

"Father" Of British Army Died On Monday

London, March 17.—Lieut General Wilmot Henry Bradford, "father" of the British army, died yesterday, at Bournemouth in his hundredth year. His father was chaplain to the British Ambassador at Vienna, and as a boy he had the run of the Austrian court. He recollects sitting on the knee of the Emperor Francis II., father-in-law of Napoleon, at a court concert. He took riding lessons with the Duke of Rychstadt, Napoleon II. Bonapartists call him. Perhaps he was the only Englishman on terms of intimacy with "L'Anglais."

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Answer The Women Did Not Expect

Ottawa, March 9.—"Before the women come to Parliament seeking to reform the habits of men let them reform their habits of dress," was the startling statement Mr. J. H. Burnham addressed to the crowded gallery of ladies which had waited patiently all day till 11 o'clock to-night for the calling of Mr. Andrew Broder's anti-cigarette resolution.

It did not become a sex which was the slave of fashion in dress, and exercised no control of themselves in following the freak and daring decrees of the modistes, to seek legislation demanding self-control and reform in men, declared Mr. Burnham, amid considerable sensation. Let them set an example in self-control and reform in attiring themselves before inspiring legislation of the kind sought. Mr. Burnham persisted that a panacea for excess was not to be found in universal repression, and he assured the fair visitors in the gallery that "the moral ground is not so sterile that it is no longer capable of bearing seed."

Mr. Andrew Broder argued that the increase of cigarette smoking on this continent had become appalling.

Premier Borden suggested a committee of fifteen to inquire into the whole subject.

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Busy Session of The Presbytery

The annual meeting of the St. John Presbytery was held in St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday 17th. A large number of members were present. The assembly was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Dr. J. H. MacVicar.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:— Rev. G. Pringle, Moderator. Rev. F. Baird, Clerk. Mr. P. Campbell, Treasurer. Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, Treasurer Travelling Expense Committee.

The matter of the amended basis of church union was postponed until the members get more information on the subject.

A resolution of condolence was adopted on the death of Rev. Colin G. Campbell.

Mr. Peter Campbell read a report of the financial condition of the Presbytery. He read a list of some arrearages in dues of churches in the Presbytery fund. The report showed many unpaid balances. Rev. Gordon Dickie said that the assessment account should be sent out earlier and it would be settled more satisfactorily.

Dr. Thomas Stewart was introduced by the Moderator. Dr. Stewart spoke of conditions at Pine Hill. About thirty more students could be taken if accommodations could be had for them. Thirty men had to be turned away. There are now forty-eight men in the residence; the largest class in the history of the institution is to be graduated this year.

The committee on accommodation reported that rooms in approved localities would be secured for students in arts who intend to study for the ministry.

The question has come up now regarding the proposal of a free site on the grounds of Dalhousie University. Tenders were accepted for an addition to the present residence at Pine Hill, as nothing further had been done toward the proposed building on the Dalhousie grounds.

The recommendations of the board with reference to the building were accepted and the tenders settled with the contractors. The additions are necessary to keep the theological students together as much as possible. Some of the students, through being scattered about the city, had been directed into other professions and their services were consequently, lost to the ministry. The new building will cost in all about \$30,000.

Rev. J. J. McCaskill spoke of the influence of church union, which, if it comes about, would change the centre of their education for the ministry to Sackville. He wished Pine Hill to prosper, but doubted the ability to finance the budget which was sixty-five per cent, higher than last year. Caution was needed owing to the unsettled condition as regards church union.

The period for collecting the funds would extend over five years, making \$6,000 a year.

Rev. Dr. Campbell said there was no prospect of residence at Dalhousie within a period which would make it a practical consideration at the present time.

Rev. J. A. MacKeigan spoke of conditions under which young men of other denominations could secure training along religious and professional lines at nominal cost. The Presbytery should take steps along the same lines for the young men of the Presbyterian Church.

He moved the following resolution: "Having heard with satisfaction the statement of Professor Stewart regarding the prospects of our college at Halifax and the increasing demand for accommodation in the college residence, be it therefore resolved that the Presbytery approve the proposal of the college board to erect and furnish a new residence, and thereby commend this project to the sympathetic support of our congregations."

Rev. G. Dickie seconded it, and it was adopted.

Nomination to the chair of Church History and Practical Theology was then taken up. Professor Stewart will resign from the position in June to take up the position of Agent of the Church in the Eastern Section.

Rev. J. J. McCaskill nominated Rev. Gordon Dickie, seconded by Rev. W. M. Townsend.

Mr. F. W. Murray nominated Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith, of Fredericton, Mr. J. C. Mortimer Hampton, seconded it. Hon. J. G. Forbes asked that the choice of one man be made by ballot, and that method was adopted.

The result of the ballot was the selection of Dr. W. H. Smith as nominee of the Presbytery.

The following report on statistics for the year 1913, with figures for 1912, showing increases and decreases was adopted.

	1912	1913	Inc. Dec
Self-sustaining congregations	16	19	3
Augmented congregation	12	12	...
Mission charges	2	1	.. 1
Mission fields	22	23	1..
Number of elders	216	244	28..
Single persons, Families,	845	1,054	209
Baptisms.	3,744	3,846	102
	162	287	125
Communicants received,	379	465	86
Communicants removed,	225	198	28
Communicants on roll,	6,413	6,571	158
Amount raised for stipend,	\$31,485	\$38,333	\$6,858
Amount raised for missions	\$15,397	\$16,255	\$858
Total for all purposes,	\$79,072	\$82,007	\$2,935

As to salaries, they range from \$800, in the mission charge of Waweig, to \$2,500, in St. Andrew's, St. John. In the twelve augmented charges the salary is \$900, which figure, by action of the recent Synod, is hereafter to be raised to \$1,000 and a manse or rented house. Taking the organized charges as a whole, 32 in number, the average salary now paid in the Presbytery is \$1,240—a sum which puts our Church easily in the van in the matter of salaries paid in the majority of cases a manse is also provided.

Adjourned until 2.30. In the afternoon the assembly committee and elders were elected as follows:

Assembly committee—Rev. J. J. McCaskill, Rev. T. A. Mitchell, and Rev. James Ross; substitutes, Rev. J. H. MacVicar, D. D.; Rev. Mr. Calhoun, Rev. Mr. Harrison. Elders—His honor Judge Forbes, Dr. Murray MacLaren, C. S. Everett, J. A. Murray, Charles Baird, and J. R. Brown; substitutes, S. R. Jack, H. P. Baird, J. M. Hay and A. MacKenzie.

The report of the home missions board was read by George Knight. It showed a year of much activity in this branch of work. Sixty visits had been paid to the hospital, and services had been conducted in the boarding house at Courtney Bay. Although the attendances were not so large as had been expected. The work in the new mission hall at Courtney Bay, which was opened on May 2 last, was referred to. The building is now fully equipped, well lighted and has been fairly well patronized. A moving picture machine has been installed, providing a means of instruction and education, games are allowed, twenty five Bulgarians are being taught the English language, and a library consisting of ninety volumes has been provided. The building has been planned for convenient extension; an important matter, seeing that the erection of some sixty houses in the vicinity during the present summer has been taken in hand by a syndicate of English capitalists, meaning an appreciable increase of the population there.

Rev. J. A. MacKegan reported for the peace celebration committee which recommended that the presbytery should take a prominent part in recognizing the 100 years of peace between Great Britain and the United States, and for this purpose to set apart some Sunday to be agreed upon as an occasion for special efforts. The recommendation was agreed to.

The reports on Sabbath schools and young people's societies, presented by the standing committee, showed some diminution in regard to attendance, and it was recommended that strenuous endeavor should be made to attain a proper standard of excellence, that a systematic canvass should be made to increase interest in these branches of work, and that the schools should be visited periodically with a view to stimulation and encouragement. Agreed to.

The report of the finances committee was read by Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, and was very encouraging. It showed a small balance in hand. Mr. McBeth, of Moncton, asked that the trustees of St. John's church in that city be authorized to sell the manse property and to apply the proceeds and a sum of \$10,000 to be raised on mortgage in payment of the cost of rebuilding the church which was destroyed by fire. This was agreed to.

The report, or budget, of the allocation committee for the year ending Feb. 28 showed, total allocations to thirty-six congregations amounting to \$18,500, an increase of thirty-seven per cent, over

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the amount for the previous year. This was presented by Edwin Smith, convenor of the committee on systematic giving, and brought forth some discussion, some of those present thinking that the amounts allocated were, in some instances, too large, having regard to the size of congregations and local and other circumstances.

It was agreed to draw the attention of the budget committee to the facts presented, with a view to the matter being dealt with by the presbytery.

The report of the augmentation committee was agreed to. A request from Grand Falls for a loan of \$2,700 from the church and manse building fund, to enable the church to pay off the existing mortgage, was granted, it being pointed out, however, that at present, no funds are available for this purpose. The clerk read his reports relating to certificates granted and applied for and to other matters.

The case of Rev. J. S. Mullan, of Stanley, who is advanced in years and recently met with an accident, was brought up. It was pointed out that he receives only \$100 a year from the superannuation fund, and it was agreed that the presbytery recommend the superannuation committee to deal liberally with him.

On motion of Rev. Frank Baird, it was agreed that the presbytery negotiate with the Methodist body respecting co-operation in mission work at Courtney Bay.

After several bills were ordered paid, the Presbytery adjourned, to meet at such time as may be agreed upon the matter to be left in the hands of Rev. J. H. A. Anderson.

MANY LIVES REPORTED PERISHED IN STORM.

London, March 18.—A St. Petersburg despatch to the Times says it is estimated that between 1,500 and 3,000 persons perished in the storm and that 150 boats were sunk in the Black Sea.

At the St. Patrick's Day dinner, London, Mr. John E. Raymond referred to the failure to agree on the temporary exclusion of any part of Ireland, and declared it was a great sacrifice to make as the price of peace, but in making that sacrifice, to avoid a conflict, they had made absolutely no sacrifice of principle. If the proposal had been for the permanent exclusion of one inch of Irish territory they would unhesitatingly have rejected it, as the principle of the bill must be maintained.

French Women Fight Indecency In Dress

PARIS, March 10.—The patriotic League of French Women has taken the initiative in a campaign against indecency in dress. A manifesto was issued to-day to society women, signed by Viscountess de Velard, Marquise de Montaigu, Marquise de J'Aigne, Mme. Delacourt, Marquise de Moustiers, Comtesse de Ville'e, and Duchess de Maille, and is in response to injunctions recently read by some Bishops and Cardinal Amette on women to league together and abolish the use of garments which are contrary to decency. "We ask," says the manifesto, "all elegant and young women who set the tone in France not only not to yield to but combine courageously against the present tendency by precept and example. What they do other women of more modest condition who have their eyes fixed upon them will do in their turn. Let us also not forget that we must have a care for the reputation which France has hitherto borne for elegance and taste. All who desire to join the movement are requested to register their names at the offices of the league, with a view to bringing pressure to bear on the principle couturiers and big establishments.

The secretary of the league, a good-looking woman in a black dress, with which not even the most rabid reformer could have found fault, explained the situation thus: "Fashion has gone beyond all bounds. We intend to react. The youngest and prettiest leaguers are to head the movement, and we shall force the chief fashion establishments to confine their ideas within more decent limits, so that a woman who desires to be modest need not find herself compelled to be indecent. These dresses cannot be tolerated, especially in church. Why a cure was obliged to refuse to give his blessing to a marriage because the bride's white dress was so flagrantly transparent. Let the women of the stage do anything they please, but as for us society women it is a different thing."

Two persons were killed and seven injured, three seriously, when the Lackawanna railroad ferryboat Ithaca crashed into a railroad float at Hudson River, Tuesday night.

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