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New Brunswick Reporter.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 1888.

It is proposed to raise \$60,000 to endow a chair in Queens University of Toronto, in honor of Principal Grant.

The Dominion Day celebrations are progressing smoothly and everything indicates a large influx of visitors on Monday.

Governor Richey was presented with an address on Thursday by the Nova Scotia Methodist conference highly eulogistic of his gubernatorial duties.

The Methodist Conference now in session at Moncton is one of more than usual interest, several questions of importance, that will yield a source for extended discussion are expected to come up before the conference closes.

In the British House of Commons last week a resolution for the Disestablishment of the Church of Scotland was lost by a majority of 52. The vote was 208 to 260. The question is being talked about and disestablishment may come before long.

Kings College convenia was held on Thursday last. The attendance as usual was large and the exercises most interesting. The Centennial exercises have been postponed until 1890 when special efforts will be made to grandly celebrate the anniversary.

It is reported that between 1000 and 1500 persons have been destroyed by floods in Mexico. Along the Central railway for over two hundred miles, the streams were swollen into destructive torrents, and many villages and towns were completely inundated, and the inhabitants swept away to their death. Relief supplies are pouring in from the United States.

On Tuesday afternoon the first sod was turned on the St. John Valley Railway. It was necessary for the company to make a start on the road under the charter by which the company was incorporated. We trust this is an indication that prompt and energetic means will be taken by the company to push the building of the road. It is probable that the contracts for the various sections will be shortly awarded if not already, and that crews of men will take hold of the work in earnest.

Emperor William's speech at the opening of the Reichstag had nothing of the war element in it as was so greatly feared it would. It was merely a repetition of the thoughts and ideas formerly expressed by his grandfather and emanating from Bismarck. It is more than probable that the Chancellor will be virtually ruler of the German people, and for the peace of Europe it is well that it is so. Bismarck is cautious, and has always been strongly in favor of peace.

At the Presbyterian Assembly the temperance resolution was adopted by a vote of 149 to 10. The resolution thus adopted read as follows:—

"That the general traffic in intoxicating liquor is contrary to the law of and the spirit of Christian religion, that prohibition would be the most effective temperance legislation and it is highly expedient that the state pass a prohibition law."

If we understood rightly, there was only one member of the Assembly, clergy or laity, from New Brunswick, who voted against the above resolution. The fact is suggestive.

The Republican Candidates.

On Monday afternoon the Republican Convention at Chicago, came to a decision as to their candidates. Senator Harrison of Indiana has been nominated for the Presidency and Hon. Levi P. Morton of New York as Vice President. The nomination appears to give general satisfaction to the party. Senator Harrison comes down through a long line of notable men of the name, and has a clean record. He was born in Ohio but removed to Indiana, so that it is thought he will carry both states having a claim on them in this way.

It is not thought that Hon. Mr. Morton will bring very much strength to the party in New York, as he has not been very especially prominent in politics in the state of late.

Sabbath School Work.

In another column will be found a communication from the secretary of the New Brunswick Sabbath School Association. It contains information with reference to the dates of the several Sabbath School Conventions throughout the province, and will be specially interesting to Sabbath School workers. Col. Robt. Cowden of Galion, Ohio, will visit all the County Associations, and address the meetings. Col. Cowden is one of the most successful Sabbath School workers in the United States, and his addresses will be most instructive and interesting. Sabbath School work is one that should have a deep place in the heart of every Christian. It has been a grand means in the hands of God of bringing many to Christ during this century, and as the systems develop, and teachers become more thoroughly educated to the work, there will be still greater results. All the teachers in the various schools should feel the duty devolving upon them to attend their county convention. It requires a nine months course at our Normal School to fit a teacher for work in the day school; should we think, then, that a few days given in the course of the year to educating ourselves in the principles of Sabbath School work is thrown away? Great care and much time has been given to the arranging of the County Association, and while there must at best be very much crowded into the limited time of the meeting, yet the teachers may learn much that will be useful if they will but be present, and give the subjects discussed their full attention.

Methodist Conference.

The Methodist Conference for the Provinces of New Brunswick and P. E. I. is now in session in Moncton. The number of delegates and ministers present is larger than usual, and the meetings are all fully attended.

The first draft of Station sheet has the following for Fredericton district: Fredericton,—W Dobson, G P Payson, Sup'y.

Kingsclear,— Marysville—H Sprague. Gibson,—S T Teed. Nashua,—Thomas Hicks. Stanley, One to be sent under superintendence of Bro. Hicks. Boiestown,—Thomas Allen. Keswick,—W B Thomas. Sheffield,—Wm. Maggs. Gagetown,—C. H. Manaton. Woodstock,—Job Shenton. Canterbury,—Isaac Howie. Jacksonville,—J. K. King; one to be sent. Hartland,— Richmond,—Samuel Howard, A. B. Florenceville,—Joseph Seller, A. M. Andover, } R. W. Clements. Arthurette, } Upper Kent,—W. E. Johnstone, A. B.

On Thursday evening the Conference Educational meeting, was held in the church. Rev. Mr. Paislee occupying the chair.

Rev. John Burwash, Sec. D., secretary of the Educational Society, then read the following report:—

The Educational Society of the N. B. and P. E. I. conference beg to report: The total amount raised this year is as follows:—

Table with 3 columns: District, Amount raised, Increase. Rows include St. John, Fredericton, Miramichi, Sackville, St. Stephen, P. E. I., and Total.

An increase of 20 per cent over last year's subscriptions.

While it is gratifying to record an increase still it is a matter for regret that in quite a large number of places there has been no decided improvement; that the amount is still small considering the number and wealth of the adherents of the Methodist church in these provinces; that the greater part of it is contributed by a few circuits, one circuit giving more than one-seventh and two more than one-eleventh of the entire amount, while the sums raised in the majority of places, some of them wealthy and populous, are very small. The prospects of the society in the dominion are better than they ever were before and it is to be hoped that before long abundant funds will be found in its treasury to secure the objects in view, viz: the education of the rising ministry of our church and the complete equipment of colleges and universities. It is not necessary to reaffirm here what has been the position of Methodism on this continent from the beginning and what was affirmed by the past general conference of the church that the higher education should be under the control of the church.

Dr. Burwash followed the report by a very interesting and instructive address. He said that the Christian church has not gone back on her record. She stands today where she always stood. The plat-

form of Methodism on this continent is as it ever was in regard to education. Higher education and advanced thought is dangerous unless under positive religious guidance. Under the control of the church the best conditions for moral safeguards as well as religious influence are to be found. The age of the young man is the most critical one. In the wide field for questioning there is a danger of his becoming lost therein and in what a hopeless, helpless state is that mind given up to secularism and agnosticism! But the mind trained where Christian influence is felt, where professors and teachers in the class room and out of it show by their conversation and lives a spirit of Christianity, avoids that awful state.

The Annual Meeting of the Union Baptist Education Society of New Brunswick.

The meeting was held in the parlor of Leinster street Baptist church on Monday afternoon.

The contract price of the building at St. Martins was \$25,575, the heating arrangements \$5,100, the land \$1,050, besides several smaller amounts for reservoir, plans, etc.

On this amount, \$26,307.51 have been paid. Of this amount, \$10,525.31 have been borrowed, showing that \$15,782.20 have actually been paid in during the year. Of this sum, \$2,771.15 have been received from stock subscriptions, \$10,000 from Capt. G. W. Masters, \$2,000 from a mortgage transferred to the Society by Capt. Henry Calhoun, and \$500 from the F. C. Baptist Education Society.

This is a very fine showing, considering all the difficulties which have beset the movement. Too much cannot be said in commendation of Capt. Masters, who, notwithstanding great financial loss through the Maritime Bank, has not only fulfilled his pledge but done more than was required by his promise. If others of our wealthy men will but follow the example of Capt. Masters and Capt. Calhoun, there would be no trouble to carry forward all our educational work with efficiency and success.

The new directorate is composed of the following gentlemen. To represent the F. C. Baptists: Hon. E. McLeod, Hon. G. E. Foster, D. C. L., D. McLeod Vince, Jas. A. Vanwart, Wm. Peters, A. C. Smith, Dr. Musgrove, Jas. Patterson. To represent the Regular Baptists: Wm. Vaughan, David Vaughan, Mont. McDonald, R. C. Elkin, Dr. F. McFarlane, Jn. McGinty, J. March, T. L. Hay.

The committee on teachers reported that a staff had been secured, provisionally. Rev. B. F. Simpson has signified his acceptance of the principalship and Mr. G. A. Downey the position of assistant teacher, and Miss Thomas that of the principal of the Ladies' Department.

The Directors were instructed to open the Seminary as soon as practicable. Announcements will be made in due time.

The Directors of the Seminary were instructed to appeal to the churches of the Baptist and F. W. Baptist denominations to supply the means to furnish the building, and that Brethren Gordon, Gates and Goodspeed be a delegation to present the claims of the Seminary at the W. N. B. Association.

It may be said that Rev. B. F. Simpson is a native of P. E. I., is a graduate of Acadia and of Chicago Theological Seminary, and has a fine record as a scholar and a christian gentleman. Mr. Downey is well recommended, and Miss Thomas has proved herself as most efficient.

Brethren present pledged the following churches to \$50 each, to furnish a room apiece: Waterloo St. and Carleton F. C. B., Leinster and Germain Sts. Baptist. A vote of thanks was given to Capt. Masters and Capt. and Mrs. H. Calhoun for their generous gifts to the Board, at the time of its sore need.

The spirit of the meeting was earnest and hopeful.

The Board of Directors organized by the appointment of Mont. McDonald, president; Wm. Peters, vice-pres.; John March, treasurer; Amos Wilson, secretary.—Messenger and Visitor.

New Brunswick Sunday School Association

Benton, June 22, 1888

DEAR SIRS,—Will you kindly allow me to say to those who are interested in Sunday School work in N. B., that the Executive Committee of our Provincial S. S. Association have arranged a plan of campaign for the Summer which we wish to call attention to.

First—We have arranged with the Co. S. S. Associations that all of their annual conventions shall be held in consecutive order as per plan below.

Second—We have secured the services of Col. Robert Cowden, of Galion, Ohio, one of the most successful Sunday School workers in the United States, an accomplished S. S. Institute, Normal Class, and Assembly conductor, who will be present at all of our County Conventions, and also at the Provincial Association. Col. Cowden will give his most interesting and instructive addresses on such subjects as 'The Teacher's Preparation,' 'The Art of Questioning,' 'The Teacher's Qualifica-

tion,' 'The Principle of Teaching, or The Seven Laws of Instruction.' He will show methods of conducting 'Primary Class,' 'Teachers' Meetings,' and other phases of S. S. work. After working these lessons out on the blackboard step by step, he presents each one with a printed facsimile of lesson to take home for study and review. We have had letters from Mrs. W. F. Crafts and many others who have been with the Colonel while at work, and they speak in the highest terms of his ability, and congratulate N. B. on having secured his services.

With the assistance of such a noted helper, we wish now to have the greatest possible number of Teachers and Superintendents present at the meetings. While we especially urge the Teachers and Officers to come, we will be glad to welcome all who have any interest in Christian work. We venture the suggestion that day-school teachers will find much in Col. Cowden's work of practical interest to them.

As ours is an inter-denominational association we welcome all, and hope much good shall come of the effort to instruct. We have arranged that Col. Cowden shall be in our largest towns over Sunday, when he will speak as arrangements may be made.

Our plan is as follows:—SUNDAY, July 22nd.—Col. Cowden will reach St. John, and remain there Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the 22d, 23d, and 24th.

WEDNESDAY, July 25th—He goes to King's County, remaining to the Convention at Apohqui on Thursday and Friday, 26th and 27th.

SATURDAY, June 28th—He will go to Moncton, remaining there Sunday, 29th, and then attending Westmorland Convention, at Shediac, Monday and Tuesday 30th and 31st.

WEDNESDAY, August 1st—He will go to Albert, remaining to the County convention at Hopewell Cape, Thursday and Friday, 2d and 3d.

SATURDAY, August 4th.—He goes to Campbellton, remaining Sunday and attending Restigouche Convention at Dalhousie, 6th and 7th.

WEDNESDAY, August 8th—Goes to Gloucester, remaining to the convention at Bathurst, Thursday 9th.

FRIDAY, August 10th.—Goes to Northumberland County Convention at Chatham, remaining Saturday, 11th, and spending Sunday, 12th, at Chatham.

MONDAY, August 13th—Goes to Kent County, remaining there Tuesday and Wednesday, 14th and 15th, attending the Convention at West Branch, and leaving Wednesday, 15th.

WEDNESDAY, August 15—Goes to Fredericton to attend Queen's County Convention at Gagetown, on Thursday and Friday, 16th and 17th.

SATURDAY, August 19th—Goes to Fredericton, where he remains Sunday, 19th, and attends York Convention at Fredericton, Monday and Tuesday, 20th and 21st.

WEDNESDAY, August 22nd—Goes to Centreville to attend Carleton County Convention there, remaining over Thursday, 23rd.

FRIDAY, August 24th—He goes to Victoria County, attending the Convention at Lower Perth, and leaving Saturday, 25th.

SUNDAY, August 26th—He spends in Woodstock.

MONDAY, August 27th—He goes to Sunbury County to attend County Convention at Fredericton Junction, remaining there Tuesday and Wednesday, 28th and 29th.

THURSDAY, August 30th—He goes to Charlotte County to attend County Convention at St. Stephen, remaining there till over Sunday, September 2nd, which he spends at St. Stephen.

MONDAY, September 3rd—Goes to Woodstock to attend Provincial Association, which holds there Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 4th, 5th and 6th.—This ends his tour.

Trusting the importance of this work, and the interest taken in it by the Christian public, will be sufficient apology for using so much space in your valuable paper, I remain, yours, very truly, S. J. PARSONS, Secretary.

A special despatch from the City of Mexico, says telegraphic communication which has been interrupted several days by floods, has been restored. Particulars of a terrible disaster on the line of the Mexican Central Railway show that territory to have been visited by unprecedented rains. Many cities and towns were inundated and Leon and Silas partially destroyed. In the latter place 325 houses were destroyed. The people are in a destitute condition at Leon.

On the 18th, many people, believing themselves secure from the flood, retired to rest. The steady downfall of rain, however, flooded half the city, and houses tumbled in rapidly. As the building fell—unfortunate sleepers were either crushed to death or drowned. The rain did not subside until the afternoon of the 20th, when the water commenced to recede.

One hundred and eleven bodies have been recovered without moving any of the ruins of the houses wherein are supposed to be hundreds of bodies buried. The houses destroyed are estimated at 2,000, and the loss at two million dollars. Many other towns are badly damaged, but loss of life is reported only from Silas and Leon. The very latest statement just received states that more than 250 bodies have been recovered from the ruins, and it is not improbable that the entire number will reach 700.

The town of Sundsvale, on the gulf of Bothnia, the centre of the timber trade of Sweden, has been almost destroyed by fire.

The town of Umeson on the gulf of Bothnia, was also partly burned. The damage at Sundsvale and Umeson, will reach \$5,000,000. Immense tracts of forest land have been burned over.