

Sifton Talked to the Methodists

THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR SPOKE AT TORONTO ON DE- VELOPMENT OF THE WEST

And of the Duty of His Church in Missionary Effort.

FOLLOWERS OF JOHN WESLEY STRONGEST DENOMINATION IN MANITOBA AND THE TERRITORIES

The Methodist general conference at its recent session in Winnipeg decided that \$50,000 must be raised for missionary work in Manitoba and the Northwest, and it was to forward that scheme that a big meeting was held at the Metropolitan Methodist church Toronto, Monday evening.

Hon Clifford Sifton, minister of the Interior was the principal speaker, and before the meeting closed subscriptions were received totalling \$11,800.

MR. SIFTON'S SPEECH.

Mr. Sifton, after a few words of introduction, said: I am gratified, sir, to know that presumably, as the immediate result of the meeting of the General Conference at Winnipeg, the authorities of the church are alive to the remarkable events which are transpiring in the northwest, and are, as a consequence, determined to greatly enlarge the scope of their work. Doubtless you have for a good many years looked upon that part of Canada as a land of large promise but of somewhat slow and poor performance, as a land of illimitable possibility but limited realities, a land generally described, indeed, with a fine flow of rhetoric, but which had so far failed to realize the hopes which had been entertained of it. But a change has come, and all in a very short time. Stagnation has given place to abounding activity, production is now reckoned by tens of millions instead of by hundreds of thousands. Where we counted our incoming settlers by hundreds we now count them by thousands, and the whole situation has undergone an alteration that is little short of phenomenal.

Let me indicate the actual position. In 1894 the population of Manitoba was 152,506; in 1901, 254,947. In 1881 the population of the Northwest Territories was 56,446; in 1891, 98,967, and in 1901 it was 160,000. I have no doubt that today the population of the Northwest Territories is 250,000, and that the increase during the last year has been more than during the decade from 1891 to 1901.

But the tide of population is only beginning to rise. We see only what the American poet so well described in speaking of his own country, as "the first low wash of waves where soon shall roll a human sea."

I am not one of those who are inclined to undue optimism. I am in the habit of looking at rosy and exuberant predictions in a somewhat cold-blooded way; but, having regard to the sources of information at my disposal, I should not be at all surprised if by the first day of July, 1905, there were about 750,000 people in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, and perhaps a million.

THE GREAT TREK.

What is the cause of this movement? You see the statement often that it is because the public land has become exhausted in the United States. That is not, however, the reason. The reason lies in the fact that the farmers of the northwestern States have only now become convinced of the great agricultural possibilities of our western country, and begun to realize that it is as good as the best parts of their own country, and that they can get land at vastly cheaper prices, and so the farmers of Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Dakota are selling out and taking their families across the 49th parallel. A few years ago the farmers did not believe in stories that we could successfully grow wheat in northwest Canada. They have since sent their delegates, visited all parts of the country, and seen for themselves, and as a result we are witnessing a great "trek," which will very soon place the future of that

territory and the future of Canada in a commercial sense beyond the realm of doubt and conjecture. Mr. Sifton read figures showing the relative strength of the different denominations in Manitoba and the Territories in 1901, the Methodist being the strongest denomination. As to the nationality of the inhabitants, he pointed out that about one-half will come from the United States and the other half from Britain and continental Europe. The emigrants from continental Europe seemed to be about equally divided as between Roman Catholics and Protestants. Those from Britain and the United States were nearly all adherents of one or other of the Protestant churches, and English immigrants were not infrequently "dissenters."

THE NEED OF THE HOUR.

What necessities arise in connection with a situation like this? First there is the material side of the question; the necessary machinery of progress must be furnished. It will not do to attempt to follow the example of the slow growth of the older Provinces. Nowadays new districts must move rapidly or they do not move at all. Therefore railways must be constructed, roads and bridges built, public buildings and institutions provided, and there must be done in time to prevent the new population becoming discouraged and losing heart. Then there is the education question. A good system of schools is already in operation. It has been carried on under great difficulties and against great obstacles, and it is being rapidly extended. It must be so constituted as to fulfill completely the duty required of it, namely, to furnish such intellectual training to the youth as that we shall be certain of a new generation which will furnish intelligent and progressive citizens.

But there remains yet another department of work not less important—and when I say not less important I am speaking only with relation to the public well-being—not less important than those which I have mentioned, namely, the religious work which must be undertaken if in the new Canada we are to have a population animated by the same motives, actuated by the same ideals, and governed by the same principles as obtain among the rest of our people.

WHAT SHALL BE DONE?

Now, the question is, What is the Methodist Church going to do about it? Heretofore, as the population of Canada has grown, the efforts of the Methodist Church have enabled it to rather more than hold its own. I find by the last census, 1901, that out of a total population of about 5,520,000 there were 916,862 Methodists in Canada, and that they are the largest Protestant body in the Dominion. But, as you very well know, this result has only been attained by the most persistent and self-sacrificing labor and the exercise of the utmost liberality by members and adherents. Now you are met with a sudden expansion of the field in which operations must be carried on. The addition of four or five hundred thousand to the population within five or six years, with the certainty that the growth will go on, means that hundreds of new churches must be built, hundreds of pastors provided, and large sums of money appropriated for salaries and expenses of all kinds. You have before you a state of affairs from which there is no escape. You cannot relieve yourselves from responsibility for the consequences of the course which you may adopt.

THE BUSINESS ASPECT.

Speaking of the business aspect of the case, Mr. Sifton said in part:—What then, have been the arguments by which I have persuaded my colleagues, hard-headed business men, to authorize the expenditure in cash and credit of millions of public money for the purpose of bringing about the very state of rapid development and progress which exists today, and hastening the time when instead of a great lone land we should have a land teeming with a production which far outstrips the capacity of transportation agencies and commercial facilities? Sir, the statement of the question furnishes its own answer. They have agreed to this expenditure because every dollar that Canada wisely expends in the development and population of her great agricultural domain constitutes the best investment that it is possible to

make. A year, two years, five years, and the national wealth will in one season be increased by more than the total amount that we have during long and laborious years expended to bring about this result. Knowing this, we attack the problem with vigor, we spend the money with confidence, knowing that in a very short time it will be returned many times over. Can you not in your church work rise as high as your representatives do in the discharge of their public duties? Can the state-men and taxpayers of the church not pursue as enlightened and progressive a policy as those of the State? Is the vision of the church's parliamentless prophetic than those of the Parliament of the nation? Is not a policy which is admittedly wise for the country just as wise for the church? And if the country at large will receive, as it will, a hundredfold in return for its investment, will the church not do likewise?

TEMPERANCE VALE NEWS.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)
Nov. 18.—Geo. T. Pinder is home again from the Klondyke. He is looking well and happy. We are glad to see him amongst us again.

Mr. and Mrs. John McElwain are in this place getting their things ready to move to their new home in Caribou, Maine.

Our popular agent, A. Whitehead, passed through here yesterday.

Mrs. Jane Draper is serious ill.

Joshua Morse is very much improved in health; report says he can beat his son yet pulling turnips.

Mrs. C. A. Manzer is visiting friends at Hawkin's Corner.

P. Stuart is thershing at Alfred Bartlett's.

G. Bartlett is building himself a fine ice-house.

Horace Draper is going to work for J. Scott in the saw-mill on the Hay property near Woodstock. He will be much missed by the community.

Mr. Robert Bartlett killed some very fine hogs yesterday, one of which tipped the scales at 500.

Mr. Wm. McElwain has his horse stable all completed. Anyone wanting a good big horse for the lumber woods would do well to give him a call.

Report says one of the Waterville trustees is neglecting his duties at the school house.

Many Women Are Not Attractive

Because of repulsive looking warts on the hands. They can be removed quite painlessly by Putnam's Painless Corn and Wart Extractor; it never marks and always cures. Try it.

FREDERICTON POST OFFICE

Arrival and Departure of Mails Schedule Now in Force.

Mails close at the Fredericton post office beginning Oct. 13 as follows:

6.00 a. m.—St. John, United States; St. Stephen, and Charlotte, Carleton, Victoria, Madawaska counties, Fredericton Jct., Waasli Station, Rasiagornis Station.

7.00 a. m.—Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Mouth of Keswick, Upper Keswick, Millville, Woodstock, and 8.15 a. m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

7.30 a. m.—Down river mails—Oromocto, Sheffield, Gagetown, etc.

9.15 a. m.—St. John and C. P. R. stations east—Nova Scotia, P. E. Island.

3.30 p. m.—C. E. Station—Chatham, Newcastle and I. C. R. points north, Quebec city and province.

5.15 p. m.—St. John, United States, Nova Scotia, P. E. I., Woodstock, St. Stephen, Moncton, etc., Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and N. W. provinces.

Arrivals.

9.15 a. m.—St. John, Nova Scotia, P. E. I., etc.

11.40 a. m.—United States, St. Stephen, etc.; Montreal, Ottawa and N. W. Provinces.

2.20 p. m.—Canada Eastern Mails, North Shore and Quebec.

4.30 p. m.—Down river mails.

8.10 p. m.—St. John, Nova Scotia, P. E. I., etc.

6.10 p. m.—Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Mouth of Keswick, etc., Woodstock; 8.00 p. m., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

2.00 p. m. and 10.30 p. m.—City boxes served.

FOOLED THE OFFICER

Utica, N. Y., Nov. 19.—Paul Zowalski, a prisoner who was arrested in Cleveland, Ohio, and was in charge of an Albany officer, who was taking him to Albany to answer a charge of grand larceny, escaped from the southwestern special just west of this city at an early hour this morning. The train was about five miles from the city and was running 50 miles an hour. Zowalski was permitted to enter the ante-room, but a minute or two later the officer looked for him and discovered that the door was locked and that his prisoner had escaped out the window. A few minutes afterwards the train stopped at this station. The Albany officer and others went back after Zowalski, expecting to find him dead or injured, but no trace of him was found, though the search was kept up till after daylight. It has since been discovered that Zowalski climbed to the top of the coach and rode to this city. He remained on the road till just before the train started and then dropped off and escaped in the dark. He was seen by a messenger boy a few minutes later warming himself beside one of the switch engines and it is supposed that he left before daylight on a freight. How he clamored from the window to the top of the coach is the wonder of all railroad men here.

One Common Cause of Headache

Perhaps the most general cause of headache and pain across the eyes is nasal catarrh. The simplest cure is to inhale the medicated vapor of Catarrhzone which traverses every air cell and air passage of the throat, lungs and nose. It kills myriads of germs at every breath, clears away mucous discharges, preserves and heals the membrane. Catarrhzone is just a splendid remedy for headache, and its action is certain and unfailing in diseases of the Throat and Lungs, Deafness, Bronchitis, Asthma and Catarrh. A trial will convince the most sceptical that Catarrhzone is all right. Large size, \$1.00; trial size, 25c. Druggists or Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

Dr. Hamilton's Pills cure Constipation.

Sailors are awful forgetful, ain't they? asked little Elsie. Why, what makes you think that? inquired her papa. Because every time they leave a place they have to weigh their anchor. If they weren't forgetful they'd remember the weight.

The mother who would be horrified at the thought of letting her daughter wander away to a strange country without guide or counsel, yet permits her to enter that unknown land of womanhood without counsel or caution. Then, in utter ignorance, the maiden must meet physical problems whose solution will affect her whole future life. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has been well named a "God-send to women." It corrects irregularities and imparts such vigorous vitality to the delicate womanly organs, as fits them for their important functions. Many a nervous, hysterical, peevish girl has been changed to a happy young woman after the use of "Favorite Prescription" has established the sound health of the organs peculiarly feminine.

Every woman should own a copy of the People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, sent free on receipt of 31 one cent stamps to pay expense of mailing and customs. The same book of 1008 pages in substantial cloth for 50 stamps. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

The Sphinx Decaying.

D. G. Longworth of the Cairo Sphinx declares that the famous Egyptian Sphinx is rapidly decaying. This is said to be the result of the altering climate of Egypt due to the irrigation of recent years. Heretofore an hour's downfall of rain once a year was a novelty in Egypt. The natives regarded it as some dire message from the gods. The irrigation and the many trees about the delta, however, have changed this. Fifteen to eighteen days' heavy rain falls now every year on the head of the sphinx. The severe "khamseen" sandstorm follows and cuts into the soddened limestone of the ancient monument, whittling it away all over the surface.

Dynasties of England.

The dynasties of England since the conquest are Norman, four kings; Angevine, eight kings; House of Lancaster, three kings; House of York, three kings; Tudor, three kings and two queens; Stuart, four sovereigns; House of Orange, William III. and his wife Mary, conjointly; House of Hanover, six sovereigns, from George I. to Victoria; House of Saxo-Coburg-Gotha, the present king.

COME INTO THE GARDEN, MAUDE.

Come into the garden, Maude,
Shake off that ennervating smile,
Those ivory hands of yours,
Which have done nothing all this while,
Are going to be utilized now,
In a somewhat different style.

Come into the garden, Maude,
Roll up your shirt sleeves high,
There's no time now to bill and coo,
Nor time to loll and sigh,
You must slave like a nigger, Maude,
Or else we will freeze and die.

Come into the garden, Maude,
And pick up each chip of wood,
That the coalman dropped last winter,
And place each one in this bowl;
Search like the mischief, Maude,
As you value your very soul.

Come back to the garden, Maude,
And pick up each chip of wood;
Here you may find a toothpick,
Each little silver is good,
This year we face Economy,
As she's never been understood.

Come back to the garden, Maude,
For ashes were made to sift,
And coal—this year—to sell:
"Dig in," like a Trojan, Maude,
And make your slavery tell.

Come, answer the door-bell, Maude,
For our maid has lately gone;
She can't work "for nothing,"
And said she wouldn't "stay on";
So you must grow fat on the work, Maude,
Which made the girl pale and wan.

Come down to the laundry, Maude,
And wash this lot of clothes;
And do not grumble so, Maude,
Nor use such pious coos;
For we must fire up this winter,
On the work aristocracy loathes.

Come into the kitchen, Maude,
And eat your frugal fare;
Just "dig into" the crackers and cheese,
By the cook stove's horrid glare,
But chew more than passing slow, Maude,
For there isn't a bit to spare.

—F. Bruce Carey, in Toronto Mail.

The Savings Bank of Health.

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An Extremist.

"Is Mr. Fusse much afraid of microbes?"

"Well I should say. He washes the antiseptic gauze gloves he wears in an antiseptic fluid before he even handles the sterilized glass that contains the boiled and filtered mineral water he intends to drink!"

Obedience to the Letter.

Policeman—Come along now quietly or it will be worse for you.

O'Toole—Oh! not. The magistrate told me last time never to be brought before him again, an' begorra O'm goin' to obey his instructions!—Boys of the Empire.

A medical journal in London is the authority for the statement that in an evening's dance of five hours, one of our delicate belles, who is unable to shove a carpet sweeper over a parlor floor, travels over 21 miles, that is, unless she is a blooming "wall-flower," when she watches the "others" do the little feat.

Do You Belch Gas?

If you have uneasy sensations in the stomach, a bad taste in the mouth, headache—remember that ten drops of Polson's Nerviline in sweetened water is a quick and certain cure. Nerviline aids digestion, dispels the gas, makes you comfortable and free from distress at once. Nerviline is just splendid for Cramps, Colic, Dysentery, Stomach and Bowel Troubles, and costs only 25c. Better try it.

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A Frenchman was paying his first visit to London and was walking through Hyde Park on one of the many foggy metropolitan mornings with an English friend. Fog! Ha, ha, mon fren, ejaculated the Frenchman, now I understand what you mean when you say ze sun nevaire set on your dominion. Ma foi, it does not rise.

Ah, how do I find you this morning? My breath, doctor, is getting shorter and shorter. Oh, don't worry; I'll stop that.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder dusted in the bath softens the water at the same time that it disinfects. 16