

Mr. Fowler, pressing the facts about the omission of all the Free Baptists in Kars, K. Co., quoted a letter the editor of the INTELLIGENCER had written him. Mr. Fisher, replying to Mr. Fowler, said:

The statement made in that letter that Mr. McLeod had drawn Mr. Blue's attention to this particular parish is not correct. I have looked over a file of the RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER, and the first reference I find in it to the parish of Kars is on May 13th. It was only yesterday that I first saw that. But the statement that Mr. McLeod had himself drawn the attention of Mr. Blue to that particular parish is not correct. There is nothing in the correspondence between Mr. McLeod and Mr. Blue with reference to the parish of Kars.

And when Mr. Fowler quoted again that Mr. Blue's attention "was called to the matter some months ago," the Minister of Agriculture replied, with apparent emphasis:

But that does not accord with the facts.

Now, what are the facts? Here they are:

1. In three issues of the INTELLIGENCER prior to that of May 13, the Kars case was described. The issues are those of Jan. 14, April 15, and May 6. Mr. Fisher appears to have not seen these, or he forgot them, and Mr. Blue failed to remind him.

2. In the INTELLIGENCER of Jan. 14th, the first issue after we had received Vol. I of the census, we pointed out many errors affecting the Free Baptists. Among the places mentioned, in which our people were wholly ignored, were Marysville, Kars and Lincoln. A marked copy of that paper was sent to the Census Commissioner. On the 16th Jan. we wrote the Commissioner asking for a list of the enumerators in certain parts of the Province. Receiving no reply, we wrote the Minister of Agriculture, Jan. 24th, as follows:

On the 16th inst. I wrote the census commissioner requesting a list of census enumerators in certain parts of New Brunswick. I have no answer from him. Will you be good enough to call his attention to the matter, and see that the names asked for are furnished.

I also sent him on the 14th inst. a copy of the INTELLIGENCER in which is a statement showing some of the grave errors of the census as it relates to the Free Baptist denomination. I have had no response from him.

We had a prompt acknowledgment from the Minister, dated 28th Jan., saying he had authorized Mr. Blue to send the list of enumerators asked for. But as he made no mention of the more important part of our letter, we wrote him again, Feb. 2nd, as follows:

Thank you for having authorized the Census Commissioner to send the names of enumerators for which I asked him on the 16th Jan. They have not come, but I suppose I may expect them soon.

I am writing you now to repeat what I stated in my letter to you on the 24th Jan., viz., that I sent the Census Commissioner on the 14th January a copy of the INTELLIGENCER in which was "a statement showing some of the grave errors of the census as it relates to the Free Baptist denomination," and that I "had no response from him."

You appear to have omitted mentioning this matter to Mr. Blue, as your letter of the 28th ult. makes no reference to it.

I am, therefore, again calling your attention to the matter, with the request that you direct the Census Commissioner's attention to it.

I do not seem able to get any communication from the Commissioner, nor any sign from any source that there is an intention, or even wish, to make right the serious wrongs of the census.

I am sending you, under separate cover, a copy of the INTELLIGENCER of Jan. 14th, one of which was sent the Census Commissioner.

On the same day (Feb. 2nd) we wrote the Commissioner calling his attention to the fact that we had sent him a copy of the INTELLIGENCER containing a list of census errors, and adding:

No intimation has yet reached me that any attempt has been made to correct the errors. I write you now to ask what you intend to do in this matter.

I am sending you another marked copy of the INTELLIGENCER of Jan. 14th.

The letter to the Minister was acknowledged Feb. 4th, with a statement that

The Census Commissioner was instructed by the Minister to give the matter his attention, which he is doing, and that you will hear from him in due course.

What was the matter mentioned by the Minister of Agriculture in his letter of Feb. 4th, to which he says he instructed the Census Commissioner to give his attention? Plainly, that which we had brought to the notice of both the Commissioner and the Minister—the things set out in the INTELLIGENCER of Jan. 14th, 1903, two marked copies of which had been sent to the Commissioner and one to the Minister, and about which both had been written to.

And yet the Minister of Agriculture states in Parliament that neither he nor Mr. Blue knew anything of the Kars case till it was brought to his attention in the House, and that there was no mention of it in the INTELLIGENCER till the issue of May 13th. The Minister's statement and the facts do not agree.

Mr. Fisher has promised to have the Kars case looked into. He said, also, that he would do the same with reference to St. John, and "in any other case in which a definite statement is made in regard to the conduct of the enumerators."

Later, when Mr. Wilmot directed attention to the case of Lincoln, S. Co., in which, though Mr. Wilmot estimates that 70 per cent. of the people are Free Baptists, not one is so recorded in the census, the Minister said he was "ready to investigate any place where a definite statement is made that there has been an inaccurate return."

We repeat that the definite statements were made months ago—the very statements which, being made in Parliament, have caused Mr. Fisher to promise some investigation, and more of the same kind. If he carries out his promise he will cause the enumeration and compilation of Victoria, Carleton, York, Sunbury, Queens, Kings, Westmorland and Charlotte Counties and the city of St. John to be thoroughly revised.

If Mr. Blue had heeded the suggestion made in the second letter

written him about this matter (June 5, 1902) he could have been helped at comparatively small expenditure of time and work to turn the census errors into facts. But Mr. B. was so sure he was right that he did not even acknowledge receiving the suggestion until nine months afterwards, and then only in a misconstruction of the proposal.

We await the result of Mr. Fisher's promised investigation.

News of the Churches.

YARMOUTH, N. S.—Last month 4 members were received into the Yarmouth church, Rev. E. Crowell pastor. The work of the church is moving on encouragingly.

GASPEREAU, Q. Co.—Sunday, 21st ult., Rev. T. O. DeWitt baptized 3 converts. Six others were added to the church by letter.

CARIBOU, ME.—The Free Baptist church at Caribou, Me., will need a pastor in August, the present pastor intending to leave at the end of this month.

ARGYLE, N.S.—Members of the Argyle congregation met at the parsonage recently and made the pastor, Rev. Sydney Thurlow, and his wife, a number of useful presents.

MOUTH OF KESWICK.—Three weeks special meetings at Keswick have been blessed. The church has been a good deal helped, and there have been conversions. The pastor, Rev. H. A. Bonnell, has baptized nine converts. Bro. Paul was with the pastor two weeks.

FROM REV. G. M. WILSON.—I am to leave this pastorate at the end of Conference year, to enter upon pastoral labors with the Canning pastorate. The four years on this field have been very pleasant, both to myself and family. It will not be an easy matter to leave this kind people.

G. M. WILSON.
Pubnico Head, N. S.

TUSKET, N. S.—On the 16th ult. a Young People's Society was organized at Tusket by Rev. E. Crowell, assisted by several of his Yarmouth members. The Society begins with 17 members. The officers are: President, Ralph Blauvelt; Rec. Sec., Gordon Hatfield; Cor. Sec., Mrs. John Blauvelt; organist, Miss Cris- sie Hatfield.

The Tusket congregation is getting the parsonage ready for the new pastor, Rev. J. E. Wilson.

ST. JOHN.—An interesting entertainment was given last Tuesday evening in the vestry of the Waterloo street F. B. church under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. Geo. W. Currie presided. There was a large attendance. The programme,

which was greatly enjoyed, some of the numbers being several times encored, was as follows: Mandolin solo, Mr. Woodall; dialogue; whistling solo, Walter Nixon; reading, Marion Dalzell; piano solo, Miss Kennedy; dialogue; quartette, the K. H. quartette; reading, Miss Sharpe; mandolin solo, Mr. Woodall; readings, Myrtle Wright and Ruby Elderkin; closing scene, three boys and three girls.—*Daily Telegraph*.

NOT THIS YEAR.—Rev. David Long, the energetic pastor of Victoria Street Free Baptist church, who was planning to take a European tour in company with Rev. Samuel Howard, pastor of the Portland Methodist church, has abandoned the idea, and will stay at home, until next March, at any rate. The Victoria street church people had granted their leader a three months' leave of absence, and had arranged for supply preachers at the church's expense, but Rev. Mr. Long has now acquainted them of his latest decision. In March he will take a steamer from this port and proceed to the old country, and then go directly to the Holy Land, spending a month or so amid the scenes of great events recorded in the inspired history.—*St. John Globe*.

FAREWELL TO PASTOR.—On Friday evening about one hundred and thirty people found their way to the Free Baptist parsonage at Chegogin to make a farewell call upon Rev. A. M. McNinch, who has accepted the pastorate of the church at Grand Manan. Various denominations were represented, a fact which must have been very gratifying to Mr. and Mrs. McNinch. Refreshments were served and instrumental and vocal music helped to pass away a few pleasant hours. During the evening Mr. McNinch was presented with a purse of money, and Mrs. McNinch was the recipient of a number of presents. Mr. McNinch will probably leave for Grand Manan in the course of a week or ten days and will be followed by the good wishes of all who have had the pleasure of meeting him during his residence in Nova Scotia.—*Yarmouth Times*, June 23.

MINISTERS.—Rev. T. O. DeWitt and F. A. Currier called at the INTELLIGENCER office one day last week. Bro. Currier was on his way to Upper Gagetown to attend the funeral of his father—Mr. Leverett Currier.

Rev. G. M. Wilson, of Pubnico, N. S., has accepted a call to the churches in Kings Co., N. S.

Rev. D. T. Porter, Advocate, N. S., has been in poor health. We hope he may be fully recovered soon.

Rev. J. K. West, home missionary of the Nova Scotia Conference, is now ministering to the churches in Kings Co., N. S.

Rev. Gideon Swim, Moncton, has received a call to the Kemptville, N. S., pastorate.