

## OBSERVE TODAY TO SUPPORT FIRE PREVENTION

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECEIVE INSTRUCTION

### Carelessness Caused Greater Part of Damage to Forests From Fire in This Province.

In response to a Dominion proclamation today is being observed as Fire Prevention Day. This is for the purpose of making the Canadian public realize the enormous preventable loss each year from fire. The public schools of New Brunswick are receiving special instruction on the subject, although the notice was so short that there was not much preparation. It is probable that in the future there will be special lessons in the schools on this day.

**Fire Loss in the Province.**  
The Department of Lands and Mines has issued a statement concerning the loss in New Brunswick by forest fires in 1919 as a reminder to the public.

The total damage amounted to \$154,155, with a total area of 11,326 acres or 18 square miles burned over. The total number of fires in the forests was 342. Railroads caused 240 fires, but only 3.5 per cent. of the total damage. Settlers clearing land and careless with fire caused 44 per cent., almost half. Carelessness also entered into other fires which accounted for the balance.

#### In Poor Health.

The many friends of Mr. Duncan L. Kelly, who lately removed to the city from Nashwaak Village, will regret to learn that he is seriously ill at the home of Mrs. Currie, Queen street.

#### Reception Day

Mrs. H. S. Wright of Lower Southampton will be at home to her friends on Wednesday, Oct. 15th, from four to ten p. m.

#### McKeuge-McAlpine

At the Brunswick Street Baptist Church yesterday afternoon Herman Leslie McKeuge and Carrie Millicent McAlpine of Gagetown were united in marriage by Rev. G. C. Warren. The couple were unattended.

#### R. M. A. Convention

The fifth annual convention of the Retail Merchants Association is being held in Moncton this week. The Fredericton delegates include Messers J. J. Weddall, John T. Jennings and C. H. Burt.

#### Corey-Rideout

At the home of the bride's mother Mrs. G. Rideout South Devon yesterday Miss Margaret Rideout became the bride of Mr. Hugh Corey a prosperous young farmer of Caribou, Me. The young pair was unattended but a number of friends attended the ceremony. The bride was the recipient of a number of beautiful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Corey will remain here for a few days after which they will make their home in Caribou.

#### A National Campaign

Mr. G. F. McNally, M. A. son of Mr. M. B. McNally of this city, is now president of the Baptist Union of Western Canada. Mr. McNally resides at Edmundston and is a prominent educationalist of Alberta. He is a member of the committee which lately issued a manifest in behalf of the inter-church Forward Movement. The other members are most Rev. S. P. Metheson, Church of England, Rev. Matthew Kelly, Congregationalist, Rev. Dr. Chown, Methodist and Rev. Dr. Pringle, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church.

#### Held Reception for Students

A social evening was held last evening at the Brunswick Street Baptist Church for the Baptist students in attendance at the Normal School, University of New Brunswick, and Fredericton Business College. A very pleasant evening was passed in games and other amusements and the following program was carried out: Selection orchestra; Solo, Eva Brewer; reading, Marjorie Tracey; solo, Edith Gatcombe; piano solo, Miss Hudson; reading, Miss Margaret Lynds; and solo, Miss Hazel McCain. Following the program refreshments were served and the gathering broke up about midnight.

#### Enjoying Their Visit

The delegates to the Presbyterian Synod were entertained at an automobile drive about the city yesterday afternoon. They travelled in different directions according to their tastes, some going to the over the river towns, some to the Domleson Experimental Farm, and others taking in the sights of the city. Each delegate has been presented by the Fredericton Tourist Association with a copy of the latest edition of the tourist booklet and will take it home as a souvenir. Of the 400 and odd delegates in the synod only a small percentage have previously visited Fredericton and naturally they are most favorably impressed with the city.

## PROHIBITION RESOLUTION CAUSED OPPOSITION IN PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD; REV. F. DOWLING ADVISES DELAY

St. John Clergyman Defends Provincial Rights—Says Further That Synod Had Better Wait Result of Elections Before Declaring Dominion as Whole Favors Prohibition—Important Resolutions are Introduced—Arrangement for Boy's School at Pictou, Nova Scotia.

This morning's meeting of the Maritime Presbyterian Synod was one of the most important of the synodical sessions. The report of the overture of the Pictou Academy with recommendations was received and ordered entered upon the minutes. Several speakers were heard in favor of this report and gave very brief addresses touching upon the splendid class of work done for the Church by the Academy. The reports of the Board of Trustees of the Century Church and Manse Building Fund and the Widows' and Orphans' Fund were read by the conveners of the committees on those subjects and the report of the standing committees was postponed until this evening. Several very important recommendations were introduced by the Committee on Synod meetings and were passed with an amendment by Dr. Thomas Fullerton of Charlottetown, that they be sent down to the presbyteries to be reported on at the next synod meeting. The Social Service and Evangelism Committee report was read and a number of very important resolutions were introduced which are awaiting discussion. The first one lead to a lengthy discussion concerning as it did the results of the prohibition enactments.

#### Pictou Boys' School

The first order of the day was the report from the special committee appointed to deal with the overture of Pictou Presbytery re "Boys' School in affiliation with Pictou Academy". Mr. W. W. McNair presented the report which was the unanimous and hearty finding of the committee. The committee recommended the proposition made by the representatives of Pictou Academy and asked the synod to do the same. The following are the recommendations:

Having heard the Overture of the Presbytery of Pictou dealing with a proposal made by the board of trustees of the Pictou Academy Augmentation Fund, the synod heartily endorses the proposal for a Boys' Residence in affiliation with Pictou Academy and under Presbyterian auspices, the main features of which are as follows:

That the synod nominate three representatives on the Board of Trustees of the Pictou Academy Augmentation Fund.

That the trustees provide a resi-

dence in Pictou the resident master of which shall be appointed by the synod through its representatives on the Board and whose salary shall be provided by the synod.

That the school instructors of these boys in residence be provided by Pictou Academy.

The three representatives nominated were as follows: Rev. Hugh Miller Campbellton, Rev. George Miller, New London, P. E. I.; and Rev. George W. Miller of Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

Professor Kent supported the proposition and recommendations claiming that the proposition was an instance of fresh generosity on the part of Pictou Academy.

#### Further Supported

Mr. W. P. Grant gave further and able support to the report arguing the exceeding attractiveness of the proposal made. Mr. D. A. Cameron of Pictou appeared in support of the Overture. The speaker stated that the matter was one of pressing importance as large numbers of boys had been lost to the Ministry. He further stated the location for the school was unrivalled as Pictou was the very cradle of Presbyterianism in Canada. Many advantages were offered by the Academy for the boys who study there as the Academy which was founded in 1863 by Dr. McCulloch was one of the most famous in Eastern Canada. Three years ago Pictou Academy celebrated its centennial and a number of the leading men met in conclave and decided that something must be done to augment the work. The first move made was on the resignation of Dr. McLellan, when the services of C. L. Moore, F. R. S. E. as principal were seconded.

#### Principal Moore

Mr. C. L. Moore Principal of the Academy was next called to speak. Mr. Moore gave the synod an idea of the splendid work being carried on giving details to substantiate the facts. Several synod members arose to question the scheme and to praise the work of the Pictou Academy. Among these were P. A. Walker of Amherst, C. Munro of Hopewell and J. W. A. Nicholson of Dartmouth.

The report being moved and seconded and a motion being received to accept the recommendations it was passed.

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