

Supplementary Report of Finance Committee.

Table with columns for location and amount. Includes Nova Scotia locations like Upper Aylesford, Amherst, New Ross, Goshen, New Albany, Folly Lake, etc.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION IN THE DENOMINATION.

The annual returns from the Baptist Churches of the Maritime Provinces furnish the following statistics:

Table showing statistics for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, including Western Association, Central, Eastern, and Prince Edward Island.

The state of religion in our denomination cannot be judged of safely by the number of baptisms that occur during the year.

The three Associations of Nova Scotia report a total number of 720 baptisms, which is about one-fourth less than the number reported a year ago.

The statistics from New Brunswick are even less favorable. The net increase in the N. B. Western Association has been 156; whilst the Southern has suffered a net decrease of 115, and the Eastern a net decrease of 215.

Another unfavorable feature in the returns from the churches is the increasing number of what are termed "non-resident members."

The ordinations during the year have been as follows: W. J. Swaffield, ordained at Port Hawkesbury, Aug. 20, 1880.

Among the many favorable features in the present aspect of our denominational affairs may be mentioned the growing care which is exercised in accepting candidates for baptism.

That there is great need of spiritual quickening among our churches is very apparent. Harmony among our brethren and concerted action in the promotion of the important religious enterprises which we are pledged to sustain are loudly called for.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The Post Office Department has decided to place lock boxes and drawers in all post offices at the disposal of publishers of newspapers and periodicals, free of charge.

The factory for making syrup from cane grown in the neighborhood of Ottawa is in full operation; four tons of sugar cane gives twelve bbls. syrup, or 125 gallons to the ton.

The tax exemptions in Ottawa city amount to \$10,196,650. The Governor General's departure for England has been postponed for two weeks, on account of ill health.

A telegram on Monday morning says the Marquis of Lorne's visit to England was postponed on account of the receipt of a cable announcing that Sir Patrick MacDougall, who is now in England, will be in Canada again in two weeks.

The Canada Gazette contains the following answer to the Marquis of Lorne's Message of condolence to the United States.

"To His Excellency the Marquis of Lorne, Governor General of Canada: My Lord: In the temporary absence of the Secretary of State, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your excellency's telegram, dated at Forshaw, Montana Territory, on the 26th inst., expressing, on your own behalf and in the name of the Canadian people, the deep sorrow with which the news of the death of President Garfield was received.

A memorial containing serious charges against Judge Palmer, of New Brunswick, will be presented to the Minister of Justice shortly, on behalf of certain parties in Liverpool, England.

UNITED STATES.—There was a grand military review at Yorktown on Thursday last. There were 95,000 men in line from various stations of the Union. They were reviewed by President Arthur and Cabinet, Gen. Hancock and distinguished French and German visitors.

The celebration at Yorktown commenced on Wednesday by the offering of prayer by Bishop Harris, and addresses by President Arthur and Max Outrey, who spoke in behalf of the French delegation. The following order was read by Secretary Blaine at the celebration: "In recognition of the friendly relation so long and so happily subsisting between Great Britain and the United States, in trust and confidence of peace and good will between the two countries for all centuries to come, and especially as a mark of the profound respect entertained by the American people for the illustrious Sovereign and gracious lady who sits upon the British throne, it is hereby ordered that at the close of these ceremonies, commemorative of the valor and success of our forefathers in their patriotic struggle for independence, the British flag shall be saluted by the forces of the army and navy of the United States now at Yorktown."

"The Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy will give orders accordingly. (Signed), CHESTER A. ARTHUR, By-President. JAMES E. BLAINE, Secretary of State."

On the previous day the ceremonies were opened with prayer by Rev. Robert Nelson, after which an address of welcome was delivered by Gov. Halliday of Virginia. The corner-stone of the monument was then laid with imposing Masonic Ceremonies.

A telegram on Friday said a prominent feature of the display at Yorktown yesterday was the salute to the British flag. About sundown the British flag was shown on the fore of the Trenton and a gun fired. Instantly the other ships ran up the same colors and gun answers gun along the line, and from the distant camps down the river came answering explosions telling that the Army joins the Navy in this unusual and graceful act of courtesy towards the mother country. Now the yards are manned and a final salute given the American flag, in which the two French ships join, and so, with a hearty greeting to Great Britain, against whose armies and fleets America's hostile guns clamored for liberty and independence a hundred years ago, and to Queen Victoria, who has in this time of sorrow won a new title to the loving respect of every American heart, the centennial of the great victory at Yorktown ends.

The Irish sympathizers are in curious contrast with the abate from the President: At Philadelphia on Monday, Mr. Gladstone was burned in effigy by admirers of Parnell in the manufacturing district in the northern quarter of the city. Quite a large crowd collected.

The Gloucester mackerel fleet report an abundance of fish which were selling at \$17.50 for No. 1, \$10 for extra No. 2, \$8 for No. 2, and \$6 for No. 3. The season catch in the bay, Gloucester and Rockport will net the fishermen about 2,000 barrels.

Serious floods occurred in Illinois on the 20th. There was a disastrous break in the "levee," two miles above Scott's Landing, the water pouring through in torrents. The land was being rapidly inundated. Runners were sent out to warn the people, and farmers used superhuman efforts to save their stock and household effects. The disaster will be much greater than ever before, as a large area of winter wheat was sown, the corn and other crops have not been secured and the bottoms are full of cattle.

Six hundred horses are sick with "Pink eye," in New York. The Rev. Dr. Thomas, of Chicago, says of his expulsion from the Methodist denomination for heresy: "The Hebrew language has the phrase 'Batots,' which translated means 'in the out.' That's where I am." He will organize an independent congregation.

ENGLAND.—Most disastrous storms have visited the coast of Great Britain the past week. One hundred and thirty British and foreign vessels were wrecked, being an increase of one hundred and four over the previous week. The approximate value of property lost is £8,000,000, of which the sum of £6,000,000 represents British losses. Eighty-five vessels, principally British, were lost off the coast of the United Kingdom during the recent gale, against only twenty wrecks in the early part of the week in all parts of the world. One hundred and thirty-eight persons were reported lost or missing. Accounts received subsequent to the completing of these statistics state that down to Monday evening fifty-nine fishermen, belonging to Barmouth and Eyemouth, are known to have been drowned, and one hundred and forty others, belonging to both places are missing.

The proclamation against the Land League warns all persons that the Irish National Land League, or by what name it may be called, is an unlawful and criminal association, and that all meetings, to carry out or promote its designs or purposes, are unlawful and criminal, and will be prevented and dispersed by force. The proclamation warns the Queen's subjects connected with the League to disconnect themselves from it, and to abstain from giving further countenance to it. All the powers and resources at the Government's command, the proclamation says, will be employed to protect the Queen's subjects in the free exercise of their lawful obligations and to save the process of law on the execution of the Queen's writs from hindrance or obstructions. It calls upon all loyal subjects to uphold and maintain the authority of law and the supremacy of the Queen in Ireland.

The Land Court opened in Dublin on Thursday. Lord Justice O'Hagan presiding. He stated the rules of procedure which have been adopted, and said many tenants had already applied to have their rents fixed, but no decision could be given before ten days. The Judge's statements were received with applause.

Large meetings of Land Leaguers were held during the week in several places in Ireland at which the Government was denounced. In Dublin on Monday night the police were stoned by the rioters. At Charleville, County Cork, the police were stoned, the Riot Act was read, and the military called out and cleared the streets. Thirty-five arrests were made.

The League has advised the people to abandon for the present all prejudicial meetings which the Government could take advantage of. Visits to Parnell, O'Kelly, Dillon, Sexton, Brennan and Kettle are prohibited for one week. The prisoners have been informed they can only see physicians with a warden present.

A supplement to the Dublin Gazette proclaims the County of Dublin under the Arms Act.

Notices have been posted in the neighborhood of Boyle, County Roscommon, threatening death to tenants paying rents. The military and police evicted several.

The Atty General and law officers have advised the suppression of the United Ireland, the League organ, and the Irishman.

The Duke of Malborough blames the Government for permitting the League to fix its fangs upon the country. Regarding the future, he says that no further remedial legislation should be attempted until order is effectually restored.

The Steamship Great Eastern was sold at auction on the 19th Inst., for £30,000.

Rev. Michael Keane, D. D., of Dublin recently joined the Land League, for which he is suspended by the Archbishop, and disgraced, not being allowed to say mass.

There was a meeting in Hyde Park, London, on Sunday, attended by over 50,000 persons. Resolutions were passed denouncing the Government. The names "Judas Gladstone" and "Quaker Bright," especially the latter, were greeted with groans and shouts of "traitors."

It is rumored in England that the Fenians have plotted the assassination of Mr. Forster, Sir W. Harcourt, Mr. Gladstone, and some member of the Royal Family.

CHINA.—A despatch from Hong Kong, Sept 14th, says: Disaster to life and property, wrought in the interior by typhoons, has been very great. A village named Shetosa, in Kow district, was completely swept away by floods, and all the inhabitants were drowned. A steam launch was despatched to the locality and upwards of 200 bodies were recovered. A typhoon passed over Foochow, doing great damage to shipping. Hundreds of houses were blown down, bridges carried away and many lives lost.

ITALY.—Italian pilgrims were assailed on Tuesday evening with cries of "death to the Pope" and "down with the Vatican." A tumult ensued and the police arrested several persons. The Standard's Rome despatch says the Emperor William and Bismarck offered the Pope an Asylum at Cologne.

GERMANY.—Great damage and loss of life throughout North Germany resulted from the late gale. The River Elbe rose twelve feet above its normal level and is covered with wreckage. Several vessels were stranded at Altona.

MEXICO.—Advice from Mazatlan give particulars of a terrible hurricane, Sept. 29, causing great damage to shipping and other property. The German barque Caroline was wrecked. Most of the houses show signs of falling in. It is stated that 500 lives were lost in neighboring towns from recent freshets.

NORTHERN AFRICA.—General Logerot marched with four thousand troops towards Zaghoun on Monday. Insurgents lost 800 killed after six hours fighting in an engagement on Friday between General Sabatier's column and Arabs in the neighbourhood of Zoghoun.

Ben Amar, chief of the insurgents, has written to their religious compatriots at Tunis to resist the practical cession of the country to France.

On the 18th, a great fire was raging in the Arab quarters at Alexandria, Egypt. It is said that sixty houses are burned and 400 persons are rendered destitute.

Relig.

THE SOCIABLE TEA MEETING to welcome Rev. Alexander McArthur to the pastorate of Granville Street Church, on Tuesday of last week, was a very pleasant gathering. The rainy weather somewhat interfered with the comfort of the ladies, yet a large number were present. The meeting was all that could be desired in its material and its social characteristics. The rooms, admirably adapted to such occasions as they are, were beautifully adorned by a committee of the young men of the congregation.

After tea, Rev. W. H. Richan offered prayer, and addresses were made by Messrs. B. H. Eaton, the chairman; S. Selden, Hon. Dr. Parker, E. D. King, and L. S. Payzant, all expressive of their cordiality in the welcome given to the new pastor. Dr. Parker's speech was happily conceived and given in his pleasant style, encouraging unity and co-operation with each other, and with the pastor, in efforts to promote the welfare of the church, and spread of the great gospel truths we love and seek to extend.

Rev. Mr. McArthur expressed his high appreciation of the welcome he had already received, and was now so cordially receiving, and gave some valuable suggestions as to the means to be used to secure union and fellowship in the Church, and usefulness in the world.

On Thursday evening the Sabbath School, and those who were unable to be present on Tuesday, were invited to a Thanksgiving Tea. Although the notice was so short, yet the tables were again filled on both sides with smiling faces, and teachers and pupils had a very pleasant time together. Addresses from Rev. A. McArthur, E. G. W. Greenwood, Esq., Wm Ackhurst, Esq., and others, and singing filled up the evening. At the close of the meeting His Worship the Mayor moved and Mr. L. S. Payzant seconded a vote of thanks to the Ladies and the Decorating Committee, for their very successful effort in providing for the evening's enjoyment; which was enthusiastically carried. A barrel of fine Gravenstein was brought in at the close by Mr. A. L. Wood, which were much appreciated.

A reporter for the Mail gives the following pen picture of Rev. Mr. MacArthur: "Mr. MacArthur, who is about 36 years of age, is a native of Glasgow, and quite recently from the United States; and he no doubt combines the stability of the Scotch with the 'go-a-headiveness' of the American. He overflows with good-humor and good feeling towards all. In his preaching he uses the strongest Saxon, sound theology, good logic, and practical common sense, and this combined with original and varied thought, enforced by striking and appropriate illustrations, render his preaching agreeable and interesting to his hearers, while the intense earnestness which characterizes his discourses makes a lasting impression on his congregation. From the remarks made last night, and the general good feeling which prevailed, it seems evident the future is full of promise for Granville Street Baptist Church.

The Tabernacle Tea Meeting netted over \$60.00. The pastor, speaking to his people, said, "I asked you for a lamb, and you gave me two;" which was a fact, 8 quarters were sent in. And the next day they fed some 70 children at 5 cents each.

In the civic election on Wednesday last, Mr. Robert Sedgwick was elected by a majority of 52 votes.

The Y. M. C. A. Debating Club had before them for discussion last week the question, "Should Government Aid be given to Higher Education in Nova Scotia?" It was ably discussed, John Y. Payzant, Esq., occupying the chair. When put to the vote a majority of the Club decided in the affirmative.

The Dartmouth police are at length succeeding in taking care of the trees in the streets. A boy was fined \$1.00 for injuring them the other day.

The weather at Halifax has of late been most charming. We hear of ice in parts of Massachusetts, and snow in the Eastern parts of Nova Scotia, so that those who enjoy it were indulging in sleigh-driving, but we have had nothing of the kind. Some days have been quite balmy and pleasant.

The autumn codfishery on the Labrador coast has been a great failure. The salmon fisheries, too, have been very deficient.

BUDS AND BLOSSOMS.—Respecting the advertisement in another column, I fear your readers do not know that the 1st Number of the 11th volume of Buds and Blossoms will be published early in Nov., and any one desiring specimen numbers or to subscribe according to my offer for 1882, can do so at once. REV. J. F. AVERY, Editor, Oct. 26. Halifax, N. S.

POTATOES FOR EXPORTATION.—We learn from the Annapolis Journal that "two thousand barrels of potatoes are piled on the platform at Kentville, waiting shipment to Boston."

"There are thousands of barrels of apples and potatoes waiting shipment to Boston and London at Aylesford Station and neighborhood."

"At Coldbrook and Cambridge Stations, our reporter states, it is utterly impossible to get near the platform. Apples and potatoes are piled tier upon tier awaiting shipment."

"Last season there were one hundred and thirty-two car loads of produce taken from Cambridge Station. What will the farmers at that station turn off this year?"

At Middleton Station, N. F. Marshall has six hundred barrels of potatoes ready for shipment, and two hundred and eighty barrels of apples for the Empusa.

"The regular train She had 622 barrels eggs, 12 passenger eggs." "The Thursday five passes of 1,400 lbs 118 barrels eggs."

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