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VISITED HALIFAX—Rev. J. T. Ibbott and Mrs. Ibbott, Churchwarden Mr. E. V. Bell and Mrs. Bell, Vestryman Thomas D. DeBlois and Mrs. DeBlois represented St. Paul's Church at the special service of "Thanksgiving and Recognition" held at All Saints Cathedral, Halifax, last Tuesday when His Grace the newly elected Primate was the preacher. They also attended the reception given in honor of the Primate at St. Paul's Parish Hall following the service. Several other Island parishes were represented by clergy and laity.

FUNERAL SERVICES—The funeral of Lucy M. Blacquiere, was held yesterday morning from the residence of her father, Michael Blacquiere, North Rustico, to Stella Maris Church where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. William McCabe, who also officiated at the grave. The pallbearers—four brothers and two brother-in-laws were Messrs. Everett Blacquiere, Urban Blacquiere, Amos Blacquiere, Wilfred Blacquiere, Joseph Egan and Lorne Redmond. Interment took place in the church cemetery.

FUNERAL SERVICE — The funeral of the late William Fisher, Lake Verde, was held from the home of his sister, Mrs. J. W. McVarish, Lake Verde, Friday, Oct. 3, 1947, to St. Joachims Church, Vernon River at 9 A.M. Mass was sung by his pastor, Rev. Monsignor M. McDonald, also officiating at the grave. The pall-bearers were James Redmond, J. J. Curley, Raymond Wood, Joseph Wood, John Doucett, and Clare McEachern. Interment was in the church cemetery.

COMMITTED TO SUPREME COURT — At a preliminary hearing held before Stipendiary Magistrate, K. M. Martin, K. C., yesterday morning, Edward Weeks, City was committed for trial at Supreme Court, on a charge of attempt to break and enter. He was charged in connection with a series of attempts to break into the homes of five different residents on Lapthorne Avenue on the night of September 30th., and with tearing off screen doors of two of these homes before being scared off by either residents or watch-dogs.

Personals

Miss Mabel O'Brien and Miss May Sinnott left yesterday for a ten day visit to Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Roche and children, Donna Ellen and Mary Lou, also Mr. Roche's mother, Elizabeth Roche, have returned to Chelsea, Mass., after spending their annual vacation on P. E. I. While here they visited in Kelly's Cross, Bonshaw and Charlottetown.

Forestelle-Peters Wedding

St. Dunstan's Basilica was the scene of a very pretty wedding when Rev. J. C. Pitre, cousin of the bride, united in marriage Pauline Gloria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Peters, Charlottetown and Henry Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Forestell of Saint John, N. B.

The Basilica was beautifully decorated with white gladioli and green vigil lights. The guest pews being marked with white satin bows.

The bride looked lovely in a gown of white brocaded satin, fashioned with bustle back and sweetheart neckline. Her headdress being a halo of net from which her veil fell to finger tip length. She carried an arm bouquet of white gladioli and fern. She entered the church on the arm of her father, to the strains of Lohengrins wedding march played by Mrs. Jos. Dougan. Mr. Frank McIntyre was guest soloist.

Miss Camilla Peters, sister of the bride was maid of honor and wore a gown of shocking pin faille taffeta, her headdress being a Juliet cap of taffeta and velvet. She carried a muff of sweetpeas and snapdragon of matching shades.

Mrs. Gerald J. Sheehan, sister of the groom was bridesmaid and wore a period gown of forget-me-not blue taffeta with a headdress of matching material and flowers. She carried a muff of carnations and snapdragon.

Mr. William E. Walsh of Saint John was groomsman and Allan J. Riley, St. John and James Coady, Charlottetown were the ushers.

The bride's mother wore a dress of dove grey crepe, silver foxes and black accessories. Her corsage was of Talisman roses.

The groom's mother wore a silver grey crepe dress with pink feather hat and a corsage of pink gladioli.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at the Queen Hotel, where a three tier wedding cake and snapdragons decorated the bride's table.

Mr. and Mrs. Forestell left by plane for Montreal and Kingston, the bride travelling in a grey wool jersey dress, mink furs and brown accessories. On their return they will reside in Saint John.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. T. H. O'Neill, Moncton, Mrs. James Doherty, James Cooper, Mrs. Harry Forestell, Mrs. Gerald J. Sheehan, Allan Riley and William E. Walsh all of Saint John.

Military Wedding at York Mills Ont.

A military wedding was solemnized in St. John's Anglican Church, York Mills when Lieut. (O-T) Margaret E. Irvine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Irvine, Orangeville, and Lieut.-Col. John E. Andrew, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Andrew of Charlottetown, P. E. I., were united in marriage. Rev. A. C. McCollum, assisted by Major the Rev. John Foote, V. C., officiated. Miss Lena McLure was the soloist, accompanied by W. E. Cameron.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore the blue dress uniform of Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps and carried white roses. Her only attendant, Lieut. (P-A) Wendy Pinhorn, also in uniform, carried Talisman roses. Lieut.-Col. R. J. Nodwell was best man, and the ushers were Major Wm. Glass, Major R. B. Meiklejohn, Capt. R. C. Elliott and Capt. H.M.M. Tovell.

The reception was held at the Officers' Mess, Toronto Military Hospital, Chorley Park where the bride's mother received in a floor-length dress of powder blue crepe trimmed with sapphire sequins and a hat trimmed with matching ostrich plumes. The groom's sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank W. Andrew of Escanaba, Mich., received for him.

Mrs. Frank Andrew wore a grace gown of ice-blue crepe with sequin trimmings.

The wedding trip is to Charlottetown, P. E. I., following which, the couple will live at Chorley Park. —(Toronto Exchange, Oct. 4.)

SYNOD Reception Committee

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Rev. Dr. Baird Presents Interesting Report At Opening Synod Meeting

Following are excerpts from the report submitted by Very Rev. Frank Baird, D.D., Clerk of Synod, at the opening meeting last night of the Maritime Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada:

Dr. Baird gave as follows the Roll of Synod considered by Presbyteries:

Newfoundland .... Ministers on Roll 3, On Appen. —, Elders 2.

Cape Breton .... Ministers on Roll 12, On Appen. —, Elders 17.

Pictou .... Ministers on Roll 22, On Appen. —, Elders 25.

Halifax & Lunenburg .... Ministers on Roll 9, On Appen. —, Elders 11.

Saint John .... Ministers on Roll 11, On Appen. —, Elders 14.

Miramichi .... Ministers on Roll 5, On Appen. —, Elders 10.

P. E. Island .... Ministers on Roll 14, On Appen. —, Elders 15.

Dr. Baird submitted the following figures of Synod membership, by Presbyteries:

	1946 20462	1947 20406
Newfoundland	770	847
Cape Breton	3339	3333
Pictou	6475	6632
Halifax & Lunenburg	2395	2443
Saint John	2453	2295
Miramichi	1233	1257
P. E. Island	3797	3599

The report continues:

"Three Presbyteries, it will be seen, show losses, namely Cape Breton, 6; St. John, 158; P.E. Island, the rather large number of 198 due, as doubtless in the case of St. John, to a more drastic downward revision of communion rolls, and showing the second decline in the Synod's communicant membership in 21 years. The overall increase, however, for the period since union, is not discouraging, being 3604, or a yearly average, with this year's slight shrinkage counted in, of 171. No other Synod in the church has shown a steadier or a more creditable growth, and its percentage gain is approximately 21 as compared with a practical 12 per cent increase for the church as a whole since the new beginning of 1925.

"However, in this connection, and taking additions to the church on profession of faith as a reasonable index to the Church's evangelical life and spiritual fervor, one finds little ground for boasting, indeed one may discover considerable occasion for anxiety.

Losses Analyzed

"We have in the Synod, as the figures show, 107 pastoral charges, 45 of these being self-sustaining; 41 augments, and 21 mission fields. In all these, we received last year, on profession of faith, 674, an increase of 70 over the preceding year, 1945, being an average of 6.3 per congregation. This is surely hardly sufficient. This barely exceeds the death rate figures which stand at 581 as a total, and 5.4 per congregation. It is not therefore to be wondered at that our communicant membership figures rise but slowly.

"Following the matter a step further the issue becomes even more vivid and disquieting. The average per congregation, I have said, is 6.3. Analyzed more particularly the following facts appear:

"Twenty-two congregations, during all of last year, did not receive a single new member on profession of faith. Eight pastoral charges added only one. Eight more two, and then as follows through the entire list of 107 charges:

"Six added 3; three had but four additions; one, five; two, six; four, seven; three, eight; two, nine; one, ten; one, eleven; one, twelve; two, thirteen; 3 fourteen; 1, fifteen; 2, sixteen; one, seventeen; one, eighteen; one, nineteen; two, twenty; one, twenty-one; one, twenty-two; one, twenty-five, and finally, far in excess of all others, one, seventy-one, and this in distant Newfoundland.

The Brighter Side

"Passing from the Presbyteries that had the losses, namely Cape Breton, St. John and P. E. Island, and thus set the Synod back in its total membership by 56, reducing our list of communicants from 20462 to 20406, we note with satisfaction the brighter side, namely increases in Newfoundland of 77; in Pictou of 157; in Halifax and Lunenburg, 48, and in Miramichi, 24.

"Coming to budget and missionary giving, the picture is wholly encouraging and satisfactory. The following figures set forth the facts as compared with the preceding year:

	1946	1947
The Synod — Budget	30139	32906
By Presbyteries:		
Newfoundland	2040	3959
Cape Breton	5666	5353
Pictou	10071	10156
Halifax & Lunenburg	5769	6392
Saint John	1997	2096
Miramichi	998	1074
P. E. Island	3594	3875

"Here again a little analyzing may be interesting. The gain over last year is $2,767, and with a total of $32,906 the largest sum raised in many years. Glancing back for seven years the Synod's Budget givings have shown as follows: in 1940, $19,685; 1941, $23,645; 1942, $25,568; 1943, $25,170; 1944, $28,003; 1945, $30,139; 1946, $32,906, so the movement in missionary giving has been steadily and strongly upward. In view of the concurrent appeal for the Advance for Christ and Peace Thankoffering, which is entirely separate from the Budget, the increased missionary giving is highly gratifying.

"Of nine Presbyteries in the whole church that exceeded their allocation for the Budget, two are within the bounds of the Synod, namely Newfoundland which made the remarkable showing of 197.96 percent of its allocation, and Halifax and Lunenburg which reached the third highest showing in the whole church, Newfoundland being first, namely 120.61 percent of the amount asked of it.

"Other Presbyteries taking high

P. E. I. Figures

places as budget contributors are Prince Edward Island with 96.87 per cent; Pictou with 92.32; Miramichi with 89.49, and Cape Breton with 89.22. The figure of the Synod as a whole on its allocation is 86.59, placing it slightly behind three of the prairie Synods, but decidedly ahead of British Columbia, Toronto and Kingston, Montreal and Ottawa, and Hamilton and London.

"It is to be hoped that the old missionary zeal of former days, brought back to us at this meeting by the arrival of the splendid little book of the Geddie Centennial Addresses, will continue to grow and expand, and that the Synod will maintain its missionary priority as it did a hundred and one years ago when, twenty-five years in advance of all other parts of the church, it sent its first herald of the Cross to a foreign land. Our ministers and elders, and especially our Budget conveners in the respective Presbyteries, must be of the right spirit, and must be seized of the importance of the Church's missionary enterprises, or this growing liberality and enlarged missionary giving would not be possible.

"Passing from giving to getting, a glance may now be taken at the amounts from the Budget which are returned to the Synod in the form of grants for the maintenance of the work within the mission charges and other enterprises of the bounds. This leads us to a consideration of Budget giving and grants received for 1946:

	Budget Giving	Grants Rec'd.
The Synod	$32,906	$13,215
By Presbyteries:		
Newfoundland	3959	465
Cape Breton	5353	1000
Pictou	10156	3986
H'fax & Lunenburg	6392	3987
Saint John	2096	2332
Miramichi	1074	1010
P. E. Island	3875	434

"When compared with last year it will be seen from a study of these figures that our Grants are up more than our Giving, and as a consequence our surplus of giving over getting is slightly down. This can be understood when it is recalled that the figures of this year are the first to show the effect of the new and higher scale payments to students and to men in augmented charges. The fixed policy of the Synod has always been to give more and ask less in the way of grants, but the increases in student rates from $12.50 per week to $15.00, and the raising of the maximum grants to augmented fields from $600 to $800 has naturally thrown us off our former balance, and imposed a new and increased demand on our giving.

"We are not, however, put completely in the red, by this forward step, for which, by the way, we asked and urged upon the Assembly and the Board of Missions. The upward giving has not quite matched the upward asking, but there is evidence that the new demand has been recognized. The gain in giving over the previous year is $2.767, the amount raised and forwarded to the Church Treasurer at Toronto, being $32,906, as against $30,139. However, the figure for Grants is up $3,080, having risen from $10,135 to $13,215, showing that our increased giving has fallen short of meeting our increased getting by $310, and thus reducing what may be termed our credit balance for the work of the Church as a whole, outside of the Synod for the year, from $20,004 to $15,691.

"On the whole, the plan of sustaining our weaker causes by Grants works smoothly and well, and the complaint made by a former minister, that the Board of Missions "was killing the country churches", cannot be maintained. The very opposite is true; it is keeping them alive. And they are worth keeping alive for in one of them this summer over fifty new communicants have been added, and in another fifteen, both in the Province of New Brunswick. At all posts our Home Mission work must be maintained. Nothing is more important, or more vital to the future life and wellbeing of the Church as a whole. To lose at the outposts is ultimately to lose at the centre.

Further Statistics

"Passing from Ministers, Members and Missions, all of which have been glanced at, a few further statistics may be noted to help to indicate the direction in which the Synod is moving. These are as follows:

	1946	1947
Families	11400	11427
In Sunday Schools	7911	8093
Baptisms of Children	667	813
Rec'd on Prof. Faith	604	674
Self-Sust. Charges	45	45
Augmented Charge	41	41
Mission Fields	23	21
Number of Elders	819	841
Amounts raised for all purposes	354889	388430
Amount raised for stipends	131742	143788
Amount raised by W. M. S.	18950	20125
Synod and W. M. S. together	49129	53031

"The total missionary giving of the Synod, it will be seen by these latter figures, is practically $53,000, with a gain of approximately $4,000 over the previous year. Taking these, and the figures as a whole, the complaint so common in many quarters, that the church is losing its hold on the people, can hardly be maintained. It is true we have no comparative figures on church attendance, but all the figures we have are encouraging to a high degree, and I refuse to join the pessimistic procession of the tremblers for the ark of God and, by the way, it will be recalled that it was the tremblers who suffered and were smitten."

Communicant Membership

"At the last meeting of the General Assembly the over-all increase in the Communicant membership of the church was reported as being one thousand and seventy-three, the downward trend of a few years previously being decisively checked, and the largest increase in years by far, registered. In the Synod in 1926, the first year that figures were available after the great exodus of 1925 of those who went out from us to assist, with the Methodists and the Congregationalists to form the United Church, we were left with 16,802 communicant members. We now have 20,406, a yearly average increase of 171. It is not large, but it is steady, and taken with the growth in ministers from 19 to 87, in budget givings from 20 to 33 thousand in round numbers, with the building of numerous new churches, and in the reduction of debts, it is not altogether a discouraging record, or one that warrants the complaint that the church is dying, or losing its hold.

"Said the new Primate of the Church of England on his recent election to his high office — and probably we ought to congratulate him, as he is a worker among us, and is to dwell among us: — 'I pledge myself to the Church; body, mind and soul. It is a great day of opportunity for the Church, and by the help of God we will make the best of it'.

"Is that not the right note, brethren — for us, and for our church, as well as for Him, and for His church? I think you will unanimously agree that it is.

"Let us here, then, on "The Island", in the unity of the spirit, and in the bond of peace, in the area and in the atmosphere where Geddie sowed his seed of missionary endeavor,—let us here, as a Synod, in unbroken session for one hundred and thirty years, seek to recapture that ancient mood of faith and of costly loyalty to the Church's King and Head, and in the fine and exalted language of the thirty-fourth Psalm,—

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