

Christian World. "In listening to papers and speeches on the missionary crusade we were struck most of all with the magnificent optimism of the students. They seemed to have no doubt and no misgiving about the success of their startling plan; they spoke as if they believed in the practicability of the undertaking, and they spent their time in planning how to fit themselves better for taking their share in the enterprise. And already seventy-three from Australasia have volunteered for foreign service if God wills this to be their life work."

In Montreal there are at present fifteen Sabbath schools for Chinese, in some of which the attendance is very large, as for example in Knox church, Presbyterian, which reports an average of seventy-eight during the last year, and eighty-six during the first six months of the year. There are eight Chinese women in the city, and one of these partook of the Lord's supper in company with nine of her countrymen. The other seven women are under Christian instruction. A number of Chinese have returned to China, and now several natives are preaching Christ amongst the populous towns and villages in Canton, supported by friends in Montreal, and superintended by the missionaries of the Northern Presbyterian Church of the United States.

"The Free Church Handbook," just published by the English National Council of Evangelical Free Churches, contains tables compiled by the editor with especial reference to questions at issue between the Nonconformists and Anglicans, showing the relative number of Anglicans and members of other denominations and of members of Established and Nonestablished Churches throughout the English-speaking world. It had already been demonstrated in "The Contemporary Review" that the Free Evangelical Churches of England and Wales provide more seats and have more communicants, Sunday school teachers, and Sunday school scholars than the Established Church. A similar rule seems to prevail among the English speaking people as a whole, taking the British Isles, United States, colonies, and Missions. In all these countries the Anglicans and Episcopalians have, according to "The Church of England Yearbook" for 1897, 3,122,526 communicants, and the Free Evangelical Churches (Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, and Congregationalists, according to official reports and estimates), 16,025,152; adding to which a number of smaller and miscellaneous American religious bodies not exactly corresponding to any in England, statistics of which are given in the tables of "The Independent," would bring up the whole number to 20,500,000. As between the Established Churches in the British Empire and the English speaking Nonestablished Churches, the numbers are 2,573,925 communicants of Established Churches and 21,043,534 of Nonestablished.

Home Religious News.

—Evangelist Gale is expected in Chatham on the 27th inst to begin a series of union meetings.

—The new pastor of the Sussex Baptist church, Rev. W. Camp, entered upon his duties last Sunday.

—The ordinance of baptism was administered in the Baptist church, this city, last Sabbath.

—The Presbyterians of Windsor, N. S., whose church was one of those burned in the great fire last Fall, have resolved to rebuild at a cost of about \$12,000.

—Mr. John Grierson lay evangelist, Halifax, has spent about ten weeks in the lumber camps of Nova Scotia. He has traversed the camping grounds, Colchester, Halifax, Pictou and Hants.

—The Chatham World tells us that at a recent large meeting of St. Luke's, Presbyterian church of that town, it was "unanimously decided to raise the necessary funds by weekly payments in lieu of annual subscriptions, church collections, Mite Society collections, special collections, picnics and tea fights." Many other churches should do likewise.

Denominational News.

FROM REV. J. N. BARNES.—It is about time I reported again. I am glad to be able to say things are looking better. I had one week of meetings at Ward Settlement, with some encouragement. Last week I was at Pleasant Ridge, and had a week of meetings, ten persons made a start, two came out blessedly. On Tuesday morning it began to rain, and I had to start for home. I had meetings appointed for the week, but the water in the Miramichi river is rising, and there is grave fears that the bridge will be taken away, and if so I could not get home until the water went down; besides, the roads are in a dreadful condition, so it was thought best to discontinue the meetings for a time. They are at work at the new meeting House, and expect to open it the first Sabbath in June (D. V.)

I received a letter from a young convert at White Head, Grand Manan. He said 22 had been baptized; he did not say who was the minister, but I suppose Brother Harvey.

J. N. BARNES.

Stanley, March 30, '98

MINISTERS.—Rev. G. deon Swim spent last Sabbath in St. John, preaching in the Waterloo St. church in the morning, and in the North End church in the evening.

Licentiate Gregg occupied the pulpit of the church in this city Sunday morning.

CHURCHES.—A brother at Coldstream, C. Co., writes, in a business letter,—"We are getting along fairly well in Coldstream church, but we ought to do better. Our pastor, Rev. J. J. Barnes, is holding special meetings at Rockland: when he closes there we are expecting him to begin here."

Several members were received into the Hartland church by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Daggett, on Sunday 27th, ult.

The Checcoggin, N. S. church is, we learn, having revival. The pastor, Rev. F. A. Currier, administered baptism last Sabbath.

The Yarmouth, N. S. church has called Licen. F. S. Hartley to the pastorate.

Special meetings are being held at Marysville. There is a very good interest.

Of the church at Bear Island bro. Sterling writes,—"We are having a good time here; the meetings are encouraging, and things in the church are moving along satisfactorily."

Those recently baptized, with some others received by letter, were last Sabbath given the hand of fellowship as members of the church in this city.

FROM REV. J. HENDERSON.—On my way to Caribou, Me., I spent a night at Prince William. There I met bro. Sterling, and had the privilege of speaking to his congregation in the Prince William church. It recalled the fact that some thirty years ago I preached there when I was a missionary in that field. I spent one Sunday in Caribou, and preached for bro. Coombs in the morning. Bro. Coombs has the largest congregation in Caribou, and his labours are appreciated by the people. I expect to go to Jones' Forks tomorrow, to spend the Sabbath. Apr. 3rd.

JOHN HENDERSON N.

Parliament.

MONDAY.—The house devoted this afternoon to a discussion of a private bill for the incorporation of the Rainy river railway. The bill passed.

The senate discussed the Yukon railway, until after one in the morning, an unusually late hour for the senate to sit.

THE ESTIMATES.

The estimates were laid on the table of the House by Mr. Fielding at midnight.

Total \$39,125,879 chargeable to consolidated fund and \$5,786,691 chargeable to capital.

Public buildings in Nova Scotia get \$28,000, Halifax drill hall, \$18,000; Kentville public building, \$5,000; Liverpool public building, \$5,000.

New Brunswick gets \$8,000 for Marysville public building, and maritime provinces generally get \$8,000 for renewals, repairs, etc.

Harbours and piers in Nova Scotia get \$38,800; P. E. Island, \$40,650; New Brunswick, \$43,200, and maritime provinces generally \$10,000. For dredging in maritime provinces, \$60,000 are to be voted.

Mail subsidies and subventions are \$632,400.

Following are the details of votes for the harbours and rivers in N. S. and N. B.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Oyster pond, Guysboro county	
—Beach protection	\$1,000
Port Hood—Repairs to wharf	500
Arichat—Repairs to wharf	600
Cribbans Point—Repairs to wharf	400
Judique—New wharf	4,000
Morden—Repairs to wharf	500
Margaree—Extension of pier	4,000
North River—St. Anne's wharf at Seymour Point	2,000
East Ragged Island—Wharf	2,500
Eastern Passage—Boat harbor	2,000
Meteghan Breakwater—Repairs	1,000
Windsor Harbor—Shear dams, training dykes and deepening channel River Avon	4,000
Larsoise—Repairs to breakwater	3,500
Whycomagh—Wharf	1,000
Port Joli—Repairs to wharf	1,800
Port La Tour—Breakwater, etc	4,000
Clark's Harbor—Breakwater etc	5,000
Total	\$38,000

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Negro Point breakwater—St. John harbor	\$ 5,000
River St. John, including tributaries	16,000
St. John harbor—repairs to and extension of protection works at base of Fort Dufferin	1,400
Dredging between St. John River and Grand Lake	1,500
Two Rivers—wharf	3,000
Dalhousie—repairs to ballast wharf	3,800
Shipigan Harbor—extension of protection works and repairs to same	4,000
Clifton—Repairs to breakwater	\$ 500
Cape Tormentine—Repairs to breakwater	8,000
Total	\$43,200

The budget speech has been postponed to Tuesday, the sixth of April.

TUESDAY.—The franchise bill was taken up. Mr. Powell proposed an amendment that it be resolved that this house, while desirous of reducing the expense of the preparation of the lists, as far as may be practicable, considers that no system of franchise will be satisfactory which does not preserve federal control over both basis of suffrage and voters' lists.

After considerable discussion the vote was called shortly after midnight, resulting in the defeat of the amendment by 97 to 48, and the second reading passed by the same vote.

WEDNESDAY.—Sir Hibbert Tupper introduced a bill amending the Coasting Act. This bill is intended to meet a recent United States decision as to coasting on the Pacific coast. By a United States inter-retention a British ship cannot carry goods from San Francisco or another American port to a port in Alaska, even though the ships should enter at a British Columbia port to reciprocate by a similar enactment.

In the evening the house sat through the docket of private bills and some public orders and adjourned early.

THE SENATE.

The senators continued and concluded the Yukon railway bill discussion. The vote was taken on the motion of the six months' hoist, which was carried by fifty-two to fourteen.

THURSDAY.—This afternoon was devoted to a discussion of the bill proposed by Mr. Richardson of Manitoba, which provides that the salaries of dominion officials may be garnished, and that attachment may issue by judgment creditors against the money in the government's hands payable to government contractors. There was a difference of opinion as to whether the bill was an infringement on the rights of provinces.

Nearly the whole house agreed that the purpose of the measure was a proper one.

Mr. Britton moved the second reading of his bill amending the criminal code. Section one of this bill repeals the provision that in cases of seduction corroborative evidence is required. Mr. B. wants the law to allow conviction on the evidence of the prosecutor alone.

The six months' hoist was given. Mr. Charlton's seduction bill was then called up, and the mover argued that it be read a second time.

The minister of justice was considering the matter, and the debate was therefore adjourned.

THE SENATE.

In the senate Mr. Lougheed moved the second reading of his bill incorporating Hamilton Smith's company and giving power to construct a railway into the Yukon country by the Dalton trail and Pyramid Harbor. The company is not asking money or land, but only for the privilege of building the railway.

Mr. Mills, for the government, opposed the bill and moved the six months' hoist.

At the end of the afternoon's discussion the adjournment of the debate was carried.

FRIDAY.—The postmaster general introduced his bill for newspaper postage. He proposes to impose a postage rate of one half a cent per pound on all newspapers carried more than ten miles from the place where mailed. He proposes to collect a quarter of a cent per pound for the first six months, beginning with January of next year. From July 1st, 1899, the rate will be half a cent. The postmaster general added that he intended to reduce the letter postage at some future time to two cents. He explained that the circulation of Canadian newspapers was increasing rapidly, the weight of papers carried having nearly doubled since 1889. The quantity carried last year was sixteen and a half million pounds.

Sir Charles Tupper remarked that the great increase of the newspaper circulation indicated a desire on the part of the people to be well informed. He believed that the Canadian people had a more intelligent knowledge of what was going on in the world than those of any other country in the world. The bill introduced to-day would strike a blow at the papers which went to all parts of the country. He expressed the hope that the postmaster general would withdraw his bill.

Mr. Taylor pointed out that about ninety per cent. of the letters posted were mailed by business men, while ninety per cent. of newspapers to be taxed by this bill would be read by farmers.

Mr. Foster wanted to know what revenue Mr. Mulock expected to get from the newspapers, and what are expected to lose by reduction in letter postage.

Mr. Mulock declined to answer until the second reading.

The franchise bill was taken up. Mr. Kaulbach gave an account of the working of the election laws in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Bennett gave an account of the working of the local election laws in Ontario, and wanted the government to place the revision of the lists in the hands of the judges or other acceptable authority.

The discussion on the franchise bill continued till midnight. Some amendments were made.

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FROM PAIN TO HEALTH.

The Remarkable Case of John Henderson, of Deseronto Junction.

ALMOST HELPLESS FROM SCIATIC RHEUMATISM, THE EFFECTS OF WHICH SHATTERED HIS CONSTITUTION—HE THOUGHT DEATH NOT FAR OFF WHEN FRIENDLY AID PLACED WITHIN HIS REACH THE MEANS OF RECOVERY.

It will be remembered that during the past winter reference was several times made in the "Personal" column of the Tribune to the illness of John Henderson, a well known and respected farmer of the Gravel road, township of Richmond, about half a mile from Deseronto Junction. It was said that but very little hope was entertained of his recovery as he continued to steadily sink under the disease with which he was afflicted. Farmers coming in to Deseronto market, when asked how he was, shook their heads and stated that the worst might soon be expected. That he should have subsequently recovered was therefore a cause of joyful surprise to his many friends in this district. Hearing that his recovery was alleged to be due to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, a reporter of the Tribune set out to discover if this rumor could be authenticated. Having reached Mr. Henderson's residence the reporter found no one at home except the hired boy who informed him that Mr. Henderson had gone with a load of grain to the flour mill at Napanee. This was evidence in itself that Mr. Henderson must have greatly improved or he would not have undertaken such a long drive in the raw weather of early spring. The boy having said that his master would be back about two o'clock the reporter waited for a personal interview. In a short time the team was observed coming along the road. When it drew up at the house Mr. Henderson, being told the object of the reporter's mission, stated that the rumor was correct, his recovery was undoubtedly due to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He said that about a year before he had been taken ill and the disease assumed a form of sciatic rheumatism of a most painful and distressing character. The physicians in attendance did their best and would for a time succeed in alleviating the pain and he would for a short time regain strength. But the disease would reassert itself and he was worse if possible than before. His whole system seemed to be permeated with the disease which sapped his vital energy. He tried ever so many remedies prescribed by doctors or suggested by friends and neighbors. All in vain—he grew weaker and weaker and at last despaired of life itself. He was completely worn out, found it very difficult to go as far as the barn, and was only able to move about a little when not confined to his bed. At this juncture, Mr. Rivin, the station master at Deseronto Junction, who no doubt recalled the wonderful cure of Mr. Wagner by the use of the famous medicine, as reported some time since in the Tribune, recommended Mr. Henderson to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and volunteered to send for a quantity if Mr. Henderson would permit him. The sick man consented and Mr. Rivin procured for him a half dozen boxes. He tried a box, but

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Marriages.

SCOTT LYONS.—At Southampton, York Co. on the 10th ult., by Rev. S. T. Vanwagt, Fred Scott to Mary Lyons, both of Southampton.

HOLMES-FANJOY.—At the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. B. H. Nobles, Sussex, February, Robert Holmes to Jane Fanjoy, both of Collins, Kings Co.

NASON DEWITT.—At the residence of Mrs. Hugh McQueston, on the 29th of March, by Rev. O. N. Mott, Mr. Hardy Nason and Miss Hannah DeWitt, both of Fredericton Junction, S. Co.

PETERSON-GOSLIN.—At the residence of the bride's parents, foot of King Street, St. John, West, on March 30th by Rev. G. A. Hartley, Ralph William Peterson of St. John, and Miss Buelah Myrtle Gosline, eldest daughter of Policeman Gosline, of St. John, West end.

Deaths.

MCGOWAN.—At Welsh Pool, Campello, March 7th, Lena McGowan aged 20 years. She leaves husband and two children.

DAVID PATTERSON.

MESSEURAU.—At Blissville S. Co., Mar. 29th, Linus S. Messerau, aged 66 years, leaving a widow, four sons and two daughters, with a large circle of relatives and friends, to mourn their loss. Funeral services conducted by the writer.

O. N. MOTT.

BISHOP.—At Bear Island, York Co., March 27th, after a lingering illness, James Bishop, aged 78 years. Bro. Bishop was a member of the Free Baptist church at Perth, Y. Co., and came to Bear Island, N. B., to reside with his daughter, Mrs. Fred Izrahah. His widow survives him. Funeral conducted by the writer.

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