowlton. Tonight the visiting warship is being entertained by the mayor of Eastport.

MAINE LAD KILLED BY
COMPANION'S GUN

Ellsworth, Me., Oct. 9.—The news of the accidental shooting of Basil Reed, the fourteen-year-old son of B. B. Reed, of West Tremont, by Roy Eaton, a schoolmate, while the two were gunning for ducks Saturday, reaches here today. The boys were in a sapska launch, and Eaton had just fired at a bird when he dropped his gun and the second barrel was discharged.

NEW BAPTIST BODY CAME
INTO BEING TUESDAY

Those in the group are Rev. D. Patterson, Rev. T. D. Bell, Rev. H. H. Ferguson, Rev. E. Crowell, M. A. Rev. J. A. Robinson, Rev. A. McNinch, Rev. S. N. Mott, Rev. A. W. Currie, Rev. A. J. Prosser, Leonard Slipp, Rev. J. McLeod, D. D. (Moderator), Rev. C. T. Phillips, Rev. J. B. Dagg, Rev. R. W. Ferguson, Lie. D. Sharp, Rev. H. R. Boyer, Rev. G. Swin, Rev. J. C. Wilson, B. A., Lie. J. A. Copeland, Rev. A. A. Bidwell, B. A., Lie. J. J. Bannell, Rev. H. A. Bonnell, Rev. J. Henderson, Rev. G. W. Foster, Rev. J. N. Barnes, Rev. J. Noble, Lie. P. R. Hayward, Rev. F. A. Currie, M. A., Rev. C. B. Lewis, Rev. R. Heine, Rev. A. Perry, Rev. H. M. Manzer, Rev. E. H. Cochrane, Rev. T. O. DeWitt, Rev. W. H. Perry, Rev. S. J. Perry.

FREE BAPTIST CLERGYMEN OF NEW BRUNSWICK IN LAST GROUP AS SEPARATE BODY

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held its final meeting. In the morning Rev. J. B. Dagg presided. The final resolution for consummation of union was adopted. Rev. Dr. Joseph McLeod was elected moderator, and Rev. A. J. Prosser assistant moderator. Reports of committees on temperance, education, Sabbath schools, deceased clergymen and the board of management were adopted. It was announced that the Religious Intelligencer, the official organ of the Free Baptist body, and the Messenger and Visitor, that of the Baptist denomination, will be amalgamated under the name of the Maritime Baptist, the first number of which will be issued Nov. 1.

Rev. Dr. Manning, Rev. D. Hutchinson and Rev. Mr. Stackhouse were welcomed to seats in the conference. After some other business, the conference adjourned. In the afternoon the ladies' committee of the Women's Missionary Society met. The last session of the conference adjourned at 11 o'clock last night. All monies remaining in the hands of all the treasurers of the conference, after all outstanding obligations were satisfied, were ordered to be paid into the executive of the board of managers. Other steps were taken to wind up the business of the Free Baptist conference, and two licen-

tates, H. M. Manzer and H. R. Boyer, were ordained to the ministry. Rev. Dr. Joseph McLeod presided. Rev. B. N. Nobles read the reports of the executive of home missions, and the students' fund. The home mission report showed that the balance from last year amounting to \$100 had been made, which left a balance of \$27.37. Rev. Mr. Currie read the report of the committee on literature, and Rev. C. Heine in the report of committee on district meetings recommended that all with the exception of the fifth district meeting be held at times and places to be determined later. The meeting of the fifth district is to be held at Shannon. All these reports were adopted as read. The balloting for executive officers of conference then came and Rev. Messrs. C. T. Phillips, D. Long, B. H. Nobles and Abram Perry were declared co-opted. The ordination of H. M. Manzer and H. R. Boyer was then proceeded with. Rev. Dr. McLeod preached a very earnest and eloquent ordination sermon from II Corinthians 13:5: "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord who is before us all." (Continued on page 5, fifth column.)



SIR FREDERICK W. BORDEN

CANADA'S DRINK AND TOBACCO BILL. The per capita consumption in Canada in the last fiscal year of spirits, beers, wines and head of alcohol, shows 1,031 gallons of spirits per head of population, 4,972 gallons of beer, 0.90 gallons of wine and 2,686 pounds of tobacco. The drinkers and smokers together contributed a little more than \$3 per head to the revenue of the country. This is made up as follows: \$1.84 per head for spirits, \$2.07 for beer, \$0.04 on wine and \$1,003 on tobacco.

JURY DISAGREED ABOUT
EDWARD COLE'S GUILT

After Six Hours' Deliberation They Divided Six to Six

Emma Eames' Concert Music in Same Building Divided the Attention of Crowd Listening to Closing Addresses—Counsel for Prisoner Made an Eloquent Plea, But State's Attorney Found a Weak Point in the Alibi.

Portland, Me., Oct. 9.—(Special)—The Cole jury reported a disagreement shortly after midnight tonight, after having been out for more than six hours discussing the evidence in the charge of murdering John F. Steeves of Hillsboro on April 12, last. Judge Bonney expressed his disappointment, thanked the members of the jury and discharged them from the case. The jurymen were divided evenly, it was said, six for acquittal and six for conviction.

The closing scenes of the trial were most dramatic; the court room was crowded to the doors and the eager attention of spectators and jurymen was fixed on the counsels as they argued for or against conviction. In the west city hall, which is in the same building as the court room, a brilliant reception was being held to an adopted child of Maine, Madame Eames, and the strains of the orchestra music floated through the open doors into a court room where the state was seeking to fix upon another adopted child the foulest crime in its code.

Only heard the music, and whether it was because of its softening influence or of the approaching crisis of the trial, his demeanor changed. The indifference which has so markedly characterized him throughout the proceedings fell from him, and he was clearly absorbed in the eloquent arguments of defense and prosecution. As the jury retired a paler aspect over his face and he watched the men intently.

MONTREAL JEWS
OBSERVE YOM KIPPER
BY A FREE FIGHT

Orthodox Crowd Attacked Free Thinkers and the Police were Called Out Twice.

Montreal, Oct. 9.—(Special)—Yom Kippur, the Jewish name for the feast of atonement, was the occasion here today of a free fight between adherents of the orthodox faith and free thinkers. Blows were exchanged, chairs smashed, a temporary refreshment stand demolished and the contents confiscated, a till robbed and a general disturbance so threatening in its nature that the police were called in twice. One arrest was made, a young man named R. H. Rabonovitch, being taken on a charge of having disturbed the peace.

There are in this city large numbers of so-called free thinking or socialist Jews, and their number is gradually increasing, so it is said, by circulation of 3,000 copies of socialist newspapers from New York every day.

A group of these non-orthodox Jews decided to show their disregard of the fast from sundown to sundown by renting a hall and manufacturing refreshments and other amusement. About twenty-five orthodox Jews decided to stop the performance and the feud was the result of their attempt to do so.

OTTAWA LUMBER
TRADE PROSPEROUS

Will Have Good Supply of Logs, and Demand is Heavy from English and American Markets.

Ottawa, Oct. 9.—The lumber industry of Ottawa is in very healthy condition according to a prominent lumber dealer and everything points to a good year for the trade. Manufacturers have a good supply of logs to keep the mills running and are sending large numbers of them to the bush to cut logs, although the men required can scarcely be procured. An unusual call for lumber has come from the United States markets which absorbed all the lumber formerly sold in the English market with but little exception. Today the revival of the English trade, whose buyers are on the lookout to replenish their stocks, and the continued good demand from the United States have the present outlook as good as the best friends of the trade would desire.

CANADIAN EMBLEMS IN
LORD MAYOR'S PROCESSION

Montreal, Oct. 9.—(Special)—A special London cable says: "The chief features of the Lord Mayor's procession on Nov. 9th will be emblems of the British colonies. Canada will be represented by one of her farming sons seated in front of a painted representation of acres of golden corn, a group of miners; also furled traders of the Hudson Bay Company, of which the new lord mayor is a director. It is possible some of the crew of the Stork may be present."

PECULIAR ACCIDENT TO
KINGS COUNTY MAN

Weapon Was Between Him and a Companion in a Wagon When It Went Off—Shot Took Other Man's Hat Off.

Sussex, Oct. 9.—Peter McManus, a young man of twenty-five years of age, met with a very painful and most unfortunate accident about 9 o'clock this morning. He was driving with his neighbor, Harry De Forest, near Waterford, when a shot gun which was in the wagon between the two men discharged, striking McManus in the right arm between the elbow and shoulder. The muscle and flesh were almost blown off and the bone terribly shattered.

Mr. De Forest's hat was blown off. McManus was driven to his home at Waterford and Drs. Preston and Murray, of Sussex, were called, and report some doubt about saving the arm.

The St. John people who had exhibited at the fair here report having done a splendid business, more than any two previous years.

Geo. Saffren left this morning for a short visit at Chipman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McIntyre went to Moncton this afternoon.

BRIGANDS SEND
HUMAN EAR TO
BRITISH CONSULATE

Declare It Belongs to an Englishman They Have in Captivity—Want \$5,000 Ransom to Save His Life.

Salonica, European Turkey, Oct. 9.—The British consulate at Monastir has received a package containing a human ear which, a letter accompanying the package, declared was cut from an Englishman named Willis, recently employed by the Turkish revenue department.

Willis was captured by brigands some months ago, and the letter threatens that he will be murdered unless a ransom of \$5,000 be paid by October 14.

ANTAGONISH LIBERALS
NOMINATE CANDIDATE

Antigonish, N. S., Oct. 9.—(Special)—At a convention of the Liberal party of this county today William Chisholm, of Antigonish, was nominated a candidate for the vacancy caused by C. F. McLea's appointment to G. T. P. Commission.

FATHER INDICTED FOR POISONING
CHILD

Guild Hall, Vt., Oct. 9.—An indictment charging murder in the first degree for the death by poisoning of his three-year-old daughter Lilla, has been found against Robert Waterman, Victory, by the Essex county grand jury.

The death of the child occurred last July at Gallup's Mills in the town of Victory, where she had been living with her father.

FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

ROTHESAY.

Rothsay, Oct. 5.—An event of great interest and pleasure, which was attended by a large number of Rothsay people, who were there by kind invitation of the principals of the school, was the presentation of two short plays by the pupils at "Netherwood".

HAMPTON.

Hampton, N. B., Oct. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. John A. McAvoy and family have returned from their summer residence at Lakeside to their city home.

being called here by the death of her mother, M. A. Robert H. O'Brien. Rev. J. H. Brownell, of Port Elgin, was in town Tuesday evening en route for Sydney to attend the Synod of the maritime provinces.

Miss Margaret Kewin, of the Mt. Allison Academy staff, spent Sunday with Mrs. Walter Tingey.

Mr. Martin, assisted by Rev. H. O'Leary. After a lengthy honeymoon trip in the Canadian Northwest Mr. and Mrs. Turgeon will reside in Bathurst.

Hillsboro, Oct. 5.—Among those attending the teachers' institute, which will meet at Riverside this week, are Mr. Fitzpatrick and Miss Barber, of Surrey school.

HILLSBORO.

Mr. McMonagle, K. C. St. Stephen, was in town for a short time last week. Mrs. Botterell, of Montreal, after an extended trip with Mr. Botterell through P. E. Island, Cape Breton and the northern part of New Brunswick, is again at her charming cottage, "Orchard House," in Bocabec, where she will remain a few weeks longer before returning home.

Chatham, Oct. 3.—Mrs. Charles Stewart and Miss Louise Stewart have returned from a visit to Woodstock and Fredericton.

CHATHAM.

Miss Olive Stothart has gone to Fredericton where she will attend the University. The tea party given by Miss Carrie Salter on Monday was much enjoyed by her guests.

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BORDER TOWNS.

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FREDERICTON.

Legere, Edmundston; F. J. Murphy, Moncton; P. A. Guthrie, Fredericton. Candidates for Attorney-General: A. Allen, Moncton; Mabel P. French, B. C. L. St. John; Arthur LeBlanc, Colville Bridge; George R. McCord, Sackville; Henry O. McLaughlin, St. John; Raleigh Trice, Sackville; Thomas J. Allen, Shediac; George M. Blakely, Pettitcodiac.

Jerusalem, Queens Co., Oct. 5.—Mrs. J. R. Dunn has been visiting her mother at Quebec. She returned yesterday.

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A LARGE ORDER

The big tariff reform fight, which was expected in the Massachusetts Republican convention yesterday was avoided by a compromise.

FAMILY INFLUENCE

After it had been shown yesterday that the salary of President McCurdy, of the Mutual, had been \$120,000 a year since 1901, Mr. Hughes asked the younger McCurdy--the \$2,000,000 one--why the old gentleman received so much more than formerly.

NOTE AND COMMENT

In a few days the sunrise express on the I. C. R. will be set back to a comparatively reasonable hour. The railway authorities will not be likely to start an important express at 6 a. m. out of St. John again.

THE NEED OF CHEAPER POWER

Several gentlemen interested in the proposed Board of Trade investigation of the value of the falls as a source of power for industrial purposes have asked the Telegraph for information on the subject.

THE BALANCE OF TRADE

The excess of Canadian imports over exports continues to excite some of the observers who are searching a fairly clear sky for additional clouds. There is a tendency on the part of some to exalt the balance of trade theory, and on the part of others to slight it utterly.

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If your overcoat thoughts direct you to "Oak Hall," you'll have thought well and acted wisely. At "Oak Hall" you'll find coats as good as the best tailoring skill can make them.

Boys' Norfolk Suits, \$2.25 to \$7.50; Boys' Sailor Suits, .90 to 9.00; Boys' Vest Suits, 3.00 to 9.00; Boys' Fancy Overcoats, \$4.25 to \$ 7.50; Boys' Regular Overcoats, 3.75 to 12.00; Boys' Reefers, . . . 1.50 to 6.50

GREATER OAK HALL SCOVIL BROS. & CO. KING STREET COR. GELMAIN ST. JOHN BRANCH STORE 703 MAIN STREET, NORTH END

BIG CLOTHING SALE .. NOW IN .. FULL SWING

Saturday was the opening day of our new store, and marked the opening of one of the Biggest Money-Saving Clothing Sales that has yet taken place in St. John. Saturday both our stores were crowded all day with happy buyers. READ A FEW OF THE BARGAINS.

J.N. HARVEY, Mens' and Boys' Clothier, 199 and 207 UNION STREET.

White leghorns--D. D. Leger. Buff orpingtons--C. W. Smith, 1st; Geo. C. Allen, 2nd.

Barred Plymouth rocks--S. B. Weldon, 1st; Geo. C. Allen, 2nd.

White Wyandottes--S. B. Weldon, 1st; Light Brahmas--A. J. Steeves.

Buff Orpingtons--C. W. Smith. Other varieties--Geo. C. Allen.

Special prize, table chickens--Early Mitton.

Geese--C. W. Smith.

A GREAT EDUCATIONAL MEETING THIS WEEK

The sessions of the United County Teachers' Institutes of St. John and Charlotte, which meet in the St. John High School building Oct. 12th and 13th, are expected to be of more than ordinary interest.

Question of County Children in City Schools--Count Taken and Some Charge Will Be Made.

The question of residents of the county who pay no school tax sending their children to the city schools has cropped up again. When asked with reference to the matter last night Judge Trueman, chairman of the board of school trustees, said it had been decided at the meeting of the board called for last night, but there was no quorum and consequently no meeting, so the question was deferred.

CROPS UP AGAIN

Cow, four years old--Allan Steeves, 1st and 2nd. Beef cow--W. A. Humphrey, 1st; S. B. Weldon, 2nd.

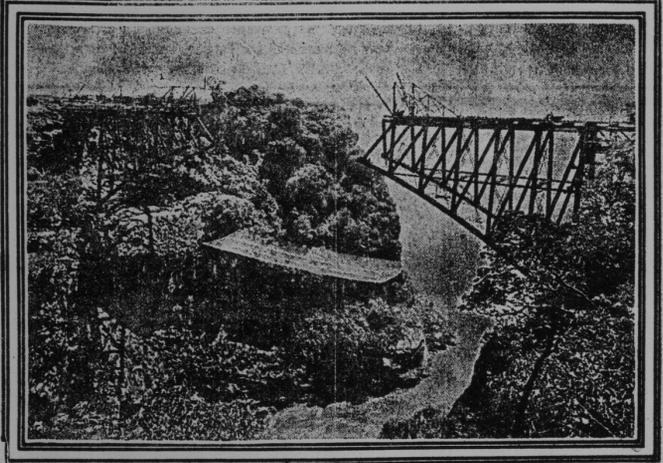
Who Gets the Most Out of Life?

Not the wealthiest, nor the most learned, nor the idler--but the man who has good health and works for his living. This truth is trite, but not trivally.

The Man Who Uses BEECHAM'S PILLS

Prepared only by the Proprietor, Thomas Beecham, St. Helens, Lancashire, Eng. Sold everywhere in Canada and U. S. America. In boxes 25 cents.

Zambesi Bridge, One of World's Wonders, Had Life Net Beneath



THE ZAMBESI RAILWAY BRIDGE AT THE VICTORIA FALLS, IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION

Greatest of modern engineering feats of its character is the new Victorian Falls bridge across the Zambesi river, which, rapidly approaching completion, links over the most formidable obstacle presented in the route undertaken, the "Cape to Cairo" railway, that has long been the dream of British statesmen and engineers.

Supported from directly underneath this marvelous structure have not been known since first it was commenced, for the depth of the Zambesi river has never been

found and engineers have long ago despaired of ever striking solid bottom in the bed of the turbulent stream. Therefore it became necessary to effect the construction of the new span from either side, which was done simultaneously, and as the two halves in course of building lengthened in their approach to each other the strain upon the temporary anchors by which they were secured to the adamant side of the gorge became crucial. Once the last section was completed and

FREE BAPTISTS IN LAST CONFERENCE

Reports Show That the Church Has Had an Excellent Year

REV. JOSEPH NOBLE'S FEELING ADDRESS

Oldest Clergyman Spoke at Saturday Afternoon's Session—Christian Church Sends Word of Desire for Union—Committee's Appointment—Sunday School Figures.

The last conference of the Free Baptists as a body was opened in the Waterloo street church Saturday morning. There were three sessions during the day. In the morning was of a devotional character, while the afternoon and evening meetings were taken up with the consideration of business.

Church Statistics for the Year

In the afternoon, Rev. Dr. Joseph McLeod read his report as corresponding secretary, as well as a report of the World's Baptist Congress in London.

Rev. J. Bolton Daggett, moderator, presided. After the secretary, Dr. McLeod Vince had called the roll of members and delegates from the districts, most of whom were present, the report of the corresponding secretary was read.

During the year, 237 new members were added, as against 233 last year. A new church had been dedicated at Seal Cove (Grand Manan), and one was nearing completion at Maryville.

The secretary received reports from Revs. Joseph Noble, J. N. Barnes, T. O. DeWitt, C. T. Phillips, J. J. Barnes, W. H. Perry, C. B. Lewis, H. A. Bonnell, Abram Perry, A. J. Prosser, and E. H. Cochrane.

"Father" Noble's Feeling Address

Rev. Joseph Noble in moving the adoption of the report spoke of the great satisfaction the reading of it had given. He compared some reports to which he had listened in the past with the present ones. There was a great change for the better, but they are not what they ought to be. They failed to realize all that was implied in the word church. There was no organization on this earth could compare with her.

man and was wondering if it could be said of him as it was said of one of old: "She hath done what she could."

As a church, as a whole they have done what they could. They had a place in the world which place they must and would retain. Turning to the financial side of the report the venerable clergyman inquired "have we done what we could?"

Rev. Mr. Noble was listened to with rapt attention and many in the audience were visibly affected as he recalled old times.

Rev. Mr. Phillips Speaks of Union

Rev. C. T. Phillips, who seconded the motion was also reminiscent. He referred to the fact that he had heard Rev. Dr. McLeod's father read a report as secretary.

Nova Scotia Greetings

Rev. Edwin Crowell then presented the fraternal greetings of the Nova Scotia conference and he was invited to take a seat in the conference.

Christian Church for Union

Rev. A. J. Prosser read a communication from Rev. J. F. Floyd to the effect that the Christian church at their last annual meeting in Halifax had voted for a committee on the general question of church union.

At the Evening Session

The Saturday evening session was taken up with hearing the reports of the home mission executive, Sabbath school and nominating committees.

Coming Wedding

South Clons, N. B., Oct. 6.—A pleasant event is expected to take place on the evening of November 1st at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Pellet when their eldest daughter, Lizzie A., will be united in marriage to B. V. McCracken of Bangor (N.S.).

Corporal John A. Stanton, of the 1st Leinster Regiment, was married at Shorncliffe (Eng), Sept. 27, to Miss Gertrude Humphrey, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Humphrey, Leeds. He is a son of John A. Stanton, of this city. He and his wife will be here this month.

ed, after Revs. E. S. Parker, A. W. Currie, D. Long and A. J. Prosser had spoken.

Sunday Schools

The next report, that of the Sunday school committee, was read by Rev. David Patterson. After reference to the incompleteness of the report that had come in, it was pointed out that the appointment of District Sunday school secretaries was a desirable thing and it was urged that appointments be made as soon as possible.

Committees Appointed

The report of the nominating committee, which was adopted as read, was as follows:—

Executive of Home Missions

Rev. A. J. Prosser, corresponding secretary; E. W. Slipp, treasurer; Rev. J. McLeod, D. D.; G. Swin, J. A. Barnes, A. M. McNamara, Frances McCarthy, Blackville; Jessie McEwen, Northesk; Grace McMaster, Blackville; Loretta McCarthy, Derby; Minnie McDonald, Nelson; Annie E. Morrison, Newcastle; Margaret Mowat, Chatham; Loretta McDonald, Nelson; Gengra Murphy, Chatham; Catherine Mann, Chatham; K. B. McLean, Chatham; Margaret McKnight, Glenora; Mary E. McDonald, Chatham; Lenna McLean, Blackville; Lizzie McIntosh, Nelson; Rachel McEwen, Blackville; Gladys McColm, Northesk; Minnie Pedlow, Newcastle; Beatrice McNewman, Northesk; Sadie Newman, Nelson; Etta M. Phillips, Derby; Margaret Phelan, Blackville; S. S. Renouf, Blackville; May Russell, Newcastle; E. Pearl C. Russell, Blackville; Mary A. Ryan, Chatham; Ethel E. Swanson, Northesk; M. C. Sutherland, Lunenburg; Margaret M. Stevens, Newcastle; Gertrude E. Savoy, Almoick; Adelaide Stables, Blackville; May Thompson, Kate Troy, Sadie Urquhart, Newcastle; Annie W. Williston, Hardwick; L. Clara Walls, Northesk.

Board of Managers

Rev. A. J. Prosser, president; Rev. J. F. Floyd, secretary; Rev. J. F. Floyd, treasurer; Rev. J. F. Floyd, D. D.; J. E. Slipp, B. S. Palmer, E. J. Clarke, Geo. McLeod.

Committee on Literature

Rev. A. J. Prosser, president; Rev. J. F. Floyd, secretary; Rev. J. F. Floyd, treasurer; Rev. J. F. Floyd, D. D.; J. E. Slipp, B. S. Palmer, E. J. Clarke, Geo. McLeod.

Committee on Education

Rev. E. S. Parker, president; Rev. J. F. Floyd, secretary; Rev. J. F. Floyd, treasurer; Rev. J. F. Floyd, D. D.; J. E. Slipp, B. S. Palmer, E. J. Clarke, Geo. McLeod.

Committee on Sabbath Schools

Rev. A. J. Prosser, president; Rev. J. F. Floyd, secretary; Rev. J. F. Floyd, treasurer; Rev. J. F. Floyd, D. D.; J. E. Slipp, B. S. Palmer, E. J. Clarke, Geo. McLeod.

Committee on Temperance

Rev. A. J. Prosser, president; Rev. J. F. Floyd, secretary; Rev. J. F. Floyd, treasurer; Rev. J. F. Floyd, D. D.; J. E. Slipp, B. S. Palmer, E. J. Clarke, Geo. McLeod.

Committee on Home Missions

Rev. A. J. Prosser, president; Rev. J. F. Floyd, secretary; Rev. J. F. Floyd, treasurer; Rev. J. F. Floyd, D. D.; J. E. Slipp, B. S. Palmer, E. J. Clarke, Geo. McLeod.

W. H. MURRAY'S WILL

Estate Entered in Probate Court Saturday at \$615,000

DIVIDED AMONG HIS SISTERS AND BROTHER

Five Shares, One Being Held in Trust for Brother's Children—A. J. Gregory, J. F. Gregory, and Deceased's Brother the Executors.

The will of the late William H. Murray was probated before Judge Trueman on Saturday at \$615,000 real and personal property. The executors named are S. E. Ranney Murray, A. J. Gregory and J. Fraser Gregory, and letters testamentary were granted them.

The document was drawn in 1892, and is short and concise.

With the exception of a few small bequests, the property is divided into five portions, one going to each of the three sisters of the late Mr. Murray, one to his brother, S. E. Ranney Murray, and the remaining part to be held in trust for the nine children of his brother, whose names are Florence, Olivia, Louise, Margaret, Mary, Doris, Sydney, William H., and an infant. There are no public bequests.

The testator directs that a \$3,000 mortgage given by the wife of his nephew, Murray E. Gilbert, should be cancelled.

The real estate, which consists of the deceased's house in Douglas avenue, is valued at \$15,000, and the personal property, estimated at \$600,000, includes timothy holdings, cash, a \$10,000 life insurance policy, and stocks and shares in various industrial and other enterprises. It is the general opinion that owing to the difficulty of accurately valuing some of the holdings, such as timber lands, the estate will eventually prove to be worth in the vicinity of \$1,000,000. It is understood that the business interests of the late Mr. Murray will be looked after by J. Fraser Gregory.

The deceased lumber merchant had long been regarded as one of the richest men in the province, and it is interesting to recall that his home in Douglas avenue has always been owned by his nephews. Three of the city's richest men have owned it—the late C. F. Woodman, the late James Hamilton, and finally Mr. Murray.

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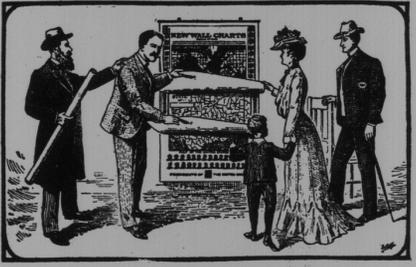
Chatham, Oct. 5.—The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Northumberland County Teachers' Institute opened in Hartington Academy, Newcastle, at 10 a. m. today, the president, James McIntosh, in the chair.

The following teachers were present: Constance Anderson, Chatham; Katie J. Amos, Southesk; M. Emma Barrow, Nelson; Deborah N. Brown, Annie Craig, S. Estelle Carruthers, Jennie Crammond, Mary Carney, Newcastle; Mabel Clouston, Derby; Annie M. Carroll, Hardwick; Philip Cox, Chatham; E. Helena Dunn, Blackville; George G. Lawlor, Chatham; Mary E. Donovan, Derby; Ellen M. Donovan, Hardwick; Margaret Dunnet, Newcastle; Muriel Ellis, Chatham; Minnie Edgar, Chatham; Margaret McKnight, Glenora; Calia Fitzpatrick, Nelson; Bessie M. Fraser, Chatham; Beatrice Flaherty, Blackville; Jessie Fowler, Chatham; B. Marion Fraser, Chatham; Laura A. Mills, Hardwick; James McIntosh, Blackville; Helen McLeod, Newcastle; Annie McLeod, Newcastle; George W. Mersereau, Blacktown, Frances McCarthy, Blackville; Jessie McEwen, Northesk; Grace McMaster, Blackville; Loretta McCarthy, Derby; Minnie McDonald, Nelson; Annie E. Morrison, Newcastle; Margaret Mowat, Chatham; Loretta McDonald, Nelson; Gengra Murphy, Chatham; Catherine Mann, Chatham; K. B. McLean, Chatham; Margaret McKnight, Glenora; Mary E. McDonald, Chatham; Lenna McLean, Blackville; Lizzie McIntosh, Nelson; Rachel McEwen, Blackville; Gladys McColm, Northesk; Minnie Pedlow, Newcastle; Beatrice McNewman, Northesk; Sadie Newman, Nelson; Etta M. Phillips, Derby; Margaret Phelan, Blackville; S. S. Renouf, Blackville; May Russell, Newcastle; E. Pearl C. Russell, Blackville; Mary A. Ryan, Chatham; Ethel E. Swanson, Northesk; M. C. Sutherland, Lunenburg; Margaret M. Stevens, Newcastle; Gertrude E. Savoy, Almoick; Adelaide Stables, Blackville; May Thompson, Kate Troy, Sadie Urquhart, Newcastle; Annie W. Williston, Hardwick; L. Clara Walls, Northesk.

Miss Kate Troy was appointed assistant secretary.

After a few words of welcome from the president, James McIntosh, Inspector Mersereau gave an interesting and helpful address on the Teacher as the Individual Factor in the Success of the Teaching Profession, and the mental under, instead of over-pressure of the pupils. He first spoke of the many teachers who although apparently possessed of the necessary endowments, yet are not making a success of teaching, and ascribed their failure to the lack of a certain individuality which commanded success. In teaching as in all other work, success is only achieved by singleness of purpose, perseverance and determination to succeed.

The teacher should study the personal resources of the pupils, and it will be found they are not inadequate. He should always be the moving factor in the school, always active and endeavoring to accomplish something. The mental underwork



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of the pupils seemed more obvious than overpressure. Many pupils in grades eight and nine seem utterly unfit to attack a problem independently and even more helpless in grades eleven and twelve. This is ascribed to the time-killing devices in the lower grades to make the lessons interesting and the work easy. Nothing degenerates by lack of use like the capacity for work. Better far to only give the pupils the capacity to work than an amount of knowledge without that capacity. Teachers should put all the energy of their nature into their teaching and never do any work that has not a definite end.

Dr. Cox spoke on the teachers' proper place in the school room. He should not cram the pupils' minds with facts, but cultivate the spirit of self-help. He should wisely direct their work, doing as little as possible of the actual work, and insisting upon them doing as much as possible. He should study the individual minds under his care and apply the knowledge in helping to solve the unknown.

A review should never be a repetition of what had been learned on other occasions, for children tire of such things. The facts should be brought out by different methods. There will be better results when the pupils do more actual work and the teachers less. When the habit of application and love of study have been formed in pupils the teacher's work is much easier. Insist upon pupils finding out as much as possible for themselves for one difficulty mastered by careful questioning is worth ten fold to them.

The next on the programme was a well-taught lesson in reading to grade one, by Miss Hogan; then a lesson on the Personal Pronoun, by Miss Kate Troy. Adjourned.

After roll call at the second session, the two lessons were discussed by Misses Ellis, McIntosh, Fraser, Crammond, Inspector Mersereau, Misses Edgar and Phillips. Ten minutes recess was given, when the

PERSONALS

Rev. D. Lang, Rev. A. A. Graham, Rev. Dr. Fotheringham, Messrs. E. E. Fraser and Donald McLean returned Saturday from Sydney.

Mrs. Burnham and daughter, of Roulindale (Mass.), left this morning by the steamer Calvin Austin for Boston. They have been visiting friends in St. Margaree. Mr. and Mrs. R. Ross, of Sussex, left this morning for Boston. They expect to be away for several weeks.

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A Lunenburg appointment. Lunenburg, Oct. 6.—(Special)—Amber B. Caldwell, of Lunenburg, in Nova Scotia, collector of customs, has been appointed measuring surveyor of shipping for the port of Lunenburg.

BRIDE AND GROOM BATTLE FOR LIFE IN MISQUASH HARBOR; SHE IS DROWNED

Robert McGuire, with Wife Claspng His Neck, Sinks Twice, Then She Loses Hold and Goes to Bottom--He is Saved But Nearly Exhausted--Boat in which Was Also His Sister was Struck by Squall.

Twice yesterday afternoon in the waters of Misquash harbor Robert McGuire and his bride of a few weeks sank below the surface in a fearful struggle for life, she with her arms clasped around his neck as she fought for her safety; twice he arose above the water, but the effort had been too much for his wife. How it happened he does not know, but her hold had broken and she sank the second time to rise no more in life.

He thinks he must have temporarily lost consciousness, for he cannot recall how his wife became separated from him. The tragedy is one of the saddest. Mr. McGuire is quartermaster on the Eastern Steamship Company's steamer Calvin Austin, his home is in Lorneville, and only a few weeks ago he married Lizzie Cunningham, daughter of William T. Cunningham, stokerkeeper of Lorneville. Because of his work he could not spend much time then at home, but the other day was given two weeks vacation and the young couple looked upon it as their honeymoon.

Yesterday after dinner a sail across the harbor to visit some relatives was proposed. Mrs. McGuire seemed to have a premonition of evil and hesitated about going, but finally consented. The weather was fine and there was no lack of confidence in Mr. McGuire as a boatman, for he has spent years in fishing and knows well how to handle the craft.

The stretch of water across the harbor is about a mile and a half. They took along with them Mr. McGuire's sister Kate, and she occupied a place in the bow, while Mr. McGuire and his wife sat aft. They had not gone far when their pleasure outing was turned into the saddest journey any of them had ever embarked upon. From out of the unsuspected elements came a sudden squall, says the report which reached the city, and the boat was either overturned or so suddenly canted that Mr. and Mrs. McGuire were thrown into the water. The report says that Miss McGuire remained in her place in the boat, and this would indicate that the craft did not wholly overturn.

However, Mr. McGuire at once turned his attention to saving his wife's life. They had been thrown apart and he swam to her assistance. She clasped her arms around his neck and then began the greater struggle for safety for both. They sank, but came to the surface

LOCAL NEWS

Fifteen shares of Bank of New Brunswick stock were sold at Chubb's corner Saturday by Auctioneer Lantaul to W. Malcolm Mackay at \$288 a share.

George H. Macdonald, a member of a well known Narrows family, has gone to Boston, where he has secured employment as a conductor on one of the surface divisions of the elevated road.

Registrar Jones has a letter from London solicitors asking for a certificate of the birth of Newton Alexander Hamilton Livingston, son of Dr. Robert Hamilton Livingston, born in 1871.

The will of James Fawcett was admitted to probate Friday and letters testamentary granted to his nephew, William Henry Fawcett. The estate is valued at \$2,000 real, E. S. Ritchie for the executor; D. Mullin, K. C., for the widow.

Mrs. Grace Fleming, who won at the Provincial University the St. John county scholarship, is the daughter of Mrs. William Fleming, Hazen and Garden streets. She was an excellent student in the high school. The scholarship is valued at \$80 and is tenable for one year.

The steamer Polonolet ran against a rock in the falls Saturday morning and a hole was punched in her hull. She was on her return to Indiantown after having had repairs made. The pumps were at once started, as soon as Indiantown was reached, and later she was removed for repairs.

While Cornelius Hayes, of Spruce Lake, was unloading coal from a scow at the Cushing Pulp Mill Friday morning, a bucket struck him, rendering him unconscious, badly shaking him up, cutting his left eye and bruising his shoulder and side. Dr. Macfarland attended him and brought him to the hospital. He will be around in a few days.

The annual meeting of the Women's Art Association of Canada at Toronto Monday. Cammie Gray was elected honorary president and Mrs. Dignan, of Toronto, president. Among the ex-officio vice-presidents are: Mrs. Silas Ahear, St. John; Mrs. Charles Archibald, Halifax; Mrs. Allan Fitz Randolph, Fredericton; Mrs. Eleanor Pippy, Moncton, and Miss Dick, Moncton.

The slaughter house commissioners met yesterday afternoon and transacted town business. The monthly report shows that there were 498 cattle, 882 sheep, nine calves, and 330 ewine killed in the various slaughter houses. These were distributed as follows: McCarty, 233, cat and 399 sheep; Kane & McGrath, 233 cat

and 399 sheep; M. J. Collins, ten cattle, twenty-two sheep and five calves; Dunn & Co., 330 ewine.

Robert Blackett was placed under arrest on Saturday afternoon last, charged with wounding Daniel Taylor (colored), with a twenty-two calibre revolver. The ball penetrated the right foot, but the injury is not regarded as being serious.

In St. Jude's church, Carleton, Friday evening the marriage of L. A. Griffiths, of the London House, wedding to Miss Sarah Card, of Boston, was solemnized by Rev. G. F. Scovill. The bride is a daughter of the late Prof. Card, formerly of St. John.

The many friends of J. H. Barber, resident engineer of the C. P. R., will sympathize deeply with him in the loss of his only surviving son Harold, who died at his father's home, 32 Summer street, at an early hour Monday, aged ten years and seven months. The boy had been ill for two months and had not been in robust health for several years.

Fire yesterday morning considerably damaged J. E. Cowan's building, 40 Wall street, occupied by Wade's drug store, a Chinese laundry, and the dwellings of J. F. Tritts and D. Peir. The building was insured for \$100,000, of which \$1,000 was in the Quebec and \$99,000 in the British America. There was \$1,600 on Mr. Wade's company and Mr. Peir's furniture, while Mr. Tritts had \$300 on his furniture in the London Assurance.

Resolution of Oondolence. Grand Falls, Oct. 5.—The following resolution was passed at the teachers' institute here:— We, the members of the Victoria County Institute, in session at Grand Falls, resolved, that whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our esteemed fellow teacher and vice-president, Thomas Rogers, we do express our sense of the irreparable loss this institute has sustained. He was always present at our sessions, and took an active interest in the same. He gave freely to us the results of his wide and varied experience, and his death will long be deplored; and Resolved, that while the recollection of him so lately departed is so full of painful regret, we will look rather to his brighter side, knowing that what is lost to us is to him gain unspeakable; and further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the bereaved widow, and a copy placed on the minutes of this session. Signed on behalf of this institute, J. C. CARRUTHERS, M. T. GOODINE, Committee.

James Brennan vs. Chief Clark. In the police court Friday the charge of James Brennan against Chief Clark was taken up. The complainant said that when he went to the chamberlain's office last Saturday to pay his taxes, the chief put him in line and later a young man entered and said that then the chief caught the complainant by the shoulder and pulled him back, putting the young man ahead of him. Mr. Brennan said he explained to the young man that his place had been usurped and that the young man stepped back and gave up his place. The chamberlain then called for order. The hearing was adjourned until Wednesday.

COMPLAINT OF I. C. R. BRIDGE C. P. R. SERVICE FOR THE CENTRAL

People of Edmundston Claim Grievance Against the Canada Pacific Commissioners Buy the Two Spans Now in Use at Sussex

MAKE PROTESTS TO SEVERAL OFFICERS NEGOTIATIONS FOR OTHERS ARE PENDING

Also Draw Matter to Railway Commission's Attention--Claim Slow Mixed Freight Has Been Put On Instead of Express and They are Hampered.

Edmundston, N. B., Oct. 9.—(Special)—The merchants of this place claim a grievance against the C. P. R. because of a change in the service it is giving the town, and they talk of transferring their business from the C. P. R. to the I. C. R., bringing in the goods via the government line and the Temiscouata railroad.

The trouble is because of the C. P. R. taking off the express train which arrived here at 5 p. m. daily and left at about 12:30 p. m. This the merchants claim gave them opportunity to go through their mail and transact their business between trains and also permitted their doing business with commercial travellers between trains.

Notice of a change in this plan was made and a protest against it went up. The new service was to be a mixed freight train due at 8 p. m. and to leave here about 9 a. m. This they held gave them no chance to do their business and the matter was laid before the p.m. master general, the railway commission, General Manager McNicol, of the C. P. R., Superintendent Downie at St. John, and Dr. Colter, post office inspector at St. John.

Nothing has resulted, however, favorably to the town and today the new train schedule went into effect. There is talk now of another meeting to consider further action and meanwhile the merchants say they will do the best they can with the I. C. R. and Temiscouata line. The town, they set forth is prospering as evidenced by their intention to install a \$100,000 gas system. Brown was arrested at the station, and \$800 worth of Confederate state bills found on him. He says he has carried it for a long time. The charge against him is using profane language.

Senator King will leave on the early train today for Moncton where the stockholders of the New Brunswick Petroleum Company. He expects to return to the city tonight.

He landed in jail. Bad Language on Car Brought Trouble for Harry Brown--Had \$60 in Confederate Bills.

Harry Brown is a young man claiming Hampton as his place of residence. He was arrested at a street in Charlotte street Saturday afternoon and the conductor, Harry Needham, says presented to him a transfer punched and accepted his case. Brown was arrested at the station, and \$800 worth of Confederate state bills found on him. He says he has carried it for a long time. The charge against him is using profane language.

NEW YORK REPUBLICAN SCHEME DIDN'T WORK. (Continued from page 1.)

Mr. Woodruff was asked if he was to be put up to save the face of the situation. "Under any circumstances," he replied, "I shall leave the city late this afternoon."

William Berris was asked if it was true that an attempt had been made to draft him. "Not me, no sir," said Mr. Berris. William Halpin, who is chairman of the committee to investigate, said that he did not know when he would call the committee together. He will not do anything until he has received his orders from Boss Odell. When Odell calls the city he will begin a still hunt for some man who will stay nominated.

Hearst Afraid of Being Elected. Meantime the Hearst Socialist Municipal League outfit is getting busy. They will nominate a full city ticket. Arthur Brisbane, Hearst's manager, said today that the only reason Hearst delayed accepting the nomination tendered him by the league was that he was afraid he would be elected, and while he wanted to down Tammany, he would rather some other man was mayor as he really hadn't the time.

Says American Ports Can Repel Invasion. Secretary Taft said today: "All the plans for fortifications proposed by the cabinet board for the twenty-five ports of this country have now been carried out. We have spent something more than \$80,000,000. The plan which included other things besides fortifications and armament involved a cost of \$150,000,000. We hope to scale this down to \$120,000,000. As the harbors at present stand 4 believe that no foreign fleet could enter them. Neither could the combined fleets of any two nations, and that is providing it was not foggy. We have sufficient guns and our fortifications are now strong enough to resist and annihilate any such fleet."

What we must spend the rest of the money for is development of submarine and torpedo defence in case of such a thing as fog when the gunners cannot see, also in keeping up with the times and perfecting the modern system of fire control by which one can aim and fire all the guns in a fort at once. This system we have not established at a great many of our fortifications, but we must do so as soon as possible."

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Fredericton, Oct. 9.—Rev. Canon Roberts is lying very ill at the rectory, suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia, complicated with pleurisy. His sickness is the cause of much anxiety here. This morning Dr. Atherton was called in to consult with the attending physician, Dr. Weaver.

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COLE SWEARS HE IS INNOCENT

Albert County Man Takes the Stand in His Defence

Portland, Me., Oct. 6.—(Special)—"I did not kill Jack Steeves. I had nothing to do with his death. I never saw him since he left my house on the morning of April 22. We never had any words and were on the best of terms."

These were last words that Edward F. Cole spoke in his direct examination, this morning in his trial for the murder of his friend, John F. Steeves. They were the climax of a protracted examination in which Cole told a straight forward and circumstantial story of his relations with the murdered man.

If Cole cannot, as he swore, either read or write, either his story is true or he is the most remarkable inventor of intricate and plausible stories ever put on the witness stand in this state.

Briefly stated, Cole's alibi, which he told, was as follows: Steeves and he left Cole's house on the morning of April 12, and they returned to the house, Steeves told Cole he was going down to see Hiram Crossman about getting work. He went upstairs and changed his trousers, came down and left the house. Cole and a lodger in the house called a coach and in the afternoon Cole went to a power-house in Portland, looking for a job.

He told of one man whom he met on the way and two others he talked with at the power house. The evening he spent at home.

Cole accounted for the stories of his proposals to others to drug Steeves and told him by saying that he had been joking and had been misunderstood. Steeves was generous to him, he said, and what was Steeves' was his and his was Steeves'. He borrowed money from his friend and so Dr. McLeod Vince for his long and faithful services as secretary to the conference. This was seconded by Rev. Dr. McLeod and unanimously carried. After the usual vote of thanks had been passed to the congregation of Watchdog Street church for the use of the edifice, Rev. Dr. McLeod returned thanks in a feeling speech for their action re the Religious Intelligencer. Phillips had offered to pay the expenses of the conference and the new organ of the Maritime Baptist.

At this point the report of the committee for relief of sick and disabled ministers was handed in. After all payments had been made from this fund there still remained in the hands of the treasurer, Gideon McLeod, the sum of \$384.44.

Rev. A. W. Currier, corresponding secretary on foreign missions, also read his report. After a few more votes of thanks had been passed, the sum of \$300 was voted to the publisher of the Religious Intelligencer.

During the session, Rev. G. R. White, president of the Maritime Baptist, and William Cummings, a past president of the same body, were introduced and made short addresses. Rev. Dr. Brown, Warden, N. B. Harwood, Drovers, and E. L. Steeves were also invited to seats. The conference adjourned at 11 o'clock.

It is not likely that the case will be finished by tomorrow evening and it may run well into next week. Portland, Me., Oct. 7.—(Special)—If the Cole murder trial had gone to the jury at the close of today's session it is a trifle probable that a verdict of acquittal would have been rendered. The defence was all in when the court adjourned, and the re-

spondent had been corroborated in every essential detail of his story of April 12, day when he last saw his chum, John F. Steeves, as the latter left Cole's house in the morning. Cole had said that after he and Steeves returned to the house that morning and Steeves left to see Hiram Crossman, about securing work, Cole had remained in the house and repaired a watch and the latter was boarding with him. That Cole had Canadian money before April 12 was shown by his pocket, to whom Cole paid two Canadian bills on April 1 in settling his weekly account. Here the court adjourned over Sunday. The defence put on a witness who swore although Mr. Wilson said that his case was all presented. He preferred to await the result of a conference with his client before definitely announcing that he had done all he could to clear him. Cole identified Steeves' Bloody Clothes. Cole went on the stand again this morning and his cross-examination was completed. As on Friday, he was an unsatisfactory witness while under fire, but he made no serious blunders. Perhaps the most dramatic moment of the case came before he left the witness box.

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