BIG BROKERAGE HOUSE FAILS FOR MORE THAN ONE MILLION

A. O. Brown & Co. of Wall Street Went Down Yesterday---Enormous Trading on Saturday Caused the Collapse---Other Outside Firms May be Involved.

New York, N. Y., Aug. 25.—The failure of the big brokerage concern of A. O. Brown & Company, for a sum popularly estimated as running well above $1,000,000 sent a nervous thrill through the stock market today. Coming as a climax to the bewildering trading in last Saturday's market, the suspension created an extraordinary degree of public interest but was looked upon by high stock exchange interests as offering an early solution of the tangle growing out of the most remarkable two hours' session the New York Stock Exchange has known in many years. While there was no question in Wall street this afternoon that the situation created by today's failure could easily be taken care of, there was distinctly a feeling of apprehension lest other firms might unwittingly be drawn into the affair as a result of the extensive orders scattered through commission houses during Saturday's spectacular proceedings The transactions of A. O. Brown & Company covered nearly seventy-five per cent. of the trading in the sensational week-end session of the stock market and it was said by a member of the firm today that delivery had been made on only 277,000 of the more than 700,000 shares handled. How many of the outstanding shares represent the dealings of customers and how many were carried on the firm's account, it was impossible to learn.

A definite statement of the affairs of the suspended house was promised this afternoon but E. F. Buchanan, a managing partner, said later that he desired further to consult with friends before making an authoritative announcement.

The afternoon was filled with rumors as to various outside sources that may have been responsible for the course of the firm in Saturday's market, when the total sales recorded on the floor of the exchange for the two hours of trading amounted to more than 1,100,000 shares as against one-third of a million during the full five hours' session of Monday, but most of these were dissipated. Mr. Buchanan, himself announced positively that the firm had no relations whatever with Thomas W. Lawson.

Announcement of the failure was made on the Stock Exchange at 1.35 p. m., when the market was ranging one to three points higher than the closing of yesterday. There had been heavy buying during the morning hours presumably on the part of brokers attempting to fill the uncovered orders of Saturday and for a time prices were maintained.

The market closed heavy and uneasy, however, at a decline.

A. O. Brown & Company were members of the New York Stock Exchange, New York Cotton Exchange, Chicago Stock Exchange, Chicago Board of Trade and the Cleveland Stock Exchange.

They had branch houses in Chicago, Cleveland, Buffalo, Erie, Pa., and Toronto. In this city they maintained expensive branches in four of the fashionable hotels and at two up-town addresses. Their principal office was at 30 Broad street. Within the past few months the firm had spent $75,000 in re-furnishing its Broad street home. The branches in the Waldorf-Astoria and the Plaza Hotels were elaborately decorated and furnished.

The membership of the firm included Albert O. Brown, Lewis Ginter Young, G. Lee Stout, Edward F. Buchanan, Samuel C. Brown and W. Rhea Whiteman. Private wires were maintained to all principal cities. The extensive trading of the firm, it is believed, was confined largely to New York, despite the fact that the house has made a speciality of western business. Although organized only in the latter part of 1902, the firm had come to take a prominent part in trading on the stock exchange floor. John W. Rhoads, cashier of the firm, was named as assignee.

When the failure was announced a member of the firm said that its affairs were in a badly tangled condition as the result of Saturday's trading, and that it was thought best to make an assignment at once. It is understood that brokerage firms who were awaiting the delivery of stock from A. O. Brown & Company, became impatient along toward noon today, and sent word that they would allow but a few more hours of grace. All attempts to secure further delay were futile and the suspension followed. It was also said that the banks which carried the accounts of the house declined today, because of the unsettled conditions in the affairs of the firm following Saturday's spectacular business, to further certify any of its checks.

Friends of the members of the firm declared tonight that the collapse was due entirely to the clogging of its regular channels of business by the extraordinary Saturday trading.

A thousand clerks, it was explained, could not properly enter and transfer the three-quarters of a million shares handled by the firm Saturday within the space of time allowed by the exchange rules for making deliveries.

Albert O. Brown, the head of the firm was before the Stock Exchange governors Monday afternoon to explain tardiness of delivery, and it was announced afterward that his explanation as to this feature of the trading had been accepted. It was further announced that the governors of the exchange would appoint a committee of five, thoroughly to inquire into Saturday's transaction as a means of restoring public confidence and punishing any members who had been guilty of a transgression of the rules.

HUNGRY HARVESTERS SOLD CLOTHES FOR FOOD

There is More Help in the Grain District Than is Needed and Many Men Are Idle---Frost and Drought Will Reduce Crop.

Regina, Aug. 25.—Two hundred harvesters are out of work here and some are in a destitute condition. They held an indignation meeting last night protesting at the C. P. R.'s refusal to ship them back home.

The railway says the men are not entitled to return tickets till they have done thirty days work and the men claim they cannot get one day's work. They allege they were brought in on misrepresentations by the C. P. R. circulating broadcast a statement that there was enormous demand for harvesters. The men say that only 650 men were required in Saskatchewan and the company shipped in 2,000 with two more trainloads to come.

A dozen men who came with the first contingent have arrived back in the city after walking to Moosejaw and some way down the Soo line looking for work, and now, wet, starved, and bedraggled, they are being looked after by the Salvation Army.

The Moosejaw Board of Trade gave these men two meals, otherwise they had no food in a week. They sold their trousers to buy bread. More than a hundred are huddled in the C. P. R. depot with not fifty cents amongst the crowd, many having come all the way from Nova Scotia, with no prospects of getting back.

Winnipeg reports that numbers of harvesters have been unable to secure work and although conditions may improve slightly as the late grain becomes ready for cutting, it appears that there is a surplus of harvesting labor in the country beyond all possible requirements with the inward flow not yet checked. For this it is hardly fair to blame the railway companies entirely, for conditions have been peculiar. At the time the first estimates of labor needs were sent out on which the excursions were based there were good prospects of very big crops with a possible total wheat average of nearer thirty than twenty bushels. The unexpected drought, coupled with unusually early frosts have winnowed down the wheat average to nearer fifteen than twenty bushels and cut the oat crop in half. At the same time these conditions have resulted in a crop very easy to harvest with unusually short straw. Added to this a desire on the part of farmers to cut down harvest expenses to a minimum are sufficient reasons at present for the wide margin between original estimates and actual requirements.

COL. J. D. CHIPMAN AGIAN HEADS MASONS

He is Re-Elected Grand Master for Another Year---Andrew McNicholl is Deputy Master.

Col. J. D. Chipman, of St. Stephen, was re-elected grand master of the grand lodge F. & A. M. of New Brunswick, last evening. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Grand Master—J. D. Chipman, of St. Stephen (re-elected.).

Deputy Grand Master—Andrew McNicol, St. John.

Senior Grand Warden—D. C. Clark, St. John, West.

Junior Grand Warden—Charles Robinson, St. John.

Grand Chaplain—Rev. M. E. Fletcher, St. John, West.

Grand Treasurer—F. J. G. Knowlton, St. John (re-elected.).

Grand Tyler—Robert Clerke, St. John (re-elected.).

In his annual address the grand master welcomed all. He spoke of assistance given him and kindness shown during the year. He reported continued prosperity in the fraternity. He spoke of prominent members who had died during the year. In the list to which he referred were the names of W. D. Forster, of St. Andrews; Charles E. Jones, of Keswick; John D. Short, of St. John, for fifty-five years a member; Frederick W. Thompson, of St. John; Dr. J. Henry Scammell, of St. John; John McKenzie, of Woodstock; George M. Jarvis, of Moncton, and A. L. Trueman, of St. John. Of these members there were terse biographical sketches, attention was called to their Masonic work, and kindly reference was made to their public and private virtues.

The Board of General Purposes, whose report was submitted by Dr. Bridges, stated that the vice-president of the year was Walter W. Inches, of St. Stephen; that the grand treasurer acting with Edwin J. Everett, had been authorized to invest $1,000 to the credit of the fund of benevolence in the bonds of the St. John Railway Company, and the board recommended another investment of $1,500 in that fund; improvements in the library were noted, permanent premises had been taken in the hall for library purposes.

The report of J. Twining Hartt, grand secretary, showed receipts of $2,861.30, all of which had been paid to the grand treasurer.

Returns had been received from all the lodges with two exceptions. There was a net gain of 184 members during the year. In membership, gain and receipts, the year was the most prosperous yet enjoyed. The total active membership is 2,666.

The report of F. J. G. Knowlton, grand treasurer, showed that he had on hand $1,827.86 at the close of last year, and he had received $2,894.98, making a total of $4,722.84. He had expended $2,074.14, leaving a balance of $2,648.70. The expenditures included $1,000 transferred to the fund of benevolence. Mr. Knowlton made a special statement as to this fund. It now amounts to $5,543.62. All of these figures as well as those of the grand secretary were reported correct by the audit committee.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the Maritime Provinces, the grand master, E. J. Everett, referred in sympathetic words to the late Arthur I. Trueman, who was Dep. G. Master in 1899. All the grand master's acts were approved. The accounts of Dr. F. Godsoe, grand recorder, and of W. B. Wallace, grand treasurer, were reported correct. Officers were elected as follows

E. J. Everett, M. P. Gr. Master.
Geo. E. Day, D. G. M. for N. B.
T. A. Cosman, D. G. M. for N. S.
Dr. Darrah, D. G. M. for P. E. I.
Will H. Whyte, G. Cond. of Work.
Jas. J. Phillips, Insp. Gen. of Quebec.
R. MacNeil, Insp. Gen. of P. E. I.
And. McNichol, Gr. Treasurer.
W. B. Wallace, Gr. Recorder.
Theo. Cushing, Grand Chaplain for N. B.
R. J. Wilson, Gr. Chaplain for N. S.
T. A. Emmans, Gr. Chaplain for Quebec.
W. H. B. Sadlier, Grand Master of Ceremonies.
G. W. Ackman, Grand Capt. of Guard.
Dr. L. A. McAlpine, Grand Conductor.
D. Dearness, Grand Marshal.
W. E. Raymond, Grand Steward.
Robert Clerke, Grand Sentinel.
Audit committee: Geo. E. Day, Alfred Dodge and Theo. Cushing.

St. John Counicil, R. and S. M., has elected David Dearness, Th. Ill. M.; Theo. Cushing, D. Master; Oscar Dunphy, P. C. of W.; Alex. McNichol, Chaplain; W. E. Raymond, Treasurer; A. G. Boyne, Recorder; Chas. Robinson, M. of C.; E. H. Cairns, C. of C.; J. H. Crockett, Capt. of G.; H. H. Bissett, Steward; Robert Clerke, Sentinel.

The St. John members last evening entertained the visitors at a banquet. The usual toasts were proposed and speeches were made by the grand master, Senator Ellis, Dr. H. S. Bridges, George Kirk, Messrs. Steeves, Rothwell and others.

KEIR HARDIE WOULD MAKE MANY CHANGES

British Labor Leader, Socialist and General Agitator, Talks Social Revolution, in Montreal ---"Socialism is the Remedy for Poverty and Hunger."

Montreal, Aug. 25.—Monument National was packed to the doors tonight by an audience who gathered to hear Keir Hardie, the British labor leader, Socialist and general agitator. He was dressed in his conventional style, a red tartan tie, negligee shirt and loose fitting suit of homespun. In the course of an hour's talk, he discussed trade unions, strikes, socialism, governments, powers of land owners, combines and trusts.

According to Mr. Hardie the panacea for all forms of social and economic evils is to be found in combination of trade unionism and socialism. The present time is one of unrest, world-wide in its scope. We have political and social changes not only in western Europe and America but in eastern Europe and Asia. Japan, China and India are awakening. Russia, Persia and Turkey have been granted parliaments.

In Great Britain the most remarkable movement of the past hundred years is that for woman's emancipation which is now going on.

At present time there were forty-six representatives of labor in the house of commons and in three years they had passed the following bills:—Trades dispute bill, which takes funds outside of law courts; workmen's compensation act, free meals provided for destitute school children and an old age pension bill. All of these acts will go down to history as famous bits of legislation, according to Mr. Hardie.

He said the ideal of trade unionism is to sweep aside the present organization and substitute others of their own creating. The labor movement in Great Britain is rapidly becoming Socialistic in its tendency.

Mr. Hardie defined Socialism as a movement by which the land and industrial affairs of the country were to be acquired by the public and used for the common good and not private ends.

"Socialism is the only remedy for the present poverty and hunger of the world. Socialism stands for peace. It is the only goal worth striving for."

Speaking of the C. P. R. strike, the speaker urged the members to hold together. "A strike is war and on the field of battle the man who flees and deserts his comrades is a coward and a traitor and the same is true of the striker who goes back."

He urged other union men to contribute to the support of the strikers and hinted that financial aid might come from the United States and Great Britain. If aid did not come the strikers could never resist the C. P. R.

Mr. Hardie leaves tomorrow for a tour of the principal cities of Ontario and the west.

DIGBY, N. S., GIRL IS A CHINAMAN'S WIFE

Marriage Ceremony Followed the Arrest of the Couple by the Boston Police.

Boston, Aug. 25.—Nathan Barnett, a justice of the peace, yesterday married Sing Lee, a Chinaman, and Annie McCarthy, a handsome girl who came from Digby, N. S. The bridal couple said they had been married in New York by a Chinese ceremonial, and were indignant that they should have been arrested, as they were by Sergt. Bannister of the Lagrange street station, on a charge of improper conduct.

In court their case was continued until Friday, whereupon they went out and got married by the justice. The witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Toy, Mrs. Toy being a white woman also.

MARINE LOT DECORATED

The annual decoration of the seamen's graves in the marine lot in Fernhill was carried out yesterday by members of the Seamen's Institute. An abundance of beautiful flowers donated by friends were taken to the cemetery in a barouche. A memorial service was conducted by Rev. L. A. McLean, who spoke of the love of their fellow men which prompted those who had gathered flowers that the last earthly resting place of the sailors might be made beautiful.

After the service each grave was decorated and the large anchor which marked the centre of the lot was entwined with many garlands of flowers and vines.

REMEMBERED BY FRIENDS

Emile Gagnon, chief clerk of the collection department of the International Harvester company's office in this city, has resigned and will leave tonight for his home in Rimouski (Que.), where he has accepted a position as accountant with a prominent fire insurance company. During his three years' stay in this city, Mr. Gagnon has made many friends who greatly regret his departure from St. John.

Before his leaving, the office staff presented to Mr. Gagnon a fountain pen, gold mounted and engraved with his initials.

THIRTY WORKMEN BURIED UNDER DEBRIS IN CHELSEA

Massive Brick Wall of Burned Building Falls and Workmen Are Crushed---Building Inspector Ordered Work to Stop Just Before Accident.

Chelsea, Mass., Aug. 25.—Quickly and without warning, a forty-five feet high brick wall in Chelsea square collapsed today, burying beneath it some thirty workmen. Several were killed outright or died in ambulances on the way to the hospitals. Some twenty others were injured, eleven of whom were taken to the United States Marine and Naval Hospitals here and some of whom are seriously hurt. A number of others escaped with but minor bruises.

Meyer Arlwek, 60 years, Crescent street, Chelsea.

Ferri Santo, 48 years, North street, Boston.

Felechi Gonelifa, 4 years, 471 North Market street, Boston.

Marris Zachlad, New York, boarded No. 10 Minot street, Boston, bricklayer.

Joseph Alder, carpenter, Malden, Mass., 38 years.

Russian boy, unidentified, about 20 years old.

Unknown man at Naval Hospital, features hardly recognizable.

Maria Barncutz, 493 North street, Boston, laborer, 37 years old, head wounded and right arm fractured.

Jacob Cohen, 5 Summit street, Malden, Mass., carpenter, face lacerated, internal injuries; on dangerous list.

M. Rykoffsky, 17 Morton Street, Boston, bricklayer, 28 years old, arms crushed, back and legs hurt.

Toney La Rochie, 58 Everett street, East Boston.

Jacob Goldstein, 15 Lowell street, Boston.

Timothy Medichoff, Auburn street, Boston, spine injured and lower limbs paralyzed; on dangerous list at Naval Hospital.

Joseph Tansman, 59 Billerica street, Boston, injuries to head, back and arms.

Nathan Diamond, 73 Shawmut avenue, Boston, 31 years, bricklayer, head and left leg injured.

Stephen Okoolivitch, Second street, Chelsea, compound fracture of nose and lacerated legs.

Jacob Goldberg, 70 Brighton street, Boston, injuries not been determined.

Morris Choticiwicke, 40 Villa street, Lynn.

M. Gordon, of the firm of M. Gordon & M. Seegal, the contractor who had the work in hand, was arrested today on a warrant charging manslaughter.

Five minutes before the collapse of the wall, Inspector of Buildings Frank Weymouth had ordered the foreman of the gang to stop work in the excavation at its foot. It was planned to build a four-story house on the spot, which was the site of the Old Academy of Music. To the left stood the Oddfellows' building and post office, which were destroyed by the great fire of April 12 last. The wall which fell upon the workmen stood against the park Hotel on the other side. Large beams of wood were being fitted into this old wall in order that it might be utilized for the new structure.

It is claimed that the wall was undermined by the large holes that were dug into it and that with no proper support above, it gave way.

Building Inspector Weymouth had just left the excavation and was but a few rods away when, with a roar, the mass of bricks and mortar fell upon the gang of men who were at work there. The collapse came unexpectedly and only a few of the workmen had time to jump to safety.

Following the collapse a cloud of white dust circled about the spot and when the passersby reached the scene, they beheld a huge heap of brick mortar and planking and the struggling forms of injured laborers.

A hurry call was sent to the police station, Revere and Everett, and the Marine and Naval Hospitals were notified. A squad of police hastened to the scene and the work of rescue began in earnest.

The hospitals presented a busy scene. When the ambulances with their burdens arrived, a stretcher was waiting and quickly, but carefully, the injured were taken to the operating room. All of them were in terrible pain. Many of them spoke only broken English and it was a task to learn from the sufferers who their relatives were and who was to be notified of their misfortune.

Two of the men who had been killed outright had been terribly crushed about the head and their features were unrecognizable. One of the bodies was identified by some papers in the pockets of the clothing, but the other was taken to the north Grove street morgue in Boston. It is that of a young Russian who began work here yesterday.

Medical Examiner George B. McGrath had a conference with Chief of Police Shannon during the afternoon and it was decided to hold an inquest as soon as possible. The chief said that he would get his witnesses together at once.

BAPTIST CONVENTION HAS COMPLETED ITS BUSINESS

Concluding Sessions Held Yesterday Afternoon and Evening When Business was Disposed of With Despatch.

The closing sessions of the United Baptist convention yesterday were marked by the transaction of considerable business. Many reports were received, and new boards and committees appointed.

Rev. W. E. McIntyre, D. D., in the afternoon introduced the report of the home mission board for New Brunswick. This was received as read.

The next was the report of the state of the denominational funds for New Brunswick, also read by Dr. McIntyre. It showed the amount given by the churches during the year was $8,968. In addition about $70 or $80 came in late. The report was adopted.

Dr. McIntyre submitted the report of the treasurer of the foreign mission board. This showed total receipts of $27,423.10, with expenditures of $29,250.81. It was adopted.

Isaiah Tingley addressed the convention on the subject of annuities for the aged and infirm ministers. He advocated the creation of a fund of $250,000 for this purpose and $100,000 ought to be raised now. The convention had $45,000 and by appealing to the people he did not doubt another $45,000 would be subscribed in which case he was in a position to guarantee them a check for $10,000 from a party who wished his name withheld.

A. D. King, of Halifax, said they had no time to lose in beginning to secure the $90,000. He moved that the report on ministers' annuities be again considered.

It was decided, however, that the programme be adhered to and Rev. W. C. Goucher presented a partial report of the nominating committee as follows:—Rev. A. J. Prosser to be substituted for Rev. A. A. Rideout, for assistant secretary; committee for union with the Disciples re-appointed; U. B. historical board to retire 1911, Rev. E. M. Saunders, D. D., Rev. F. M. Young, Rev. R. O. Morse, Rev. J. H. McDonald, Rev. M. E. Fletcher, Rev. F. H. Knollin; members of the board of the ministers' annuity fund retiring in 1911, A. J. Davis, B. H. Eaton, D. C. L.; R. N. Beckwith, Rev. A. F. Newcomb, Rev. A. J. Vincent; Rev. C. M. Rose to be added to the Grand Ligne mission.

The report of the treasurer of denominational funds of Nova Scotia was read by Rev. I. W. Porter. This showed a total of $32,860.81 contributed. The report was adopted.

A. W. Sterns read the report of the Prince Edward Island Association. This showed total contributed was $1,168.12. The report was adopted.

Professor Oakes read the report of the committee on estimates which recommended that $42,000 be raised by the churches during the year to be expended as follows: Foreign missions, $16,000; home missions, $10,000; Acadia University, $6,000; western Canadian missions, $5,000; Grand Ligne, $2,000; ministerial education, $600; ministerial aid and annuity, $2,400.

Rev. C. W. Ross presented the report of the Grand Ligne mission which was taken up section by section and finally adopted. Reference was made, in this, to the deaths of Rev. Theodore Lafleur and Rev. Napoleon Gregoire, prominent workers in the mission. The difficulties of the work were presented and the need of more money was urged.

The report of the committee on correspondence and resolutions was next received and some matters in it excited discussion. The committee expressed sympathy with the New Brunswick Temperance federation in its efforts to secure a prohibitory law for the province and asked the people to do all in their power to forward the project. Reference was made to the illegal sale of liquor on trains and boats. The particular transportation companies mentioned in the report were the D.A.R. and the C.P.R. It was said that the I.C.R. allowed no liquor on any trains on their system and that the C.P.R. train from St. John east did not sell either. The secretary of the convention was asked to write to the companies asking them to stop such sales.

Sympathy with the work of the Lord's Day alliance was also expressed.

A request had come from the church in Shelbourne, N.S., asking that a hand book of church polity be prepared. The committee recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare a book containing the articles of faith, rules of order and covenant to be submitted to the convention of 1909.

As a result a clause was added expressing sympathy with the Nova Scotia temperance alliance which is trying to secure a prohibitory law for that province.

Regarding the illegal sale of liquor on trains and boats, some doubt was expressed as to the wisdom of a religious body interfering in the matter. It was even doubted by some if the evil complained of actually existed.

Mr. Knight said he had crossed from Digby to St. John on the boat and had seen four persons served with intoxicating liquor on the way.

The secretary objected to doing police duty for the convention. He thought it would be out of place for him to write to the companies. At his suggestion the report was amended so that he will write to the attorneys-general of the provinces.

The secretary of the convention then read a letter from Rev. J. Heaney, enclosing a resolution of thanks from the Methodist ministers meeting for the services of the convention last Sunday in supplying their pulpits.

The report of the western missions was submitted. The baptisms during the year in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta were 1,000. The educational work was growing and being well supported. The contributions from the churches in the east were nearly $5,000. The report was adopted.

The annuity report was then taken up for reconsideration. It was read section by section and adopted.

Rev. Mr. Smith moved that the nomination of the governing board in connection with annuities be left to the nominating committee. This was agreed to.

A further report of the nominating committee was brought in as follows: Committee to draw up articles of faith, rules of order and covenant: Dr. Manning, Dr. Cohoon, Dr. Crowell, Dr. McLeod; delegates to moral and social reform convention in Ottawa: Rev. J. H. McDonald, Rev. G. R. White and Rev. I. A. Corbett. Some discussion took place over the question of paying delegates sent from the convention to any other city. It was said, however, that nothing definite could be done about the matter which must be left to the convention itself.

The church was well filled in the evening when Rev. I. W. Parker, of Wolfville, secretary of the home mission board of Nova Scotia; Rev. W. T. Stackhouse, superintendent of western missions, and Rev. Dr. J. A. Gordon, of Montreal, president of the Grand Ligne mission, gave addresses. Each presented the claims of his department in the strongest manner.

After the platform meeting, the business of the conference was wound up. Rev. B. H. Thomas submitted a partial report on the state of the denomination from which it appeared that the total number of churches in the convention was 572, a gain of three over last year. The membership also showed a substantial gain, being 65,737 as against 64,610 the year previous.

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HIBERNIAN CONVENTION NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS SESSIONS

Considerable Business Done at Yesterday's Sessions---M. McDade Says That Catholics Should Come More to the Front and Tells A.O.H. Their Influence Has Been Witheld.

A large amount of business was transacted at the annual convention of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians yesterday.

The convention was called to order by P. J. McManus, the provincial president, at 2 o'clock. The first business was the appointment of the credential committee. While the committee were considering their report, speeches were made by Michael McDade and John C. Ferguson, ex-provincial presidents. The latter spoke eloquently of the aims and objects of the A.O.H. and dealt with some of the dark as well as the light pages of Irish history. He was warmly applauded.

Mr. McDade, who was also given a hearty reception, referred to his having introduced the order into St. John more than twelve years ago. In their desire, he said, to keep politics out of the order, he doubted whether the Hibernians had made their influence felt in political affairs as much as they should have done. While it was a fact that they did not take part in politics as a body, yet they were frequently charged by those who wanted to make capital against them with activity in the political arena. Although opposed to the discussion of politics from a partizan standpoint in the division rooms, yet experience had taught him that Catholic interests could best be served by supporting Irish Catholic candidates in every constituency where it was possible to elect them. The French had made great strides because they were not afraid to exert their influence in favor of their own people.

Hibernians everywhere should learn a practical lesson by the example set them by members of the order in Northumberland county where, by co-operation with the French and Orangemen of the county, they had made Hon. John Morrisey a great political factor in the county and indeed in the whole province. Four years ago, after having fought the battles of the Liberal party in its dark days, Mr. Morrisey could not get the nomination in Northumberland when there was a chance of his being elected. But since the last provincial election he had become one of the strongest men on either side of politics in the province and was in a position to dictate to both political parties.

The Hibernians might very well take a leaf out of the books of the Orangemen and the French people of the province and be prepared to make alliances even though such required a union with those who were regarded in some quarters as extreme Protestants.

In the sister province, particularly in Halifax, there was on unwritten agreement between Protestants and Catholics that there should be a fair division of political patronage, and in that way no man was discriminated against because of his religious beliefs. As a matter af fact, both parties put up a Catholic and Protestant in every election for the Dominion parliament.

Mr. McDade was heartily cheered at the close of his address.

Major Thomas Kickham, as chairman, and T. H. Whalen, as secretary, of the credential committee then reported the following as delegates:—

York County—Thomas L. Kane, county president; No. 1 division, E. C. Barry, John Toner, Patrick Donnelly, Joseph A Kane, Herbert O'Rourke; No. 2 division, W. A. McNulty, Frank J. Shorthill, Rev. Father Ryan.

Westmoreland County—John A. Doherty, James F. Glynn, John O'Neil, F. J. Sweeney, M. P. P.; Division No. 1, Charles O'Neil, Fred Elliott, F. C. Gillen.

Inverness County—Peter J. Barry, county secretary.

Northumberland County—T. H. Whalen, county president; M. W. McCarthy, secretary; Division No. 1, Thomas J. Dunn, William J. McCarthy, James R. Quinn, R. N. McCarthy, J. A. McCarthy; Division No. 4, C. J. Morrison, P. Hennessy, John Fallen; Division No. 7, N. J. Moran, M. F. Haley, P. J. Mulhearn, John Flannahan; Division No. 8, William J. Goggin; Division No. 9, James Hackett. ett.

Restigouche County—P. M. Shannon, county president; Division No. 1, Patrick O'Leary, J. S. Walsh; Division No. 2, Frank Troy.

Kings County—D. O. Laughy, county president; Division No. 1, D. D. Laughy, W. J. Flemming, William Flemming, John McIntyre, Archie Hammel; Division No. 2, Frederick Mahoney, John L. Coleman, William Gallagher, James T. Reilly, John Sullivan.

Carleton County—C. F. Gallagher, county president; Division No. 1, I. E. Sheasgrean, J. P. Maloney, James Brown, R. F. Waddleton, Alexander Beaton; Division No. 2, W. J. McLaughlin, Michael Doherty, Joseph Brennan, Thomas McReady, John McAuliffe.

Charlotte County—William P. Buckley, county president; Division No. 1, Thomas Martin, John McLaughlin, James Purcell, Michael Kelly, W. J. Graham.

Halifax County—Division No. 1, Frank P. Downey, Fred W. Smith, J. J. Mulcahey, Joseph F. Day, Leo Fudge.

Cape Breton—Division No. 4, E. B. Hughs.

St. John County—William L. Williams, county president, Daniel Murphy, vice-president; N. Ryan, secretary; Major Thomas Kickham, Captain C. J. McLaughlin (Hibernian Knights); Division No. 1, John C. Ferguson, W. H. Coates, J. G. McDermott, J. J. Ryan, F. J. McInerney; Division No. 5, William Terry, James Downing, John Kane, Joseph Donovan, William Tole.

Delegates qualified to sit and vote in the provincial convention—Rev. J. J. McLaughlin, provincial chaplain; P. J. McManus, provincial president; H. F. Hamilton, vice-president; John R. McCloskey, provincial secretary; John Brosnahan, provincial treasurer; M. McDade, ex-provincial president.

The provincial president P. J. McManus, in his annual report welcomed all. He said five divisions had been organized during the year and the membership increased considerably, but should be greater. He outlined a plan for adding to the membership.

On the question of introducing insurance, the president referred to the Ontario plan and recommended that the subject be referred to a committee to report whether it would be prudent to take the matter up with the provincial officers of Ontario.

Relative to the proposed scholarship, he regretted the project had not met with the response anticipated, but the officers feel that it was an important matter, and should be carried to a successful termination. The secretary-treasurer of that committee would present his report, and the president trusted the convention would endorse it, and provide ways and means to have it an accomplished fact.

The president told of a meeting with the national president and other provincial presidents to discuss matters pertaining to the welfare of the order in Canada. An understanding was arrived at by which this country would receive more attention than heretofore. The visit of the national president to Canada had borne good fruit. For the first time they had a representative on the national board.

They had secured $5,000 for a monument at Grose Isle over the graves of 1,200 fellow countrymen who had died of fever, and also had participated in the fund set apart for organizing. The deaths of D. J. Hennessey and J. D. Hanlon were referred to feelingly by the president.

The address was referred to a committee to report.

The secretary, John R. McClosky, and the provincial treasurer, John Bresnahan, submitted their reports showing $401.96 to cash credit and a membership of nearly 1,500.

After committees had been appointed to deal with a variety of subjects the convention adjourned until 7.30 p.m.

The business of the convention was resumed at 7.30 p. m., and was devoted to a discussion of the report of the committee on the president's address. The first section recommended that the jurisdiction be divided into four districts, and that each district be visited at least twice a year by a provincial officer. In discussion on this the question was raised whether the visits of a provincial officer might not conflict with the duties of the county-presidents. It was, however, urged that the provincial officer would co-operate with the presidents and that his visits would rather tend to encourage and stimulate the interests of the order.

The section was adopted.

The second section recommended the payment of the officers out of the provincial funds, and was adopted. It was thought probable that the amount received from the national fund would cover the expenses incurred.

A. O. H. Auxiliary

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the A. O. H. was opened in the assembly rooms of Keith's theatre yesterday afternoon. Mrs. M. T. Cavanagh, county president, delivered an address of welcome to the visiting delegates and was followed by the provincial president, Miss Elizabeth McCarten, of Woodstock, who also greeted the delegates and dealt with the affairs of the auxiliary in an interesting speech.

Rev. J. J. McLaughlin, provincial chaplain of the A.O.H., P. J. McManus, provincial president, and H. F. Hamilton, provincial vice-president, delivered interesting addresses, speaking on the motto of the order and of the excellent work done by the auxiliary. A vote of thanks was tendered them.

The meeting then appointed the following committees:

Bye-laws—Mrs. V. G. Graham, Milltown; Mrs. P. J. McManus, Halifax; Mrs. J. F. Connors, Chatham.

Rules of order—Mrs. M. L. Peters, St. John; Miss Etta Fogarty, Moncton; Mrs. Mary McGoldrick, Milltown.

Resolutions—Mrs. Jas. McCarthy, St. John; Mrs. F. W. Smith, Halifax; Miss Margaret M. Hughes, Woodstock.

Press committee—Miss Carrie Caldwell, Woodstock; Miss Susie N. Sutton, Moncton; Miss Mary Ryan, Chatham.

Audit committee—Mrs. Annie Cronin, Milltown; Mrs. Donald Fraser, Chatham; Miss A. Healey, Halifax.

Grievance committee—Mrs. M. T. Cavanagh, St. John; Miss M. Fitzpatrick, Moncton; Mrs. W. J. Graham, Milltown.

The meetings will be resumed today.

WEST TORONTO HAS BIG FIRE

$150,000 Damage Done by a Blaze in the Union Stock Yards.

Toronto, Aug. 25.—Fire tonight partially destroyed the premises of the Union Stock Yards Company at West Toronto, some fifteen acres of sheds and pens being destroyed. Seventy sheep and seventeen bulls belonging to the company were scorched to death. Seven houses, five belonging to the company and two to the C.P.R., were also destroyed, with their contents.

The aggregate damage is placed at $150,000, about half of which is covered by insurance. The fire, which started at 7 o'clock, and was under control in one hour, was most spectacular. The whole of the West Toronto fire brigade and a big sectoion of the Toronto brigade fought the blaze.

SUMMONED TO BEDSIDE OF DYING PRIEST HERE

Boston, Mass., Aug. 25.—Rev. Thomas I. Gasson, S.J., president of Boston College, left Boston for St. John (N. B.), on receipt of a telegram that Rev. Joseph M. Jerge, S.J., was dying in that city. Father Jerge left Boston a week ago to conduct a retreat in St. John. He contracted a severe cold soon after his arrival but his condition was not deemed serious. He had recently been appointed rector of the church of the Immaculate Conception.

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