

The Debate on Union Was Abruptly Closed; Report Was Adopted

BIG MAJORITY FOR UNION

The Report of Union Committee Carried by Vote of 426 to 129

Port Arthur, Ont., June 11—The Presbyterian General Assembly definitely settled the church union question here today. Closure was applied and the debate which opened on Thursday afternoon, was abruptly closed today. The struggle to reach the platform was exceedingly keen all through the day and there were many undelivered speeches when the hour set for the vote arrived.

To votes were taken and the difference in the results was not so great as was expected. On both sides the assembly divided on the subject of union. The first vote was taken on the question of an amendment involving a halting of the negotiations which was proposed by Rev. Dr. Drummond, of Hamilton. This was defeated by 416 to 137. The second vote, on the main motion to adopt the report of the union committee, was carried by a vote of 426 to 129. It was apparently decided in conference early today that the debate must end today in order that progress might be made with the ordinary business. It was therefore, moved at the forenoon session that the vote be taken at 3 o'clock. On this motion the assembly split almost evenly and Principal Murray gave notice that at 4 o'clock in the afternoon he would move for the termination of the debate. This was done and debate was concluded with the exception of the final address on the subject by Dr. C. C. Pidgeon who moved the main motion. Two incidents marked the closing of the discussion. Rev. Dr. Scott, of Montreal made a hard fight to have the vote taken by ballot. Rev. Dr. Gandier said that the vote might be taken by secret ballot. Rev. Dr. Gandier said that the vote might be taken by secret ballot by unanimous consent, otherwise the ordinary rule of the church must be observed which provides that votes are taken by a show of hands unless a demand is made for the calling of the roll in which case the roll must be called. The custom of the church has been that the reply must be made by word of mouth.

Dr. Scott maintained that the roll might be called and that each commissioner might reply by depositing a ballot. When this was refused by the moderator, Mr. Scott appealed from the ruling of the chair and when the moderator was sustained by the Assembly he read a protest which was so worded that Rev. Dr. Gordon entered a protest. Rev. Dr. Scott, it was said, reflected seriously on the honor of the Assembly.

At another time, Judge McKay, of Port Arthur made a hard fight to get before the assembly an amendment to the main motion and to obtain the opportunity to make a speech. The moderator ruled that he was out of order but Judge McKay still persisted and finally obtained permission to read his amendment. When this was rejected he moved that the main motion be laid on the table and this was defeated. The roll of the Assembly was then called with the result indicated.

The various presbyteries of the church in the Maritime Provinces voted as follows for union:

Sydney, 7 to 3; Inverness, 3 to 0; Pictou, 7 to 3; Wallace, 5 to 1; Truro, 5 to 0; Halifax, 15 to 1; Lunenburg, 1 to 1; St. John, 8 to 2; Miramichi, 7 to 1; Prince Edward Island, 7 to 3; Trinidad, 1 to 1.

Death of Infant.

Hazen Gordon Venner infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Venner died yesterday afternoon aged six weeks. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon with service by Rev. A. F. Bate. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery.

ALASKA ROAD LOST MONEY LAST YEAR

Is the Only Railway Now Owned by the U. S. Government.

Washington, D. C., June 12—The only railroad owned and operated by the United States Government was run at a deficit of \$1,053,455.55 during the year of 1922, according to the Department of the Interior. The railroad, which is in Alaska, had revenues totaling \$718,920.64, with expenses of \$1,718,376.19. Senators and Representatives who are preparing to fight the contemplated move in the next Congress to have the Government take over and operate all the railroads of this country plan to use this fact as an argument in pointing out that such a move would cost the taxpayers millions of dollars annually.

During the calendar year of 1922, it is anticipated by the Interior Department that the operating expenses of the Alaskan Railroad will be reduced by some \$100,000, and that the operating revenues will be increased by \$200,000, leaving a deficit of only \$700,000. A further improvement in revenues upon the road is expected in the future, when branches and spurs to the line are constructed and a system of public highways are built in the interior of the territory to feed the railroad with additional traffic.

Construction on the Alaska Railroad was started in 1915, and as portions of the roadbed were completed operation was inaugurated and continued. Parts of the line, therefore, have been in practical operation for seven years. For this period the operating expenses up to December 31, 1922, amounted to \$9,536,294.14, and the total operating revenues were \$2,481,069.66, making a total deficit of \$7,055,224.48.

SABOTAGE AND UNREST ON THE RUHR

(Special to the Daily Mail)

Paris, June 12—Two Germans and a French soldier were killed in the Ruhr today and another German died of wounds, four explosions occurred on railway lines and Sabotage and unrest appeared to be growing. A French sentinel was shot and killed as he walked his post at Recklinghausen. Later a German civilian is reported to have been slain by French troops at that city. Another was killed at Dortmund, where one died of wounds received when the French shot 35 persons who were out after curfew.

BIG FLOODS IN RUSSIA

(Special to the Daily Mail)

Copenhagen, June 12—Many persons have been drowned in catastrophic floods that inundated the province of Perm, in Russia where the river Kama overflowed its banks, according to Moscow dispatches. Hundreds of miles of country has been inundated and numerous buildings destroyed.

Long Distance Order.

W. S. Tompkins of the Massey Harris Company Ltd., purchased today from the Chestnut Canoe Company two of their canvas canoes which are to be shipped to Toronto and thence to Melbourne, Australia to the company's staff. The Chestnut Company makes the finest canvas canoe in the Dominion and is finding a big demand for them in North Ontario and Western Canada.

Col. C. H. McLean of St. John is in the city attending the meeting of the G. W. V. A. Provincial Command.

G. E. Logan of St. John is a guest at the Barker House.

BOYS' WEEK PARADES IN U. S. A SUCCESS

SPONSORED BY ROTARY CLUBS

More Than 1000 Cities Were Represented in Loyalty Demonstration.

Chicago, June 12—More than 5,000 boys in 1,000 cities marched in loyalty parades incident to Boys' Week celebration throughout the country during May. This is the estimate by William Lewis Butcher of New York, originator of the Boys' Week idea, who is here after watching the celebration in Chicago.

In most of these cities the Boys' Week observances are under the general sponsorship of the Rotary clubs, in cities where there are no Rotary clubs, the American Legion and other organizations are directing the work.

"In all of these places, however, the sponsoring organization is simply acting as the co-ordinator of all the boys' organizations, schools and community workers for the purpose of putting before the people of each community its individual boy problem," said Mr. Butcher.

In explaining the origin and motive of Boys' Week, Mr. Butcher said he thought in the beginning that there should be some way of making known the boy problem in each community. Because there are a number of organizations devoted to this work, and it was desirable that Boys' Week should be a community effort. Mr. Butcher confided his plans and hopes to the members of the New York Rotary Club, and they carried them out. New York had its first Boys' Week in 1920.

The following year Kansas City and Chicago staged similar demonstrations and there were Boys' Weeks in other cities. Last year about 200 communities took up the work, and this year Mr. Butcher says more than a thousand communities have put on Boys' Week celebrations, or will do so shortly.

"We estimate that we will show to the country more than eight millions of boys this year," said Mr. Butcher. "But the number of boys that march is not two-fifths of the total number interested in the demonstration. In New York alone we reached more than 800,000 boys through the schools."

LATE HELEN HANSON

Funeral This Afternoon—Service at Christchurch Cathedral—Interment at Rural Cemetery.

The funeral of the late Helen Hanson whose death occurred as the result of the unfortunate shooting accident on Sunday afternoon, took place this afternoon from the residence of her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hanson 198 St. John street. The funeral was very largely attended. Pupils of the Charlotte street school at which the deceased had been a pupil, attended in a body, and societies of the Cathedral to which she had belonged also were represented.

The floral pieces sent by friends of the family were particularly beautiful and numerous.

From the house the cortege proceeded to Christ Church Cathedral where the funeral service was conducted by Very Rev. Dean Neales. It then proceeded to the Rural Cemetery where interment was made.

The pall-bearers, boy friends of the deceased were George Bliss, Richard Bliss, Cedric Woods, Owen Branscombe, Pearson Fenety and Royden Colter.

The mourners included A. E. Hanson, Albert Hanson, Ralph Hanson, Edward Carlisle, Burton Carlisle, Ernest Carlisle, Herman Hawkins.

Licence Examinations

The annual examinations for teaching licenses began this morning at Fredericton, St. John and Chatham. A total of 475 candidates is reported classified as was shown in this paper some time ago. The largest number of candidates is here. R. B. Wallace is in charge of the examination here, candidates writing the papers at the Normal School.

CIVIL WAR IN FULL SWING IN BULGARIA

A REIGN OF TERROR AT SOFIA

Thousands of Fierce Tribesmen Have Made Their Way Into the Capital.

(Special to the Daily Mail)

Athens, June 12—Seven thousand Bulgarians and Macedonian Comitadjis fierce hill tribesmen, have penetrated into Sofia and are conducting a reign of terror in the capital, according to unconfirmed advices from Salonica.

The peasant Alexandroff, leader of the armed bandits who are joining the counter revolution against the newly established Zankof ministry is said to be master of the situation in the Bulgarian capital.

Civil war is reported to be in full swing with supporters of late deposed Premier Stamboulisky. Everywhere victorious Serbian troops are reported to have engaged in a border clash with the Comitadjis in the Secomnitza district, where 15 casualties resulted.

Death at Minto

David C. Kennedy well known throughout the province died Sunday at Minto. James R. Kennedy of St. John is a brother and Mrs. James McGill of Devon, Mrs. Charles Stone and Mrs. John Graham of Minto and Mrs. J. A. Miller of Newcastle Bridge are sisters. Four sons James and Peter in Ontario and Percy and Bruce at home, also two daughters Mrs. Charles Sleep of Minto and Miss Grace at home, survive.

Birthday Party.

Alice Rolfe entertained a number of her little friends at her home 152 King st. Monday evening in honor of her ninth birthday. Games and refreshments aided in passing an enjoyable evening.

Mr. Elwood Burt left last evening on a business trip to Boston.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL RECEIPTS SHOWED SURPLUS OVER EXPENSES TRUSTEE BOARD IN SESSION

The Trustees of Victoria Public Hospital held their June meeting last evening in the office of Mayor Reid. The members in attendance were Col. T. G. Loggie, president, in the chair, Alex. Brewer, vice-president. Burt's Corner, Mrs. J. J. F. Winslow, Mrs. H. R. Babbitt, P. J. Hughes, Dr. Jones, W. W. Boyce, Dr. Ross, Ald. J. Bacon Dickson, Mayor Cochrane, Coun. John Inch, Keswick, C. N. Goodspeed, Dr. Mullin, Dr. M. L. Jewett.

Before proceeding to business the president most cordially welcomed Ald. Dickson to a seat at the Board.

Part-Pay Patients

It was shown that considerable misapprehension exists in the community regarding the interpretation of recent regulation re the meaning of part-pay patients, and a committee was appointed consisting of Dr. Ross, Dr. Jewett, and Mr. Hughes, to prepare a plan defining a classification of fees of patients in the hospital.

Donation to University

At the last meeting of the Board it was ordered that the X-Ray plant which was laid aside when the splendid equipment provided by the estate of Edward Moore was installed, be donated to the University of New Brunswick. Following this action a letter was read from Chancellor expressing appreciation of the gift and hearty thanks on behalf of the University. Dr. Jones says this will be a valuable addition to the equipment of the department of physics.

Manager's Report

The report of Manager Waterhouse for the month of May shows that ninety patients received treatment during the month, fifty-four of these were part-pay and free patients; seventy were surgical and twenty were medical cases. Two patients are

The Royal Northwest Mounted Police Cannot Come to the Province

PARLIAMENT VOTES BIG SUM FOR PENSIONS

Action of the Board of Commissioners Came in for Criticism.

Ottawa, June 11—Without any display of partisan feeling or political consideration of any sort Parliament today approved the \$32,500,000 estimate presented by Hon. Dr. Beland in respect of the payment of pensions resulting from the world war. Discussion was materially shortened in view of the imminence of new legislation relative to pensions and soldiers' insurance, resolutions covering which are already on the order paper.

Criticism of the attitude of the Board of Pension Commissioners was a feature of the debate, several members expressing opinion that there was room for a radical change in personnel.

The Minister reserved much in his reply in order not to anticipate the debate that is bound to ensue when his new legislation is tabled. He did, however, assure the House that amendment of the act was an imperative necessity and he expressed the hope that, under the revisions to be introduced, the necessities of returned men would be fully met.

These amendments, he suggested, provided for the right of personal appeal, review of evidence, extended appeal, and where necessary, reconsideration of existing cases and recognition of the principle that "discharge as A1 does not mean A1 for ever," (Applause). He defended the capability of medical men in the employ of the Government in connection with administration of pensions.

The estimate of \$88,700 for salaries and contingent expenses also was approved.

ARE ON DUTY ELSEWHERE

The Forest Fire Situation is Very Serious in Some Sections.

Col. T. G. Loggie, Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines, has received the information through the Minister of Lands and Mines, Hon. C. W. Robinson, that the Federal authorities have replied to the effect that a detail of Royal Canadian Mounted Police cannot be sent to New Brunswick for duty in the fire districts, as the corps is all now on duty from which no men can be taken.

Fire Deliberately Set

Chief Forester G. H. Prince has received advices from Kedgwick to the effect that a fire started on Monday four miles east of that place, and the circumstances point to it having been deliberately set. The fire has burned along both sides of the track of the International Sub-division of the C. N. R. and has destroyed two sidings and several buildings.

At Curtis Settlement, Northumberland County, a fire covered fifteen acres. It is under control.

The fire which destroyed the village of Red Bank spread to the woods. The crew from the Northwest Boom is fighting the fire and all Indians from the reserve also are on it.

Plaster Rock has reported a heavy fall of cinders but nothing further regarding the fire which burned houses at Everett.

Rain the Great Hope

Advices received from the northern counties by the Department of Lands and Mines are that rain is the only hope for combating the fires successfully. The entire country is dry as tinder and with fires being set there is little hope of improving conditions. Ten additional constables have been sent in to the country along the International Railway in an effort to improve the situation.

To Prosecute at Doaktown

'Southeast of Doaktown Monday a fire was caused by a farmer burning slash and covered some distance before being extinguished. The man had no permit for this fire and prosecution will follow.

The situation along the International Railway is very bad. Telegraphic communication between Campbellton and Kedgwick was broken by fire on Monday but between St. Leonard and Kedgwick still was maintained.

Working to The South

The most disquieting feature of the situation is that the fire region is gradually extending to the south indicating that the dry section is spreading. Up to yesterday there had been no serious fires south of the Tobique and Nepisiguit headwaters but on Monday several occurred including that which burned six houses at Everett Settlement on the Tobique.

PROBATE COURT

Letters Testamentary in Two Estates From Canterbury and McAdam.

Before P. J. Hughes, K. C., Judge of Probate for York County, letters testamentary have been issued in the estate of Mrs. Julia N. Fleming of Canterbury, to Coun. John Fleming, adopted son of the deceased, who is the sole heir. The estate is valued at \$2,000 all personal property. J. B. Dickson was proctor.

In the estate of Walter C. Sherman of McAdam, farmer, letters of administration have been issued to Howard V. Sherman of McAdam, truckman, the estate being valued at \$7,000 of which \$6,000 is real estate and \$1,000 personal property.

Notice of amendment of the by-laws was given which will be considered at next meeting. After disposing of several deferred matters the Board adjourned.