

PROSPECTS FOR CHURCH UNION.

Rev. Dr. Murray Tells of the Deliberations

OF THE MEMORABLE JOINT CONFERENCE AT TORONTO,

Where the Utmost Harmony and Cordiality Prevailed.

A LARGER UNION WOULD BE WELCOMED.

Rev Dr Murray, editor of the Presbyterian Witness, who attended the Church Union Conference at Toronto has given to the Halifax Chronicle the following account of the proceedings:

At the meeting of the Methodist General Conference, two and a half years ago, a resolution was adopted very warmly inviting the Congregationalist and Presbyterian churches to negotiate with a view to co-operation and ultimate union. Winnipeg was the place where the Methodist Conference held its meeting, and the hearts of the brethren were stirred with the sight of the immense Home Mission field pressing for cultivation in the vast western country. They felt also the inability of any one church to do the work that must be confronted. Methodists can do much, for they have done much, in all new countries; but would it not be better to make common cause wherever practicable with other workers? Hence the invitation to the Presbyterians and Congregationalists.

Both the churches named responded without delay, and responded in the spirit in which they had been addressed. Large committees were appointed to consider the "desirability and practicability" of organic union. At an early stage the late venerable and beloved Principal Caven became the outspoken and earnest advocate of union, and when he was found declaring that union was both "desirable and practicable," it was generally felt that the churches must deal seriously with the question.

The committee met at Toronto on the 20th inst and continued their sittings for three days. The attendance was about 120, and included the Principals of all the colleges, a number of the professors, the conveners of the chief standing committees and the pastors of leading congregations. There were such laymen as Hon. David Laird, Hon. C. H. Campbell, W. B. McMurich, K. C., J. A. Macdonald, Professor Walter Murray, L.L.D., Mr. Justice MacLaren, Mr. Flavelle, President Allison, Dr. Inch, Chief Supt. of Education of N. B., Chas. Bell, etc. The Presbyterians of the Maritime Provinces were represented by ten men, and the Methodists by about an equal number.

The utmost harmony and cordiality prevailed in the committees whether meeting separately or in joint conference. The tone throughout was not "what will you give up for us or to us?" but, "what can we do to meet your views?" The utmost frankness prevailed. Some came to the meetings convinced that there was no room for hope—that the people, "our people," were not merely indifferent but strongly opposed. The invariable reply was, "none of us intend to go farther or faster than our people. It would be a poor and foolish and unprofitable thing to urge or to drag a reluctant people, and nothing of the kind will be attempted. Others set forth very forcibly doctrinal differences, and differences of polity which to them seemed invincible. The reply was, "Let us try to overcome differences by seizing upon underlying unities and by emphasizing 'the present truth.'"

The spirit of union was so dominant, the attitude on all sides so conciliatory, that all conclusions were reached without an adverse vote. Five sub-committees were appointed to deal respectively with Doctrine, Polity, the Ministry, Administration and Law. The three churches are represented on each of these committees, and they will prosecute their investigations and report to the next meeting of the joint committee which will be called by the executive

committee composed of conveners and secretaries of each section.

"Negotiations looking in the direction of union will not be hurried; there is no ground for undue haste. Forward steps will probably be short and deliberate. The present conviction is that the three negotiating churches will continue their efforts for union until success is reached. Preparation may require five years or ten years; no one can tell how many; but the prospect is bright with hope, so Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians declare.

It ought to be stated that there was frequently expressed a strong desire to embrace other denominations in the negotiations now in progress. If there were any encouragement for other churches they would be most cordially welcomed. The three negotiating churches are regarded as the nearest to each other in polity if not in doctrine.

IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

The London Standard's View of Canada's Attitude.

London, Dec. 27.—Referring to The Ottawa Citizen's statement respecting Canada's duty in relation to Imperial defence, that there are three schools, the first of federalists, desiring a common parliament; the second, those preferring a Dominion grant to the Imperial government; the third, those inclined to make a contribution, but standing on the ground that there can be no taxation without representation. The Standard says: "The fact is that in no quarter is Canadian opinion hostile to the proposal to bear some part of the cost of Imperial defence. Canadians are only in doubt as to how to make their wishes effective, with just regard to their existing resources and present position. They warmly resent the imputation that they are indifferent in the matter, and even disposed to retort that they receive little assistance from ourselves. Their natural irritation has led the, we think, to overrate the significance of the criticism they are answering. Canadians are not content to be consulted as a mere matter of form. They consider themselves entitled to act freely after consideration. We can assure them this is also the opinion of all Englishmen who take the trouble to think. We are thoroughly aware that whatever help comes to the common service of the empire must be offered as a spontaneous gift, inspired by affection and by a sense that all should join in promoting what is recognized as the common cause."

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CHURCH UNION.

A New Brunswick Delegate to the Toronto Conference Speaks of the Prospects.

Rev. James Ross of Carleton, St. John, superintendent of Presbyterian mission work in New Brunswick, returned Saturday from Toronto, where he attended the church union conference, which closed Thursday, the 22nd.

Mr. Ross was much pleased with the manner in which the conference dealt with the question and with the progress made toward its accomplishment. The consensus of opinion, he says, was that union was desirable and practicable. A number who came to the conference strongly opposed to union were converted before its close to a different opinion. Among these was Rev. Dr. Potts, of the Methodist denomination.

Before union can be accomplished, Mr. Ross says, there must be an immense lot of work done. There are the questions of doctrine, polity, ministry, etc., to be faced, all of which were placed in the hands of committees for further consideration. The least difficult of these problems, Mr. Ross says, will be the creed. It is intended that it will be very short and simple.

On two points the three denominations are already agreed, viz., The sovereignty of God and free agency of man.

The question of colleges will involve considerable difficulty. The colleges of these three denominations will of course have to amalgamate. For instance, Mount Allison and Pine Hill colleges, will be made one. In Montreal the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian colleges will unite.

As to the question of time, Mr. Ross says the most optimistic at the conference placed the time in which they would be able to effect the union at five years. Those who were less optimistic placed it at ten years, while others thought they would not see it in their day.

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TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

Acadia Powder Mills Near Halifax, and Other Property Wrecked.

Halifax, Dec. 27.—A terrible explosion occurred here about 10.30 yesterday morning at Acadia Powder Company's mills at Waverly, about 10 miles from Halifax, on the Dartmouth side.

Nearly a ton of powder went off in the drying mill, said to be from over-heating. The force of the explosion was felt for miles and the building in which it occurred was blown to pieces.

Strange to say no one was killed and only one employee named George Murray, slightly injured.

The force of the explosion was felt in the city to such an extent that many thought it had occurred at Ordnance wharf or dockyard. A number of windows were broken about the city and dishes were knocked from tables and shelves and broken.

The houses at the north end of the city were shaken as though by an earthquake, and the occupants in many cases rushed into the street to try and ascertain the cause.

The report was distinctly heard at Chester, forty miles west of here, and Renfrew and Oldham also received a shaking up. Trees in the vicinity of the mill at Waverly were uprooted.

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"Last spring I was terribly run down.

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"I braced up at once after taking Ferrozone. It put new life and vitality into my body. My nerves are strong. I eat heartily. I sleep well. Now I know the joy of health.

JOHN W. MCNICHOL."

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A word of good counsel.—When days are bleak and nights are long and cold, keep Perry Davis' Pain-killer in the house. It is your faithful friend, as it was your parent's friend. External and internal use.

"Lifebuoy Soap—disinfectant—is strongly recommended by the medical profession as a safeguard against infectious diseases."

KILLED HIS FATHER.

Charge Against Alexis Le Clerc of Montreal.

The Young Man Alleged to Have Come Home Drunk and Beat His Aged Parent to Death.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Moise le Clerc, an old man, who had been unfortunate enough to be dependent upon dissolute son, was beaten to death on Christmas Eve and the son is held by the police on a charge of manslaughter. The old man had passed the allotted span, while the son is in the prime of life. The son's name is Alexis le Clerc. The two lived together in the upper hall of a comfortable tenement in the eastern outskirts of the city. With them lived also Alexis' wife, a grown-up daughter and two sons, aged twelve and fourteen, respectively. The old man's death was a direct result of strong drink. The son is said to be a drunkard of the most ferocious type. His wages were spent in drink. Having come home on Christmas Eve, drunk, as usual, Alexis began to molest his father, and finally used violence. One of the grandsons attempted to shield the old man, but for his sympathy he now nurses a swollen jaw. The drunken man then became terribly enraged. He threw the lamp upon the floor, but happily it went out. No one seems to have clear knowledge of what happened in the dark, but, according to the wife and sister, who were in the next room, the restoration of order revealed the old man's body lying lifeless on the floor and the son standing as in a stupor nearby. The little boys had run frightened into the street, and they are now held as witnesses.

"It is too bad, too bad," cried the mother, "after all but herself had been removed. "It was drink that did it, nothing but drink. Oh, how discouraging it has all been, me trying to keep this house clean, and it needs cleaning all the time, me putting up with everything from that man, and finally this. Not that he is a really bad man. Oh, no. He used to be as fine a man as there was, but when he drinks it is all over. He does not know half the time what he does, and he is usually very quarrelsome, and of late it has been drink, drink all the time. He works on the dump, but for what? Just to get money to drink. If it was not for my daughter here we would not be able to live. How did it happen? I hardly know. I was in the room with my daughter when it happened. I know he and his father quarrelled. They often quarrelled, almost every Saturday one word brought on another, and then I suddenly heard the cry, 'The old man is dead.' I rushed out of the room and my father-in-law was lying still. I cried to him, 'Old man,' for I always called him old man, 'wake up, speak to me,' but he did not speak."

THOUSANDS ACQUIRING THE DOPE HABIT.

The dope habit is being acquired by thousands of Canadians through using so-called cures for Catarrh containing an excessive amount of alcohol and other dangerous drugs. Doctors claim there is only one safe and certain cure for Catarrh—fragrant healing Catarrhzone which cures by medicated vapor that is breathed direct to the seat of the disease. The balsamic vapor of Catarrhzone kills the germs, heals sore spots, stops dropping in the throat, keeps the nose clear and permanently eradicates every trace of catarrh from the system. Catarrhzone can't fail; it's guaranteed. Two months treatment \$1.00; trial size 25c.

BUSINESS INTERESTS COMBINED.

Sussex Packing Co. and D. W. Hoegg & Co. Amalgamated.

Sussex, Dec. 27.—One of the largest business deals in the history of Sussex has been successfully carried through. It results in the amalgamation of the cold storage and packing interests of the Sussex Packing Company, Limited, with the fruit and vegetable canning and preserving business owned and conducted at Sussex, Sheffield and Woodstock by the D. W. Hoegg Company, under the name of the first mentioned concern and with a capitalization, for the present, of \$100,000.

Plans for the necessary additions and alterations to the present packing plant are already well in hand and therein will be placed the most modern canning machinery available.

The policy of the big company will be to carry on the same work as has heretofore been done by each separ-

ately, and it is estimated that the saving in costs of operation, sales and management will be full compensation for the work of merging. In addition a full line of canned meats will be placed on the market.

As large and continuous employers of labor, the combined interests have many advantages which will be thoroughly appreciated by the time they have run a full season, and in capacity and equipment the present concern will compare with any. It is calculated that by using the canning factory wastes for finishing a few cars of early hogs, the packing season can be opened several days sooner and by putting the tankage from the packing plant out among the farmers who contract for supplies, to secure for them larger yields and higher quality product, especially in corn and tomatoes.

George W. Hoegg, for twenty years manager of the D. W. Hoegg Company, joins the directorate and will be actively connected with the business twelve months in the year. S. H. White will be president of the new company, and H. R. Ross continues as general manager.

Welcome as sunshine after storm is the relief when an obstinate, pitiless cough has been driven away by Allen's Lung Balsam. No opium in it. The good effect lasts. Take a bottle home with you this day.

Marysville News.

(By Our Own Reporter)

Dec. 27.—Christmas having come on Sunday was celebrated in a right royal style yesterday. In the Methodist church there were three large trees well laden with gifts for everybody, both young and old. Besides the Christmas trees there was a musical programme carried out under the auspices of the Mission Band and was well carried out, the little tots taking their part in a capital manner. The presents from the large trees were distributed by Mr. Alfred Rowley, and many were the hearts that were gladdened by the valuable and handsome remembrances.

Last evening the Free Baptist church was crowded to the doors, on which occasion there was a grand Christmas concert by the young people of the congregation, and an excellent programme was successfully carried out. The church was beautifully decorated and there were two large Christmas trees which were laden with all the goodies imaginable. Mr. Samuel Hallett acted as chairman, and as usual, fulfilled his duties in an able manner.

Mrs. McLearn and son, of Fredericton, are spending a week with Mrs. J. R. McConnell.

Mr. Fred Williams of Moncton, is a guest at the Methodist parsonage. Mr. Fred Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson, spent Christmas with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gibson and family, of Fredericton, spent Christmas at his old home, where there was a family re-union and a jolly time was spent.

The Crescent Hockey Club has been reinstated and the lovers of good clean and honest sport will be pleased to hear that they will appear on the ice this winter with a strong team composed of Cain, Fullerton, Dennison, McConaghy, Robertson, Smith, Black and Inch. The first six have already received notice that they have been reinstated, and the other two, Black and Inch, will be in a few days. Mr. F. W. Smith received the following letter from Secretary J. C. Lithgow, of the M. P. A. A. A., which will speak for itself:

Fred W. Smith, Marysville.
Dear Sir,—I am pleased to inform you that Messrs. Fullerton, McConaghy, Dennison, Cain and yourself have been reinstated as amateurs from this date. If Mr. Black will send in his affidavit we will reinstate him, and also Mr. Inch when he returns. I trust that all your amateurs will follow out the necessary rules to keep all sport clean so that we will have less trouble in future. It will not pay to ignore this Association.

Yours truly,

J. C. LITHGOW.

Hon. Sec., M. P. A. A. A.

There is to be a hockey game here Wednesday night, Dec. 28th, between the Victorias and Electrics of Fredericton. A good game is promised, as our boys have a strong team.

Several members of the Marysville Curling Club got in quite a lot of practice yesterday and had a good time.

There was a good crowd at the skating rink Christmas night, and an excellent programme of music was played by the Marysville band.

If a dog bite you don't be scared. Bathe the wound with cold water and cover it with a cloth on which Weaver's Cerate has been freely spread. The Cerate relieves the pain caused by the sting of insects.

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