

Diocesan Synod Hears Problem of Loss in Rural Population Discussed

Exists Also in Other Parts of Canada—Canon
Vernon of Toronto Speaks on Social Service
Council—King's College Report Adopted.

The problem of depopulation in New Brunswick to which reference was made by His Lordship Bishop Richardson in his charge to the Synod on Tuesday again received attention Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Canon Vernon of Toronto, General Secretary of the Social Service Council of the Church of England in Canada, discussing immigration pointed out that New Brunswick was not alone in feeling the drain of her people. Ontario and the west were feeling the same and the fact that the Island of Montreal today contained one tenth of the population of the Dominion was significant. Rev. Canon McKim of St. Luke's Church, Saint John, gave some startling information of a local character when he said that in the past three years he had written off two hundred families from his congregational records in addition to individuals all leaving the city. The condition he said applied to an adjoining Baptist congregation in about the same proportion. The subject was discussed in the course of considering the report from the Sub-committee of the Board of Missions.

King's Report Adopted.

The controversy which arose during the morning session over the Report of the Governors of King's College in the course of which the Evangelical School of thought expressed its views with regard to the Divinity School of King's College was not resumed. Dr. A. H. Moore made a brief explanation on a matter raised by Rev. Canon McKim after which the entire report was adopted as presented.

Board of Missions.

The special report of the sub-

committee of the Board of Missions, each parish and mission before the beginning of each financial year, the universal use of the duplex envelope and a special effort to ensure the use of the budget side of the envelope as well as the use of special envelopes at stated times for the objects of the budget, received considerable attention. With respect to the position of aided missions the report recommended that the Bishop arrange to make an investigation regarding certain missions with respect to the cause of large arrears, the committee also deemed it advisable to obtain the services of a financial agent for the purpose of determining a proper basis upon which to adjust the assessments on all aided missions.

Canon McKim made a strong plea for the right of the individual to earmark his or her own gifts as he or she saw fit. Even the adoption of a new system which might involve the break-down of relations with the General Synod in this respect was advocated by Canon McKim. Other speakers voiced the opinion that the present budget system represented the corporate will of the diocese as against the individual desire.

The report was finally adopted. Social Service Report.

The report of the social service council was then read by H. Usher Miller. This report referred to the action of the Council in requesting the Social Service Council of New Brunswick to urge upon the Provincial Government the establishment of a Provincial or Maritime Prison Farm. Similar action was taken in connection with a request for more thorough investigation of facts be-

fore the issue of marriage licenses. Payments for maintenance of the new Inter-Provincial Home for women at Coverdale was placed upon the same basis as similar payments for the maintenance of the Maritime Home for Girls at Truro, the Diocese of Fredericton paying three-eighths and the Diocese of Nova Scotia five-eighths.

Rev. Canon Vernon.

Canon Vernon took occasion to compliment His Lordship Bishop Richardson on his contribution to the consideration of this problem through the medium of his annual charge. The Bishop, he believed, had struck the right note. He stressed the importance of this problem as a national issue and a church issue. "If the church dies in the rural districts it will be as dead as a door nail in the cities in two or three generations" he declared.

He spoke on the trip of the Social Service Council to the Old Country last summer. Some had criticized that trip as a "joy-ride." It was not one but a very useful activity. The charge upon the diocese for that trip would average eight cents per parish. If there were insistence on a return of the contribution he would gladly return the amount.

Canon Vernon emphasized the human side of immigration rather than the statistical. He termed the Church of England in Canada the greatest means of maintaining British tradition and connection. The work of the Social Service Council was one of the means of maintaining that tradition.

On motion the Social Service Council was placed on a par with other committees in the matter of travelling expenses.

Chancellor Gisborne of Diocese of Toronto was invited to a seat on the platform.

COMPARATIVELY SIMPLE.

"That's a handsome cigar case you have."

"Yes, I got it with soap wrappers."

"Must have taken a long time, didn't it?"

"Oh, no, you see my wife takes in washings."

Add Beautiful sentences: Enclosed find check.

LATE GEORGE HAM WAS GREATEST CANADIAN WIT OF HIS TIME; SOME OF HIS JOKES RELATED

The quality of the sense of humor of the late Col. George H. Ham, veteran publicist of the Canadian Pacific Railway, whose death is mourned by hosts of Canadians, was many times demonstrated by his appreciation of jokes perpetrated on him by his friends. Probably his pet joke was his reference to himself as a member of the Canadian Women's Press Club, which was started while he was escorting a number of women writers and reporters home from the St. Louis Exposition in 1904. There was always a danger of arousing jealousies, so when it came to deciding who was to have the only available drawing-room he took it himself and found everyone of the ladies highly pleased with the arrangement. He was made an honorary president of the organization "It has kept me in umbrellas and valises," he used to say.

Enjoyed Jokes On Himself.

His appreciation of the joke on himself was well demonstrated once when he was conducting a party of women writers from the United States to the Canadian West. Some one sent a telegram to the Dominion Immigration authorities at the point where the party was to cross the border, saying: "Noted Mormon trying to enter Canada with wives. Please detain." A mock arrest, with all the atmosphere created by an utter refusal to believe his statement of his identity, was staged for his benefit, and incidentally to his intense amusement.

"Canadians are divided into two classes," he announced once at a club dinner, "those who believe that the Senate should be abolished, and those who believe they should be members of it."

In support of this statement he told of conversation between himself and Judge Emily Murphy, of Edmonton, the well-known "Jarey Canuck." Col. Ham had heard that she was desirous of being appointed to a seat in the senate and asked her in his characteristic fashion, "What the devil she wanted to be in the Senate for?" "Well," replied Mrs. Murphy, "there is a fine bunch of old women there now, so surely one more wouldn't matter."

Sir Thomas White once said in introducing Col. Ham at a dinner that he was "a great national asset," and the Colonel, rising to speak, merely remarked: "I am very happy that Sir Thomas did not forget to put the 'et' on that last word of his."

Why Room Was Darkened.

Even into the hospital his reputation for ready wit and appreciation of a joke upon himself followed him. He was about to be operated upon for appendicitis. As he was losing consciousness he used to relate, he thought, "This is eternity."

"When I recovered from the effects of the opiate I found myself in a darkened room and wondered where I was and what it was all about," he continued. "The kind-faced nurse quickly discovered that my consciousness had returned, and came to my bedside. Then I remembered everything. 'But why is the room dark?' I asked. 'It was early morning when they operated on me, but now it can't be night.'

"No, it isn't," she seriously responded, 'but we were afraid of the shock you might get.'

"Why, what shock?"

"Well, there was a big fire just across the street and we were afraid if you woke and saw the flames you might think that the operation hadn't been successful. That shows what it is to have a reputation," concluded the Colonel.

The reminiscences which Col. Ham published a few years ago are full of gay and amusing stories, many of them in the first person. Here is the way he tells of one of the earlier days of his life in Winnipeg. It is of western justice meted out by himself one day in the police court, owing to the absence of Colonel Peebles, the regular distributor of justice.

"A worthless drunken pirate, who had the championship for being the best all-round nuisance in whatever locality he happened to be in, was brought up charged with being drunk and disorderly. The evidence was clear, and I felt that full justice should be sternly administered. So I put on my black hat, and ordered the prisoner to stand up.

Sentencing A "Nuisance."

"George," said I with dignity and solemnity, 'you have been found guilty of being a general trouble provider and a universal nuisance. The sentence of this court is that you be taken from the place whence you came given three square meals, and immediately after breakfast next Friday morning, be hanged by the neck until you are sure enough dead, and may the good Lord have mercy on your alleged Protestant soul.'

"George stood aghast, but just then the good old colonel came in, and intimated to me that I couldn't hang a man for being drunk, even if he was a confounded nuisance.

"I can't, eh? What on earth am I here for, tell me that, Colonel Peebles?"

"Chief Murray and other court officials corroborated the colonel's statement, and, as I am always willing to oblige, I immediately relented, and ordered the prison to still stand and also to stand still.

"George, some warm if misguided friends have intervened in your miserable behalf, and have pleaded with me to be merciful. I shall—instead of sentencing you to the gallows, where you should go—I shall banish you off the face of the earth. Now Get!"

"And George did, but before he got very far he came over to St. Boniface, where I had an office and borrowed \$5 from me to take him to Pembina, which is just across the international boundary and outside the jurisdiction of the Winnipeg courts. I warmly congratulated myself that that was the only time I ever 'committed a nuisance.'

SMUGGLERS OF BOOZE ARE SENT TO JAIL

Sydney, N. S., April 20—One year each in jail was the sentence imposed by Judge Crowe today on John Jones and Ambrose Sampson fishermen charged with smuggling liquor into the Dominion.

William Cullins, a third defendant was acquitted when he could not be identified by Captain Ryan and officers of the revenue cutter which seized the motorboat, three men and 17 kegs of rum at a point which crown witnesses declared to be two and a quarter miles off shore. The defendants swore that they buoyed the spot where the arrest took place and on having a navigator survey it later discovered they were in reality four miles off shore and should have been immune from seizure. The court did not accept this version.

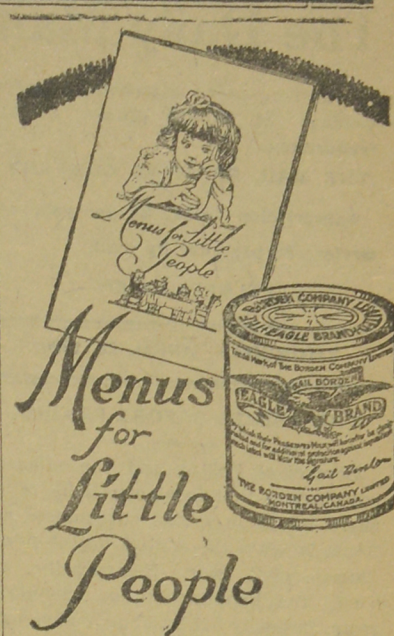
POETS PAID TO PLASTER ROOM WALLS

London, April 21—The latest London society craze is likely to bring an era of prosperity to young poets. Mayfair's newest ideas of decoration consist of having the walls of rooms covered with verses written to order. A fee of five guineas is the general price for each poem and the demand is so good for lyrics, which range between eight lines and twenty, that prices are likely to rise.

Usually the rooms chosen for this fad are small music rooms, studies and bedrooms, but several persons have started such decoration on the walls of drawing rooms.

Prospective bridegrooms have given orders for verses of welcome for the bride.

Ask about the new price of Chevrolet.



Write The Borden Co. Limited, Montreal for this helpful book showing how to prepare appetizing, nourishing dishes. Many new recipes. Especially valuable to mothers of under-nourished children or little ones who are hard to please at meal-times.

"Let the Maritime Provinces Flourish by Their Industries." BORDEN FACTORY-TRURO, N.S.

PUBLIC AUCTION

There will be sold at Public Auction in front of the City Hall at eleven o'clock on Wednesday morning, April 28th, 1926, the tolls and fees arising from the public wharves and anchorages, and also the tolls and fees arising from the Phoenix Square weigh scales, from May 1st, 1926, to April 30th, 1927.

Terms and conditions made known at the time of sale.

The highest or any bid not necessarily accepted.

C. FRED CHESTNUT,

City Clerk.

City Hall, April 21, 1926.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

General Change of Time
Sunday May 2nd. 1926

For particulars apply local agent.

G. Bruce Burpee

PUBLIC NOTICE

On and after Monday, April 19th, the Motor Vehicle Branch, Department of Public Works, will remain open during the noon hour from one to two o'clock, until further notice, for the convenience of the public in obtaining licenses for their cars.

GEORGE L. INGRAM,
Provincial Tax Inspector.

CITY OF FREDERICTON

CITY ENGINEER

Applications for the position of City Engineer, marked to that effect and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to twelve o'clock noon on Monday, the 26th instant. Applicants should state salary expected and past experience.

C. FRED CHESTNUT,
City Clerk.

City Hall, April 15, 1926.

DEALS GOING FORWARD TO U.S. MARKET

Springhill, April 20—Frank MacAvoy superintendent of timber lands for the British Empire Steel Corporation was in Springhill on his way to New Brunswick. His visit here was in connection with summer operation which, however will not be under full work in this area before about June 1, but in New Brunswick the corporation is making an extensive cut, principally cleaning over burnt land and shipments of about 7,000,000 feet of deals are being made to the American market at the rate of about 200,000 feet per day.

Where An American Hangs His Hat

Once a hat was not just a hat; it was also a badge of sectionalism. That was when the broad-brimmed Stetson and the nobby derby seldom met. When South, East, North, West lived differently, dressed differently, and thought differently. When a traveling American could feel like a stranger in his own land.

Before advertising—

But now Mrs. Green of Boston and Mrs. Brown of El Paso use the same vacuum cleaner, face powder, soap; Adams of Boston and Sims of Seattle are alike in the cut of their clothes. And where an American hangs his hat, within the borders of these United States, he feels at home. Advertising did that.

Advertising is still at work helping to make these states united. Here is a better bed, a handsomer shoe, a more delicious food. Let it be known from Maine to California, from Washington State to Florida! Here's a healthier way to live, another safeguard for your family, a new service of self-improvement. Spread the news everywhere!

Advertisements.

Read them. They are Couriers of Progress and Unity. Without them you'd lack half the comforts you now have. Ignore them and you'll miss many a good thing to come.

TO KEEP PACE WITH THE TIMES, READ THE
ADVERTISEMENTS EVERY DAY



Minard's is the enemy of all rheumatic troubles. Rub it in thoroughly and often.

It eases the pain, supple the joints, puts new life into the tissues.

Rub it in

