

General Religious News.

—Mr. Moody is holding meetings in Montreal this week.

—The Congregationalists and Presbyterians of the United States contributed for church support and benevolences \$23,000,000 during last year.

—A Presbyterian church in Lancaster County, Pa., that was organized nearly 175 years ago, witnessed the largest gathering of all its history last month, when four score and one were received into membership.

—At a recent Sabbath morning service, Rev. F. S. Bacon, pastor of the Tabernacle, Manchester, N. H., requested a ten per cent. cut-down in his salary, to conform to the cut-down in the mills.

—There are 583 churches and 153,326 members, not counting the Catholics, Jews, Unitarians and Universalists, in the city of Chicago. The Lutherans are the most numerous.

—In Hawaii, it is stated, there are 23,273 Protestants, 26,863 Catholics, 4,868 Mormons, (polygamy is forbidden), 44,806 of Eastern creeds, and 20,192 who declined to state their faith, or possessed none.

—James Eaves, an old resident of Toronto, died lately very suddenly and when his will was read his relatives found that he had bequeathed his whole estate, amounting to about \$20,000 to the Salvation Army. In his lifetime he had donated about an equal sum to the Army.

—The Baptist ministers laboring among Italians in the United States find them, as a rule, willing listeners to evangelical teaching, going so far as to say, in some cases, that it is doubtful whether any foreigners among us are more accessible to the simple preaching of the Gospel of salvation by faith than they. Baptist churches have been organized among them in New York and Buffalo, and small congregations have been formed in Providence, New Haven, Stamford, Jersey City, and numerous other places.

—Church building seems to have kept pace with the general advance in all directions which has marked the long and honored reign of the Queen of Great Britain. Three hundred million dollars have been spent for this purpose. This is a large sum to be expended by one nationality within sixty years, and shows that the care of the Lord's house has not lost its hold upon the hearts of Victoria's subjects.

—The Baptists have four chapel cars now in the service of the American Baptist Publication Society. One is in use in California and Nevada; one is travelling in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Montana; one is travelling in Mexico, loaded with Spanish Bibles and tracts; a fifth is just going out, to be known as the "Ladies' Chapel Car;" a sixth is being built by the young men of the denomination and their friends. During the five years since they were instituted, the cars have travelled 75,000 miles, 6,000 meetings have been held, 7,000 sermons preached, 4,000 families visited, 4,000 copies of the Scriptures have been given away, and books, papers, tracts, etc. distributed without number. About sixty Baptist churches have been started, fifty meeting houses secured and as many pastors settled over newly organized churches, one hundred Baptist Sunday-schools started, five hundred persons baptized and five thousand persons have professed conversion.

Home Religious News.

—Fourteen members were recently added to the Wesley Memorial church, Moncton.

—Interesting revival meetings are being held in the Exmouth St. Methodist church, St. John.

—The Tabernacle Congregational church, Yarmouth, N. S., has just celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. The pastor gave an interesting sketch of the church's history.

—At a meeting of representative Baptists, held in St. John last week, it was decided to proceed at once to raise \$3000 to meet obligations of the Seminary. Each church is to be asked to contribute on the basis of membership. Several churches have already guaranteed their quota.

Denominational News.

DOVER-TAYLOR VILLAGE.—I have engaged with the churches of Dover, Taylor Village and Lutz Mountain, for a year. Notwithstanding that they have been without pastoral work for some time, their courage is good and their hearts willing. I look forward with pleasant anticipation to the year's work, and trust that it may be a prosperous one in this, as well as all other parts of the Lord's vineyard.

A. J. PROSSER.

DORAN RIDGE, YORK CO.—Notwithstanding the great storms we continued the meetings last week, at Doran Ridge, and last Sabbath I had the pleasure of baptizing five more converts. John B. Hains has been with me in all the meetings, and has given valuable assistance. I am at home at

present, but expect to go back a week from next Sabbath.

JOHN HENDERSON.
Feb. 3rd, 98.

MINISTERS.—Rev. J. B. Daggett held some meetings at Upper Brighton C. Co. recently, with encouraging results.

Licentiate Puddington, whose work is on the Tobique river, writes that the work is moving on very well, that the preaching services are well attended and that God is blessing them.

Rev. B. H. Nobles, Sussex, was confined to his house several days by illness, but is now better.

Rev. D. Long, St. John (North), who was quite ill for two or three weeks, was able to occupy his pulpit last Sabbath.

Rev. Jos. Noble passed through the city Monday, on his way home from a two weeks' visit to Upper Hampstead and Upper Gagetown. He had an enjoyable visit with his friends. He is well.

SUSSEX, N. B.—The Sussex church is arranging to celebrate its twenty second Anniversary on the 18th inst. Among the ministers announced to be present are Revs. G. A. Hartley, C. R. Phillips and Dr. McLeod.

GIBSON, N. B.—Six more converts were baptized on Sabbath, 30th ult. Meetings were continued last week, and three were baptized last Sunday.

MONCTON.—I am holding meetings this week for one week only. The spiritual interest in our church, if anything out of the ordinary, is increased. It has been decided to sheath the interior of the church building. This departure we hope will prove another stimulus to our people promising life and inspiring faith. For this work 8500 feet of lumber have been given by St. John mill owners. The world is generous after all! I have not been able since Conference to do any collecting on church debt owing to the demand on my time for the work in the church. The sixth district will be visited in this month and March. We are doing all we can to make the church footing permanent in Moncton. The many friends outside our church, and who occasionally, attend our services, render us material aid in our up hill work. They have our most hearty thanks. Bro. A. J. Prosser has in a most systematic way begun work on the Dover pasture. He will remain out of College for a year. May the Lord prosper him.

E. S. PARKER.

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A WESTERN SUBSCRIBER SAYS:—"We appreciate the INTELLIGENCER very much. It is one of the links which binds us to F. B., and it is a very welcome visitor."

F. AND D. ASSOCIATION.—The approaching Annual Meeting of the Farmers' and Dairyman's Association, at Fredericton, promises to be of more than usual interest, and a large attendance is assured. The programme includes a paper upon Taxation, by W. B. Fawcett, of Sackville, and addresses by Dr. Fletcher, of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa; Col. McCrae, Guelph, Ont.; Mr. J. E. Starr, of Kings Co., N. S.; the members of the Maritime Experimental Farm Staff; the N. B. Dairy Superintendents, and several prominent farmers. A full and free discussion is expected on every subject. The meeting opens at 2.30 p. m. on the 15th of February, and runs through the two following days.

The Good Roads Association meets on the 17th.

There will be One Fare rates on all railways.

POLITICAL NEWS.—Mr. Julius Scriber, M. P. was offered the Lieutenant Governorship of the Northwest Territories, but declined it.

John McDonald, collector of customs of Baddeck, N. S., has been dismissed, and J. A. Fraser, ex-M. P. P., appointed in his stead.

MRS. ALEX. GIBSON SENR., Marysville, died on Sunday. She had been ill for some time. She was a large-hearted woman, always ready to help the needy. She will be much missed by many.

TWO FINE ADDRESSES.—Last Sunday Mr. John G. Woolky, the well-known temperance orator, delivered two addresses in this city—in the Methodist church in the morning, and in the City Hall in the afternoon. Very large audiences heard him and were impressed by his earnest and eloquent utterances. He is to speak in the City Hall again on Thursday evening.

A METHODIST subscriber writes:—"The INTELLIGENCER is always a welcome visitor in our home, and when read is given to some one else to read, as it is far too good to be destroyed."

ONE who has read the INTELLIGENCER many years, says: "We enjoy the INTELLIGENCER more than I can express. It grows better with each succeeding year. May you live many ears to conduct it."

Parliament.

The Parliament of Canada opened on Thursday, with the usual ceremonies. The Governor General's speech was as follows:

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I have observed with great pleasure the remarkable advance in the political importance and material prosperity of Canada during the year which has just closed. The loan recently effected has shown that the credit of Canada has never stood so high in European markets and affords reasonable ground for expecting the burthen of the people will in the near future be materially reduced by the substitution of a much lower rate of interest on our indebtedness than that which now exists. I congratulate you upon the exceedingly cordial reception accorded to the representatives of Canada at the jubilee ceremonies and also upon the warm appreciation manifested everywhere throughout the mother country in reference to the conduct of Canada in materially reducing the rate of duty upon goods imported from the United Kingdom into the Dominion. The action of the imperial government in denouncing the treaty with Germany and Belgium also affords most satisfactory evidence of their desire to facilitate your efforts to promote the closest possible commercial relations between Canada and the remainder of the Empire and will, I trust, contribute materially to the development of imperial trade.

The extraordinary gold discoveries recently made upon the Yukon and its tributaries appear likely to result in an enormous influx of people into that region, and compelled the government to take prompt action for the preservation of law and order in that distant and almost inaccessible locality. Measures will be laid before you for that purpose. A contract has been entered into subject to your approval for the completion at the earliest possible moment of a system of rail and river communication through Canadian territory with the Klondike and principal gold fields which it is expected will secure to Canada the larger portion of the lucrative traffic of that country.

The bountiful harvest with which we have been favored by a beneficent Providence has contributed greatly to the increase of prosperity, and I am glad to note that the trade and commerce of the Dominion and more especially the amount and value of her principal exports have increased greatly during the past 18 months, and there is good reason to believe that this improvement may be maintained if not augmented during the remainder of the present year. I observe with pleasure that certain government contracts recently let contain provisions calculated to suppress the evils of the sweating system.

The accounts of the past year will be laid before you. The estimates for the succeeding year will likewise be placed upon the table at an early date.

Measures will be submitted to you respecting superannuation, the repeal of the present Franchise Act and a plebiscite on the question of prohibition.

These and other measures I commend to your earnest consideration, invoking the divine blessing upon the important labors on which you are again entering.

FRIDAY.—Routine proceedings were brief. The address in reply to the speech from the throne was moved by Mr. Bertram, the new Toronto member. He made a good speech. He believed the confidence now prevailing was largely due to the manner in which the government had carried out its fiscal policy. Many manufacturers had believed that the liberal policy could not be relied upon to the same extent as the conservative policy. But a change had come over them. Manufacturers now knew that the liberal government meant them no harm. He believed that Free trade is an impossibility in Canada.

Mr. Gauvreau seconded the motion, speaking in French.

Sir Charles Tupper complimented the mover and seconder. He chaffed Mr. Bertram for his utterances on the tariff. With all their boasting, the government had had to fall back on a bloated manufacturer to assist them. He congratulated Mr. Fielding on the success of his loan, but pointed out that the credit of Canada is in no better position than when the late government went out of office. Referring to the jubilee ceremonies, Sir Charles congratulated Premier Laurier on the decorations he had received in England.

Sir Charles regretted that the premier's eloquence had not been used in England in the best interests of the country. He referred at some length to the movement in favor of preferential trade, and showed how Sir Wilfrid had thrown away the chance of acquiring this great boon for Canadian trade.

Sir Charles Tupper recalled the statements of the members of the government last session that England alone was to receive the advantages of preferential trade. But what had been the result. No fewer than twenty-six countries, in addition to England, had had to be admitted to the preferential arrangement and the tariff of last year stood as a monument of the inability of the government to deal with the question.

Sir Charles took up the Yukon paragraph in the speech. He gave an emphatic denial to the statement sent out from Ottawa, that his (Tupper's) company had secured a permit from the British Columbia government to send 50,000 gallons of whiskey into northern British Columbia. He denied that the company had any such intention, and said that one of the dangers which he apprehended from a large influx of people into the Yukon country, many of them of a lawless character, was disorders due to liquors, and he held that it was "the duty of parliament to prevent the introduction of intoxicating liquors."

Speaking of the attack which had been made on him on account of his supposed connection with the Mann-Mackenzie contract for the Teslin Lake railway, he declared that it was a slanderous attack. There could be no viler

attack on the character of a public man than to charge him with being corruptly concerned in any contract given out by the government. A public man who was corrupt and connected with any contract in which public money was to be used was guilty of an offence which ought to deprive him of his seat in the house. La Presse of Montreal had made charges against him in connection with the Mann Mackenzie contract, and he had that evening tried to institute proceedings for criminal libel if a contradiction and an apology were not forthcoming.

Sir Charles said he thought he was doing a patriotic act in endeavoring to attract British capital to Canada. He had been instrumental in forming the Klondike Trading and Transportation company, and after visiting British Columbia had come to the conclusion that it was of vital importance to Canada to establish an all-Canadian route into Yukon. He saw Mr. Sifton, and strongly urged him to take steps to secure this object, expressing the view that in his judgment the Stikine route was the best. The question was whether the trade of the Klondike should be served from Seattle or from the Canadian ports of Victoria and Vancouver. When the contract was signed and sealed he was as ignorant of the details as any man in the house. Mr. Sifton had given him no information and he knew nothing of it until he saw the announcement in the newspapers. He would leave the consideration of the details until the contract came down.

Premier Laurier said he had listened without surprise to the extraordinary language of Sir Charles Tupper, in which he had given vent to the disappointment he had felt since 1896.

Sir Wilfrid said Canada is going ahead by leaps and bounds, and occupies a pre-ponderant position than ever before. The revised tariff has given confidence to the people of this country and enabled them to take advantage of good crops and reviving trade. In reply to Tupper's charge that he had turned his back on preferential trade, he simply said that if it is ever to become a fact the first step was taken in enactment of the preferential tariff in the denunciation of the German and Belgian treaties. Preferential trade can only be secured on the lines of free trade. He quoted Mr. Chamberlain as saying that free trade throughout the empire might lead to a satisfactory solution of a united empire: He challenged any man of the opposition to say that he was in favor of free trade with the empire. Mr. Chamberlain claimed that protective duties must disappear before preferential trade could become practicable. He would not find much fault with what Sir Charles said about the Yukon and Yukon railway, though not ready to agree to all his propositions. The government agreed that the Stikine route was the best. The government was bound to see that facilities were provided for getting into the country to protect the people going in there from starvation. After referring to the speeches of the mover and seconder of the address, Sir Wilfrid said the Diamond Jubilee celebration was a tribute of affection to the queen, and it was a revelation of the extent and power of the British empire. Sir Wilfrid's tribute to the queen and the empire was cheered by both sides of the house.

Mr. McLean, of Toronto, followed.

PERMANENTLY CURED.

A Story Told by a Justice of The Peace.

ATTACKED WITH LA GRIFFE WHICH LEFT HIM WEAK AND WORN OUT—KIDNEY TROUBLE ADDED ITS COMPLICATIONS AND THE SUFFERER WAS DISCOURAGED

From the Journal, Sammerside, P. E. I.

One of the best known men around Badique and vicinity is Mr. Alfred Schurman, who has recently removed to North Carleton. Mr. Schurman was born in Badique about seventy years ago. Some twenty-five years ago he was sworn in as a justice of the peace, and about twenty years ago he was appointed clerk of the county court, in both of which offices he has given every satisfaction. Mr. Schurman was also a farmer on a large scale and like most men engaged in that occupation led a busy life, being compelled to attend strictly to business, but less than a year ago he retired from farming and now lives in a cosy cottage in North Carleton. Before his retirement, work such as only a man engaged in that occupation knows anything about, claimed his attention. His increasing years made the burden heavier and the spring work of 1893 wore him completely out. This is what he tells about it, and how he was cured.

In the spring of 1893 the constant toil and drudgery connected with the work of farming wore me out completely, and the break down was complete because the results were complicated with the bad effects left by an attack of la grippe. One of the results of la grippe was a nasty cough, another was the complete loss of appetite. My spirits were greatly depressed and I felt that I had lived out my days. I always felt cold, and consequently the stove and I were great friends, but the cold effected more especially my feet and caused me great annoyance. Added to this complication was a serious kidney trouble which threatened to prove the worst enemy of all. I was unable to do any work, had no ambition and less strength, and was not a bit the better

of all the doctor's medicine I had taken. It was my wife who advised me at last to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I bought six boxes and began taking them. My hope revived because a change for the better was soon taking place, and before they were done I was cured. The six boxes brought back my appetite, strength and health, in short, all that I had lost in the way of strength and health. The next spring however my health again gave way and I immediately began to take the Pink Pills again and I am happy to say that they effected that time a permanent cure and today I am well and hearty as if I were only forty. I strongly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to all who are suffering as I was.

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Marriages.

PRIDE-ALEXANDER.—On the 24th ult, in the Free Baptist church, Fredericton Junction, by Rev. John A. Robertson, Fenwick W. Pride to Miss Lillie A. Alexander, both of Gladstone, Sunbury County.

WHITE HURLBERT.—At the Free Baptist parsonage, Tuxton, on the 24th inst., by Rev. A. W. Currie, Jeremiah White, of Quinlan, and May E. Hurlbert, of Springhaven.

DRAKE-CAMERON.—At the residence of the groom's parents, Avondale, Car. Co., Jan. 8th, by Rev. A. G. Downey, Mr. John A. Drake, of Mt. Pleasant, Car. Co. to Miss Delia M. Cameron, of Kars, Kings Co.

WHITNEY-BELL.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Lakeville, Car. Co., Jan. 12, by Rev. A. G. Downey, Mr. John W. Whitney, of Avondale, to Miss Maggie O. Bell, of Lakeville.

Deaths.

BELL.—At East Florenceville, N. B., Jan. 13th, Susan M. in the 76th year of her age, widow of the late Jacob Bell, and daughter of the late Ira Miller. Her end was peace.

WHITEHOUSE.—At Knowlesville, C. Co., Jan. 22nd, Joseph Whitehouse, in the 85th of his age, leaving 3 sons and 3 daughters to mourn their loss. Deceased was one of the first settlers, coming from Argyle, N. S. some 37 years ago. By his industry and frugality he succeeded in making for himself and family a comfortable home. His wife preceded him to the better Land two and a half years ago. He was a consistent member of the F. B. church in Knowlesville.

WHITE.—At his late residence, Marysville, N. E., on the 26th of January, after a lingering illness, Allan H. White, aged 67 years. He was born, and always lived, in Marysville, where he was known by all, and held in the highest esteem. He leaves a widow, one son and two daughters, who, together with three brothers and a large circle of relatives and friends, feel keenly their sad bereavement. He was graciously sustained during the weary days of his illness by an unwavering trust in Jesus and the assurance of his comforting abiding presence. On the morning of the 26th ult., surrounded by his loved wife and children, a kind loving husband, an indulgent father, and faithful friend, passed peacefully away. His remains were buried from the Free Baptist church on Sunday p. m. Service conducted by the writer. A very large congregation gathered to show their respect for the deceased and their sympathy for the bereaved. The funeral service was solemn and impressive.

J. T. P.

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