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CARLETON CO. S. S. CONVENTION.

The seventh annual session of the Carleton County Sabbath School Convention was held in this town during the week, and whether as regards numbers in attendance, enthusiasm on the part of the members, or the importance of the work transacted, was the most successful session yet held of this most important and valuable organization.

A preliminary public meeting was held in the Main Street Baptist Church, on Monday evening, at which Rev. G. W. Ballentine presided. The exercises opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Gravinor, after which most earnest and forcible addresses were delivered by Messrs. J. T. Fletcher, and S. J. Parsons, the former referring to the rise and growth of the Convention, with the good results that had followed, the latter giving an interesting account of the proceedings at the Dartmouth Maritime Convention. Mr. Jas. Watts spoke on the necessity for funds to successfully carry forward the work in hand. The chairman followed in some well timed remarks, and the meeting after singing, and the benediction by Rev. G. M. Campbell, broke up.

The Convention proper assembled at 10 o'clock, a. m., on Tuesday. We may say here, that there were three sessions during the day, and that fifteen minutes, before each session, were devoted to devotional exercises, conducted by rev. gentlemen and others appointed.

The Convention opened, the President in the chair, by singing Hymn 101, (Gospel Hymns, which was the music book used during the Convention) and prayer by Rev. J. McG McKay. It is not necessary that we should further refer to the singing which interspersed the proceedings than to say that it was excellent in execution and suitable in sentiment, and that Mrs. J. A. Shea and Mrs W. F. Kerr, respectively presided at the organ. The President in a few earnest words extended a welcome to the delegates, impressed upon them the importance of their work, and enforced the duty of each individual member doing all possible to render the Convention a success. The usual committees were then appointed, after which the Executive Committees' report was submitted as follows:—

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES REPORT.

Woodstock, Aug. 29, 1882.

DEAR BRETHREN,—In presenting this, their usual annual report, your Executive Committee would, as their first act of duty, acknowledge the goodness of that kind God through whose blessing alone they have been enabled to accomplish whatever good there has been done.

Upon assuming the important and responsible duties pertaining to their office, your committee became impressed with the necessity for renewed endeavours in the direction of influencing a larger number of schools to keep their doors open the year round; to this end, therefore, they bent their energies and succeeded, to some extent at least, they rejoice to say, in realizing their desires in this respect. Notwithstanding the fact that last winter was one of the most stormy known for years,—so much so, indeed, that schools that had not been in the habit of doing so, were forced to close their doors for some months—your committee are able to announce that there were nine more evergreen schools in the County last winter than during the previous season. In this connection your Committee might mention that at Pembroke, where the school was in the habit of closing for the winter, owing to the absence of the male adults in the lumber woods. Mrs. Betts feeling the importance of keeping the school open, took upon herself the task of acting as Superintendent and Teacher, and by her determination and perseverance succeeded in continuing a successful school throughout the winter. The example set by this lady might be followed with excellent effect by more of her worthy sisters in Carleton County. While thankfully acknowledging that the ladies do an enormous amount of work in the Sabbath School field of labor, your Committee feel that if a greater number would but apply their energy in the same direction as did Mrs. Betts, every school in the County would be kept open the entire year.

Finding upon a survey of the County that there were many places entirely destitute of Sabbath Schools, how to reach these sections and infuse into their people a desire for such institutions engaged our serious consideration. Your Committee finally determined to place a Missionary in the field for two months, who should traverse the upper Parishes on the eastern side of the river, organize new schools, encourage and assist old ones, and, through public meetings and conversation with the people, arouse a general sympathy for the work. The services of Mr W. J. Doucette were secured, who entered heartily upon the work and labored with a zeal and ability that produced results which are not only of temporary value, but will, we believe and trust have a lasting influence for good on all time. We regret that we were unable to keep Mr. Doucette for a longer period, but owing to want of funds this was impossible, and we can only commend the matter to the serious consideration of the Convention. Full details of the expense and results of the Missionary effort will be given in our Secretary's report.

At the Maritime S. S. Convention held at Dartmouth, N. S., the other day, this County was represented by six delegates, among whom were your President and two Secretary's. The Convention was a most interesting and profitable occasion, and the delegates returned therefrom filled with new enthusiasm for the work.

Your Committee would suggest that the time has arrived when an effort should be made for the organization of a Provincial S. S. Convention in which all the Counties, or rather every School in New Brunswick may be represented. Such an organization would give a great impetus to Sabbath School work all over our Province, and would result in bringing under the influence of such, many children who now are strangers to the study of the word of God, and would prove an appropriate response to that cry which is now borne to us, from so many destitute places, forced upon our attention through the influence of the holy spirit, "come over and help us." We commend the subject to your attention.

The Executive cannot close this report without directing your attention to the question of finance. Money is absolutely necessary to the proper prosecution of our work. The Executive have been at considerable expense for printing, writing letters, postage, as well as for the outlay in Missionary work, all of which was essentially necessary; having given their own time and paid their own personal expenses, your Committee feel they are justified in making an appeal to every teacher, scholar, man, woman or child interested in Sabbath School work, to contribute towards supplying the necessary funds. The Convention must take some definite action on this point, so that the incoming executive may not be hampered in their work.

Brethren, for six consecutive years have we been wont to meet in annual Convention; never, during that time, have we come together without realizing that the Master of Ceremonies was present to bless us; now for the seventh time convened, with enlarged faith may we not be enabled yet still more to recognize this presence, and with more cheerful submission to the command and more entire consecration to the duty, go forth to "work in His vineyard," believing the promise that in due time we shall reap if we faint not.

Respectfully submitted,
THE EXECUTIVE.

This report was submitted to a committee comprising Rev. K. McKay, G. L. Holyoke and J. Y. Hoyt, who afterwards reported as follows, which report was adopted.

The committee appointed to report on the report of the Executive Com. beg to submit as follows:—

1. That this Convention record their gratitude to Almighty God for the evidence afforded in the report of the continued and increased interest taken in the S. Schools of the County—noting especially the greater number of *evergreen* during the past year, than on any former year.

2. That the action of the com. in sending out a missionary to organize schools in localities where there were none, be endorsed by this convention, and that a report of the work done by this missionary be made to the convention.

3. That all the schools represented in this Convention be recommended to consider more faithfully the matter of finance as presented in the report.

4. That the Ex. Com. be authorized to take such steps as they may deem best towards the organization of a Prov. Convention.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

was now read, as follows:—

Aug. 29th, 1882.

Mr. PRESIDENT,—It becomes the duty of the Secretary to report to the convention,—in connection with the work for the past year. And it is with feelings of the most devout thankfulness, to our Heavenly Father for His blessings that we discharge that duty. When your Secretary took the position a year ago, he fully expected to be able to visit each S. school in the Co. and *personally* observe their work, and in this way become acquainted with the condition of the S. S. cause. But circumstances seemed to make it necessary for him to again take the Superintendency of the Benton S S, and also of another School in the lower part of Woodstock parish, so that it was impossible to do, what, he thinks, is the duty of the Secretary, in the line of visiting.

For this reason, I think it will be better for the convention to select some one for Secretary, who will be able to devote more time to this line of duty.

Under our present constitution we have a Vice President for each of the eleven parishes whose duty it is to visit each S S in their parish, and report to the Secretary; heretofore this duty had been largely neglected. After the last Convention was over, I wrote to each V. P., asking them if they could attend to the duties of that office, and offering, in case they could do so, to send them instructions as to what those duties were. I was glad to get a reply from each of the eleven, consenting to take the office, and asking for information.

Under the direction of the Ex. Committee, a blank report was prepared, for the V. P. to fill out, when he visited a school, and the answers which he would write in this blank would give the committee a good idea of the working of the School.

Your Secretary has received reports from each one of the V P's, and from some of them a *fall* and *spring* report; in some cases, through these reports, I have learned of some S. Schools of whose existence I was before ignorant.

Here let me thank the V P's. for the kind and prompt manner in which they have helped me. I hope they will continue to do so.

Believing that it would be well for the S. S. Workers to have information in that direction, your Secretary wrote to all the leading Publishing houses of S. S. helps, in Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and St John, for sample publications of various denominations, and also of *non* sectarian, and these samples, which were promptly furnished, have been kept for the inspection of the S. S. workers, at the office of Assistant Secretary, Bro. J. Watts, where each school was, and are invited to call any time and inspect them.

The Executive Committee in their report, refer to the effort made to induce schools to keep open all winter. A letter was sent to each S. S. in the County as far as I know, urging them to keep open, and asking for the reasons for closing, and asking them to read the letter to the school. In reply, I received many letters, some full of hope and courage, some from workers almost disheartened and ready to give it all up. One good thing this convention is doing is to bring the workers into closer relations, and secure for each the sympathy and prayers of the others.

The number of Evergreen Schools and increase is as below.

	No.	Increase.
Woodstock -	10	1
Richmond -	5	0
Wakefield -	5	0
Wilmot -	1	1
Simonds -	1	0
Kent -	2	2
Brighton -	4	3
Northampton -	1	1
	29	8

There is no doubt, the very severe winter prevented a number of schools from keeping open, but which will try, the coming winter to do so. Late in the winter a letter to each V. P. brought out the fact that in some parishes, all of the S. S. were closed, and early in the spring the Executive talked the situation over. From the fact that every member of the Committee are in S. S. work themselves, it was difficult for them to get away on Sunday, and, as they report, they employed a man who should act as S. S. missionary or agent to help re-open the closed schools, and also to organize new ones.

This missionary—Bro. W. J. Doucette, devoted some two months to the work, visited twenty schools, organized some eight new schools, and induced others to keep open that had been in the habit of closing during the winter months.

The S. S. of the County were to be invited to help defray the expenses, so a letter was sent to some, and will be to the others, asking them to contribute to this end. The balance left after they contribute, the committee will expend in the best possible manner. A statement in detail of amounts, will be seen on the wall chart.

A full statistical report of the Sabbath Schools in the county is very desirable, and your Secretary has tried to get the most correct information possible, but much time, labor and postage would be saved, if all the schools would report promptly. If the Secs of Sabbath Schools would notify me of any changes in Superintendents, or P. O. address, it would be a great help.

The stationery, printing and postage for the past year you will find in the Treasurer's acct. The stationery was bought at wholesale price, the printing done at cost of material and labor, and a good part of it the repors of Ex. Com. and programmes used in Convention, were given to us *without charge*, so that every cent spent goes to the work.

The time, labor and personal expenses of officers and Ex. Committee were freely given and the only regret is that they were unable to do more.

Now we wish to know if this Convention approve of what has been done? would the schools of the County like to follow the example of those who have contributed and respond to the invitation?

One collection from each school would pay all the ordinary expenses of Convention and leave a surplus, while a special collection would pay all the missionary expenses, and help us to do more of the same kind of work.

I suggest that each Vice-President could collect from the business men of his parish a sum, large or small, that would greatly help $10 or more from each parish would do much good. One warm-hearted lover of the work, without being asked, collected from a few friends the sum of $6 90, and I suspect paid a good part of the sum from his own pocket. Who will help in the same direction?

The following is a tabulated statement, taken from reports thus far to hand:—

PARISHES.	Town of Woodstock -	Parish of Town	Richmond	Wakefield	Simonds	Wicklow	Kent	Peel	Brighton	Northampton	Totals
Moderator											
Visitor											
P. C. Letter											
P. Report											
Presbyterian											
Advent											
Episcopal											
Union											
No. Schools											
No. on Register											
Average Attendance											
No. Teachers											
Teachers and Scholars											
No. Church Members											
Amount collected during the year for S. S. purposes											
Contributed for Expenses of Convention											
Contributed Towards S. S. Mission Fund											

Respectfully submitted,
S. J. PARSONS, Sec.-Treas.

The report was submitted to the following committees: S. McLeod, O. A. West, C. J. Connolly. This committee subsequently reported as follows—the report was recived and placed on file:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—Your committee appointed to report on the Secretary's report beg leave to say they have attended to their duty and would with him join in thanking our Heavenly Father for the prosperity which has attended the year's labor. Your committee regret that the Secretary was not able to carry out his intention of visiting all the schools in the County, but would not unite with him in recommending the Convention to appoint another Secretary. The Convention will see that the Brother has performed his duties so faithfully and well that he appears to be the right man in the right place, and that the thanks of this community is due to Brother Parsons for the interest he has taken in S. School work.

Your committee from want of time, is unable to report as fully as they otherwise would, and recommend that the Secretary's Report be received and the suggestions adopted, with the exception of the one already referred to by your committee.

Respectfully submitted,
SIMON McLEOD,
C. J. CONNOLLY.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

was now submitted as follows:—

S. S. Convention to

S J. Parsons, Treasurer, Dr.

Sept. 1.	to paid postage,	$ 1 00
,, 1.	paid Wall's bill,	2 78
,, 8.	bought book, Records of Ex-meeting,	0 40
,, 23.	postage $1.00 (26) do. $1.00	2 00
,, 29.	200 postal cards,	2 00
July 11	postage stamps,	1 40
,,	paid W. J. Doucette,	25 00
Aug. 28.	do. do.	35 00
,, 28.	postage,	1 28
,, 28.	paid printing,	11 55
		$82 41

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Sept. 1.	By amt. of J. T. Fletcher,	$3 85
Apr. 26.	Lecture fund, L N. Sharp,	4 75
July 11.	Do. do.	2 15
July J.	Watts, M. S. S.	3 29
,,	S J. Parsons, Benton, S. S	9 50
,,	D. J. Holder, Up. Woodstock, S S	2 18
,,	S. Taylor, L. do. do.	2 60
,,	S. McLeod, F. C. B. do. do.	5 11
Aug. 25	Pembroke,	2 50
	Jacksonville, S. S.	1 00
	Oak Mountain,	0 68
		$37 61
	Balance due to Treasurer	$44 80

The report was submitted to a committee composed of A. Harron, Colin King, G. W. Holmes, who afterwards submitted the following report:—

Woodstock, Aug. 29, 1882

The committee appointed to report on the report of the Treasurer, beg to submit the following:—

According to the published report which is now before the meeting, the expenditures amount to the sum of $82 41
Receipts from different sources, 37 61
Bal. due Treasurer, $44 80

We are pleased to find that the utmost economy has been used in the expenditure, as is shown by the several items published.

We would also suggest that means might be devised at this Convention for raising the amount due, and also to procure funds sufficient to pay for the services of a competent person to visit each section of this County and endeavor to establish Sabbath Schools in districts where there are none now in operation.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration.

A. HARRON,
COLIN KING } Com.
G. W. HOLMES,

The statistical portion of above report was adopted; the recommendation regarding funds to procure the services of a missionary, if deemed by them desirable, was left in the hands of the Executive.

Mr. W. J. Doucette gave a verbal report of his labors in the missionary field, showing that he had visited a large portion of the back settlements in the County, that he had been successful in starting a number of schools, reviving old ones, and promoting an interest in the minds of the people for Sabbath School work.

A resolution passed adopting the report, and approving the diligence of Bro. Doucette.

The nominating committee reported recommending the following list of officers, which report was adopted, and the persons named were respectively elected office-bearers for the current year:—

President, G. L. Holyoke;
Sec. Treas. S. J. Parsons;
Asst. Sec. Jas. Watts;

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Woodstock,	W. T. Kerr;
Wakefield,	J. T. Fletcher;
Simonds,	G. W. Melville;
Wicklow,	J. A. Owens;
Richmond,	Alex. Harron;
Wilmot,	C. A. West;
Northampton,	G. W. Hovey;
Brighton,	J. T. G. Carr;
Peel,	L. J. Sherwood;
Aberdeen,	Wm Simpson;
Kent,	W. J. Doucette.

The retiring President briefly thanked the Convention for the kindness and courtesy extended to him while in the chair, and asked the same treatment for the incoming Executive.

The newly elected President took his position as chairman.

The question of next place of meeting being taken up, invitations were presented from Centreville and Richmond, when the former was selected as the place. The time of holding next session was left with the Executive.

The following were appointed members of the Executive Committee for the year: H. Cowperthwaite, S. Taylor, H. Seely, Dr. Sharp, S McLeod, Jacob Sherwood, J. Y. Hoyt, W. S. Saunders

The collections during Convention amounted to $21 53, which with the amount of collections sent in from schools at a late hour, proved more than sufficient to pay balance due Treasurer and leave a small amount on hand.

Before adjournment a vote of thanks was passed to the Main Street Baptist Church for the free use of their building; to those who had so kindly cared for delegates, and to S. J. Parsons, for his arduous and faithful labors as Secretary Treasurer.

During the session the following questions were discussed:

1st. "The best methods of studying S. S. lessons." The discussion was opened by S. J Parsons, and participated in by Revd. Messrs. J. McG. McKay, Beckwith, Kempton, of Nova Scotia; A. Taylor, K. McKay, A. H. Hayward, and G. L. Holyoke, Jas. Watts, Mr. Creed, of Fredericton.

We have not room to give the remarks of the various speakers, but must content ourselves with the summing up, as presented by the gentlemen appointed for that purpose. The above discussion was summed up by G. L. Holyoke as follows:—

HOW TO STUDY A S. S. LESSON.

S. J. Parsons—Have a Bible of your own to use for Bible study, make yourself familiar with it by study. Always use it in your lessons and class Ask God's blessing on the study your are commencing. As a concise method of lesson study, he recommended that of the four P's. and four D's. The letters representing as follows:—

P. P.—Parallel passages. D.—Dates.
P.—Persons. D.—Doings.
P.—Places. D.—Doctrines.
D.—Duties.

J. McG. McKay—Teachers should be deeply impressed with the necessity of lesson study. The object should be to get such a proper conception of the ideas presented in the lesson, as was intended by the authors. The Christian religion being one of Faith, truth must be apprehended by faith in the heart and mind.

Beckwith—The teacher should have a clear idea of what was intended by the lesson. Would confine himself to the Bible for study aided by the Holy Spirit.

Kempton—Impressed the idea of commencing and confining ourselves to the work.—He cautioned teachers in selecting helps to make a suitable and judicious choice. The teacher should make himself thoroughly acquainted with the minds of the pupils in his class.

Taylor—Impressed the necessity of feeling an interest in their work and lesson; teachers should not follow any particular rule of study, but vary their ways of studying a lesson.

Holyoke—Instead of giving two P's to parallel passages, give one P to prayer, and add one P for purposes, add one D for dangers. Instruct the pupils how to study, give them your lesson plan, get conversational help from other teachers, from members of your class, or any other persons.

Watts—Avoid mechanical study and teaching, and try to fully realize the importance of the work. The object of the teacher should be to bring his pupils to Heaven and to Christ. The teacher should be filled with a proud ambition to excel as a christian teacher.

Hayward—Teachers should ever impress the enquiry, what is truth? and to draw out the doctrines of the lesson.

Creed—Spoke particularly of the manner of presenting the lesson to the class. It may not be taught on the same plan as studied. Impress the doctrines, particularly those upon which most all agree.

K. McKay—There is no *best* way of studying a lesson. Each must suit his studies to his necessities. Each should have a bible for common use in study or class. Commence studying the lesson at as early a moment as possible. Be determined to succeed as a Sunday School teacher and you will succeed.

2nd Question.—"Reviews, their object, and the best mode of conducting them." In the absence of Rev. G. N. Ballentine, who was detained by having to attend a funeral, Rev. K. McKay opened the question, and was followed by Rev. Messrs. B. Colpits, A. Taylor, and S. J. Parsons, Jas. Watts, E. T. Miller, — Delong, Thos. Fleming.

Dr. Sharp presented the following summary of the discussion:

1—That reviews are wise and should be attended to on every Sabbath.

2—That Quarterly and Annual reviews are also valuable.

3—The objects of reviews is just to stop and go over again what we have learned, and see how much we have been benefitted, and this will fasten the knowledge upon our minds.

4—Reviews should be short and emphatic and expressive; the leading thoughts, both devotional and practical fully brought out and faithfully impressed.

5—The best mode of review is for each reviewer to feel the importance of the review, and then do it in his own way, after having given it a thorough study with prayerful attention.

6—It is of great importance to have the Black Board illustrations of the Quarter's lessons on the wall; they remind us of the lessons by being constantly before the eye.

7—The Review is not merely a training of memory but the establishing of facts before gone over upon the mind, for its improvement and future benefit.

3 QUES.—"Discouragements in Sabbath School work and their cure" This discussion was opened by Dr. Sharp and Rev. G. M. Campbell and continued by Revd. Messrs. Mann, G. Howard, G. N. Ballentine, and J. W. Sherwood, R. Cowperthwaite and S. J. Parsons.

The points brought out in the discussion were summed up by Mr. S. J. Parsons as follows:

Among the discouragements are to be found lack of proper furniture in school rooms, such as maps, black-boards, libraries, Bibles printed with small type. Too great a reliance upon Quarterlies and Lesson Leaves. The indifference of Sabbath School Teachers, shown by being late to School, frequent absence, &c. Sunday funerals. Difficulties of getting parents into the School. The witholding of their presence leads young men and women to think it is beneath their dignity to attend.

THE CURE.—Church members should see to it that the Schools are properly furnished with necessary apparatus. When churches are built see that proper Sabbath school rooms are provided. Teachers should imitate Christ and become personally devoted to His service. See that the proper books are provided. Let the parents come and bring their children. Let us face the difficulties and overcome them. Have Teachers meetings. Work now for time will soon be over. Let ministers lead Bible class. Hold weekly Teachers meetings. Always speak well of your own school.

We have only room to add that the discussions were exhaustive; the points forcefully and, in many instances, eloquently put, and served to elicit many very practical and profitable truths.

THE Methodist Financial meeting of the Fredericton District, was held in the Methodist Church, McKenzie Corner, Richmond, on Wednesday, opening at 9, a. m., Rev. E Evans in the chair. All the Ministers, excepting the Pastors of Fredericton Church, were present. On Tuesday, p. m., a social meeting was held in the Methodist Church, at which addresses were delivered by Revds. R. Crisp, H. Penna and T. Stebbings.

The regular work of the District engaged the delegates during the day. The reports were encouraging; arrangements were made for the holding of both Missionary and Educational meetings in the district; and a committee was appointed to arrange for the holding of a Sabbath School Convention under the auspices of the District. This being the centennial year of the labors of Wm. Black, in the founding of the Methodist Church in these Provinces, arrangements were made for holding centennial meetings in each circuit to enlist the sympathy of the people in the general movement; the proposed scheme is to erect a "Memorial College Hall" at Sackville.

In the evening a most interesting missionary meeting was held, at which addresses were delivered by Revds. Messrs. E. Evans, chairman, W. Harrison, D. W. Hamilton and W. W. Brewer. The people turned out in large numbers, and listened with interest to the speakers. The choir furnished excellent music.

THE energetic Inspector of customs, aided by officer O'Keefe, has recently been descending upon the dealers in goods not duty paid. In this County some of our friends know how the thing has worked. From here to Fredericton, thence up north the inspector passed directing operations and decimating stocks of unsuspecting traders and finally, last week, the jewellers stores in St. John were visited, and goods said to amount in value to $10,000 were seized, and are now held subject to investigation. It is proper to say that in some, at least, of the cases in St. John, and the same is alleged here, the proprietors assert that the goods were purchased in good faith from dealers in Quebec and Ontario, and one result may be the unearthing of a great system of smuggling in the upper Provinces. The lesson taught is that honest dealers should be careful in buying goods to know that the duties have been paid, for the merchandize is liable for such duties. There is thus a community of interest in seeing that the customs laws are respected. It may take time, but it will always be discovered in the end that smuggling don't pay.

OUR WIMBLEDON.—In addition to the prizes won at the firing at Sussex, by our own County representatives, as mentioned by us last week, we note the following:—

Association Match Cup—Lt. McLeod, 88 points, $10; pt. Ferguson, 75 points, $5; Lt. Col Ketchum, 74 points, $5; Lt. Kirkpatrick, 70 points, $5; gun. Watson, 67 points, $5; Sergt. Appleby, 61 points, $4.

Lt Col. Domville's Cup—Gun. Watson, 46 points, $2.

Ladies' Cup Match—Lt McLeod, 50 points, $10; Lt. Col. Ketchum, 52 points, $5; Lt. Kirkpatrick, 48 points, $3.

The Battalion Match—Lt. Col. Ketchum, 55 points, $4; gun. Watson, 51 points, $2.

Maritime Match—Gun. Watson, 39 points, $8.

Nursery Match—Gun. Watson, 29 points, $8.

In the firing to represent the Association at the Dominion Matches, Ottawa, Sept. 4, Lt. McLeod was one of the successful competitors, with 263 points.

His Holiness the Pope, under date August 1st, has issued a letter, in which after—

Expressing his profound regret that tranquility has not been restored in Ireland, and that murders continue to be committed, says: "The Irish people, by following the advice of their prelates, may hope for the alleviation of the ills from which they suffer. A just cause must be upheld by just means. Secret societies must be shunned. In the words of St. Augustine, 'The first characteristic trait of liberty is the non-commission of crimes.' The priests ought to be active supporters of public order during the present troubles." The letter concludes by expressing the hope that the English government will do justice to the equitable claims of the Irish people, remembering that the pacification of Ireland constitutes an element of tranquility in the whole empire.

THE closing arrangements in connection with the amalgamation of the N. B. & C. and New Brunswick Railways were made on Monday; the papers are signed, sealed and delivered and, we suppose, the latter company will at once enter into active possession. We don't know the terms of the bargain, and that is a matter of small concern to the public; but, as we have already intimated, very important results, especially to Woodstock and St. John, may be looked for to follow closely upon the new departure.

We shall soon know what, if any, immediate changes are to be inaugurated.

FREDERICTON mourns in more sense than one the absence of virtue. Virtue—with a capital—escaped after assaulting the Police Magistrate and policeman Vandyne, and now the *Herald* is going with a will for the social evil.

Jottings.

The annual session of the Carleton and Victoria County Baptist Quarterly meeting will be held with the Lower Wakefield Baptist Church, beginning on the evening of Friday next, 8th inst. Rev. A. Chipman will preach the Quarterly sermon. A large delegation is earnestly solicited for the annual meeting.

The Thos. Crozier property, south side of the bridge, was sold under Equity sale, on Wednesday. Hon. Wm. Lindsay was the purchaser at $465. S. McLeod was the auctioneer.

We are asked to say that there will be a basket picnic, on the grounds of James McGrath near the Free Baptist Church, 7th Tier, on Saturday next, 9th inst., at 2 o'clock, p.m. All friends, far and near, are invited to attend.

Rev. G. W. McDonald will hold the usual services in the Orange Hall, on Sabbath next. We are glad to learn that the Physician has now hopes of the recovery of Mr. McDonald's little girl, who is sick with fever at Fredericton.

Rev. J. B. Kempton, of Nova Scotia, preached in the Main street Baptist Church, Sunday evening.

There is every prospect now that the Fall Meeting on the Trotting Park, Wednesday, will equal in interest any previous meeting. The entries are numerous, the character of the horses first-class, and the Lessee is encouraged to hope there will be the largest attendance ever known on the track.

Thanks to friend A. Chalmers, Boston, for late papers.

Mr. Broad of the Canadian Geological staff arrived in town this week.

Rev. J. T. Parsons was in town this week.

The ladies of the Baptist Church, Canterbury, hold a Tea Meeting in their new Church, on Wednesday, 20th inst., to procure funds to finish the building.

There have been some slight changes in the programme for the "Autumn Festival" in the Rink, on Wednesday next 6th inst.: Dinner from 11.45 a. m. to 2 p m.; tea from 5 p. m. Admission 15 cents; dinner 35 cts.; tea 25 cts. Remember the proceeds go towards the building fund of St. Luke's Church. Let there be a generous response to the call for so noble an object.

The new Centenary Church, St. John, said to be the largest, as well as one of the most beautiful church edifices in the Dominion, was dedicated on Sabbath last. It was expected that Dr Douglas would preach the dedicatory sermon, but sickness prevented, and the services Sunday were conducted by Rev. Messrs. Lathern and Currie, respectively. The total cost of the building, excluding the spire, will amount to $50 000. At the sale of pews on Monday, $14,858 were realized, one pew bringing $900.

Meetings for the purpose of organizing County Sabbath School Conventions are called as follows:—Moncton, Aug. 29th; Sussex, Aug. 30; Fredericton, Sep. 1; St. John, Sep. 2nd. E. Payson Porter will be present at these meetings.

The Currey bridge on the N. B. Railway was partially burned last week. There was but little delay, however, in the passage of trains.

The outside of the new Methodist Church, Florenceville, is now completed. The energetic pastor, Rev. Mr. Le. Page, is pushing the building forward with commendable rapidity.

As will be seen Woodstock is to be favored with a visit from the "Spanish Students." This is said to be the most perfect Concert combination on this continent.

The Tea meeting at McKenzie Corner, last week, was well patronized; everything in connection therewith was pleasant, and some $150 were realized. The Tea meeting at Rockland, on Wednesday, was also in every way a success, about $100 being the receipts. The ladies are thankful for the liberal patronage.

Mr. John Reed, Plymouth, lost a valuable horse on Wednesday night. The animal in some way so cut his neck in the pasture that he bled to death.

90° in the shade Wednesday.

Mr. M. J. Dow places us under obligations for late Minneapolis papers.

The pulpit of the Albert street Baptist Church, Sunday evening last, was occupied by Rev. Mr. Beckwith.

Blueberries are very plenty; they are brought into this market by the barrels full.

Rev. Messrs. Beckwith and Hughes, and Mr. Creed, a committee appointed by the Association for the purpose, have been in town during the week, in consultation with the officers of the two Baptist Churches here touching matters of interest to both.

Mr. D. J. Holder and wife have gone to New York, for a visit to their friends there.

Lieut. McLeod, left on Thursday morning, *en route* to take part in the firing at Ottawa.

The picnic at Upper Woodstock on Wednesday was well managed, largely attended, passed off very pleasantly and proved a financial success.

The Government have, through the influence of Hon. John Costigan, appropriated $200 to be expended in removing the point of rocks just below the main pitch at Grand Falls. Mr. John McCluskey has the expenditure of the money.

The F. C. B. Sabbath School held its annual picnic on the "Intervale," Thursday. The weather was propitious, and a pleasant time was enjoyed.

Express Messenger, George McDonald, when near Caribou station, Wednesday night, while opening the car door, had a finger jammed off by coming in contact with another car on a siding.

The Carleton County Agricultural Society—holds its Annual Exhibition on the 14th October.

Miss Phillips, daughter of Mr. Stewart Phillips, Pembroke, fell from a load of hay, on Monday and broke the bones of one arm at the wrist. Dr. Sharp rendered surgical aid.

The young ladies of Upper Brighton are evidently fully equal to any emergency, as witness the following: On Sabbath last two of the young ladies of the place named, strolling by the river side noticed a commotion in the water, and presently discovered it was caused by the actions of a large fish. To capture the finny monster was the determination at once formed; one of the young ladies removing her hoop skirt, with the assistance of their hair strings, they soon were armed with a net, and by a cautious but bold advance upon the enemy, they ere long had it within the meshes of their suddenly extemporized net, and then transferred from the water to the land, when it was discovered that the possession of a 10 lb. Salmon had crowned their efforts.

Messrs. Craft and Forbes, Civil Engineers, reached here on Friday, and have since been engaged in surveying for water works. We understand they strongly favor the pumping system, but as they will submit a report in a day or two, we will defer further notice till then.

Mr. Rossborough has finished the vault he was building for the Maritime Bank here. He has done his work in a most satisfactory manner.

The Wakefield and Jacksonville Agricultural Society holds its annual Exhibition on the 5th October.

As will be seen the ladies of Bath hold a Tea Meeting and Fancy Sale on the 14th inst. It will doubtless prove a pleasant occasion for all who may attend.

THE WAR IN EGYPT.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The *Times* Port Said correspondent says a Government school master arrived from Cairo on the 14th inst. He states that there are torchlight processions parading lightly of men and boys calling on Allah to send death to the English and all Christian dogs. The Coptic Archbishop for fear of his life is doing all that is demanded of him by Arabi. The latter is levying war contributions throughout the country. Midshipman Beschair continues to [illegible] in princely fashion by his captors. [illegible] be treated [illegible] There has just arrived here from the Soudan an Egyptian officer who states he is deputed by Mehemet Naadi, Governor of Soudan, to inform the Khedive that he and all officers and soldiers under his command are loyal and will not recognize Arabi.

ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 24.—Intelligence received at the Palace states that Boulak El Dak Railway has been cut a short distance south of El Kitah, it is supposed by Bedouins with the object of cutting off Arabi Pasha's retreat to Upper Egypt. Sultan Pasha has received information from Upper Egypt that a strong feeling against Arabi exists among the people because of his exactions.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—A correspondent of the *Times* at Constantinople says that among the uneducated Musselmans the sympathy for Arabi is undiminished, but among those who are capable of distinguishing between the political and sentimental aspects of the question, there is a decided revulsion of feeling, and some of those who formerly applauded Arabi now condemn him as a dangerous enemy of the Empire.

The Central *News* publishes the following:

ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 24.—"A telegram has just been received here announcing the capture, by the British, of Tele El Kebir with 2,000 prisoners" There is very little doubt that the above is premature.

ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 24.—A pillaging party visited Ramleh to-day; it consisted of 50 Bedouins and five men of the Mustophezi Regiment. As soon as they entered the outskirts of Ramleh they commenced their work of plunder. On the approach of a body of Highlanders the Bedouins fled and the Mustophezi took refuge in a house where one was killed and the four others were made prisoners.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 24.—The Porte has addressed a protest to Lord Dufferin, British Ambassador, in regard to the interruption of telegraphic communication with Egypt, the Porte being unable to communicate with its officers at the Khedive's Palace.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The Constantinople correspondent of the *News* telegraphs that general confidence is expressed in diplomatic circles and by the press that the moderate party has triumphed and that the military convention will be concluded. Lord Dufferin's essential demands are already conceded and questions of form only wait decision. A despatch from Vienna to the *News* says: It is reported from Constantinople that the Sultan has consulted Germany in regard to the Military Convention and that Germany has advised him to come to an understanding with England, as co-operation with that nation was the only means of defeating Russia's plans.

ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 25.—The enemy are pitching their tents, estimated at 500 to 1,000, in front of their positions, but this it is believed is only a ruse to mask the withdrawal of their troops. It is now known that the enemy are entrenching at Heliopolis, a few miles east of Cairo.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—A despatch from Constantinople states that Said Pasha and Assim Pasha, the Turkish delegates to the Conference, yesterday advanced fresh demands relative to the military convention with England, to the effect that the Turks should land at Alexandria, and that the proclamation relative to Arabi, instead of declaring him a rebel should summon him to submit to the Khedive. Gen. Wolseley, telegraphing to the war office, recounts an engagement at Magfar on Thursday in which he held his ground the whole day against 10,000 Egyptians; his forces numbered about 2,000 men. General Wolsely says: I advanced this morning before daybreak with the household cavalry, two horse-artillery guns, 30 mounted infantry, 1,000 men from the York and Lancaster regiments and marines. After some further skirmishing I took possession of the dam, which the enemy had constructed across the canal and between the villagas of Magfar and Mohutma. During the operation two squadrons of the household cavalry charged the enemy's broken infantry very gallantly. I soon found that the enemy were being largely reinforced from Tel El Kibir. I could see trains arriving. I thought it inconsistent with tradition for the Queen's army to retire before any number of Egyptian troops, and so I decided to hold ground until reinforcements arrived. All day long I have had an Egyptian force of 10,000 men with 10 guns in my front and on my right flank. The precision of the enemy's artillery fire was very good, but fortunately they fired with common shell nearly all day and when they did fire shrapnel their fuses were badly adjusted. The enemy had their cavalry regiments in line. Our horses, having been recently on board the ship, were not in condition to gallop much. The two horse artillery guns were served with pluck and ability. Our casualties have been slight. Capt. Hallam Parr was wounded through the leg. Lord Melgrave received a wound through the hand. Capt. Parr's mounted infantry distinguished itself. All the troops engaged did well. To-morrow (Friday) I shall attack the enemy's position at Haleneke and hope to take possession of the dam (which they constructed) there this morning. In his telegram, despatched at 3 o'clock this morning, Gen. Wolseley adds: I committed to say that I had with me, yesterday, 2 gattling guns, worked by seamen, who did their work admirably.

PORT SAID, Aug. 25.—Damietta has been captured, and the sanitary agent of the English government, post office official and two priests were found there. They had been loaded with chains for the last six weeks and subjected to the most terrible cruelties.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The War Office has received the following from General Garnet Wolseley:

ISMAILIA, Aug. 25.—I pushed on again this morning at daybreak. The enemy had a strongly entrenched position at Mapatta They withdrew their guns, however, last night. They had twelve guns in the action yesterday. The force at my disposal this morning was the first division of English cavalry, with 16 guns. My intention was to pivot on my left at the dam we took yesterday, and swing round my right to take the enemy's position in flank and drive them into the fresh water