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**CANADIAN WINE.**

**CALVIN CHURCH TO CLOSE.**

Tired of Struggle Against Debt Congregation Decides to Disband.

Tired of a struggle against adverse financial conditions lasting for many years and hopeless of any improvement in their affairs, the congregation of Calvin Presbyterian church have decided to disband, sell their property, and close their doors. A petition to grant them permission to do this was read at the quarterly session of St. John Presbytery yesterday.

Calvin church has had a stormy existence ever since its foundation in 1854, when it was established by a band of malcontents from St. John's church in a hall at Bree's corner, under the ministry of Rev. Wm. Alves. After a short time there the congregation moved to Hazen street, where the private hospital now is. After the burning of this building the lot was sold, the present property purchased and the present church built. This was in the later 70's, under the pastorate of Rev. Samuel Houston, who died recently in Ireland. During his term of office the trouble arose regarding the alleged misappropriation of some of the building funds. The church was at that time in a flourishing condition, but the allegations made by Mr. Houston against some of his leading members led to their departure, followed by his own, and later, under his successor, Rev. Mr. MacLise, to the famous law suit, which dragged through court after court for many years, and in which Judges Travis, Kings and Simons were all connected before their elevation to the bench. It finally resulted in the selling of the church under an equity court decree, and its bidding in by the trustees, burdening the congregation with a debt which they have never since been able to discharge.

After the death of Mr. MacLise came the famous defection of Rev. Dr. McDougall, his successor, which gave the burdened church another staggering blow. He quarrelled with leading members of his congregation on points of doctrine until many of them left, among them the late A. G. Bowers, who had been one of the original trustees. Then Mr. McDougall himself withdrew from the church, establishing himself as an Independent Presbyterian in Union Hall, Portland, and taking with him all of the congregation except six stalwarts who remained, shouldered the responsibility of the debt and strove to build up the church again. Later Mr. McDougall united himself with the Unitarians, and some of those who had followed him away from Calvin church returned thereto.

Since that time, about twelve years ago, the congregation, under the ministry of Rev. T. F. Fullerton, now of Charlottetown and lately chaplain with the first contingent, and Rev. W. W. Rainnie, who came in 1893, have struggled manfully to make way under the hampering load of debt, but their progress has been so discouraging that the closing of the church and the sale of the property has been considered for some time the only way out of the difficulty. Hence the petition presented to Presbytery yesterday, for no action can be taken without Presbytery's consent.

If the petition should be granted the trustees are open for offers. As yet they have no idea what disposal may be made of the property, though some suggestions have been made as to the suitability of the site for the new public library. The property is valued at \$15,000, but this is partly covered by mortgages and other debts. Services will continue until the church is sold.

Rev. W. W. Rainnie, who has been in charge nine years this month, said last night: "The church for years has been struggling to keep its head above water and get rid of the weight of debt which has been dragging it down, but under present conditions the congregation consider it useless to keep up the fight longer. There are too many churches in St. John, anyway. It would be better for the morals of the place if there were less. As it is, hardly one of them can exist without holding concerts, picnics, etc., to increase the receipts, and this is not the way the field is to be fully covered in our church as mother. The greater part of Calvin congregation will probably unite itself with St. Stephen's and St. John's churches, as these are the easiest of access for people in this neighborhood."

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**N. B. LEGISLATURE.**

FREDERICTON, April 1.—The house met at three o'clock. Mr. Johnson gave notice of enquiry with reference to the Barriac bridge and the Butouche bridge.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie laid on the table the returns of the real estate, personal property and bonded indebtedness of the towns of Woodstock and Milltown and of the county of Charlotte.

Mr. Hazen gave notice of enquiry with regard to the resignation of the Hon. F. P. Thompson as a member of the legislature, and as to the number of criminal prosecutions conducted by the attorney general.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Tweedie, the time for the introduction of private bills was extended until Saturday.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie presented the report of the Provincial Board of Health.

The house went into committee on the bill to authorize the municipality of St. John to issue debentures for the Isolation Hospital, which was agreed

to with an amendment striking out the provision making the bonds non-assessable.

The bill authorizing the municipality of St. John to issue debentures for jail extension was agreed to in committee with a similar amendment.

Mr. Osman's bill to provide for the appointment of a stipendiary magistrate with civil jurisdiction in the parish of Harvey was agreed to, and Mr. Appleby's bill to change the term of the Carleton county court from November until December was agreed to in committee.

The house went into committee on a bill introduced by Mr. Appleby to amend the law of evidence by providing that the courts and judges shall take judicial notice of all proclamations and orders by which acts of the legislature are brought into force. Mr. King proposed an amendment making this apply to convictions under the Game Act, which had already been obtained.

Mr. Hazen thought it was dangerous to make the law retroactive and to legalize a conviction which could not be otherwise enforced.

The attorney general said that while all were agreed as to the wisdom of retroactive legislation, there might be some difference in cases such as those covered by Mr. King's amendment. In those cases there was no defect as to the evidence convicting the violators of the game laws, except that the Royal Gazette containing the proclamation of the law being in force was not put in evidence. The law in fact was in force, and this is not taking away any right, but only to prevent a criminal escaping under a technical objection.

The amendment was agreed to with an addition providing that it should not apply to any case in which proceedings had already been taken to have the conviction quashed. The bill was then agreed to as amended.

Mr. King's bill to amend the debtors' act by providing for the appointment of a commissioner in the parish of Sussex was considered in committee, and an amendment was added by Mr. Copp to remove doubts as to the construction of the 37th section of the act.—The bill was agreed to as amended.

Mr. Allen introduced a bill to further amend the municipalities act. Its object is to enable the agents of candidates to transfer their votes from one polling place to another.

The house agreed to the bill to incorporate the village of Albert for fire protection and water supply purposes. Also to the bill authorizing the town council of Woodstock to assess in aid of a public hospital, and the bill to enable the town of Woodstock to assist enterprises that might be established in that town, after a vote of the ratepayers.

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**NEGRO BUTLER.**

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—Pearing that he would be arrested for theft, William H. Lane, a colored butler, shot and killed his employer, Mrs. Ella J. Furbush, her twelve-year-old daughter, Madeline, and probably mortally wounded another daughter, Eloise, aged seven years, at their home on North Pleasant street, shortly before noon today. Lane, who is 25 years of age, escaped from the house, and 4 hours later was captured by detectives while waiting in Camden, N. J., to board a train for Bridgeton, N. J. He was immediately brought to this city, was identified by Eloise Furbush and confessed his crime.

Lane is the son of a preacher who lives in Bridgeton. He has served a term in the Mount Holy, N. J., jail for larceny, and has been confined in the Huntington (Pa.) reformatory.

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"HERE GOES NOTHING," HE CRIED.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Because his wife would not give him her wedding ring to pawn so that he could buy more whiskey Fritz Schorle of 1664 First avenue, committed suicide last night by shooting himself in the mouth.

He had been on a protracted spree and was out of work. When he put the pistol to his mouth he shouted to his wife, who was in another room: "To hell with Prussia! Here goes nothing."

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**ST. JOHN PRESBYTERY.**

At this afternoon adjourned the following delegates to the General Assembly were appointed:

Revs. D. McD. Clark, L. J. Macneil, J. A. McLean, Dr. Fotheringham, Wm. Ross, Jas. Ross, Dr. Morrison, A. S. Morton, W. McDonald and D. J. Fraser. Alternates: Revs. J. D. Campbell, C. H. Vessot, A. H. Foster, Frank Baird and F. W. Murray.

Elders: Judge Skinner, Judge Forbes, John Willet, W. E. Livingston, W. C. Whittaker, J. Walker, P. Hopper, David Parks, W. J. Parks, A. W. Coburn, Alternates: L. W. Johnson, S. R. Jack, Walter MacFarlane, J. A. Gregory, Judge Trueman, Dr. W. S. Morrison, Dr. Murray MacLaren, Geo. Robertson, M. P. F. H. A. White and A. Henderson.

A call from Upper Musquodobit, in the Presbytery of Truro, has been received by Rev. F. W. Murray of Milltown, who on the approval of Presbytery has decided to accept. He will leave for his new charge near the end of April. Rev. A. S. Morton was appointed moderator of the Milltown congregation while the vacancy in his pastorate exists.

Miss Grace Murphy and Mrs. Robert Thomson, delegates from the Women's Home Missionary Society, appeared before the Presbytery, asking advice regarding the future working of their society. Reading by Rev. Jas. Ross, Rev. Dr. Macrae, Rev. Dr. Fotheringham, Judge Forbes and John Willet were appointed a committee to confer with the W. H. M. S. and report later.

A largely signed petition from the congregation of St. Matthew's church, a mission, asking permission to organize as a regular congregation, with leave to call, was read and discussed, but the prayer was not granted.

Rev. A. Barclay of Montreal was nominated as moderator of the next General Assembly.

The matter of appointing Sunday school missionaries, as previously discussed, came up for recommendation, but Presbytery declined to approve of the scheme.

Reports for Sunday schools, Young People's Societies and congregational statistics were presented, and Presbytery adjourned to the first Tuesday in May at 2.30 p. m.

**MEETINGS.**

St. George's Society will hold a special meeting Tuesday next to consider arrangements for the celebration of their centennial, which is near at hand.

An attractive programme has been prepared for the entertainment in Leinster street church school room tomorrow evening. Reading by Rev. W. W. Rainnie and vocal and instrumental music will be given.

All residents in the city who served in South Africa are requested to meet on Friday evening next at Currie's Business University. The meeting is to consider the formation of a society made up of those who saw service at the Cape.

The special services are being continued this week in Portland Methodist church. The pastor, Rev. George Steel, is being assisted by Evangelist J. Ritchie Bell, of Montreal. Large crowds attend the meetings night after night and each evening some are coming forward. The singing is being led by a large choir composed of the young people of the church. Services will be held at 3.30 and 7.45 each day until Friday.

A successful meeting of the St. John Teamsters' Protective Union was held in Sutherland's Hall, Union street, last night. One hundred and seventy-two members were present and 10 new members were initiated. Several questions regarding the welfare of the order were discussed with spirit and at considerable length. Since its organization the progress of the union has been most encouraging. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 8, in the same hall. Business of importance will then be discussed.

**HOW ANDRE FELL.**

Murder by Eskimos of Famous Arctic Explorer is Confirmed.

WINNIPEG, March 27.—A report sent out from the Hudson Bay post at Fort Churchill, about two and a half years ago, that Andre, the Swedish aeronaut, and his assistants had been killed by Eskimos is confirmed by advices at the head office of the company here.

Alton Churchill, factor at Churchill, which is the company's most northerly point on the west coast of Hudson Bay, has written that after about two years' search the men sent out by him returned with a report similar to the one first published. Traces of the daring balloonist and his assistants were followed for hundreds of miles, but it was impossible to locate the tribe which caused their deaths. The story of the searchers is that Arctic Eskimos saw "Oonaak" (one of their largest boats) floating in the air. When it set down the ground the white men, strangely dressed, came out with guns, which they indiscreetly fired. Andre and his assistants were killed with musket bows and everything of value taken.

The searchers found knives, tobacco and cartridges, supposed to have belonged to Andre, in possession of the most northern tribes, but could get no further information.

**PEERAGE FOR SIR WILFRID.**

One of the most interesting political rumors that has been current for some time is now being quietly talked about in political circles, according to the Ottawa Free Press. One of the best informed members of the press gallery at Ottawa writing to Winnipeg said that he learned that at the coronation ceremonies in London in June the present prime minister would be given a peerage as Lord Arthabaska, the name being derived from the beautiful little French village in Quebec, where Sir Wilfrid spent the earlier part of his days. In Ottawa, the latter states, this rumor is being seriously discussed. It is even said that the matter was discussed informally by the cabinet.

It is known that Sir Wilfrid has no children, lends color to this rumor for the British government is reluctant to grant hereditary peerages upon colonial statesmen whose children may not have the money to support the position in dignity.

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**SHIPPING NEWS.**

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived.

Coastwise—Sch. Hess, 24, Plinney, Annapolis. Cleared.

Sir St. Croix, 166, Pike, Boston. Myra, 62, Boston.

Sch. Luta Price, 121, Cole, Milton. Sch. W. H. Waters, 120, Belyes, City Island, N. Y.

**BRITISH PORTS.**

BRISBANE, April 1.—S. S. Meana, left here for Vancouver on the 28th ult.

**TOO LATE.**

By Miss Muick. Could you come back to me, Douglas, Douglas, in old likeness that I knew, I would be so faithful, so loving Douglas, Douglas, tender and true.

Never a scornful word should grieve you, I'd smile on you sweet as the angels do—Sweet as roses, my love, my love, Douglas, Douglas, tender and true.

O, to call back the days that are not, My eyes were truth, your words were love.

Do you know the truth now, up in heaven, Douglas, Douglas, tender and true?

I never was worthy of you, Douglas; Not half worthy the like of you; Now all men beside seem to me like ash.

I love you, Douglas, tender and true.

Stretch out your hand to me, Douglas, Douglas, Drop forgiveness from heaven like dew; As I lay my heart on your dead breast, Douglas, Douglas, tender and true.

**BRITISH RELATIONS.**

A Cecil Rhodes Needed in Canada, Says Rev. Mr. Bland.

OTTAWA, March 31.—The dominion government and the opposition were denounced last night by the Rev. S. Goldworth Bland, a leading Methodist minister. In a sermon on the religion of Cecil Rhodes, Mr. Bland said Canada needed a Cecil Rhodes to crystallize true Canadian sentiment in regard to British relations and especially in connection with the South African war.

The government, he said, displayed only the patriotism of play who look out for more swill, while the opposition instead of protesting set up an everlasting whine for a quid pro quo. Canada, he says, has been overpaid for everything she has done for Britain and fails to realize that this war is being fought for Canada and that nations stand for ideas and not to make money. He asked if it was to found the public interest to pay for the equipment and transport of another contingent. Mr. Bland also criticized the government for refusing to discuss imperial defence and said the graves of young Canadians in South Africa were a reproach to the dominion government, and he was sorry to see that the opposition took no other stand than to whine for a quid pro quo and ask the British workman to pay a few more cents for his loaf of bread, for the pleasure of eating Canadian flour.

A Cecil Rhodes in Canada would show that true Canadian sentiment is against the government and the opposition and is in favor of paying for Canada's share in the war and contributing to imperial defence.

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**TRINITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting of the Trinity Church Athletic Association was held in the school house Tuesday evening. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, H. S. Wright; vice-president, G. J. Whyte; secretary, E. E. Church; treasurer, M. M. Jarvis; committee of management, H. A. Morley, H. A. Porter and R. G. Allan. Reports for the year were read, showing the association to be in a very satisfactory state. Prospects are bright for the coming season.

**MORNING'S NEWS.**

LOCAL.

The Allan steamer Sardinian arrived at Halifax last evening, with goods from Glasgow for this port.

Red Rose tea suits the taste of more people in the Maritime Provinces than any other tea on the market.

An alarm was sent in, at 10.30 last night from box 134. It was for a slight fire in Mrs. Harper's house on Sheriff street.

Charles Miller's shingle mill at Pokok, which closed down the latter part of November, will re-commence sawing on Saturday.

The Elder-Dempster steamer Lake Ontario sailed from Liverpool for St. John direct yesterday afternoon with 1,300 passengers and a general cargo.

The Furness liner Daltonhall, from London, reached Halifax yesterday morning. She will come here within a few days.

The mission circle of Queen square Methodist church will hold a candy sale and tea in their school room this evening. Tea will be served from 6 until 7.

John Keefe succeeds Peter McMichael as manager of the James Robertson Co., Ltd. Mr. Keefe has been connected with the firm for many years and his promotion to the management is well deserved.

A petition is being largely signed in the city calling the attention of the I. C. R. authorities of the difficulty experienced in getting telephonic connection with the I. C. R. depot. The petitioners ask for additional tele-phones.

The Easter collection at St. Paul's Valley church, was \$80. A special request was made to the congregation to clear off the debt and the result was most satisfactory.

**PROVINCIAL.**

Warren C. Winslow will oppose Mayor Snowball for the mayoralty of Chatham at the election April 15.

The federal government has decided to establish at Quebec a small arms factory and a Canadian Enfield factory, to employ from 250 to 300 men.

The marriage will take place at Shediac on Wednesday of Walter L. Belyea, formerly with J. & A. McMillan's, and Miss Gwyneth A. Welling. The young people will go direct to Winnipeg to reside.

Navigation opening on Bay Chaleur will be two weeks earlier than usual. The steamer Admiral will start her trips on April 12th from Fairhouse for Gaspé. The earliest previous start was April 23.

The bronze statue of St. Andrew presented to the Church of St. Andrew at St. Andrews by Jules Thebaud in memory of his mother, was blessed and unveiled today in the presence of a large congregation. High mass was celebrated by Rev. J. M. O'Flaherty. Rev. T. Lavery, of St. Stephen, preached.

**OF PERSONAL INTEREST.**

Ald. Baxter, McGoldrick, Armstrong and Robinson went to Fredericton last night.

James DeMille is home from Portland, Me., on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Peters, Waterloo street.

Michael C. Olive, daughter of H. J. Olive, west end, has returned to Newport, where she is engaged in nursing.

Several summer visitors to St. John will be Miss Minnie Nannary (Mrs. Daly), who has won a high reputation on the stage on the Pacific coast. She will visit her old home for a few weeks.

**THE MEANEST MAN.**

The Rev. G. W. Kerby Tells How He May be Known.

"Some say the meanest man who habitually leads to desolation in the home and suffering for wife and children, is the meanest man. Some say the wife-beater; some, the miser; others, that the meanest man is the one who by intrigue gains possession of the property of parents or wife or others and squanders it by gambling and other means, leaving them penniless, homeless and degraded. Another will say the meanest man is the guardian who appropriates the orphan's property, entrusted to his care; another again will declare he is the fiend who steals into the home and robs the weak and innocent of purity and virtue. But you will not have sounded the depths of meanness until you find the man who has turned his back on his best friend."

Christ was man's best friend. By his spirit we could understand ourselves, our Creator and our destiny. He had demonstrated His friendship by declarations of love, by sacrifice and benevolence. "Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friend."

**EASTER PARADE.**

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NEW YORK, April 1.—Easter came with sunshine and flowers and music. Never dawned there a fairer holiday in New York. Blue skies, gentle airs, the twitter of birds in the parks, the scent of blossoms everywhere, crowds in the streets, jams of carriages and automobiles on the avenues—that was Sunday's Easter, the churches' holiday.

From Madison square to Central park along Fifth avenue, between noon and 2 p. m. on each side of the sunlit street, two solid lines of men and women slowly passed up and down. The parades of former years concentrated on the westerly side, but Sunday so great was the crowd that the other side of the street was equally jammed.

There must have been 50,000 persons in the march past. In two long, solid banks the parades stretched down from 59th street to 23d, easily 1,000 persons to each block. Other thousands kept hurrying in at the cross streets to take the places of those who dropped out.

**SMAILED-POX IN MAINE.**

SACO, Me., April 1.—A new case of small-pox was found by the board today, Henry (Leland), 12 years old, being the patient. The singular thing about it is that young Mitchell has been confined to the house by illness for six weeks and has been brought in contact with very few people.

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**CANADA EASTERN.**

FREDERICTON, April 1.—For several years there has been an undecurrent rumor that a new scheme in connection with the Canada Eastern railway was on the tapis. It was said here last week, when Col. H. H. McLean entertained the members of the legislature at supper, that it was for the purpose of promoting a certain project, he being solicitor of the Gibson Co., which owns the Canada Eastern. This project was made public this evening, and is nothing less than that the New Brunswick legislature guarantee the bonds of a company which may acquire the Canada Eastern, to the extent of one and a quarter million dollars.

Geo. W. Allen, M. P. P., appeared before the city council tonight and unveiled the project. He stated that it was the purpose of the present owners of the railway to at once dispose of the road, and that a private corporation was to purchase it. He argued that it was in the interests of central New Brunswick that the road should not pass into the hands of the C. P. R. He admitted that there was no hope of the minister of railways carrying out his promise that the government would purchase the Canada Eastern. It was now proposed that a company be organized to purchase and operate the Canada Eastern. It would require \$1,250,000 to buy the road and put it in first class condition. The government was to be approached tomorrow or next day and urged to guarantee the bonds of the proposed company to the amount mentioned. Mr. Allen stated he had approached most members of the legislature about the scheme and they were in his favor. He asked the city council to adopt a resolution in favor of the scheme, which was unanimously done.

**HALIFAX TIED UP.**

HALIFAX, April 1.—The harbor front of Halifax was tied up at midnight tonight when a strike was ordered by the Longshoremen's Association. The Allan liner Sardinian came in just in time to be the first steamer on which the trial of strength between the stevedores and steamship owners and agents of the port should be made. The Sardinian had 300 tons of cargo to land here.

At one o'clock only half of it had been removed, but every man stopped work and the hatches had to be closed down for the night. On every other steamer on which work was being done the same thing happened.

The cargo that remains in the Sardinian is fire brick and difficult stuff to handle, but the ship's crew will try to get it out tomorrow morning, so that the steamer may proceed to Boston, for which she was due to leave at 9 o'clock.

The trouble is over wages. The longshoremen asked for an increase from 20 cents an hour, the present rate for day work, to 25 cents, and for night work they demanded that the rate be increased from 25 cents to 30 cents.

The association numbers 700 men, of whom 400 are employed at steamship work. Both sides are determined to fight the matter to a finish. The International Association will assist the striking longshoremen.

**DIED WITH A CLEAN FACE.**

NEW YORK, March 31.—A homeless Slav, known only as Tony, walked in to the rear tenement at 150 Ridge street yesterday and borrowed a razor, soap and mirror from John Perault, with whom he had boarded up to two weeks ago. Then he went across the hall to a vacant room, arranged his mirror on the window frame, drew up a stack of bricks to sit on, and after shaving cut his throat. He was dead when they found him.