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SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1888.

One of the Ontario battalions got possession of a church bell during the North West War from a Roman Catholic Church and brought it home with them. They presented it to an Orange Lodge and they placed it on their hall. The Roman Catholic church wants the bell, now that the war is over, and the Orange Lodge refuses to give it up, and there is a little war of another kind brewing.

Stanley's Fate.

The fate of Henry M. Stanley is again in doubt and whether dead or alive he is centering upon himself and the London country again the eyes of the whole world. He has gone to the relief of Emin Bey, the Russian Lieutenant of General Gordon, whose fall at Khartoum was so much lamented. Notwithstanding the death of General Gordon, Emin Bey has continued to carry on his work according to the intentions and spirit of Gordon, and has held his own with a mere handful of people in the midst of hundreds of thousands of natives, but not without undergoing serious hardships.

The Glangarry Election Case.

The effort of Mr. MacMaster to reverse the decision of the Canada Supreme Court in the Glangarry election case has been unsuccessful. This is the celebrated case of Mr. Patrick Purcell who was unseated by the decision of Judge Rose on the ground of bribery. Purcell was disqualified for personal bribery, and the Judge recommended that he be proceeded against criminally, so flagrant were the acts complained of. Upon a technical point the Supreme Court of Canada confirmed Purcell in his seat, and MacMaster appealed to the Privy Council in England who decided that the prerogative of the Crown should not be exercised in the case; that there were strong reasons why such cases should be concluded as speedily as possible and should be finally decided within the colony. Mr. Purcell therefore retains his seat.

A Disfigured Locality.

No person looks upon the improvements which are going on in our midst more favorably than ourselves, but while we are pleased to notice them, and to welcome all facilities for commerce and for the development of the trade of our county, we do most seriously sympathize with our fellow-citizens in the lower part of the city in what to our mind is nothing but an outrage perpetrated on them. Not only is foot and horse traffic rendered very disagreeable and dangerous by the elevated railway track connected with the new bridge, but the appearance of the locality is disfigured, the property in the neighbourhood depreciated in value, and heads of families will live in constant dread of the lives of their children. We regret that the City Council did not have some safeguard provided to prevent all this, but we suppose it is too late now. A trust work might even yet perhaps be built so that traffic could go through and the beauty of the locality be not so much destroyed. Has not some person connected with the work, or armed with authority, enough interest in the city to make an effort to have this done?

The Vacancies.

There are now no less than thirteen vacant seats in the Parliament of Canada. Of these seven are in the Senate and six in the commons. Of those in the Senate, four were created by the deaths of Senators Plumb, Rowland, Ferrier and Fortin, two by the appointment of Senators Nelson and Schultz to Lieutenant Governorships, and one the new Senatorship created for the North West by the Act of 1887. Of the vacancies in the Commons, two, Cardwell and Nicolet were caused by death; Cumberland by the resignation of Sir Charles Tupper, who has resumed the office of High Commissioner, Colchester by the appointment of Hon. Mr. McLellan to the Lieutenant Governorship of Nova Scotia, Provencher by the appointment of Mr. Royal to a Lieutenant Governorship, and Halton through a trial in the election

court. All these seats were held by conservatives. The election yesterday in Cumberland will determine whether this shall continue to be the case in one of them, at least. There was no Liberal candidate in the field, but Mr. Dickey, Conservative, was opposed by Mr. Casey, Prohibitionist, who received the support of the Liberals, largely. The constituency has never yet elected a Liberal to the House of Commons and it is doubtful if it has altered its record in this contest. In Nicolet County two conservatives are contesting the seat.

Dr. MacKenzie Speaks.

Dr. MacKenzie did not find his position a bed of roses by any means when he was called upon to attend the dying Emperor Frederick. Not only did he find the German physicians arrayed against him, but political intrigue at work to defeat his efforts in the sick man's behalf. He nevertheless won for himself the warmest thanks of the afflicted family as well as golden opinions from the world at large. It is no wonder that he was glad to get away from Berlin. A newspaperman, of course, interviewed him after he left to whom he said the "Empress Victoria" was surrounded by spies. After the death of the Emperor Frederick I was confined at Potsdam for several hours. The Emperor William's conduct was odd. Altogether I almost think his aural malady had affected his brain. I can say nothing of the late Emperor's remains. It is untrue that Queen Victoria carried them off. Who ever did will create a sensation when he publishes them. Besides Frederick's diary they contain a series of letters from leaders of the German Liberal party sketching the policy they hoped the Emperor Frederick would have adopted had he lived. The Empress Victoria has not yet come to a decision as to her future residence. She has an income of £40,000, of which £8,000 is derived from England. She will be obliged to make Germany her nominal residence and will visit Berlin every year. "The remains" referred to above are understood to mean the Emperor's letters.

The Resettlement Of Palestine.

An effort is being made to people Palestine anew. The promoter of the object is a Dr. Sivartha, a well-known resident of Chicago, who recently left that city for England where he expects to spend several months in organizing an extensive movement for that purpose. There is already a good deal of interest manifested there as well as in the United States in the movement, and a number of families expect to leave Chicago this fall to take part in it, and a large colony is expected to leave England for Palestine next spring. These people are earnest, religious, and practical, and hope by political sagacity and business judgment to bring about the restoration. Captain Conder, who made an elaborate official survey of Palestine, says that it may easily become the rival in fertility of the best parts of Southern Italy; and possessing a territory as large as Great Britain, with every variety of climate, it presents an inviting field to the immigrant. It is expected that the European powers will unite to declare Palestine independent as soon as there are enough people there to form the nucleus of a nation.

Dr. Sivartha has already worked out extensive and careful plans for the rebuilding of Jerusalem, for its temples, public buildings, gates and walls, in harmony with the prophetic description of the Bible. According to his idea the new Jerusalem is to be a centre of learning, of political influence and a religious capital. When asked if he thought guarantees could be secured from nations in Europe that have acted in concert on the Eastern question, the Doctor said:

"The question is one that has already been discussed by European Statesmen, and the disposal of Palestine so far has been a difficult problem, because the population there for 1,800 years has not been accustomed to self-government. Ten years ago, just before the Berlin Treaty, and at that time of course the question was up for discussion, statesmen expressed themselves freely that Palestine ought to be made a neutral nation like Switzerland or Belgium, and therefore under the guarantee of the Great Powers to secure its immunity from wars. In England and the United States a great many men and women of large wealth have been interested in this enterprise and the plans meet with their approval. I have made a long study, not only to develop all Palestine, but all the great Euphrates Valley, which is capable of sustaining 100,000,000 people, and of again being a great centre of the world's activities."

The Congregationalists.

The forty-first annual session of the Congregational Union of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia began in Yarmouth, N. S., last Saturday. Rev. J. B. Hawes of Keswick Ridge was the retiring chairman. Rev. Thomas Hall, the missionary superintendent of Canada was elected as the

chairman for the present year. One of those elected as Honorary members was the Rev. Mr. Fielden of London, England, secretary of the Colonial Missionary Society and delegate from the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

Among reports was that of the treasurer which stated that the receipts of last year were \$1,056. The payments were \$1,014, leaving a sum on hand of \$42.

The statistical report was read by Rev. James Shipperley.

Reports were received from 20 churches, showing a membership of nearly 1,200. The report called forth considerable discussion on the best methods of carrying on the work and the instruction of the young in the principles of the denomination. The report was referred to the business committee, and the thanks of the union voted to Mr. Shipperley for the pains he had taken in collecting and compiling the statistics.

A temperance resolution was reported by the business committee, recommending the principles of total abstinence to the members and adherents of the churches, and approving of legal measures for the curtailment and suppression of the liquor traffic. The report was unanimously adopted.

The meetings on Sunday were very interesting. Rev. Alex. McGregor of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, preached in the morning on "Communion with God"; in the evening, Rev. Dr. Barbour, principal of the congregational college, Montreal, subject, "Christ, the Bread of Life."

On Sunday afternoon a Sunday school missionary meeting was held. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Alex. McGregor, Rev. Thomas Hall, Dr. Fielden, of London, and Mrs. Capron, a returned missionary from India.

On Monday afternoon the Congregational Ladies' Missionary Society met, there being a very large attendance. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Watson, of Chebogue, president; Mrs. Nathan Tupper, of Milton, vice president; Mrs. Burns, of Shelburne, secretary; Miss Ida Baker, assistant secretary; Mrs. C. H. Dearborn, St. John, treasurer.

In the evening a missionary meeting was held, Rev. Thos. Hall reported that the receipts and expenditures of the Missionary Society of the Union during the past year, had been \$10,000.

The closing meeting was held on Tuesday evening when addresses were delivered by several prominent persons.

The Rev. Mr. Fielden and Rev. Thomas Hall have been for the past few weeks before the meeting of the Union, busily engaged in addressing Congregational meetings in the Maritime Provinces and in Quebec. They intend going over the Canada Pacific Railway as far as British Columbia where they will resume their labours. Rev. Mr. Fielden is a prominent man in the Colonial Mission Work of the Congregationalist Church.

Sunday School Teacher's Association.

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of the New Brunswick Sunday School teacher's association was held on Tuesday morning in the Clifton House parlors. The following were present: Messrs. Jas. Watts, L. W. Johnston, S. J. Parsons, S. L. Peters, T. S. Simms, G. J. C. White, Wm. Peters, W. G. Gaunce and Rev. T. F. Fotheringham. Letters of regret were read from Mr. C. E. Knapp and Mr. W. H. Stevens. The report of the convention arrangement committee was accepted and the committee were thanked for its work.

Mr. Parsons explained the nature of the work Col. Cowden of Ohio was to do. Rev. Mr. Fotheringham and Mr. Parsons were appointed a committee to notify each of the county executives of the subjects Col. Cowden was prepared to discuss and of the nature of his work. The treasurer was appointed a committee to take what steps were necessary to secure funds and he has authorized to have printed 2000 subscription slips. The roll of counties was called and such amendments as necessary were made in regard to the attendance of members at the executive. The following volunteered attendance and were added by the committee: Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, S. McA. Hutchings, T. S. Simms, St. John; G. J. C. White, Wm. Peters, Kings; Jas. Frier, C. E. Knapp, G. J. C. White, J. J. Steeves, S. J. Parsons, Westmoreland; J. J. Steeves, T. S. Simms, S. J. Parsons, Albert; G. Gaunce, Geo. Haddow, Rev. W. McKay, Restigouche; W. G. Gaunce, Rev. W. McKay, Geo. Haddow, Gloucester; Rev. W. McKay, J. Watts, Northumberland; W. G. Gaunce, C. E. Knapp, Kent; L. W. Johnston, J. White, S. L. Peters, Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, Queens; L. W. Johnston, Jas. Watts, S. L. Peters, Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, York; Jas. Watts, G. L. Holyoke, J. T. Fletcher, Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, Carleton; Rev. D. Fiske, J. Watts, W. G. Gaunce, J. Boakes, S. J. Parsons, Victoria; L. W. Johnston, Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, W. H. Stevens, T. S. Simms, Sunbury; J. B. Oakes, S. L.

Peters, W. H. Stevens, Jas. Watts Charlotte.

Messrs. Watts, Parsons, Holyoke, Oakes and Fletcher were appointed to prepare a programme for the Provincial Association, and to make such arrangements as to travel, printing, etc., as they think best. The secretary was requested to solicit one or more members of each county executive to see that all newspapers published in his locality be provided with regular information, between now and the convention's time on the work of the association. The last named committee were authorized to take into consideration the publication of statistics and to authorize such if necessary. The county convention executives were authorized to arrange with railways and steamboat lines for reduced fares for all attending the convention. A vote of thanks was rendered the proprietor of the Clifton house for the use of the parlors, and the committee adjourned to meet again in the same place on July 23. Rev. T. F. Fotheringham pronounced the benediction.

Royal Templars Of Temperance.

A convention of the Delegates of the Royal Templars of Temperance met in the Temperance Hall on Tuesday morning for the purpose of establishing a Grand Council in this place. Grand Councillor Steele of Ontario was the presiding officer. Some business was done in the morning session including the reception of reports but the election and installation of Grand Officers was held over until all Delegates should be present. At the afternoon session the Grand Council degree was conferred by Grand Councillor Steele and then the election of Grand Officers followed. The following were elected to the various offices:—

- John A. Young, Grand Councillor;
- W. T. L. Reed, G. V. Coun;
- Rev. Mr. Mullan, G. Chap.;
- E. C. Freeze, G. Sec.;
- Fred. White, G. Treas.;
- Wm. Munroe, G. Auditor;
- John Munroe, G. Herald;
- J. J. Fox, G. P. Coun.

Trustees J. J. Fox, W. T. L. Reed, John A. Young.

John A. Young was also elected as Delegate to the Dominion Council which meets in Montreal next month.

The first annual session of the Grand Council of New Brunswick will meet in this city on the first Tuesday in July 1889.

A temperance meeting was held in the City Hall on Wednesday evening under the auspices of the R. T. of T. Dr. McLeod was chairman of the meeting, at which a good number were present. The programme of the meeting consisted of singing, prayer by the Grand Chaplain, and addresses. After a musical treat had been served at the beginning of the meeting, Rev. Dr. McLeod welcomed the visiting temperance brethren to Fredericton and referred to the state of the temperance cause in Fredericton and vicinity and blamed the officers of the law for not doing their duty in enforcing the Scott Act. After some more singing, Grand Councillor Steele was introduced and delivered a good address. He referred to the Scott Act and its workings and said that, because a total revolution had not been wrought in the first few years by the Scott Act, temperance people need not be discouraged. They could not hope to win a complete victory at once. They must fight on patiently. The right must and would triumph. Mr. Steele is spoken of as an excellent speaker.

The meeting was brought to a close by the benediction pronounced by the Grand Chaplain.

—Rev. Father Maguan, parish priest of Fournierville, while preparing to celebrate mass there, dropped dead.

—Five captains of the Governor General's foot guards have resigned. Discontent was caused by the refusal of a commission to LeBreton Ross who served with the sharpshooters in the Northwest.

—The lobster fishermen of Restigouche report success in their work equal to that of last year. This is remarkable, as this year's season was shorter than that of last year by over a month.

—Two train loads of pilgrims left Moncton on Tuesday afternoon for St. Anne de Beaupre. They were joined on the way by numerous other pilgrims. Many invalids were among them.

—An English blue book just issued gives the number of vessels contained in the navies of the different maritime powers of Europe as follows: Battle ships—England 49, France 30, Italy 21, Germany 13, Russia 9; cruisers—England 87, France 67, Germany 29, Russia 27, Italy 21; torpedo vessels and boats—England 176, France 140, Italy 138, Russia 97, Germany 96.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., July 2.—On the Virginia Midland railroad, a through southern train that left here at 1.50 a. m., went through a trestle between Orange court house and Barbourville a distance of 43 feet, killing eight persons and wounding upwards of forty, some severely.

LONDON, July 12.—A despatch from Cape Town, Africa, says the DeBeers coal mine, at Kimberley, caught fire yesterday evening, entombing 800 men. It is believed 500 persons perished, including Mr. Lindsay, manager of the company. Many of the victims entombed are white.