

CHURCH UNION

And Other Matters Discussed by a Visitor from the Southern Seas.

INTERESTING CHAT WITH
REV. MR. PINFOLD OF
NEW ZEALAND.

His Views on Prohibition
and Woman Suffrage.

Among the distinguished visitors in attendance at the Methodist Conference here, is the Rev. J. T. Pinfold, pastor of the Methodist church at Auckland in far off New Zealand. The rev. gentleman was lately granted a year's leave of absence by his church, and is now en route to England to visit his old home after an absence of twenty-five years, and also to attend the English Methodist Conference. He sailed from New Zealand a few weeks ago for Vancouver, and paid a visit to the Fiji Islands and Honolulu while en route. On landing at Vancouver he proceeded to St. Louis and took in the World's Fair, and paid a visit to Niagara Falls before coming to Fredericton.

To a representative of the Herald, who enjoyed a brief chat with him at the home of Rev. G. B. Payson, this morning, the rev. gentleman expressed himself as being greatly pleased with what he had seen of Canada. "It is a country," he said, "of magnificent distances, and the scenery is splendid. I was greatly impressed with the Canadian Rockies and believe that for grandeur they cannot be excelled anywhere in the world. Your climate and social conditions seem to be all right, but in some respects it might pay you to take a leaf out of our book in New Zealand. There is the matter of old age pensions, for instance. I believe it would be in your interests to adopt such a system in this country."

"In New Zealand old age pensions are paid to those who have an income of less than \$200 a year, provided they have been in the country for a certain length of time and are over sixty years of age. The amount allowed them is £18 or less according as the magistrate who adjudicates upon the case may determine. While some abuses have crept in here and there, the plan gives quite general satisfaction."

"Another matter which I might speak of is woman suffrage. In New Zealand all females over 21 years of age are admitted to vote. So far the privilege has not made much difference in practical politics, because the ladies are usually influenced by their husbands and sweethearts. However, we are hopeful as they become better educated in the mysteries of politics they will do other than vote as their husbands and sweethearts do."

"Prohibition is gradually increasing its sway and influence in New Zealand. We have local option throughout the colony, so that now the matter is in the hands of the people. In order to obtain prohibition in any district a two-thirds majority of the registered voters is necessary. Some of my brethren believe that a majority of the votes recorded is sufficient, but I do not agree with them on that. A two-thirds vote is more substantial than a mere majority would be and means that you have sufficient public sentiment with you to ensure the enforcement of the law. Our last election resulted in six districts declaring for prohibition, and so far the law has been enforced greatly to the benefit of the respective districts, which become an object lesson to other parts of the country."

"The question of church union is well to the fore in New Zealand. The Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists have had the matter before them for some time, and it has also been discussed by the highest ecclesiastical courts, and each have appointed committees to deal with it. A united committee has also been formed and is now drawing up a basis of union. The question will go before the separate church courts before a final decision is arrived at. That means that our people are further advanced on the question than you are here. If union is not arrived at immediately some steps will be taken to prevent overlapping and the present unnecessary expenditure of money, time and energy."

In conclusion Rev. Mr. Pinfold expressed himself as being well pleased with Fredericton, and remarked that we have been experiencing typical New Zealand weather here during the past few days.

The Acting G. O. C.

Baron Aylmer, the temporary chief of the militia, since the dismissal of Lord Dondonald, is the great grandson of the Fifth Lord Aylmer, who was a general in

the British army and a Governor of the Canadas.

The family has been resident in the eastern townships for the greater part of a century. His father, the Seventh Baron, served during the rebellion of 1837 and was connected with the militia until 1894, when he retired, retaining his rank as lieutenant general.

The present Lord Aylmer was born in 1842 at Melbourne, Que., and served in the Imperial army from 1864 to 1870, taking part as a British officer in repelling the Fenian raids of 1866-70. Since 1871 he has been a staff officer of the Canadian militia and for some years has been second in command.

SUPREME COURT.

Several Judgments Delivered at This Morning's Session.

The supreme court met at eleven o'clock this morning with all the judges in attendance and delivered judgments in the following cases:

The King vs. Jas. G. Forbes, ex parte Thomas Deao. Rule absolute for certiorari to quash an order of Judge Forbes, imprisoning the defendant for three months for debt.

The King vs. Melanson, ex parte Bertin—This was an application to set aside a conviction under the Liquor License Act made against the defendant in the County of Gloucester. Judge McLeod delivered judgment for the court, discharging the rule.

J. J. Hale vs. the Tobique Manufacturing Company. This action was tried before Chief Justice Tuck in September last and a verdict for \$3,270.70, returned in favor of the plaintiff. From this verdict an appeal was taken to the full bench. Judgment was delivered by the Chief Justice, unanimously sustaining the judgment of the court below.

Pickard vs. Carney—The parties to this suit reside in the parish of Kent, Carleton County, and the dispute arose over the title to certain lands granted by the crown to members of the 104th regiment at the close of the war of 1812. A number of surveys had been made, and showed that Mr. Carney was trespassing on lot 16, which is the property of Mrs. Pickard. The jury accordingly returned a verdict for the plaintiff, and the chief justice announced that it was sustained by the full court.

The Kennedy Island Mill Company vs. John H. McInerney—This was an action over a lumber contract and was tried before Judge McLeod at the Madawaska circuit and a judgment entered for the plaintiff for the sum of \$2988.97. The Chief Justice gave judgment refusing a new trial.

Grant vs. the Canadian Pacific Railway—This was an action for damages resulting to land owned by the plaintiff, at Richmond, Carleton County, from fires set by an employee of the defendant company. It was found by the jury in the court below that the defendants had not taken reasonable precautions to prevent the fires from spreading, and a verdict was returned in favor of the plaintiff for \$500. The court refused the application for a non-suit or new trial.

Sarah Haines vs. School Trustees of District no 9, Parish of Southampton, appeal dismissed with costs. Justices Gregory and Laundry dissenting; Judge Barker, no part. A. J. Gregory, K. C. for defendant appellant, O. S. Crockett for plaintiff respondent.

Tobique Salmon Club vs. John McDonald. Rule refused.

The Lawton Company Limited vs. the Maritime Combination Rack Company, Limited. The Chief Justice delivered the judgment of the court, granting a new trial. The case was tried before the Chief Justice in St. John last winter, and a judgment returned in favor of the plaintiff for \$880. The action arose over a quantity of combination hay racks, manufactured by the plaintiff for the defendant, and refused by the latter on account of an error in construction. Mr. A. J. Gregory, K. C., argued the case for the Rack Company, which is composed principally of Fredericton men.

Porter vs. Brown—Rule absolute for new trial.

The case of the King vs. McGuire is to be argued this afternoon. It is a St. John case and the defendant who was convicted of theft before Judge Forbes is asking that he be convicted on the ground that the judge committed an error on his failure to take the witness stand.

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THE CONFERENCE

A Resolution Extolling
Work of W. M.
Society.

Committee on Church Union
Appointed.

(Report of last night's session see first page)

This morning's session of the conference was a busy one. After the usual devotional exercises, the Rev. Dr. Stewart of Mount Allison, moved the following resolution, with regard to the address delivered by Mrs. W. B. Coulthard last evening:

"That this conference has listened with deep interest to the address of Mrs. Coulthard, the representative of the Woman's Missionary Society, and desires to record its deep conviction of the importance of the work of that society and its readiness to support and co-operate with it throughout the circuits of this conference."

Seconded by Rev. Wm. Harrison and carried unanimously.

The following telegram was received and read from the Nova Scotia conference in reply to one sent to that conference:

"The Nova Scotia conference reciprocates most cordially the greeting just received. Eph. 6:23."

David Hickey, president.
Benj. Hills, secretary.

The Revs. J. S. Gregg, and J. M. Rice, B.A. were appointed assistant secretaries.

Rev. G. W. Fisher read the report of the supernumerary fund committee. The total amount received was \$1,752.28, the Fredericton district being fourth on the list.

Dr. Paisley read the report of the general supernumerary fund committee. On motion the report was ordered to be published in the conference minutes.

On motion the order of the day for the afternoon session was made an address from Dr. Sutherland on the general missionary work of the church and the consideration of the affairs of the "Wesleyan" and the Book Room at Halifax.

The committee to consider church union was announced:

Ministers—Dr. Sprague, Rev. George Steel, Rev. J. C. Berrie, Rev. Wm. Harrison, Rev. G. W. Fisher.

Laymen—Dr. Inch, J. A. Likely, Dr. Allison, Henry Smith, J. M. Frapp.

Rev. Dr. Huestis of the Nova Scotia conference read a resolution of the Nova Scotia conference proposing that the general conference be invited to hold its next session somewhere in the maritime provinces.

It was resolved to appoint a committee to meet one appointed by the Nova Scotia conference with the above object in view.

Reports were also heard from the St. James relief fund and from the children's fund.

The following were appointed the board of examiners for the ensuing year:

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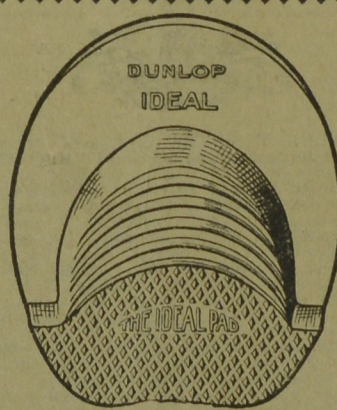
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