

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Ordination Service at Port Medway, Queens Co.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, 31st March, a number of delegates from Milton, Liverpool, Mill Village, Port Medway, and Brookfield Baptist Churches, met in Council at Port Medway, pursuant to a call from the Baptist church of that place, to take action in the matter of setting apart to the work of Gospel ministry Bro. A. N. Roscoe, who has been laboring for some months with marked success among them. Delegates had also been invited from Bridgewater, Chester, and Lockeport Churches, but did not attend.

The Council proceeded to organize by the appointment of Rev. G. O. Gates as Chairman, and Rev. G. A. Cleaveland, Clerk. Opening prayer by Rev. Perez F. Murray.

After giving a statement of his Christian experience and call to the ministry, and an outline of the doctrinal truths he believed to be taught by the Word of God, with a somewhat lengthy and critical examination on different points in the latter, by members of the council, Bro. Roscoe retired. It was then decided, after due deliberation to proceed with the ordination of the candidate, and the Council adjourned to meet again in the evening for that purpose.

At seven o'clock, P. M., a large congregation assembled in the Baptist Church, and the Ordination Service was conducted as follows:

Ordination Sermon.—Rev. G. O. Gates, Questions to Candidate.—Rev. P. F. Murray.

Ordaining Prayer.—Rev. Jas. I. DeWolfe.

Right Hand of Fellowship.—Rev. G. A. Cleaveland.

Charge to Minister.—Rev. G. O. Gates. Charge to Church.—Rev. P. F. Murray.

The Sermon, a powerful discourse from Mark xvi. 15, "the Great Commission," was well suited to the occasion, and added not a little to the solemn joy which seemed to attend the services throughout.

At the close of the exercises in connection with the ordination, for which the Council had been called, Bros. Atkins and Manthorn, having been previously elected by their brethren as Deacons, were solemnly set apart to the duties of that sacred office. Bro. Roscoe has been labouring very earnestly for some months among the people of Port Medway and Mill Village, and God has been pleased to graciously bless his labours and make them effectual. The churches have been revived, believers have been strengthened in the faith, and sinners brought to feel the power and acknowledge the truth of the religion of Jesus; and we can only hope that in the future he may be even more successful than in the past, that the Lord's work may prosper abundantly in his hands, and that, at that great day "when we shall all be contemporaries," he may be found among those who having turned many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever.

CLERK.

ECONOMY.—Since I wrote you, God has moved the hearts of many to praise him with joyful lips, and many more are still anxiously seeking him. Six were baptized into Christ last Lord's day in the presence of a large congregation.

The word is deep and powerful, causing the profligate and the prodigal to confess their sins and obey the Gospel of Christ. The outlook for the church all along this coast was never more promising than now.

With the increase of the membership of the church, there is an increase of interest manifested by the older brethren that is truly praiseworthy. Teaching the "all things" commanded by Christ promotes the unity of the Spirit in the band of peace, causing brethren to dwell together in fellowship and love, joined together in the same judgment and appreciating each other the more they contend for the faith once delivered to the saints believing in one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Yours in hope of eternal life,  
Geo. F. Miles.

MONCTON, N.B.—We learn that Rev. E. Whitman of Hantsport has spent a Sabbath at Moncton, and received a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Baptist Church. It is expected that he will accept, and that he will enter upon his new duties about the 1st of May.—Visitor.

BARTON, DIGBY Co.—Mr. Editor.—I have baptized since the first Sabbath in March 18 happy converts, 15 in the St. Mary's Bay Church, and 3 in the Hill Grove Church. Others are seeking.

Rev. W. C. Rideout has been with us four weeks and his labour has been highly appreciated by the churches. He has returned home to make his family a visit, but intends to return to this Province the last of this month, and to be with the church at New Tusket the last Sabbath.

Yours truly,  
W. L. PARKER.

April 8, 1880.

THE YARMOUTH CO. MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE met according to appointment on March 23rd, in the Vestry of the Baptist Church at Hebron. In the absence of the President Rev. J. B. McQuillin, Rev. J. Rowe occupied the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. N. Parry. For various reasons the attendance was small. The brethren in Yarmouth were engaged in special union services under the direction of an evangelist from Boston, Mr. Chubbuck. Two were sick and one out of the county so that few were present, and the papers assigned to different brethren were not forthcoming.

The afternoon was profitably spent, however. The brethren being called upon, gave an account of the work of God on their several fields of labour during the last quarter. These reports were exceedingly cheering.

Bro. Cohoon reported 62 baptized, Bro. Rowe, 9; Bro. Parry, 3; Bro. Lavers, 3; Bro. Caldwell, 6. An interesting account was given by Bro. L. P. Rossier, of his labours among the French.

A paper, on "Preaching," prepared by Rev. W. H. Richan, in the absence of its author, was read by the Secretary.

This paper, excellent in matter and style, was warmly endorsed by the Conference.

It was decided to hold our next meeting at Ohio, on May 23rd., also that the work assigned for this meeting be expected at our next, viz:

First sermon, Rev. G. B. Titus.

An Exegesis of Heb. vi. 4. 5. 6, Rev. G. E. Day, M. D.

An Exegesis of John i. 9, Rev. John Clarke.

A paper on "Our attitude toward Pedobaptist ministers," Rev. A. Cohoon.

A paper, subject to be chosen by himself, Rev. J. B. McQuillin.

An outline of a sermon, Rev. A. H. Lavers.

Let those interested carefully note this and be prepared.

In the evening a sermon was preached by Rev. H. N. Parry, the different brethren participating in the services.

H. N. PARRY, Sec'y.

SYDNEY, C. B., is experiencing quite a revival. On Sunday the 4th, Rev. Mr. Kidson baptized 13 persons in the presence of about a thousand people. It was expected that nearly as many would be baptized last Sabbath. The town is greatly moved. The enemy is also excited and doing what he can to oppose.

FREDERICTON, N. B.—The Visitor informs us that Rev. Mr. Fiddleford of Calais preached in Fredericton Sabbath before last, and baptized 5 converts, one was the Rev. Mr. Porter's eldest son.

NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

ON MONDAY of last week, during the discussion that arose on the Estimates for the ensuing year, great efforts were made by certain members to effect a retrenchment of the amount devoted to certain departments of the public expenditure. On the item of \$35,000 for legislative expenses, Mr. Kinney remarked he could ill afford to give his time gratuitously but he disliked this prating about economy while nothing came of it. This House could, by a simple act of justice, reduce this \$38,500 to \$26,000 by deducting \$200 each from their pay and dismissing some half a dozen functionaries that were continually running into each other, and reducing the Speaker's salary to \$300, which allowance was ample for the services of that official. He had no fault to find with the present incumbent, on the contrary he believed him to be in every respect fitted for the position, but he argued that the dignity of the chair was not of such a nature that a tax of \$800 should be imposed upon the impoverished treasury when a much smaller sum was sufficient. He had but little expectation that this vote of \$38,000 would be in any way changed, inasmuch as he had seen but little dis-

position to retrench when such retrenchment affected the pockets of members, but that the country might have a fair chance of forming an opinion of the patriotism and devotedness of hon. members he would move an amendment that the allowance for legislative expenses be \$32,000.

Mr. Ford said that if his motion was in order he would like to say a few words about it. He was glad the hon. member had brought it up with open doors, because he wanted to discuss it with open doors.

The Chairman said the motion had not been seconded.

Mr. Kinney asked if the hon. member for Queens would second it.

Mr. Ford said he would not be in order to discuss it without its being seconded; if not, he would be disposed to second it for that purpose only. He did not hesitate to express his opinion in favor of an allowance of \$400, and he did not care what the consequence of that expression of opinion might be. If he thought he could carry it he would be ready to move that the indemnity be \$600. If the time had come when the Province could not pay its representatives \$400 then make it nothing. If the hon. member for Yarmouth would move that he would second it.

The item passed. The item of \$300 for books for the Legislative Library and \$1,000 for the Librarian's salary called forth some discussion but were voted.

A long discussion arose on the Road Grant, as to whether the counties having no railway running through were entitled to more consideration in the division of the scale. On the bill to amend the Education Act, the clause respecting grants to County Academies being read,

Hon. Prov. Sec. said he had a short explanation to make respecting this clause. The grant for county academies under the present system was made the means of merely relieving certain sections to a large extent from school rates instead of providing properly equipped county academies. It was deemed advisable, therefore, to provide that the grant should be given to counties which were willing to provide the additional sum necessary to provide County Academies. The County of Inverness had not provided a County Academy but had been allowed to apportion the six hundred dollar grant among several common schools which might be deemed worthy to receive it. In order to provide that no injustice might be done to that county, it had been deemed advisable to propose an amendment, giving Inverness the grant for the current year, and also extending it for another year, if before the close of the present year, the county should give an assurance to the Council of Public Instruction, that it was providing a proper building and otherwise preparing to organize a proper academy.

The clause passed: Mr. Morrison inquired if any change had been made in the matter of apportioning the county fund. He thought it desirable that the present system of apportioning this fund according to the attendance of the schools should be changed, because it tended to make the statistics very unreliable.

Hon. Prov. Secretary said the matter had not been brought to the attention of Committee on Education. A clause was subsequently prepared and passed, providing that \$12.50 should be paid half yearly out of the county fund to each board of trustees in the county for each licensed teacher employed, and that the balance of the fund should be distributed among the schools according to the average number of pupils, as at present.

The clause passed. The bill passed.

On TUESDAY after efforts had been made to delay the bill relating to School lands in the township of Cornwallis, it was read the third time and passed. Several acts of incorporation were passed a third time.

Questions were asked respecting expenditures in the Provincial Secretary's office, to which the Hon. Prov. Secretary replied that the seal for the Prov. Secretary's office had been furnished by G. Bishop & Co., and when the dies were made it was usual to furnish a quantity of stationery sufficient to last for a considerable time—about two years. He thought it would be found, on examination of the accounts of previous years, that the amount expended during the past year was not any greater than that expended in previous years. At all events, he could assure the hon. member that there was no stationery got that was not used in the office.

Mr. LeBlanc asked if it was the intention of the Government to extend the railroad into Cape Breton, the terminus of the Strait of Canso might be reconsidered.

Hon. Prov. Secretary said it was well known to the hon. member for Richmond that last year the Government and this House had renewed the Acts which were in force before, but that in the other end of the building it had been thought proper to reject the bill, and therefore the matter had fallen through. He presumed it would be quite useless on the present occasion to enact the same bill again, as it would no doubt meet the same fate in the Council that it had met last session. It had been the hope of the Government that next year further extension might be made to Cape Breton.

On WEDNESDAY the House in committee on the state of the Province was occupied in considering the claims of the several Counties to the Road moneys.

THURSDAY.—Several private bills were read a third time. A petition for holding the County Court at Pugwash was read and called forth remarks from several members. Various questions respecting roads and bridges were put to the government.

Hon. Prov. Secretary made a lengthy statement respecting the completion of the Eastern-Extension Railway.

On FRIDAY Hon. Prov. Secretary informed the House that he believed the Government would receive from the Dominion Government about \$40,000, arrears of railway claims, and other sums improperly charged to the Province, and this amount would be appropriated for the benefit of roads and bridges. He submitted a resolution to that effect, which was adopted.

Prov. Secretary then brought the matters relating to the Nictuax and Atlantic Railway before the House, giving a summary of its history. He read a memorandum of the Government showing the propositions which had finally been made to the company, but which the company up to the present time had declined to accept.

Messrs. Shaffner, Smith (Lunenburg), and Ford all thought the terms proposed by the Government were too stringent, the latter gentleman saying that there was a growing impression that the Government had imposed such stringent stipulations for the purpose of stopping the construction of the road.

Hon. Attorney General made a lengthy speech in defence of the policy of the Government. After which he moved an adjournment.

Dr. Campbell said he had given notice of a resolution he had intended to move, and would take it as a favor if the Attorney General would agree to an evening session.

The Attorney General would not consent and on division Dr. C's amendment was lost.

SATURDAY.—The House met at 11, a. m. A resolution moved by Mr. Ford for a more equitable division of the Road Moneys was agreed to.

Hon. Prov. Secretary brought forward a resolution empowering the Government to borrow \$500,000 during the recess and pleading the House to pass such legislation next session as shall render valid any arrangements that the Government may make in the way of borrowing.

Dr. Campbell protested against the Government asking the House to pass such a resolution within half an hour of prorogation, when there was no time for discussion.

Mr. Gayton thought it should be clearly stated on what grounds so large a sum was asked for.

The resolution passed. Mr. Smith moved his resolution for the abolition of the County Courts.

Mr. McKay, seconded the resolution.

Hon. Atty. General opposed it and subsequently moved an adjournment of the debate.

The House adjourned till 2 p. m.

At 2 Mr. McGray resumed the discussion on Mr. Smith's resolution, but was in favor of amalgamating the County Court with the Probate Court.

The Atty. General followed and was speaking till the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod summoned the House to the Legislative Council, where His Honor Lieut. Governor Archibald read the following

CLOSING SPEECH.

Mr. Speaker and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

It gives me pleasure to relieve you from the Legislative duties of the Session.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I have to thank you for the provisions which you have voted for the public service of the year. The funds which have been placed at my disposal shall be applied in the most economical manner, consistent with the necessary demands of the departments for which they have been appropriated.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

The Acts which have been passed during this Session, will, no doubt, prove to be beneficial both to the public and private interests which they affect. Among the most important of these are the Acts relating to Railways—the Act to consolidate the Acts relating to County Courts—and the amendments to the Incorporation Act.

I regret that I am unable to communicate any definite information as to the result of the applications made by my Government, and by Addresses passed by Both Houses to His Excellency the Governor General asking for an amelioration of the financial condition of this Province. While I have reason to believe that the Dominion Legislature does not concur in the views expressed in your Address with respect to the manner of the application of the Fishery Award, I am still convinced that a due proportion of it will be devoted to the interests of the Fisheries of the Province.

While the subject of an increase of subsidy under the various other

grounds submitted for the consideration of the Government of Canada still remains undetermined, I have every reason to hope that the application will be favorably responded to, and that it will result in such an improvement of the financial condition of the Province as will enable all the requirements of the public services to be effectually provided for.

On your return to your homes you carry with you my best wishes for your health and happiness, and I sincerely hope you will share largely in the increased prosperity which I feel confident is about to prevail in every part of the Province.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—On Wednesday last the Fishery Award was under debate Mr. Richey moved the following amendment to resolution:

"That in the opinion of the House the Provinces of Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island are entitled to the appropriation of the award in such a manner as to afford the inhabitants of the said several Provinces the full benefit of the same, in proportion to the value of the privileges conceded upon the coasts and in the waters of the Provinces respectively."

Sir John Macdonald said that he was unable to enter into the discussion of this question without restriction, on account of the manner in which his expressions would be regarded in the future settlement of the fishery rights of the people of Canada. The fishery question was not settled with the United States. In a few years there would have to be a new basis for the settlement of that question with the Americans, so that he was compelled to exercise a considerable reticence in discussing the question. It had been established by international law that foreigners were prevented from approaching within three miles of the coast. It must be acknowledged that every British subject whether from India or from England, had a common right to fish within the three-mile limit of the coasts of the Maritime Provinces, and when the Provinces became part of the Union, the Provincial rights to these fisheries ceased to exist, and the rights were transferred to the Dominion. Within the three miles, the right was common to every British subject, and outside of that the right was common to all the world. He then moved an amendment, setting forth that by the B. N. A. Act the protection of the fisheries had been given to the Dominion and great expense thereby incurred; that such expense could not be undertaken by the Local Governments; that the amount to be thus expended in the future was likely to be larger, and that the award consequently properly belonged to the Dominion.

The Tariff resolutions were agreed to at 3.30 on Friday morning.

The plans for tunnelling the St. Lawrence between Hochelaga and Longueil are completed. The promoters of the enterprise estimate that the tunnel can be built for \$3,000,000. It will have to pass principally through hard lime stone, but some apprehend there is shale near the centre of the river, which would make the work much more expensive and difficult.

UNITED STATES.—The Board of Supervisors of San Francisco, have adopted resolutions that the peace of the city has been seriously imperilled by alleged incendiary speeches by Mayor Kallech, and authorized the judiciary committee to investigate the matter and report. This is the first step toward impeaching the Mayor.

A novel feature at the municipal election at Fon du Lac, Wis. was that Sing Yan, a native of China, took out his naturalization papers and cast his vote as an American citizen.

J. H. R. Hoyer, the defaulting cashier of the late Savings' Bank of Louisville, for embezzling \$110,000 from the Bank, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for one year.

Gen. Miles telegraphs from Fort Keogh that the soldiers who have been pursuing the hostiles for 200 miles, captured 5 warriors and 45 horses and ponies. Twelve Indians escaped in the darkness. The Indians are 34 days from Sitting Bull's camp, and claim that the white chief in Canada sent them across the line to steal stock.

An accident occurred to a train on the Bellaire and Southwestern Railroad. When 18 miles from Bellaire the hind trucks on the rear car jumped the trestle and the car went over a distance of 15 feet. Seven persons were injured and one killed.

ENGLAND.—The Times estimates that the Liberals in the new House will number about 340; Home Rulers from 60 to 65; Conservatives can hardly count more than 350. The Liberals will thus find their position in the new Parliament nearly the same as that of the present Government in the late Parliament.

The Daily News says: "The results already achieved insure a Liberal majority in the next Parliament of at least 80, independent of Home Rule support."

It is rumored that Lord Beaconsfield will advise the Queen to send for Mr. Gladstone. Lord Beaconsfield holds that Lord Lytton's resignation as Viceroy of India, to take effect absolutely