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SATURDAY, JULY 7, 1888.

Our Dominion.

On Monday last Canada celebrated the 21st anniversary of the Confederation of the Provinces. The country has greatly prospered in every particular during the years. There may be some who may think that the old times were better than the present but they are far in the minority, and these pessimists would grumble were the times never so good, or the prosperity of the country never so great. Of course there are many things going on about us that might be bettered. There are lines of business that might be expected to yield greater profits, and there are many things that we might well wish to have different, but when we consider that after all much of our prosperity or failure as a people depends on our individual exertion, we must come to the conclusion that if we have not advanced as we think we should it has been our own faults largely, and not that of the country we live in. Political parties can do little for a country if the people are not industrious and patriotic. If we look to an era of great prosperity through the advent of some political party, we will be greatly disappointed. Only through the industry and push of the people will this Canada of ours ever grow to be powerful and the people wealthy.

We take no stock in the annexation movement, and have confidence in the sound common sense of the people to believe that they will never give their sanction to a change of system of Government.

In Fredericton the anniversary was celebrated with more than ordinary display and patriotism. Many thousands of visitors took advantage of the cheap excursions, and helped with us to enjoy the sports so extensively provided by the firemen. Very few accidents occurred, and with all the crowds of visitors there was nothing of a fatal nature happened. Some drunkenness was observable but was very much less than might have been expected or that would have had not there been such a law as the Scott Act in operation. Everything considered we have much to feel gratified at in the way the day passed off.

The Nova Scotia Synod has by a large vote favored the amalgamation of Kings and Dalhousie Colleges.

The accident on the New Brunswick Railway, the particulars of which will be found in another column, was not really so bad as first reported in the city.

The Church of England Synod has been holding its annual session this year in St. John. There has been a large attendance of the clergy and laymen, and several important discussions have taken place.

On Wednesday last the Methodist Conference at Moncton closed a most satisfactory, harmonious and important session. Much work was done that will help to increase the efficiency of the Church in these Provinces.

Already the political parties are endeavoring to find something in the pedigrees of the Presidential candidates that may be used as a canvas against them. The ancestry of the Republican candidate has been traced back to the time of Cromwell to find that one of them was a friend of the protector who 'trampled on Ireland.'

We are glad to know that so far there has been found nothing against the personal reputation of either of the candidates and it is to be hoped that nothing will arise to tarnish the names of either of them. Let the fight be a political one, not a personal one.

The New York Herald is engaged in collecting a list of the defaulters from that country during the last ten years. The list will be interesting reading, and it should bring this country more prominently before the people of the United States, as by far the larger number of absconding debtors come to Canada. An exchange in referring to the number of bank presidents and cashiers, etc., says:

'It is thus impossible to estimate the pecuniary disaster and misery which even the temporary stoppage of a single bank entails upon the public at large, and the question of how these defalcations are to be stopped, and such bank suspensions prevented if possible, is one in which every citizen—and not merely bank customers—is interested. As has often been pointed out, punishment for crime has a twofold object—to so punish those who commit it as will deter others from doing the like. The failure to so punish defaulters is the chief cause of the great increase in the breaches of trust in recent years. Where the amount stolen was large the bank managers, in order to recover as much as possible of the stolen money, have always been too eager to compound with the felons, and to let them not only escape punishment entirely but to retain a large proportion of the stolen money. As was revealed in a recent case in this city, that too well known practice has been used as an effectual lever to induce trusted officials to steal the property under their charge, while the knowledge of it has doubtless prompted many to do so without any extraneous influence.'

Methodist Conference.

The session of the Methodist Conference closed at Moncton on Wednesday. The second draft of the station sheet reads as follows:—

I. ST. JOHN DISTRICT.

- 1. St. John, Queen Street, Robert Wilson, Ph. L.
2. St. John Centenary, W. W. Brewer, H. Daniel, J. K. Narraway, A. M., H. Pope, D. D., Robert Duncan.
3. Exmouth St., T. J. Deinstadt.
4. Portland, F. H. W. Pickles.
5. Carleton, T. Marshall, C. W. Dutcher.
6. Carmarthen, W. Lawson.
7. Courtney Bay, T. L. Williams.
8. Fairville, S. H. Rice.
9. Sussex, A. Lucas.
10. Apohaqui, W. J. Kirby.
11. Springfield, R. Houghton.
12. Hampton, E. Evans; S. W. Sprague, W. Tweedy, J. A. Duke, Supernumeraries.
13. Upham, H. J. Clarke; J. J. Colter, Supernumerary.
14. Grand Lake, J. F. Estey.
15. Jerusalem, Joseph Pascoe.
16. Welsford, W. H. Spargo.
17. Kingston, W. R. Pepper.

II. FREDERICTON DISTRICT.

- 18. Fredericton, Wm. Dobson; G. B. Payson, Supernumerary.
19. Kingsclear, to be supplied.
20. Marysville, Howard Sprague, D. D.
21. Gibson, C. H. Paisley, A. M.
22. Nashwaak, Thos. Hicks.
23. Stanley—
24. Boiestown, Thos. Allen.
25. Keswick, G. S. Donovan, B. A.
26. Sheffield, W. Maggs.
27. Gagetown, C. H. Manaton.
28. Woodstock, Job Shenton.
29. Canterbury, Isaac Howie.
30. Jacksonville, J. K. King; H. Harrison.
31. Hartland, Wm. Howard, A. B.
32. Richmond, S. Howard, A. B.
33. Florenceville, J. Sellar, A. M.
34. } Andover and } R. W. Clements.
35. } Arthurette, }
36. Upper Kent, W. E. Johnston, A. B.

III. MIRAMICHI DISTRICT.

- 37. Chatham—R. S. Crisp.
38. Newcastle—J. A. Clark, A. M.
39. Derby—H. R. Baker, A. B.
40. Richibucto—Silas James (one wanted)
41. Weldford—A. C. Bell, A. B. S. T. B.
42. Bathurst—J. M. Tredrea.
43. Campbellton—B. Chappell, A. M.

IV. SACKVILLE DISTRICT.

- 44. Sackville—J. S. Allen; H. Pickard, D. D., S. C. Wells; R. Brecken, M. A., Supernumeraries.
Educational Institutions—C. Stewart, D. D., Pro. theology; John Burwash, A. M. Sc. D. Prof. of chemistry.
45. Tantramar (one to be sent).
46. Point de Bute—James Crisp.
47. Baie Verte—D. Chapman.
48. Bayfield—T. Stebbings.
49. Moncton—G. M. Campbell.
50. Shediac—A. D. McCully, A. B., B. D.
51. Dorchester—S. D. Teed, M. A.
52. Albert—I. Embree.
53. Alma—A. E. LePage.
54. Hillsboro—Thos. Pierce.
55. Peticodiac—Chas. Comben.
56. Salisbury—W. W. Lodge.
57. Elgin—I. N. Parker.

V. ST. STEPHEN DISTRICT.

- 58. St. Stephen—Richard Weddall, A. B.
59. Milltown—J. C. Berrie.
60. St. Andrews—Levi Johnson.
61. St. Davids—W. Penna.
62. St. James—H. Penna.
63. Bocabec—G. M. Young.
64. Deer Island—W. B. Thomas.
65. Grand Manan—A. C. Dennis, A. B.

VI. P. E. ISLAND DISTRICT.

- 66. Charlottetown—John Read; J. B. Jost, Supernumerary.
67. Charlottetown—Prince street—Wm. Harrison; T. Smallwood, Supernumerary.
68. Cornwall—D. D. Moore, M. A.
69. Little York—M. R. Knight, M. A.
70. Winslow—E. Slackford.
71. Pownell—Geo. Steel.
72. Vernon River—R. Opie.
73. Montserrat—J. Goldsmith.
74. Murra Harbor—J. S. Phinney.
75. Bedeque—E. C. Turner.
76. Tryon—H. P. Cowperthwaite, M. A. George Harrison, Supy.

The final draft of the station sheet makes the following changes and appointments.—Andover Rev. Mr. Clements; Bocabec, Rev. H. Harrison; Chatham, Rev. Mr. Tait, supernumerary; Fredericton, Rev. Mr. Payson, supernumerary; Hampton, Rev. S. W. Sprague, Messrs. Tweedie and Duke, supernumeraries; Jacksonville, Mr. Young, probationer; Moncton, Rev. Mr. Prince, supernumerary; Sackville, Rev. Messrs. Pickard and

Wells, supernumeraries (Rev. Mr. Brecken rests); Woodstock, Rev. F. Harrison, supernumerary; Tryon, Rev. G. Harrison supernumerary.

The secretaries and chairmen of districts have been appointed as follows:— St. John, Rev. E. Evans, chairman, Rev. T. Marshall, secretary; Fredericton, Rev. Mr. Paisley, chairman, Rev. Job Shenton, secretary; St. Stephen, Rev. Mr. Weddall, chairman, Rev. Mr. Penna, secretary; Sackville, Rev. Mr. Chapman, chairman, Rev. Mr. Parker, secretary; Miramichi, Rev. Mr. Clarke, chairman, Rev. R. S. Crisp, secretary; P. E. Island, Rev. Mr. Cowperthwaite, chairman, Rev. C. H. Hamilton, secretary.

Late Despatches.

The Irish Cause.

LONDON, July 5.—At a meeting of the nationalist party in the commons to-day, Parnell presiding, resolutions were adopted expressing thanks to the New York legislature for endorsing the Irish cause by the reception given Sir Thomas Esmond, adding that so long as the people of Ireland are deprived of their rights of self-government, which the people of the Empire state enjoy, so long shall we rely upon the good will of the legislature to regain them. Resolutions were also adopted thanking the legislatures of Virginia, Texas, Mexico, American national league and other bodies.

A Severe Storm.

CHICAGO, July 5.—Almost total paralysis of the telegraph service west of Chicago to-day indicates, apparently, that the storm of the past few days, culminating last night, was the most widespread and severe in a number of years. The great network of wires covers the territory stretching to Rocky Mountains, but so few of the hundreds of lines running in all directions are this morning in anything but workable condition, business with points west of here is comparatively at a standstill.

In The Rapids.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT., JULY 5.—Robert Flack of Syracuse started yesterday afternoon with his boat, the Phantom, through the whirlpool rapids on a trial trip in connection with the coming race with Charles Percy of Suspension Bridge. The boat got through the rapids all right, but Flack was found lying dead in her bottom. The boat had been turned upside down by a large breaker, and the weight of Flack's body had kept her in that position and he was drowned, being strapped to the seat.

Toronto University.

The chair of political science in Toronto University has been filled by appointment of W. T. Ashley, M. A., lecturer at Lincoln and Corpus Christi colleges, Oxford. There were 33 applicants for the position, 14 from the United States, 14 from Great Britain and five from Canada. The professor elect has a brilliant university career and is an author of considerable renown. His selection was made by Attorney General Mowatt and Hon. Edward Blake after personally visiting him. He will arrive here early in September to assume his duties. He is only in his 29th year. It is understood, also, that negotiations entered into by the university authorities and law society, for the establishment of a law faculty in Toronto university, have been successful, and the appointment of Prof. Ashley will shortly be followed by the selection of eminent jurists to fill the principal chairs in law faculty.