

WILL THE NORTHERN LIGHTS FLASH OUT AS BACKGROUND

When the Moon Dams Back Daylight on Saturday Morning?— There Is a Possibility of the Aurora Borealis Supplying An Extra Wing in the Scenery of the Eclipse.

Long's Corners, near Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 22.—Will the northern lights flash out as an eerie background when the moon dams back daylight on Saturday morning?

Prof. C. A. Chant, who is directing the Toronto University observations here, thinks there is at least a possibility of the Aurora Borealis supplying an extra wing in the scenery when the moon is featured in the best extravaganza of many years in these parts—the total eclipse of the sun. Incidentally the big celestial show travels from west to east and thus all provincial circuits will beat Broadway in seeing it—by some seconds.

"A cold, clear day will give us the best chance to make observations," Prof. Chant said. "This is also the weather in which the dancing streamers of the Aurora disrupt themselves. Hence a good day for the eclipse may mean also a matinee showing of the Northern Lights."

Labor Not Wasted.

The men at the head of the little army of scientists are Professor C. A. Chant, and Dr. R. K. Young of the University of Toronto, and Mr. R. Meldrum Stewart, director of the Dominion Observatory, and these men, with their assistants, are working both night and day in order that the fullest equipment of modern science may be ready to register to the greatest extent the various manifestations of the solar eclipse which is due on Saturday morning, and which, so far as this portion of the world is concerned, is the only occasion on which any person living today will have an opportunity of viewing first hand that type of celestial abnormality which, in other days and other lands, has plunged people in despair and has touched the hearts of the superstitious. While the little army of scientists are leaving uncovered no detail of any arrangement which can occur to the imagination, they still recognize that the possibilities are strong that some of them must labor in vain. Last night's blizzard, which cut across the Hamilton mountain and searched out the smallest cracks in the rough-board shacks, seemed to be but a prelude to storms to follow, and if that should be the case, and if Saturday morning should waken to a cloud-cast sky, much of the preparations will have been in vain. But even if the chances for success were much less than they are, science could not overlook the opportunity for, as Professor Chant has put it, "the spectacle, if it is to be witnessed at all, will be so striking and memorable, and the possibilities of observation may be so fruitful, that no labor could be regarded as wasted."

Attorney-General Forces a Buffalo Newspaper To Cease Giving Away Money in This Province

Hon. W. F. Nickle Interferes With the Circulation Campaign of an American Sunday Paper and Meets With Criticism From the Toronto Telegram.

Toronto Telegram.

Unless you want to run front of the Hon. William Folger Nickle, beware of handing out two-dollar bills to strangers. He doesn't believe in it. In fact he considers such prodigality so great an outrage against the Criminal Code that he would strain the resources of the attorney-general's department in order to put an end to the practice. More than that, Mr. Nickle is so firm in his conviction of the wrongfulness of giving away two dollar bills, that he spares the ordinary courts of the land the trouble of deciding whether such benevolence is legal or not. The verdict of his own subordinates is sufficient unto him.

For some weeks, the Buffalo Sunday Times has been printing, in its Canadian edition, the license numbers of a dozen or so Ontario-owned automobiles and offering to make the owners thereof a present of two dollars each on request. Then came a peremptory telephone message from the attorney-general's department requiring that the Buffalo Times stop giving away money, because, forthwith, the practice conflicted with the department's interpretation of Section 236 of the Canadian Criminal Code. The gifts were discontinued—probably because an American newspaper did not know that the interpretation put upon a dominion statute by a provincial attorney-general has no more value in a court of justice than the interpretation put upon the same statute by the most recent graduate of Osgoode Hall.

There are magistrates and judges to interpret the law and impose appropriate penalties. Hon. W. F. Nickle is neither a judge nor a magistrate. In criminal proceedings his function is more like that of a policeman—which is to see that apparent offenders are brought before the bar of justice.

Imagine, then, any policeman phoning some individual to the effect that he had been committing a series of criminal acts and simply must stop them. He would be laughed off the force. For his obvious duty would be to lay a charge at headquarters so that one of his

KILL WHOLE FAMILY WHILE THEY SLEPT

Assassins Commit Horrible Crime in Sardinia—Eight Persons Are Slain.

Rome, Jan. 22.—A sensational crime is announced in despatches from Cagliari, Sardinia to-day. Involving during the night the home of

Majesty's courts could deal with the alleged offence.

And yet that is precisely what Policeman W. F. Nickle has not done. The Buffalo Times was informed over the telephone that, in the opinion of the Attorney-General's Department, there had been repeated violations of Section 236 of the Criminal Code of Canada. Why didn't P. C. Nickle have the Buffalo Times summoned to the police court and there made to stand trial on the egregious charge of having given away two-dollar bills in defiance of the law?

The most likely reason is that even during the present decade an Attorney-General of Ontario is expected to retain some appreciation of the utterly ludicrous. No matter how earnest, eager, officious or pragmatic he might be, no Attorney-General would dare to take the responsibility of having a newspaper prosecuted for giving away two-dollar bills. It might be attempted under Section 236 of the Criminal Code which prohibits lotteries, etc. For disobeying that section the offender is liable to two years' imprisonment and to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars. But wouldn't Hon. W. F. Nickle look very foolish if he called down such drastic punishment upon anybody for giving away two-dollar bills? Not only would he make a joke of the law but he would also make a joke of himself.

For some reason or other, Hon. W. F. Nickle did not take the case to court. Instead his department resorted to a most peculiar and entirely irregular procedure. The Buffalo Sunday Times was telephoned by the attorney-general's department and warned about Section 236 of the Canadian Criminal Code with its two years' imprisonment and its two thousand dollar fine. For some reason or other the Buffalo Sunday Times was either ordered or persuaded in the name of Hon. William Folger Nickle to discontinue a promotion campaign to secure Ontario readers. Possibly Premier Ferguson might be able to induce his attorney-general to disclose to the public just what that reason was and how it found its way into his mind.

A family of eight persons living in the Jeru quarter of that town unidentified assassins killed all eight members of the family, as they slept. The message gave no further details of the crime but stated that a widespread search had been instituted by the police for the criminals, whose motives in committing the wholesale murder were not known.

London banking interests show a desire to extend loans in Canada.

Progressives to Fight For Enactment on Freight Rates

Virdee, Man., Jan. 22.—Robert Forke, leader of the Progressives in the federal house, addressing a meeting yesterday, announced that in the coming session the great fight of the Progressives will be for a statutory enactment on the question of freight rates, no matter what the decision of the supreme court may be on the railway commission's order cancelling the Crow's Nest schedule.

SIR REGINALD TYRWRIGHT BECOMES VICE-ADMIRAL

Cousin of Mrs. Wright, Wife of Rev. J. de Pencier Wright.

London, Jan. 22.—Rear Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt has been elevated to be vice-admiral. Tyrwhitt commanded the destroyer flotilla in action in Heligoland Light in August and December, 1914, and was also in action at the Dogger Banks, 1915.

It will be of interest to Kingstonians to know that Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt is a cousin of Mrs. Wright, wife of Rev. J. de Pencier Wright, rector of St. Luke's church, this city.

Shoe Styles to Change Very Little This Year

New York, Jan. 22.—Styles in shoes this year will change little, although prices may soar, John C. McKeon, president of the National Boot and Shoe Manufacturers' association predicted at the twenty-first annual meeting of the association in the Hotel Astor.

"Prices will either remain firm or soar upward," said Mr. McKeon, "largely due to no liquidation of labor, owing to the effect of the immigration laws and stocks of raw material being almost normal."

Manufacturers, Mr. McKeon added, are getting away from extreme cut-out effects in women's shoes, and most novelties in the coming year will be attractive combinations of leather and colors.

Received Bad Shock When Taken From Bed

Shannonville, Jan. 22.—In bed when she broke out in her combined store and dwelling house at Milton recently, Mrs. Jane Graves received a severe shock, and was carried from the burning house to the nearby home of her daughter, Mrs. George Stewart. Prompt and persistent action on the part of many volunteer fire fighters prevented a totally destructive fire. Much damage was done by the blaze.

Father DeLorme Authorized To Sue for Insurance

Montreal, Jan. 22.—Justice Bruneau in the superior court this morning granted authorization to Rev. Father Adelard DeLorme, recently acquitted of the murder of his half brother Raoul, to "undertake in his own name" two actions to collect insurance amounting to \$28,000 taken out on the life of his half-brother, who was found murdered January 7th, on the outskirts of Montreal.

H. W. WOOD PRESIDENT.

Heads Alberta Farmers for the Ninth Term.

Calgary, Jan. 22.—Henry Wise Wood yesterday afternoon was elected unanimously by the United Farmers of Alberta to be their president for 1925. It will be his ninth consecutive year in the chair. No other name was proposed and the five hundred delegates received the election with enthusiasm.

Denominational Problems.

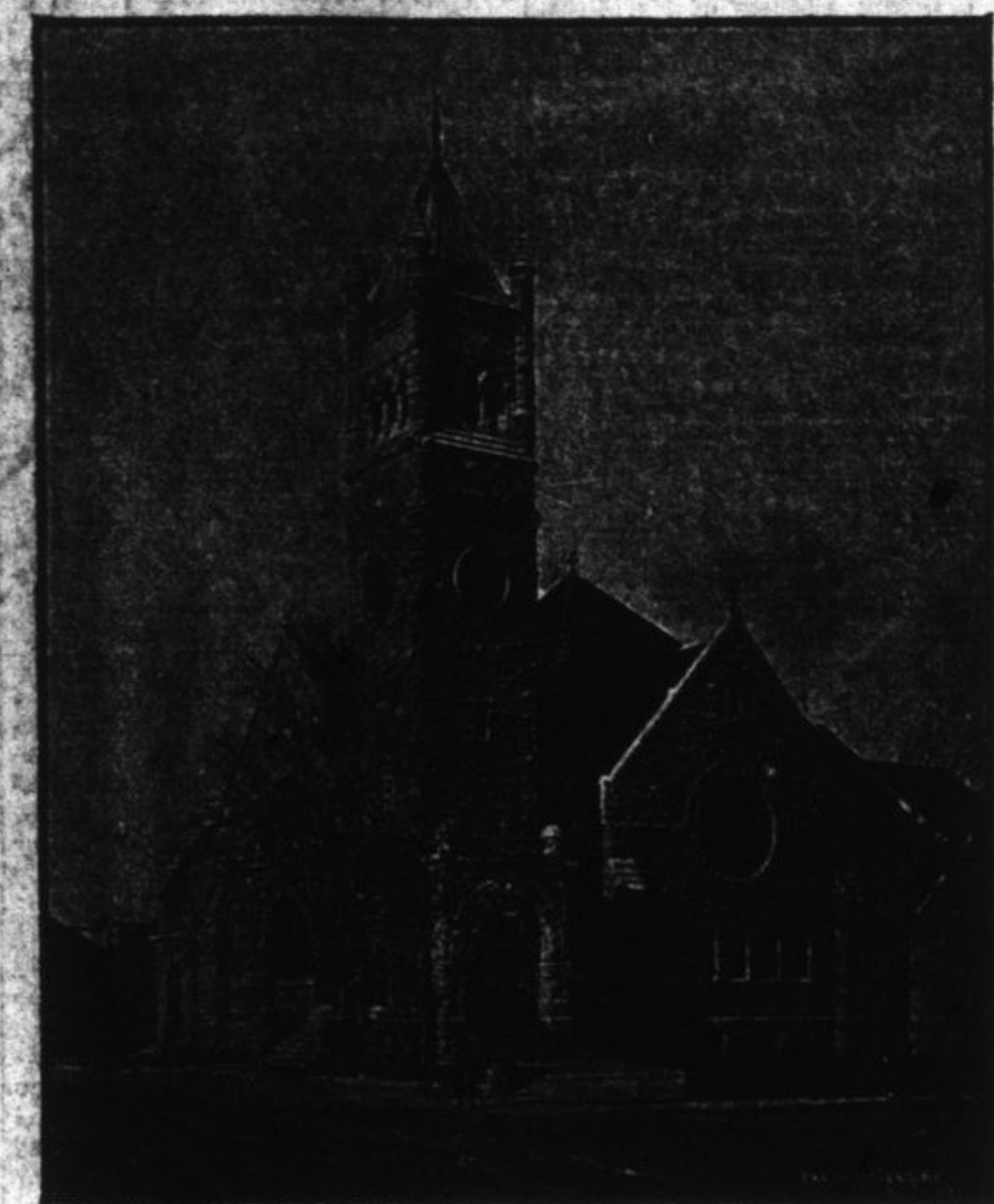
Toronto, Jan. 22.—Denominational complications in the city of Hamilton and other places, arising from the fact that minorities of Presbyterian churches, after voting on the church union question, have opened services, sometimes with the aid of "minority" ministers, in theatres and other places, are not taken seriously at the headquarters of the present Presbyterian Church in Canada here. It is pointed out that minorities on either side have this prerogative, whether denominationally legal or not remains to be seen.

Takes Prisoner Back.

Toronto, Jan. 22.—Chief of Police Kidd of Belleville called at police headquarters to get Harold Gordon Newton, wanted in Belleville on a charge of shopbreaking on August 19th, 1924.

Tom Moore, the president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and the official voice of Canadian labor, says the decision scrapping the Lemieux Act will force union labor to rely on physical and financial strength rather than arguments.

Premier Ferguson appeals for co-operation between Ontario and Quebec and in righting the business ship.



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KINGSTON, The First Presbyterian congregation to announce its vote on union. It voted 334 to 47 against entering the United Church of Canada.

A LEVY ON IMPORTS OF FARM PRODUCTS

Urged by Canadian Produce Association for the Protection of the Farmer.

Toronto, Jan. 22.—Yesterday's meeting of the Canadian Produce Association adopted a resolution to the effect that in the interests of the farmers and producers of Canada, the duty on imports of eggs, butter, cheese and other of their products, should be raised to a basis equal to that imposed on similar Canadian goods in the tariff of the United States. A. Forgie, of Montreal, made a strong plea for protection for the Canadian farmer.

Features were addressed by Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Canadian minister of agriculture, and by W. A. Wilson, agricultural products representative for Canada.

Regarding bacon, Mr. Motherwell warned the meeting that hog grading was very necessary. "Pigs is pigs no longer nowadays." "You must give the market what it wants. If you go in for heavy or light weights, you must take financial risk—selection was necessary."

As for butter the Canadian standing in the British market couldn't be much worse. It was about fifth from the top. Siberia had a little lower standing. "Any change would be for the better, and the improvement showing to-day was coming from the part you least expected," continued Mr. Motherwell. "That is from the western provinces. Some good consignments had gone forward that he knew of from the eastern part of Canada. It was better to aim at continuity and uniformity than to send some very good ones and then inferior."

In cheese Canada had prided itself as being at the very top for some quarter of a century. To-day others were forging ahead, and Canada must remember to measure her standard with those competing.

PROVINCES TO MAKE CONCILIATION ACTS

The Privy Council Judgment Likely to Apply to the Combines' Act.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—That the privy council judgment with respect to the constitutionality of the Lemieux act, will have a far reaching effect in respect to federal jurisdiction generally, is the opinion of members of the government here, who have perused the text.

So far as the department of labor is concerned it is admitted that the findings of the learned judges entirely upset the entire machinery by which for the past sixteen years industrial disputes have been arbitrated, and settled. There still remains on the statute book a conciliation act, but the opinion here is that the very objections raised by the privy council against the Lemieux act will render the conciliation act unworkable and ineffective. The only alternative now would appear to be the creation of provincial acts, and in that connection complete uniformity is regarded as impossible. Such acts, moreover, could not easily be applied to interprovincial corporations and their workers.

"It is to be deeply regretted," said Hon. James Murdock "that after employers and employed had through the workings of the act attained to a broader and fairer view of their relations, the act should be upset. I do not know what other machinery can take its place."

The opinion here is that the reasons of the judgment will apply just as well to the combines act and to the question of the federal eight-hour day.

CAFETERIA FOR M.P.P.'s.

Special Dining Service in Ontario Legislature.

Toronto, Jan. 22.—When the Ontario Legislature convenes on February 10th, the members will find new dining arrangements awaiting them. Up until this year they have been getting their meals at reserved tables in the same dining room with the civil servants. Carpenters are at work this week dividing the large Liberal committee chamber into two rooms, one of which is to be fitted up as a members' cafeteria, where separate meals will be served on a la carte service.

Steamship Capsizes.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 22.—The steamship Carleco, of the Bayton Line fleet, capsized and sank in the James River near Clarendon yesterday. Eighteen of her crew and her two passengers were saved.

Canadians will exhibit at New York Poultry Show.

PASS ORDER FOR BASEBALL STADIUM

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—The application of the Toronto harbor board for a grant of eight acres of land to be used for the purposes of the projected baseball stadium, has been favorably considered by the marine department and on the recommendation of the minister, Hon. P. J. Cardin, an order-in-council has been passed granting the request.

A stadium, to be erected by the harbor board, is in under-stand. It will cost \$500,000, and the International League baseball games will be played there.

A MORAL INQUIRY TO COMPEL FRANCE

To Pay Enormous Sums Demanded by U.S., Declares Deputy Marin.

Paris, Jan. 22.—The speech delivered in the chamber of deputies yesterday on the subject of inter-allied debts, by Louis Marin, former minister of the liberated regions and now opposition deputy, is received with enthusiastic comment by the newspapers, regardless of party lines. The substance of Deputy Marin's address was that it would be a moral inquiry should France be compelled to pay the enormous sums demanded of her by the United States. Marin's speech was also warmly applauded by all parties in the chamber of deputies.

Costa Rica Resigns.

Geneva, Jan. 22.—Costa Rica has resigned from membership in the League of Nations. This reduces the membership to fifty-four.

Mink Cap for Premier King.

Quebec, Jan. 22.—When Premier Mackenzie King left the ancient capital he carried a souvenir with him which took the form of a mink cap, which a party of local friends of the premier insisted upon presenting him with.

ST. ANDREW'S DECIDES NOT TO ENTER UNITED CHURCH

The Members' Vote Was 334 to 47 Against Union And the Adherents' Vote 45 to 3 Against—Chalmers Church Starts Its Vote on Wednesday Evening.

By the very decided vote of 334 to 47, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church decided not to enter the United Church of Canada. The result on both sides was not unexpected. The unionists had said they would poll a vote of about fifty.

The poll closed at 8.15, after two weeks' voting, and the results were announced at 9 o'clock Wednesday evening. The minister, Rev. J. W. Stephen, requested that there be no demonstration and the return was received in silence. One lady came down from Ottawa to vote and another arrived from Toronto on the evening train and reached the hall barely in time to mark her ballot.

On the roll of voters there were 497 names, but 61 of these people were absent from the city and 12 confined by illness so that 87 per cent. of the available vote was registered. This is much better than is done at most political elections. Forty-five adherents voted against union and 3 for, though their vote is not included with that of the membership.

When there was a union of the two branches of Presbyterianism in Canada, in 1875, St. Andrew's, then led by the Rev. Dr. T. G. Smith, went in, though with some hesitation.

During the present vote, Mr. W. Gill was returning officer and Mr. A. W. Maclean deputy. The scrutineers for the non-unionists were Dr. W. W. Sands, Mr. W. H. Craig, and Mrs. H. R. Duff. Those for the unionists were Col. A. Macphail and Mr. C. C. Folger. Dr. A. E. Ross, a member of St. Andrew's, is one of the directors of the new Presbyterian Church of Canada which will be formed to take care of those who do not concur in Union.

CHALMERS' MEMBERS VOTING.

Question About Congregational Church Co-Operation Raised.

With Rev. George A. Brown, the minister, presiding, a meeting of Chalmers Presbyterian congregation was held on Wednesday evening to begin voting on the question of whether the congregation is to enter the United Church of Canada. A petition had been presented to the session asking for a vote, although the session itself was unanimous in advising that in the interest of the

congregation it would be advisable that no vote should be taken but that Chalmers should enter the United church automatically.

Rev. John D. Boyd was appointed returning officer, he to appoint a deputy if he required one. The scrutineers chosen were: For the unionists, Rev. Dr. Malcolm Macgillivray, D. G. Laidlaw, Prof. A. C. Neish and John F. McEwen; for the anti-unionists, B. G. Robertson and H. Waddell. The announcement of the vote will be made on the evening of Wednesday the 4th of February. Voting began directly after the meeting adjourned, and Mrs. Samuel Dyde, the oldest member of the congregation, who is in her ninety-seventh year, was the first to cast her ballot.

Prof. John Matheson, a member of the session, pointed out that Chalmers was already a union congregation as three years ago it had made an agreement with the First Congregational people about the latter co-operating in its services and work. The First Congregational people are represented on the Chalmers board of trustees and session, and they contributed \$5,000 from the sale of their former church edifice towards the reconstruction of Chalmers Sunday school hall. Prof. Matheson said that the Congregational people united with Chalmers with the full expectation that this congregation would eventually enter the United Church of Canada. It would, therefore, be like breaking faith with them if Chalmers was now to vote not to enter the United Church. It would put the Congregational people in a strange position. Rev. Dr. Macgillivray made a statement similar to that of Prof. Matheson. For the anti-unionists, B. G. Robertson and Dr. Phillip Macdonald thought that the reference to the Congregational people was rather befogging the question at issue.

An elder remarked afterwards that there need be no fear on the part of the Congregational people connected with Chalmers. They have a vote on the question as members of that congregation, and he expected that the Chalmers vote would be nearly three to one in favor of union.

The utmost of good feeling prevailed at the meeting.

Board of Works Decides to Build Two Miles Of Permanent Road Paving During This Year

The Streets Chosen Are Johnson, William, Barrack, Garrett, Raglan and Earl—To Negotiate With County About Division Street.

The paving programme for this year was under discussion at a meeting of the Board of Works held on Wednesday afternoon, when it was decided to recommend to the city council that work be undertaken on a number of streets, in all a total of two miles of paving. Last year the board laid three miles of new pavement, but the members are very anxious to comply with the request made by Mayor Angrove, in his inaugural address, that the expenditure be curtailed as much as possible, and that more attention be paid to making repairs than to paving, so that the tax rate can be further reduced as promised by the mayor.

Following out the instructions given at the last meeting of the board, Engineer Dick submitted a report on the paving to be considered. His report follows:

Pine street, Patrick to Alfred.
Alfred street, Pine to York.
Johnson street, Wellington to Bagot.
Johnson street, Barrie to Victoria.
William street, Clergy to Barrie.
William street, Barrie to Division.
Barrack street, Rideau to Bagot.
Earl street, University avenue to Alfred.

Garrett street, Division to University avenue.
Mack street, Alfred to Nelson.
Raglan Road, Rideau to Montreal.

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Earl street, University avenue to Alfred.

It was also decided to have the pavement on Barrie street, from Union to Princess, resurfaced. A request was received to have St. Catherine's street paved, when Pine street is undertaken.

The chairman, Ald. Kidd, presided at the meeting, and the other members present were Aids. Price, Reid, John Fife Johnston and Wood.

The question of what could be done to Division street was again under discussion. The city is very anxious to put this street, extending to the city limits, in proper shape, but it is felt that the county should bear a portion of the expense, as it is used as one of the chief thoroughfares into the city. The proposal is to have the city, county and the government share in the expenditure necessary in making this a good road, and the matter was left over so that negotiations can be continued towards a successful end. The county council will be in session next week, and the members will be appealed to in regard to the matter.

Speaking on the question of paving in general, Aid. Price stated that he considered that the going ahead with repairs from year to year was just money wasted. He thought there should be a scheme whereby a certain amount of paving could be undertaken each year, in each ward. The city had a first class plant for paving, and it should be kept in operation; otherwise the city would suffer.

Ald. Reid expressed himself as being strongly in favor of permanent pavements. He was very anxious, however, that the programme for the year be curtailed as much as possible, so as to keep down the expenditure.

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Paving Recommended.

After going over the list and giving the matter very careful consideration, it was decided to recommend that paving be done on the following streets:

Johnson street, Wellington to Bagot.
Johnson street, Barrie to Victoria.
William street, Clergy to Barrie.
William street, Barrie to Division.
Barrack street, Rideau to Bagot.
Garrett street, Division street to University avenue.