BOSTON LETTER.

Andrew Malcom, of St. John, Represented the N. B. Scotchmen.

All-Collegiate Base Ball Players Delighted With Their Treatment in St. John and Fredericton.

About Trusts—Deaths of Provincialists—Very Hot Weather—A Genuine Fortune—Spruce Situation Firmer—The Fish Market.

(From our own correspondent.)

BOSTON, Aug. 20.—The population of Boston was cut in two today as the result of the excessive heat which has prevailed since Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon being a half holiday thousands upon thousands left the city, and many that could not get away yesterday left town bright and early this morning. The heat yesterday was stifling. Today it was cloudy and a little more comfortable, but plenty of hot weather is promised for the coming week.

The convention of the Royal Clan, Order of Scottish Clans, was finished on Friday. On Thursday the delegates and local clans held a street parade. Andrew Malcolm of St. John represented the New Brunswick Scotchmen, and Stephen Mitchell was the delegate from Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Margaret M. Leslie, an aged resident of Spencer, formerly of Sherbrooke, N. S., has been notified that she is heir to $40,000 in England. Unlike most fortunes this one appears to be genuine. Mrs. Leslie was born in Ireland, but when two years old her parents emigrated to Halifax. In 1816 she was married to Edward J. Leslie of Sherbrooke. Mrs. Mary McGarry of Sherbrooke is a sister of Mrs. Leslie.

John Crassow, a Nova Scotian, who is charged with robbing the post office of Southport, Me., has pleaded guilty. He will be sentenced at Portland in September.

"The Observant Citizen," writing in his column in the Boston Post, says:

"The all-collegiate ball players who have just returned from St. John and Fredericton, N. B., say that the people down that way are the "whitest" crowd a man could meet in a year's travel. Several of the visiting college boys tell me that they were permitted at once to think they owned the towns, and that "Trilby" Richards was the hero of both places. Before the team went away I predicted the people down there would say they had their money's worth when Trilby trotted on the field in uniform, and my prediction was more than fulfilled."

John Humphrey, formerly a customs inspector at St. John, and George D. Davidson of the New Brunswick metropolis were in the city a few days ago.

The Canadian government has commissioned Dr. Heber Bishop, the well known sportsman of this city, to procure specimens of the wild animals in Canada for the Paris exposition. Dr. Bishop, who is a frequent visitor to St. John, and George J. Raymond have gone to Megantic and vicinity in quest of deer, moose and caribou. Under the commission Mr. Bishop is allowed to kill animals during the close season. He will probably visit New Brunswick some time this fall.

The price of beef in this city has risen until it has reached the highest known since the civil war. It is said that the shippers in the west have determined to run the price up until they can sell the entire carcass at $10 a hundred. The beef supply of the country is controlled by Messrs. Armour, Swift, Morris and Cudahy, and the combination is virtually a trust.

The latest thing in trusts is a proposed amalgamation of cotton mill interests. Sixty mills in Fall River have received tempting offers to sell out to a syndicate, and there are rumors that attempts will be made shortly to form a trust of all the cotton mills in the country. In New England there are about 250 cotton mills employing about 150,000 hands. The proposition is not well received by mill agents, and the general opinion seems to be that a general trust is not feasible although the Fall River print cloth mills will undoubtedly sell. The yarn mills and worsted factories are now operated by trusts.

Avis B. Barnes of Waverly, Mass., has petitioned the Middlesex county superior court for a decree of divorce from her husband, William L. Barnes of Newport, R. I. The couple were married at Cheverie, N. S., in 1888. Mrs. Barnes alleges desertion, and in her petition requests the custody of her ten year old daughter Ruth. The case will be heard at East Cambridge on the first Monday in September.

Arrangements are being completed rapidly for the musical festival in Worcester next month. The new festival tenor will be George J. Hamlin. Miss Louise B. Voight, Miss Florence Houghton, sopranos, and a number of other well known singers have been engaged. George W. Chadwick is to be conductor of the festival. A large attendance from the provinces is expected.

Daniel Macdonald, a Nova Scotian, employed in Agawam paper mill, No. 2, at Springfield, was drowned in the Connecticut river, August 14, while boating. Norman Macdonald and Angus Macdonald of Springfield are brothers of deceased.

Among deaths of provincialists the following are announced; In Cambridge, August 17, Chesley, infant son of Ernest and Cassie A. Blair, formerly of St. John; in Jamaica Plain district, Arthur A. Anderson, young son of George and Bessie Anderson, formerly of Halifax; in this city, August 14, Mary M. Shelnutt, formerly of Halifax.

The state board of agriculture announces that the number of abandoned farms in this state is decreasing. The state some time ago published descriptions of 620 unoccupied farms, and since then quite a number have been engaged by residents of some of the western states. Others have been taken up by wealthy men and transformed into summer abodes. The state board admits, however, that the population in many farming communities continues to steadily decrease.

The New England spruce mill men have advanced prices on spruce lumber $1 a thousand, and the situation is consequently firmer, although the local demand is nothing extra at the present time. It is now said that another advance may be made this fall if the demand from New York and vicinity continues brisk. The New York market is very firm, the demand there being the heaviest in years. Here building operations do not amount to much, the principal call coming from those in charge of repair work. The hemlock trade is in a healthy position and the call is unusually good. The supply is still short, with little prospect of immediate relief. Laths are firmer and prices are higher than the last quotations. Shingles are well sustained and in good demand. Clapboards continue dull. The latest quotations demanded by millmen are as follows:

Spruce—Frames, nine inches and under, $17; frames, twelve inches and up, $18; ten and twelve inch randoms, ten feet and up, $17.50; 2x3 and 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7 and 3x4, ten feet and up, $15; other randoms, $16.50; merchantable boards, $16; out boards, $12; bundled furring, $13 to 13.50; laths, 1 5-8 in., $2.65; laths, 1 1-2 in., $2.50; extra clapboards, $27 to 28; clear, $25 to 26; second clear, $22 to 23.

Hemlock, etc.—Eastern hemlock, $13 to 15, with usual advance over sixteen feet; Eastern boards, $13 to 15; No. 1, $12 to 13; boards, planed on one side and matched, $14 to 16; extra cedar shingles, best brands, $3.10 to 3.25; clear, $2.75 to 2.85; second clear, $2.25 to 2.40; clear white, $2; extra No. 1, $1.50; extra pine clapboards, $32 to 35; clear, $29 to 32; second clear, $27 to 29.

Mackerel continue scarce and firm, with prices for small fish very high. The total catch landed for the week has been only 800 barrels. About 500 barrels have been received from the provinces last week. Provincial mackerel are worth $14 a barrel for large and $12.50 for tinkers. The codfish market is firmer. A heavy demand is reported from Porto Rico, where the storm destroyed native crops. Relief committees have been endeavoring to purchase large supplies of cod here, but prices are pretty high, and it is probable much of the fish wanted will be bought in the provinces. It is said the provincial markets are much stronger on account of the Porto Rican demand. Here large dry bank cod are quoted at $5.50; medium, $5; large pickled bank, $5 to 5.12 1-2; medium $4.25 to 4.50; large shore and Georges, $5.50 to 6, and medium, $4.60. New pickled herring are scarce. A quantity of July-caught fish are expected daily from Nova Scotia. The market is firm at $6.50 to 7 for N. S. split, and $7 to 8 for fancy Scatteri. Box herring are in short supply and firm at 15 to 16c. for all descriptions. Sardines are quiet and unchanged at $2.90 to 3 for quarter oils, and $2.95 to 3.10 for three-quarter mustards. Canned lobsters continue scarce and very firm. Flats are held at $3.10 to 3.25, and uprights at $3 to 3.10, with an advance probable. The fresh fish market is firmer. Fresh cod out of vessel are worth 4 to 4 1-2c. for large. Large fresh mackerel are as high as 27 cents, with frozen at 20c.; medium, 9 to 12c. and small, 5 to 5 1-2 cents. Live lobsters are in good demand at 17 cents, and boiled one cent higher.

Children Cry for
CASTORIA.

TWO HAPPY THOUGHTS.

(Waverly Magazine.)

From far away Ceylon comes a funny little story. A tea planter who had a glass eye was desirous of going away for a day's shooting with a friend, but he knew that as soon as the natives who were at work on the plantation heard that he was gone they would not do a stroke of work. How was he to get off? That was the question. After much thought an idea struck him. Going up to the men, he addressed them thus:

"Although I myself will be absent, yet I shall leave one of my eyes to see that you do your work." And much to the surprise and bewilderment of the natives, he took out the glass eye and placed it on the stump of a tree and left. For some time the men worked industriously, but at last one of the men, seizing his tin in which he carried his food, approached the tree and gently placed it over the eye. This done, they all lay down and slept sweetly until sunset.

FRENCH RESPECT FOR THE WHIP-HAND.

Each successive step taken by General de Galliffet strengthens the conviction that in him France has found, at the eleventh hour, the strong man of whom she stood so sorely in need. The punishment of an officer of such high standing and so brilliant a record of service as General de Negrier was a bold and hazardous stroke, even for the present unflinching war minister, but the quiet acquiescence with which it has been received by all except the forcible-feeble ranters of the "League of Patriots" affords one more striking proof of the respect of Frenchman for the whip-hand, and of their nervous readiness to obey when there is any one who proves himself the possessor of sufficient courage to command. The World.

ICING THE QUEEN'S APARTMENTS.

The famine in natural ice is making its influence felt in the Queen's apartments. Owing to the lack of this commodity, I learn that large supplies of artificial ice have been delivered at Osborne for the Queen's use. Wooden buckets, of the plain, serviceable type used on shipboard, have been placed in the gates and in other parts of the Queen's apartments, and their number has been regulated throughout the day with the object of securing an equable temperature of 58 deg. This task has been successfully accomplished, with the aid of the automatic cold-air shafts that surround her majesty's apartments.—London Daily Press.

HER CHANCE FOR WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

Susan B. Anthony should lose no time in making a campaign in Cuba in the interest of women's rights. Cooking and washing on the island are now accomplished by men.



MARITIME BAPTISTS.

President Emmerson Shut Out Minority Temperance Report.

The Long Standing Dispute Over Home Missions in New Brunswick

Placed on the High Road to Permanent Settlement—The Convention so Pleased that it Sang "Like a Mighty Army."

FREDERICTON, Aug. 22.—This morning much routine business was disposed of.

The committee on estimates submitted its report as follows: That $15,000 be the standard for Nova Scotia for the ensuing year; $5,900 for New Brunswick, apportioned thus: Western Assn., $1,700; Southern Assn., $2,200; Eastern Assn., $1,700. For Prince Edward Island, $1,000. Total, $21,000.

STATE OF DENOMINATION.

Rev. H. H. Eaton submitted the report upon the state of the denomination, giving the following statistics for the maritime provinces: Number of churches 335, a decrease during the year of 74; church membership 44,908, a decrease of 5,591; number of baptisms 1202, a decrease of 538; expended for church support $146,106.19, a decrease of $7,902.61; contributed to denominational work $11,142.64, a decrease as compared with 1898 of $2,213.83. The Sunday school statistics show that there are 450 schools, with 25,491 scholars enrolled, 46 less schools than in 1898, and having an enrolled membership 2698 less than a year ago.

Since last report new churches have been opened at Forbes' Point, Shelburne, N. S.; Blanche Point, Halifax, N. S.; Tobique Valley, N. B.; Meadowvale, N. S.; Framington, N. S.; Chelsea, N. S.; St. George, N. B.; Oxford, N. S., and Pereaux, N. S. New churches were organized at Goldboro, Guysboro, N. S., and at Bedford, Halifax, N. S.

At the afternoon session a resolution offered by Rev. Mr. Grant, touching bribery and corruption at elections and the duty of the church in this regard, was referred to the committee on resolutions.

N. B. HOME MISSIONS.

The report of the committee of home missions in New Brunswick was submitted by Rev. Dr. Gates. The financial statement of the committee was as follows;

Receipts.

Mrs. Smith, treasurer, W. B. M. U.	$ 72 51
Rev. A. Cohoon, treasurer, H. M. B.	296 26
Rev. J. W. Manning, treasurer, N. B. and P. E. I.	671 29
	$1,040 76

Expenditure.

¾ grant to Port Elgin	$ 15 00
Grant to Beaver Harbor	50 00
¾ grant to Newcastle	75 00
½ grant to Clinch's Mills	25 00
Rev. J. W. Young, evangelist	50 00
½ grant to Up. Queensbury	50 00
Rev. C. B. Blackham	12 50
¼ grant to Aberdeen group	25 00
½ grant to Loch Lomond	12 50
¼ grant to Germantown	12 50
½ grant to Tobique group	25 00
Grant to Florenceville	50 00
Miscellaneous	1 06
Cash balance in hand	489 70
	$1,040 76

The committee apointed to consider the question of the incorporation of the Baptist churches in New Brunswick recommended that a bill be prepared for enactment by the legislature, said bill to be submitted to the three associations in New Brunswick at their next meetings and afterwards to the convention.—Report adopted and Rev. R. Barry Smith, F. W. Emmerson and H. C. Creed were appointed a committee to prepare the bill.

The treasurers of the denominational funds, Rev. A. Cohoon and Rev. J. W. Manning, submitted their reports. In the discussion which ensued upon the report of Rev. Mr. Manning that gentleman denied the report published in some newspapers that he had misappropriated or misapplied certain funds. Rev. Mr. Hughes stated that he had written the article in question and that he did not intend to reflect personally upon Rev. Mr. Manning, but he would say that in his opinion certain moneys are not properly accounted for in the published reports.

A resolution was adopted looking towards a reduction in the membership of the convention. In future no individual church will be permitted to send more than five delegates to convention.

The committee on Sunday schools reported through Rev. E. D. King, recommending the adoption by the different schools of the graded and supplemental lessons as outlined in the Messenger and Visitor.

TEMPERANCE REPORTS.

Rev. H. F. Adams, chairman of the committee on temperance, stated that the committee had prepared two reports, a majority report signed by four members of the committee and a minority report signed by three members of the committee.

Rev. Mr. Adams read the majority report, and was proceeding to read that of the minority when President Emmerson ruled him out of order upon the ground that the convention could recognize only one report from a committee.

Although several attempts were made to get the minority report read before the convention Premier Emmerson ruled them all out of order, and the report read by Mr. Adams was caried by quite a large majority.

The report was very general in its character, and recommended that the various constituencies nominate at least one temperance candidate.

MISSION BOARDS.

Rev. J. A. Gordon presented the report of the committee on home missions in New Brunswick, which report recommended a scheme for the re-uniting of the convention board and of the New Brunswick Baptist association.—The report was accepted.

In accordance with notice given by him last year, Rev. Mr. Cohoon moved an amendment to art. vi. of the constitution to make that article read as follows:

There shall be a board of home missions for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, a board of home missions for New Brunswick, and a board of foreign missions, appointed by the convention, each consisting of fifteen members of the body, five of whom shall retire each year in the order of their appointment, but shall be eligible for re-appointment. Five members shall form a quorum of each board. It shall be the privilege of the staff of foreign missionaries to appoint annually one of their number who may be at home on furlough to be a member of the foreign missionary board, in addition to the number of members appointed by the convention. In case of the death, resignation or removal of members of any of these boards between the meetings of the convention, it shall be the privilege of the board to fill the vacancies thus caused, until the next meeting of the convention.

Moved in amendment by Rev. Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. McIntyre, that the words "a board of home missions for New Brunswick" be struck out of the above.

Rev. Mr. Gordon explained that it was proposed, and the proposition was acceptable to the delegates from the New Brunswick Baptist convention, to have the three associations in the province each appoint six members upon a home mission board, that board to have the whole supervision of Baptist home missions in the province, and the board to report to the three associations, and no control to be exercised over the board by the convention.

The motion was spoken to by Rev. Mr. Gordon, Rev. Mr. Corey, Senator King, Rev. Mr. Cohoon, Rev. Dr. Black, Rev. Mr. Hughes, Rev. J. D. Freeman and others, all the speakers expressing themselves as greatly pleased that the breach which had existed among the Baptists of New Brunswick for the past three years was now in so fair a way to be healed.

The amendment was adopted by a rising vote, and upon its being carried almost unanimously the convention united in singing "Like a mighty army moves the church of God."

PHOENIX PARK MURDERS.

Fitzharris and O'Hanlon Released from Maryborough Jail Yesterday.

DUBLIN, Aug. 22.—Earl Cadogan, lord lieutenant of Ireland, today signed the expected order releasing from Maryborough jail Jas. Fitz-Harris, alias "Skin the Goat," who, in May, 1882, was sentenced to penal servitude as an accomplice in the murder on May 6, 1882, in Phoenix Park, Dublin, of Lord Frederick Cavendish, chief secretary for Ireland, and T. H. Burke, permanent under-secretary, who were assassinated by stabbing by four men known as the "Invincibles." An order of release was also signed in the case of Laurance O'Hanlon, sentenced to penal servitude for attempt to murder members of a jury engaged in the trial of persons charged with murded in November, 1882.

Fitzharris and O'Hanlon left the jail this evening.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Professor Tweedie of Mount Allison University Granted a Year's Holiday.

SACKVILLE, Aug. 23.—At his own request Professor Tweedie has been granted a year's leave of absence to devote to special study and research abroad. Professor Tweedie's eminent ability as a lecturer and his great philological erudition will cause even his temporary withdrawal from the Mount Allison teachers staff to be regretted by returning students and the friends of Mount Allison generally. The departments of English and German will for the year be in charge of Dr. Gottfield Hull (universities of Minnesota, Chicago and Leipsig). Dr. Hult is a specialist in both languages.

THEY WANT PACAUD.

QUEBEC, Aug. 23.—Friends of Ernest Pacaud, editor of Le Soliel, insist that he should contest Lothiniere for the house of commons, rendered vacant by the appointment of Dr. Rinfret to the position of collector of inland revenue at Quebec.

FIRE AT WOODSTOCK.

WOODSTOCK, Aug. 23.—A fire broke out this afternoon in the ell of the residence of James McManus on Connell street, and was just discovered in time. As it was the house was considerably gutted by water and otherwise damaged.

AS TO THE CONTRARIETY OF BARBERS

"Every barber on earth," said the observant man, "has one habit that drives me to drink. He gets you nicely lathered up, strops a razor carefully, and then makes one sweep with the blade across your face. Then he looks at you inquiringly and suspends operations while he asks "Razor suit you, sir?" If you answer yes, he always turns around and strops the razor two or three times or else he promptly changes the blade. Why he should do either when you say you are satisfied, I cannot fathom. Lately I have always said that the razor did not suit and in nearly every case the barber kept serenely at work with the same razor. I might add that that's the reason that I am now shaving myself."

WAS TORTURED WITH ECZEMA

But Now Tells of a Wonderful Cure Effected by

DR. CHASE'S OINTMENT.

Mr. C. Clerke, 17 Sydney street, St. John, N. B., like most people, experimented with many remedies before he found the pearl of great price—Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Mr. Clerke writes: "I have been blessed with a good constitution, but some time ago a rash broke out over my body and developed into Eczema, or, as some call it, Salt Rheum. The itching and burning sensations were actually torturing. One box of Dr. Chase's Ointment put an end to misery and completely cured me."

This experience is of value to you if you will but remember that Dr. Chase's Ointment is an absolute cure for Eczema, Salt Rheum and all itching skin diseases. Dr. Chase's Ointment, 60 cts a box, at all dealers, or EDMANSON, BATES & CO., Toronto.

HAMPTON.

Many Picnics, Private Socials and Public Entertainments.

Improving and Beautifying the Village Square at the Station—Depot Platform Now Pretty Well Lighted.

HAMPTON, Kings Co., Aug. 23.—Last Friday the Episcopal Sunday schools of the village and station united in a pleasant trip down the Kennebeccasis, as far as the Willows, where the day was pleasantly spent.

Yesterday the Roman Catholics joined the excursion party from St. John, and put in a most agreeable day with their co-religionists and their friends at the annual picnic of the St. Martins people at West Quaco.

On Saturday evening Mrs. C. B. Macmichael gave a bicycle party for her daughter Nellie, which was attended by a large number of young folk, who, after enjoying a fine moonlight promenade and run, were entertained with music, games and refreshments until near midnight.

On the same evening Mrs. Ralph A. March gave a music party to a number of friends, including Mrs. J. M. Barnes of St. John, who is passing a portion of the summer season at this place. Choice piano selections and songs made the hours pass all too quickly.

Last night the Reading Room association gave a grand concert in their hall, which was filled with as fine and gayly dressed an audience as may be found in our larger cities. No pains had been spared to secure the best talent, both in music and histrionics, and selections were received with unstinted praise. Among the former were Mrs. J. Milton Barnes (nee Miss Emma Goddard), Professor Beverly Campbell and Miss Crawford, pianists; Mrs. J. J. Ryan, Mrs. Knowlton, Miss Stewart and Mr. Garlss, vocalists; the Messrs. Jordan, violinists, and Mr. Crawford, flutist. The readers were Miss Margaret Evans, John March, Keith Ryan and Master Eddie Scribner. Those who took part were introduced by the president of the association, E. L. Whittaker, who took occasion by way of interlude to commend the organization and its objects to the favorable consideration of the people. During the intermission ice cream was served. Professor Tweedie moved a vote of thanks to those who had so generously given their time and talents to aid a worthy cause, which motion being seconded by Dr. Wetmore was unanimously carried.

Professor Beverly Campbell, who is a graduate of the Halifax School for the Blind, and who has taken an extended course on the piano in Germany, is shortly to take up his residence in St. John. His friends in Kings county heartily wish him all success in his new sphere of labor.

The Independent Order of Foresters intend holding their annual picnic at Nauwigewauk today. The morning was fair and the air cool and bracing, but this afternoon the rain is falling in torrents, and their sport will be sadly interfered with. They are accompanied by the Hampton Cornet band.

Some of our enterprising citizens are interesting themselves in the improvement of their public square at the station. Workmen are being employed in hauling ashes and cinders to fill up the hollows, and when sufficient is hauled on the whole lot will be properly graded to a level slightly above that of the street, walks laid off and flower plots set out, with bordering trees around the whole.

The travelling public by late trains are gratified to find two lamps burning, one at each of the waiting room doors, by which the platform is fairly lighted. Another lamp below the baggage room would make the whole platform reasonably bright and remove any cause for fear or liability to accident from a misstep.

F. B. DISTRICT MEETING.

Thirty-Seventh Annual Session of the Seventh District at Chocolate Cove.

The thirty-seventh session of the seventh district met with the church at Chocolate Cove, Deer Island, on Aug. 19th.

On Friday evening, Aug. 18, Rev. L. A. Fenwick preached an excellent sermon from the text "Am I my brother's keeper?"

The first regular meeting of the session was the annual conference conducted by the chairman, Rev. J. D. Harvey, and the pastor of the church, Rev. A. D. Paul. The attendance was fair, but the spirit of the meeting was excellent. On Saturday at two o'clock p. m. the district met in business. Rev. G. A. Hartley, D. D., J. W. Clark, D. Long, J. T. Parsons, L. A. Fenwick, A. D. Paul and W. C. Keirstead, also licentiates Frank Dunfield and J. C. Wilson, with a good representation of delegates from the churches in the district were present.

Bro. Wm. Peters, whom illness kept home, sent a letter of regret. The meeting expressed sympathy with Bro. Peters and appointed Rev. L. A. Fenwick, B. A., secretary pro tem.

Rev. W. C. Keirstead, A. C. Smith and Rev. A. D. Paul were appointed a committee to summarize the church reports, and Rev. J. W. Clark, James Small and J. Lake Sabbath school reports.

The annual meeting of the seventh district Women's Foreign Missionary association convened on Aug. 19. In the absence of the president, Mrs. A. C. Smith, Miss J. L. Fullerton was elected chairman. Mrs. A. C. Smith was re-elected president and Mrs. G. A. Hartley continued as secretary-treasurer. Saturday evening there was a public missionary meeting, Miss L. J. Fullerton in the chair. After prayer by Pastor Paul and a brief but excellent address by the acting president, Mrs. G. A. Hartley read her annual report. Six societies reported in the district.

Miss Gaunce, the missionary of the society, was doing good work in India. She had charge of the Belasore school for girls. She was carrying on the work at Uyurda and doing Zenana work as well. The societies raised about $160 during the year. Addresses were made by Revs. G. A. Hartley, D. D., J. W. Clark, D. Long, W. C. Keirstead and Mr. A. C. Smith. Miss Chaffey presided with acceptance at the organ. Rev. W. C. Keirstead preached the annual missionary sermon Sabbath morning, being substituted for Rev. Dr. Hartley, whom ill health prevented from speaking. Rev. J. W. Clark preached an excellent and helpful sermon in the afternoon, after which a communion service was conducted by Dr. Hartley and Rev. J. T. Parsons, and in the evening Rev. David Long was the speaker. His practical, clear and earnest presentation of the truth was appreciated by all. Other pulpits on the island were supplied during the day.

In the business meeting of Monday Rev. David Long was elected chairman, with Rev. A. D. Paul assistant. Rev. J. W. Clark presented the report of Sabbath schools. Eleven schools reported. There were 1,198 scholars and 101 teachers. Nine are evergreen schools and four have primary departments.

The summarizing committee reported 15 churches. One of these, Lambert's Cove, Deer Island, was organized during the year by Pastor Paul, and has a membership of 41. The membership of the district is 1,739. Forty-seven were added by baptism during the year. About $7,000 were raised during the year. The district reported six young people's societies. Five churches had revivals during the year. The committee suggested that the clerks of the churches be more careful to give full and accurate information in the reports and that greater interest be taken to increase the circulation of the Religious Intelligencer.

J. C. Wilson of White Head Isle was given a license to preach. Melvin Small, C. S. Fountain, Chas. Savage and H. Knodding were elected delegates to general conference. Rev. G. A. Hartley was appointed to preach the missionary sermon next year, with Rev. C. T. Philips as substitute. A vote of thanks was extended to the pastor and church of Chocolate Cove, for kindness and hospitality; also to choir for its services, and to the International S. S. Co., for reduced rates. A resolution was passed expressing deep regret at the departure of Rev. J. W. Clark from the district, and conveying to him the good wishes of the district. The business meeting adjourned to meet next August with the church at Beaver Harbor. Rev. J. T. Parsons preached on Monday evening. His theme was God's Care and Love for His People.

DEALING IN MILLIONS.

H. M. Whitney and Party a Sydney, En Route to Newfoundland to Inspeche Iron Fields There.

(Special to the Sun.)

HALIFAX, Aug. 22.—H. M. Whitney, president of the Dominion Iron and Steel company, accompanied by his son, A. Berry, and Senator McKeen, one of the directors, arrived at Sydney, C. B., today. The town was decorated with flags and bunting for the occasion. They will be joined tomorrow by Sir Wm. VanHorne, chairman of the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific railway; Senator Cox of Toronto, president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and R. B. Angus of Montreal. The whole party will leave Sydney on Thursday for Newfoundland on the steamer Bruce to inspect the iron fields, etc., of the island. While Mr. Whitney is in Cape Breton he will start the sinking of the greatest mining shaft on the continent. It will be fifty-five feet square, of a daily capacity of four thousand tons of coal and command fifty million tons of black diamonds.

The acquisition of one half of the Belle Isle, Newfoundland, iron fields was completed today at Sydney, the solicitors of the steel company handing the late owners a check for one million dollars.

A contract for four hundred coke ovens has been let to the United Gas and Coke company of Philadelphia for one million dollars.

A BIG ADVANCE.

Cotton and Woollen Goods Take a Big Jump in Price.

(Special to the Sun.)

MONTREAL, Aug. 23.—In consequence of the increase in the price of raw cotton the mills have put up the price of fancy cottons from 21-2 to 71-2 per cent. This increase will affect nearly all lines of manufactured cotton goods, dress goods, etc. Worsteds have gone up all the way from 5 to 15 per cent. in price consequent upon the prevailing scarcity in the wool market. This will increase the cost of all lines of underclothing, socks and other woollen goods.

DROUGHT IN JAMAICA.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—A letter to the Associated Press from Kingston, Ja., dated August 15, says: "Although some rain has fallen the drought continues practically unbroken, especially in the Provinces of St. Anne and St. Thomas. The crops have been destroyed altogether in the latter place, and it is said that even if rain now comes there will be a failure of provisions. The want of water is keenly felt, more particularly in the great peasant district of Yallaha. And here, as a consequence of the drought, the indigenious disease of yaws is spreading epidemically at an alarming rate, attacking the faces as well as the feet of the victim, partaking somewhat of the character of leprosy, but somewhat more active. It is not immediately fatal, but it has always been a terrible scourge among the West Indian peasantry, and some years ago was made the subject of a commission.

NEWCASTLE.

NEWCASTLE, Aug. 23.—The civic elections held here today resulted in the election of the following aldermen: Messrs. Sinclair, Rundle, Lawlor, Morrison, Fish, Ferguson, Creghan and Morrisey.