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## News from the Churches.

**HALIFAX, NORTH CHURCH.**—Rev. J. W. Manning administered the ordinance of Christian Baptism on Sunday evening, and at the close of the service received four by the right hand of fellowship.

**WOOD'S HARBOR, BARRINGTON.**—Rev. W. H. Richan writes: "The Lord has revived his work in West Wood's Harbor, where I recently had the pleasure of baptizing five young persons. There are also hopeful indications in Lower Public, where I baptized one on the 28th ult."

**WEYMOUTH.**—The following brief but very significant and satisfactory note was appended to a letter from one of the members a few days since: "The week of prayer has proved a blessing here. Christians are revived, and sinners are seeking the Saviour."

We congratulate Bro. Spencer, the pastor, and his people, and hope to hear something further soon.

**PARRBORO'** is enjoying some manifestations of Divine favor in the church of which Rev. J. A. McLean is pastor. Some have expressed a desire to follow the Lord in the ordinance of baptism. Prayer is being offered by the people, and there are prospects of good.

**BILLTOWN.**—By special request I spent last Sabbath with the church in Billtown. As the result of cottage meetings at Lakeville several young people profess conversion, and are ready for baptism. Rumor says there is some prospect of Rev. Joseph Kempton returning to his old field in Billtown. He would receive a cordial welcome from all his brethren in Kings County.

Yours,  
D. FREEMAN.

Canning, Feb. 8, 1883.

**ST. MARY'S, GUYSBORO CO.**—Dear Editor:—In response to a request from the 2nd St. Mary's Church, Guysboro County, I spent a few days lately with them.

Rev. E. F. Jordan spent his vacation last summer there. God blessed his labours, and since then some have been waiting for baptism.

On the last Lord's day in January I baptized five believers in the St. Mary's River in the presence of about three hundred people.

The church in that place is praying that some one may be sent to preach to them, and they are willing to do what they can to support the Gospel ministry among them. Any of God's servants would be welcome there now.

P. S. MACGREGOR.

New Glasgow, Feb 3rd. 1883.

**NEW GERMANY.**—We anxiously await the weekly arrival of the Messenger to learn what the Lord is doing among his people throughout the Province and elsewhere, and often our hearts are made glad, especially when we hear of sinners being converted. Now we have no such good words to write, still we are living in hopes that we will before long. [Our ministers and other brethren will perceive by the above how important it is that they should give us information of what is passing in their localities. It should also be borne in mind that promptness in such communications renders them doubly valuable.—Ed. C. M.]

We want to tell of the kindness of this people. The Lord has placed us in the midst of a kind-hearted, and benevolent people whereof we are glad. The church have a real nice comfortable parsonage alongside the meeting-house, and the best of it is, there is no debt on it. We look possession of it during

the holidays. On the evening we came, the church and congregation met to welcome us and speak words of cheer; yet their actions spoke louder than their words, for upon leaving us we found ourselves with what we had received during the same week from the other sections of the church, viz. New Canada and Foster Settlement, the richer in pocket by \$125.00, and over; still they come, for nearly every day since we came we have been the receivers of some act of kindness. May the Lord richly reward them in our prayer, and also that they may trust the Lord with all their hearts.

**ANTIGONISH, Feb. 8, 1883.**—The Baptist Church here has been blessed. The week of prayer proved to be weeks of Divine favor. On Sunday last our pastor, the Rev. F. M. Young, baptized twelve believers on a profession of their faith in Jesus. Eleven were young people of the Sabbath School. How forcibly this reminds us of the assurance, "The promise is to you and your children." The parents of every one of these were already members of this church. Three others have been "almost" or quite persuaded. May they too soon see the way clear, and follow in the footsteps of the Master. Others are enquiring: May God continue His own work.—Com.

Since the above was in type we have received the following:  
**REVIVAL AT ANTIGONISH.**—Mr. Editor:—The news from the churches in your columns has been of the most cheering character. From many parts of our land tidings tell of the triumphs of the cross to the joy of God's people. You will be glad to learn that God has smiled upon the labors of our young pastor thus early in his ministry.

We omit what would be a repetition of the above. And many have found the Saviour. Brother McGregor, of New Glasgow, was with us for a few days, and rendered efficient aid. Minister and people rejoice, and pray it may be but the beginning of greater things. The work has been principally with the young, and the pastor's responsibilities have been largely increased. Our confidence is that he will be a wise builder, and will fashion here from "lively stones" such a spiritual house as shall be to the glory of the Master-builder. This work is most important, and well worthy of the highest consecrated effort.

Yours in Christ,  
T. M. KING.

Antigonish, Feb. 7, 1883.

**SALISBURY, N. B.**—Rev. T. M. Munro has accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Church in this place. It is one of the Churches planted under the ministry of the first Father Crandall. It has six preaching stations, and is a large and important field of labor. It has had many reverses and seasons of discouragement, but is now looking for brighter days. We trust our brother may find a people prepared for his message, and that they may receive the word from him with all readiness.

**MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 12, 1883.**—Dear Bro. Selden:—With thankfulness to our Father in Heaven I report continued manifestation of God's presence and power in our midst. Thirteen were baptized in presence of a very large congregation. Others have trusted in Christ and we hope will soon publicly confess Him. Bro. Chubbuck is providing under God a most valuable co-laborer in the work. Our Bro. preaches the Gospel in beautiful simplicity, abas at the same time with much earnestness and power. He loves the truth, believes it, hence his earnestness and boldness. We are expecting yet greater displays of grace. Pray for us in the Lord,  
G. O. GATES.

Boston is enjoying quite a revival in several of the Baptist churches. From the Watchman we learn that the Clarendon Street Church is sharing largely in the work of grace. Its meetings are largely attended, and of a very hopeful character. Already there is a large number of converts, among whom are those whose experience is quite remarkable. No service is held without the discovery of inquirers evidently moved by the Spirit of God to seek salvation without longer delay. Dr. Gordon says that he has never seen so much of the power of God manifested in conversion as of late, and he feels confident that the work, great as it is, has but just begun. A similar account is given in respect to the interest at Warren Avenue Church, where the number of conversions reported is nearly as great as at Clarendon Street; and the pastor, Rev. O. P. Gifford, is also reaping as well as sowing. These churches have been somewhat associated in special efforts, and they are conjointly blessed in the new spiritual life which has been aroused.

At the Temple, also, Dr. Ellis has been successfully laboring for several weeks, while there have been unusual displays of the Holy Spirit's presence, and on Wednesday, the 17th, Rev. A. B. Earle, D. D., commenced a series of meetings in the vestry, preaching every afternoon and evening, and holding a noonday prayer-meeting. We learn that last Sabbath at the Temple was a day of unsurpassed religious interest. Some forty or fifty stood up as inquirers for "the way of salvation." Dr. Earle preached both morning and evening, and the manifest presence of divine influence and power was most encouraging. Meetings are held every afternoon and evening of the current week, Dr. Earle preaching.

The Salvation Army were only a week in Geneva when their accustomed experience of trouble from rioters and disturbers were realized. They, on their part, or being refused further use of the Casino, broke the law by attempting to hold an open-air meeting.

## Parliamentary.

The Dominion Parliament was opened on Thursday. His Excellency the Governor General attended in the Senate Chamber at 3 o'clock, and after summoning the members of the House of Commons read the following:

**OPENING SPEECH.**  
*Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons.*

It is my pleasing duty on the opening of a new Parliament to congratulate you on the auspicious circumstances under which you will begin your labors. Canada is in the enjoyment of peace and prosperity and all the industries, agricultural, manufacturing and commercial are in a healthy and improving condition. Following the example of my distinguished predecessor I paid a visit of some length to British Columbia last season. The great natural resources of that province promise that as soon as the Pacific Railway is completed an impulse to its prosperity commensurate with the progress made elsewhere will be assured. Meanwhile the disposal of the lands set aside in aid of the railway, to actual settlers, will add to the importance and wealth of the Province. While passing through the United States I was rejoiced to observe many evidences of regard for the Empire of which this country forms so large a portion. May this friendship which is so fully returned by us be as enduring as it is natural and advantageous to the mutual interests of both great nations. The steady flow of settlers into Manitoba and the North-West territories last year and the assurances received of an increased immigration during the coming season, promise well for the early development of those fertile and safe border regions. It is important that the laws relating to the representation of the people in Parliament should be amended, and the electoral franchises existing in the several provinces assimilated. A measure for this will be submitted for your consideration. I have advised that the judgment of the Lords of the judicial committee of the Privy Council, delivered last June on the appeal of Russell vs. the Queen goes to show that in order to prevent the unrestricted sale of intoxicating liquors, and for that purpose to regulate the granting of shop licenses, and several licenses, legislation by the Dominion Parliament will be necessary. Your earnest consideration of this important subject is desired. Your attention is specially invited to a measure regulat-

ing factory labor, and the protection of the working man and his family. Laws relating to the Customs, Militia and the public lands will be laid before you. Among other measures, bills will be presented to you, respecting the civil service; the acts relating to Banking; to the examination of masters and mates of vessels navigating our inland waters. I am glad to be able to inform you that the progress of the Canadian Pacific Railway has been quite unprecedented. Traffic can now be carried on the main line from Thunder Bay to within 50 miles of the crossing of the South Saskatchewan, a distance of over one thousand miles. It is confidently expected the Rocky Mountains will be reached during the present year, and that within the same period substantial progress will be made of the Lake Superior Section of the railway, and the track laid upon a large portion of the road now under contract in British Columbia. I have also pleasure in stating that the traffic of the Intercolonial Railway is largely in excess of any former year, and that the balance in favor of the road shows a gratifying increase.

**Gentlemen of the House of Commons:**  
The accounts of the last fiscal year will be laid before you. You will be pleased to learn that notwithstanding the expenditure the capital account amounted to more than seven millions of dollars, the surplus of the consolidated revenue together with the proceeds of the sale of lands in the North West during last year were more than sufficient to cover that expenditure, and that the net debt at the close of the year and the amount of interest paid thereon, were less than for the year previous. The estimates for the ensuing year will also be submitted. They have been prepared with all due economy consistent with the necessary development of the varied resources of the Dominion. On the 1st of January, 1883, the large 5 per cent loan will mature. A bill will be submitted authorizing the issue of debentures bearing a rate of interest not exceeding four per cent, for the redemption of this loan.

**Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Commons.**

The subjects I have mentioned to you are of much importance, and I commend them to your consideration with full confidence in your discretion and patriotism.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The preparatory proceedings commenced at 12 o'clock on Thursday, when the members were sworn "to be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria." Quite a number of the members had been prevented from reaching Ottawa by the heavy snow storm, which detained some of the trains ten hours. The swearing in is usually done by four members together taking hold of "the book." One pleasing incident, which is unprecedented in the Ottawa House of Commons, was the fact that Sir Charles Tupper, the veteran of 27 years' political life, and his son, whose years altogether number about the same as his father's public life, held the Bible between them, and father and son took the oath of allegiance together.

Mr. George Kirkpatrick was elected Speaker without opposition.  
On Monday Mr. Charles H. Tupper (Picotou), moved the Address in reply to the Speech of the Governor General. He spoke with good effect on the general progress of the country, especially of Nova Scotia. The Address was seconded by Mr. Josiah Wood. Hon. M. Blake then addressed the House at length on the ballot and the Pacific Railway; and Sir John A. Macdonald replied.

The first blue book made its appearance on Saturday, being an index to the reports of the proceedings of the last session of the House.

The Department of Agriculture has decided to adopt the system of vital statistics proposed by a delegation some time since from the leading cities of the Dominion. It will go into operation at once and returns will be rendered monthly. The following cities will be represented when the scheme is perfected: Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Victoria, B. C., Montreal, Quebec, Fredericton, St. John, Halifax and Charlottetown.

There was a rumor at Ottawa, that Senator Almon of Halifax would be appointed to succeed the present Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

A despatch from Victoria, British Columbia, says the winter is the driest and the finest ever known. The coldest register at Victoria was 18 degrees of frost, on lower mainland. The lowest thermometer reading was zero. The stock is looking well on the range and there are no losses.

## LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

The Local Parliament was opened on Thursday last with the usual formalities. The members had been previously sworn in before the commissioners appointed for that purpose.

The following is a list of members:  
**Antigonish**—J. W. Longley, H. Munro.  
**Antigonish**—Hon. A. Macgillivray, C. B. Whidden.  
**Cumberland**—Hon. W. T. Pipes, C. J. Towishend.  
**Colchester**—W. A. Patterson, W. M. Blair.  
**Cape Breton**—Hon. A. J. White, W. Buchanan.  
**Digby**—H. M. Robichau, J. S. McNeil.  
**Guysborough**—O. S. Weeks, J. A. Fraser.  
**Halifax**—W. D. Harrington, M. J. Power.  
**Hants**—A. Heley, N. Spence.  
**Inverness**—Alex. Campbell, Angus McLeish, M. D.  
**Kings**—T. L. Dodge, T. R. Harris.  
**Lunenburg**—Hon. C. E. Church, G. A. Ross.  
**Pictou**—R. Hoekie, C. H. Munro, A. C. Bell.  
**Queens**—J. M. Mack, J. H. Cook.  
**Richmond**—I. LeBlanc, M. McRae.  
**Shelburne**—Hon. T. Johnson, W. F. MacCoy.  
**Victoria**—J. A. McDonald, W. F. McCurdy.  
**Yarmouth**—Hon. A. Gayton, T. E. Corning.

At 3 o'clock His Honor the Lieutenant Governor came to the Council Chamber and summoned the House of Assembly, who on presenting themselves were directed to choose a Speaker and he would then declare the cause of his calling the Assembly together. Having retired and elected Mr. A. Macgillivray the house again appeared in the Council Chamber. His Honor was pleased to approve of the choice and proceeded to read the following:

## OPENING SPEECH.

*Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

1. I have much pleasure in bidding you welcome to the scene of your Legislative labors.

2. I congratulate you on the progress of the Province during the past year. The conditions of trade have steadily improved throughout the world, and the industries of Nova Scotia have enjoyed a fair share of the prosperity thus created. An abundant harvest, fortunately combined with a brisk and steady market for agricultural produce, has made the year one of more than usual prosperity to that great body of the people which is engaged in agricultural pursuits. During the year a special branch of this industry—for which our Western valley is peculiarly fitted—has been placed on a footing which warrants the belief that, in the future, the produce of the orchard will form an important feature in our Provincial exports. In this branch of agricultural industry this Province has no reason to fear competition from any quarter.

3. I am glad to be able to inform you that the fishery—another of our leading industries—although in some sections not satisfactory, has, on the whole, been attended with success during the past year. Standing next to agriculture in the number of persons engaged in it, and far above agriculture in the products it provides for exportation, a successful fishery has much to do with the prosperity of the year.

4. It is with much pleasure I am able to inform you of the great development of the mining interests during the year. A brisk demand for the produce of coal beyond that of any former year, and from the preparations that are being made at the various mines, we may anticipate satisfactory results from the operations of the year upon which we have entered. The development of a business which not only affords employment to the large classes engaged in mining and in shipping, but, at the same time, contributes to swell our local revenue, is well worthy of your fostering care and attention.

5. The recent destruction of the Poor's Asylum at Halifax—an event accompanied by a most calamitous loss of life—has made a profound impression upon the public mind. My Government took such steps as were necessary to secure a prompt and searching investigation. The disaster should not fall to teach valuable lessons, and suggest useful measures respecting the construction of buildings for large public charities, the management of such institutions, and the precautions to be taken for the protection of life in case of fire.

6. The attention of my Government during the past year has been largely occupied with important questions connected with our railways. At the last session of the Legislature a measure was passed, which, in the opinion of its promoters, was calculated to consolidate

and complete the Provincial railways under the management of a wealthy company, upon terms of great advantage to the people of Nova Scotia. This measure has not realized the expectation of its friends. Agents of the Government were sent to London, fully authorized to give the Provincial guarantee of interest to the Nova Scotia Railway Company upon the terms of the Act; but, although every opportunity was offered the company it has failed to perform its part of the agreement. The report of the agents, and other papers relating to this important subject will be submitted to you at an early day.

7. The terms of the act of last session were such that, pending the result of the negotiations with the Nova Scotia Railway Company, which have continued almost up to this day, my Government were much hampered in their action in reference to railways. The necessity for a vigorous policy in relation to these important works is apparent to all. My Government have taken steps to acquire the Halifax and Cape Breton railways, together with the Pictou branch of the Intercolonial Railway. Your attention will be invited to certain measures necessary to confirm these steps. Negotiations are now in progress with a view to the provision of other, and more complete facilities for railway communication East and West, which, it is hoped, will lead to satisfactory results, and enable me, at an early day, to recommend to your favorable consideration a measure dealing with the question. The correspondence on this subject will be laid before you.

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*  
8. The accounts of revenue and expenditure for the past year will be submitted to you at an early day, together with the estimates for the current year, which will be framed with the utmost regard to economy.

*Mr. President and Hon. Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

9. The subject of the preservation of Forests has of late received much attention, chiefly through the meeting of the Forestry Congress of Montreal, in September last. In view of the importance of the Lumbering Industry of our Province, and of the great damage to which our forests are liable from fire, your attention will be invited to the expediency of adopting some legislation, such as has been found useful elsewhere as a means of preventing the destruction of our own woods.

10. Among the measures to be submitted to you are: A Bill respecting the office of Sheriffs, a Bill to reduce and regulate the allowances to Executive Councillors, a Bill to provide for the registration of co-partnerships, and a Bill in relation to Municipal Incorporation.

11. To these, and all other measures which may be submitted to you, designed to promote the welfare of the people I invite your earnest attention.

On the members returning from the Council Chamber, the Speaker read the Opening Speech; after which the officers of the House were elected as follows:

*Chief Clerk*—Henry C. D. Twining, of Halifax.  
*Asst. Clerk*—John W. Ouseley, of Windsor.  
*Sergeant-at-Arms*—A. F. Haliburton, of Baddeck.  
*Asst. do.*—James Griffin, of Halifax.  
*Chief Messenger*—John Fitzgerald, of Portuguese Cove, Halifax.

Hon. Mr. Pipes of Cumberland is the recognized leader of the Government, and Mr. Bell of Pictou the leader of the Opposition. After Mr. McCoy had introduced a bill *pro forma*, Mr. Ross moved the Address in reply to the Speech, and spoke briefly on the subjects to which they referred, making that of the Railway Syndicate and the Municipalities Act the principal.

Mr. McCurdy seconded the Address. The House then adjourned to Friday at 3 o'clock, when the discussion of the Address was proceeded with.

After speeches by the leaders of the two parties—Messrs. Pipes and Bell—Mr. Ross moved that the Address do pass, which was seconded by Mr. McCurdy, and passed *nem. con.*

The Hon. Prov. Secretary moved that a committee be appointed to draft a report and list of the Standing Committees of the House, namely, Hon. Bremier, the Hon. Atty. General, and Messrs. Longley, Bell and Townshend.

The motion was put and carried. On Monday afternoon the House assembled and proceeded in a body to Government House with the Address.

It is said that the Legislative Council have unanimously decided against Mr. J. S. Macdonald retaining his seat in the Council.