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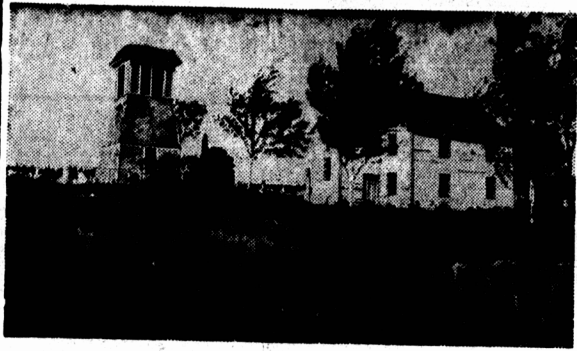
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The Geddie Memorial Church at New London, P. E. I., referred to in Rev. Dr. Fraser's account of Dr. Geddie's past labors in celebration by the Maritime Synod of the Presbyterian Church at Pictou on Aug. 10, 1936.

will connect itself with another society through which their contributions may flow till they feel themselves able to embark in the cause by their own. When a vote was taken the motion was carried 20 to 14.

The Difficulty So far as I can discover none questioned the propriety of missions to the heathen. There was probably not a man in the Synod who did not sympathize with the idea of the mission. The difficulty lay in the idea of a means of supporting a missionary on his own while ministers at home were to support and while our home field was so imperfectly supplied. When we look at the circumstances of the time we need not be surprised that many in our church took this view.

Dr. Keir's Support "To quote here from Dr. George Patterson in his Life of Dr. Geddie: 'The support of Dr. Keir gave great weight to the project. His age and experience, his wisdom in counsel, his fine Christian character, his remembrance of his past labors, had won for him universal respect and recommendation any proposal which met his approval especially if it came from the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island and the laymen of that part of the church.'

Denounced as Madness Many denounced it as utter madness. It was felt that the Board was 'driving things too fast' and there was a determination, if possible, to stop on the brakes. Accordingly when it was moved in accordance with the views of the Board that they should be 'instructed to select a field and negotiate with candidates for occupying that field as soon as possible' it was moved that the Board be instructed to obtain information respecting the most suitable field for foreign mission operations and the practicability of securing suitable labourers for its occupation, and if the information then laid before them should be such as in their opinion shall justify the step, they pledge themselves to embark in the cause with all possible speed.

After some discussion the vote was taken when the motion was carried by only a majority of one, the vote being thirteen to twelve.

This was decisive. The long struggle was closed. Geddie had achieved the end on which for seven years his heart had been set and for which he had fought so earnestly. The Board immediately advertised for candidates and two months later met at Pictou to determine the two questions of a field and the choice of a missionary.

The field chosen was the New Hebrides Islands. The reasons for this choice I need not mention except to say that the circumstances of the field seemed to make it the one most suitable for a small church to occupy.

The next question was: 'Who shall go for us? And here I want to say that while all through the proceedings Mr. Geddie was the life of the movement he had care fully endeavored to keep free from any connection with his name. During the seven years of his pastorate in Prince Edward Island, while seeking to awaken the church to her duty to the heathen, and to induce her to engage in mission work among them he had always kept himself in the background.

His One Desire Still his more intimate friends knew that from his boyhood his one desire was that at some time he might be called to engage in Foreign Mission Work. He had all the qualifications for this. At his birth, his parents, so I am told, had dedicated him to the service of God in the foreign mission field although, strange as it may seem, he was not aware of this until the time of his appointment as our first missionary to the foreign field.

What I must close. The task assigned me by the Committee appointed to arrange plans for this celebration was to deal with Dr. Geddie's labours on Prince Edward Island prior to his departure as a missionary to the 'New Hebrides'. This I have tried to do although, as I realize, in a very incomplete way. His work as a missionary I leave to others.

Let me repeat in closing that Dr. Geddie's work as a minister on Prince Edward Island was to awaken the church to a realization of its responsibility in the evangelization of the heathen world. That he did this is not to be disputed. He is the Father of Foreign Missions in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. His voice comes ringing to us today across the century calling us to a more consecrated life in the task of winning the world to Christ. Through God he yet speaks to us, and if this Church in Canada today is a great missionary Church it is largely due to the work of Dr. Geddie in a small parish in Prince Edward Island one hundred years ago.

British Livestock Farmers Reported In "Dreadful State"

BLACKPOOL, Lancs., England, Oct. 3 —(CP Cable) — W.M.F. Vane, member of Parliament for Westmorland, told the Conservative convention here today that livestock farmers are in a 'dreadful state' because of the black market in feed, with 30 pounds offered for a ton of oats, compared with the fixed price of 15 pounds. Mr. Vane said that herds now are being reduced ruthlessly because feed was not available. British farmers were anxious to buy feed anywhere, but they understood that Canadian and United States herds had increased to such an extent that there was no feed to spare in those countries.

The speaker moved a resolution asking for the condemnation of the labor government here for alleged failure to get sufficient feed and consequent hardships in every home.

In few European countries was it so difficult to buy an egg by honest means as in British towns, he said. The government handling of the situation never could be improved.

VETERANS ADMITTED TO BAR HALIFAX, Oct. 4 —(CP) — Two Canadian Army veterans, Thomas John Hartigan of Sydney Mines and Alexander J. W. MacDonald of Nova Scotia, Bar upon application before Chief Justice Sir Joseph Chisholm today.

Mr. Hartigan, educated at St. Joseph's school in North Sydney, American Red Cross club here is former R. A. F. P. L. Leonard J. Sumpter. Three years ago he achieved fame by participating in the blasting of the Mohne and Eder dams.

from overseas last February and resumed articles with J. Smith MacIvor, Sydney barrister.

Mr. MacDonald, a graduate of Sydney Academy and Dalhousie University, also returned from overseas service in northwest Europe and completed his articles of clerkship in the law firm of Madin and Rosenbium of Sydney.

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PLAN CANCER HOSPITAL CALCUTTA — (CP) — A hundred-bed cancer hospital (of which 70 will be for free treatment) will soon be instituted under the auspices of the Chittaranjan Seva Sadan, Calcutta. One thousand milligrammes of radium have been ordered for the proposed hospital. COOBER PEDY, Australia — (CP) — Bill Oliver, postmaster at this opal mining town in South Australia, recently refused an offer of \$300 from an Adelaide merchant for his tom cat, Tiger. "How could I let a cat that knew only the back of my hand go to a stranger?" said Oliver.

No Restoration Of N.S. Butter Ceiling WASHINGTON, Oct. 4 —(AP) — The price decontrol board adjourned indefinitely today without making any move to restore price ceilings on milk, butter, cheese and other dairy products. A board spokesman said, however, that the subject of decontrol of dairy products may be taken up at any time on a call of chairman Roy L. Thompson.

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Eight out of ten will buy again... WHY? They want to keep on saving. Canadians, being thrifty folk, like to put something away for a rainy day. They liked the idea of saving by means of Victory Bonds during the war. They want to continue this method of saving. That's what was disclosed in a survey, conducted early this year in all parts of the country. Eighty of the thousands of Canadians interviewed said, "Yes, we want to keep on saving. We like to save with bonds." But please remember this point. These are "Serve Yourself" Bonds. This time there will be fewer salesmen. They will not be able to call on everyone. So it's up to you to take advantage of this fine investment opportunity—without delay. How to Buy You can buy them at any bank; authorized investment dealer; stock broker; trust or loan company—for cash or by the Monthly Savings Plan. Where your employer offers a Payroll Savings Plan you can buy Canada Savings Bonds by regular deductions from your pay. Since no more Victory Bonds or War Savings Certificates will be issued, it was decided to make "Canada Savings Bonds" available to Canadians. These bonds have many new features that will interest you. For example, you can buy Canada Savings Bonds in units of \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1000. You may buy up to \$2000 per person. They pay 2 1/2% interest each year for ten years. You can cash Canada Savings Bonds at full face value, with interest, at any time, at any branch in Canada of any chartered bank. But please remember this point. These are "Serve Yourself" Bonds. This time there will be fewer salesmen. They will not be able to call on everyone. So it's up to you to take advantage of this fine investment opportunity—without delay. Canada Savings Bonds

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