

Memorandum re the Census of Free Baptists in New Brunswick, 1901.

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I had no instructions to classify the different sects of Baptists. This is about all I can say regarding the matter. In taking the census I endeavored to obey instructions and to give all equal fair play to the best of my skill and judgment."

Mr Steeves, the enumerator for Lincoln, has made the answer already quoted. He is the same person whose letter to Dr McLeod was distorted from its clear and simple meaning in the columns of the religious paper of which that reverend gentleman is editor.

12. If the facts are found upon investigation to be as stated in the letters of Messrs and Steeves, and if the religious of the people are shown to have been entered in the schedules according to the information given, what is to be done in the matter?

If the instructions were not open to double meaning, and if they were followed by the enumerators and each person's religion entered as it was given, who is blamable excepting the persons who gave the information?

The undersigned does not pretend to say whether the answers to these inquiries are to be found in policy or law.

There does not seem to be doubt that mistakes occurred in the enumeration of Free Baptists in the parishes of Kars and Lincoln, as shown by the statements of Messrs Fowler and Wilmot in the House of Commons. Nor does there seem to be doubt that mistakes occurred in the case of the 1,335 persons recorded as F B Baptists three years after the name of that body had been changed by an act of the Legislature. And other mistakes of like character have been reported to the census office from various parts of New Brunswick accompanied by assurances of the enumerators that the entries in the schedules were made

on the authority of the persons required to supply the information.

13. The duties of enumerators are set forth in section 11 of the Census Act in the following explicit terms: "Every enumerator, by visiting every house and by careful personal inquiry, shall ascertain in detail, with the utmost possible accuracy, all the statistical information with which he is required to deal, and no other, and shall make an exact record thereof, and attest the same under oath, and shall see that much attested record is duly delivered to the Census Commissioner under whose superintendence he is placed, —the whole in all respects as by the forms and instructions issued to him is required."

If these duties have been strictly and regularly performed by the enumerators of New Brunswick in taking the religious of the people, should a new census of the people by religious be undertaken at the cost of the whole country because it has been shown that incorrect information was given to enumerators by the persons chiefly concerned on a question so simple of answer as a man's religion? This is a question of policy, with which an officer of the census has no right to deal.

14. There is not, in the opinion of the undersigned, any doubt, in the event of a defect or inaccuracy due to a careless or wilful mistake on the part of an enumerator being shown and established, that measures should be taken to ascertain and correct such defect or inaccuracy as authorized by section 20 of the Census Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
(Signed) A. BLUE,
Special Census Commissioner
January 4, 1904.

APPENDIX.

The following letter was sent to every enumerator of the census in New Brunswick, accompanying a pamphlet containing the official report of the debate on the census item in the House of Commons on 16th June, 1903.

Ottawa, July 9th, 1903.

DEAR SIR,—The subject of the enumeration of Free Baptists in the Province of New Brunswick was brought up in the House of Commons on 16th June, ultimo, by Mr George W Fowler, M P, and inasmuch as reflections have been made on the accuracy of the work the Minister has authorized the publication of the official report of the debate in separate form for presentation to the enumerators of the province. I am accordingly enclosing a copy for you, and if after reading it you desire to make any statement in reply I shall be glad to hear from you.

There are numerous typographical errors in the report, and an important table giving for each census district or county the number of Free Christian Baptists in 1891 and of Free Baptists in 1901 has been left out altogether. But the context gives the totals of each body for the two census years, which will make clear the purport of the table and the conclusion to be drawn from it.

The enumerators will perceive that their relation to the discussion depends on the faithfulness with which they carried out the article of instructions. It was not their duty to make or find a religion for the people, but to enter the religion of each person on the schedule "according as he or she professes, specifying the church or denomination to which the person belongs or adheres or which he or she favors."

Yours very truly,
(Signed) A. BLUE.

One of the most curious bridges ever built was that made by the British troops in 1860. They were marching on Peking, but found their progress barred by a flooded river of considerable width and depth. A timber party was formed, but found nothing to cut down or borrow suitable for a bridge. At last a huge store of coffins was discovered in the village, and with these the soldiers built their bridge and crossed alive over the receptacles for the dead.

News from the Country.

Westfield (Me).

James Miller of Caribou spent Sunday in town.

Mrs Geneva Pyle of Mars Hill spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs E B Briggs, who has been quite sick but is now recovering.

The Farmers Telephone Company now have in seven or eight telephones on this line. The convenience is much appreciated.

Bessie Day found a ripe strawberry last Saturday. Not too bad for Aroostook in September.

Moses Allen and Herbert Cambridge spent Sunday at Caribou.

Flossie Kinney of Blaine came up and spent Wednesday night with her teacher, Mrs Annie Knowlen.

Many from this section attended the county fair at Presque Isle last week.

Charles Tilley had the misfortune to fall while working in his granary a few days ago and was very seriously injured.

Mrs Pitt Cook is attending the exhibition at St John.

There is an abundant potato crop in this region, which causes the farmer to wear a pleasant countenance, and all are hoping for good prices.

Newburg.

Getting in the harvest is the order of the day. The grain cut by hand goes in first.

Mrs George McCafferty, Bangor, called on friends here last week.

Misses Carrie and Clara McGuire returned home on the 28th inst.

John Montague's home was gladdened on the 17th by the arrival of a daughter.

John McGuire sowed four pounds of Abundance Oats and raised three bushels and one peck; weighed 40 pounds to the bushel. Total weight 130 pounds.

Thos McGuire planted four pounds of potatoes and had one bushel. The seed came from the Experimental Farms, Canada.

ONLY ME.

An immense panoramic picture of the battle of Waterloo is being painted in Paris by M. Joseph van Driesten. He has in the rough sketch of the battle 200,000 men, British and French, and the figures of all the great commanders.

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