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5TH ANNUAL MEETING OF PROVINCIAL BIBLE SOCIETY

Encouraging Balance Shown by Treasurer's Report—Inspiring Addresses at Evening Session—Retirement of District Secretary Received With Regret.

A financial statement showing the best years in the history of the local Society, a satisfactory report of activities in Sunday school work, the proposed division of the Maritime and Newfoundland divisions into two separate divisions, and the announcement of the work of the retiring District Secretary Rev. F. S. Porter, were features of the 5th annual meeting of the P. E. Island Auxiliary Bible Society held in the Hearts Hall yesterday afternoon. The president, Rev. H. D. Raymond, who was elected for the ensuing year, presided. An executive meeting was held in the morning. The afternoon meeting, which opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. Dr. George of the Central Christian Church, was devoted to the reading of the reports of the various officers, published elsewhere in the Guardian, and to the election of officers, branch reports and other routine business.

EVENING SESSION

The closing session was held last evening in the Methodist Church and was a most inspiring one. Rev. Mr. Raymond presided, other local clergymen on the platform being Rev. Raymond, C. C. Pringle, W. M. Ryan and W. Orr Mulligan. After a brief devotional service by Rev. Mr. Taylor the president spoke of the aim of the Bible Society, which is to give God's written word to every man in his own language without note or comment. Founded in 1804, the Society has enlisted no less than 65 of the languages of the world in which to send this written message broadcast, more than 300 of these languages having been committed to writing especially for this purpose. In this Province the local organization has been endeavoring to further the great work of the Society. During the past year more than \$3,000 have been contributed, and had the books been kept open after Dec. 31st the contributions for 1923 would have shown over \$5,000. \$6,000 of this money has already been remitted to the head office of the Society and another \$2,000 will go forward within the next few days, making a splendid contribution for so small a Province towards the great quota made up by the Dominion of Canada, which, within the memory of the speaker, has been leading all the British Dominions in this work. Future progress is being confidently looked forward to. The president referred particularly to the value of the work carried on in the

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LEAVES SOON FOR GLASGOW

Capt. F. D. Campbell, of the Lovat Steamship Co., is in the City

Capt. F. D. Campbell, Halifax, connected with the Lovat Steamship Company, is registered at the Revere Hotel. Capt. Campbell is leaving shortly for Glasgow, Scotland, where the Company's new steamer for the Halifax, Pictou, Magdalen and Souris route is being built by the Bow-McLaughlin Co., and it is expected will be completed about the middle of April. The new steamer, which is receiving a Dominion Government subsidy of \$50,000, will carry about 500 tons of cargo and seventy passengers, first and second class. She will have a speed of twelve knots and will be equipped with wireless and other modern devices. Capt. Campbell, who formerly belonged to Newport, P. E. I. will return to Canada on the steamer, which will carry a Glasgow crew on her maiden trip to Halifax.

Asked regarding the feasibility of including Charlottetown as a port of call on the new route, Capt. Campbell said he did not think this would be possible because of the extra distance involved. The Souris route from Pictou is considered the most favorable. The new service will benefit particularly the Magdalen Islands, both in the matter of trade and tourist traffic. The Magdalen Islands have had no efficient steamship service since the Sybil was withdrawn during the war.

At the recent annual meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade the desirability of having the steamer call at Charlottetown was strongly emphasized.

30 Victims of Jap. Quake

TOKIO, Jan. 16.—Reports received here from the county district to the south west of Yokohama, near Fujiyama mountain, have brought the known death toll in yesterday's earthquake to approximately thirty.

Only One Accident On English Railways During Year

LONDON, Jan. 16.—There was only one railway accident in England involving loss of life during 1923, according to the Railway Gazette. This was at Diggle, in July when two passengers were killed.

During last night's service an Anthem was sung by the choir of the Methodist Church.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions, moved by Mr. J. D. Seaman, were carried unanimously.

1. WHEREAS arrangements are being made by the General Board for the division in the near future of District No. 1 into two districts, one to comprise Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, and the other New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, therefore resolved that we express our approval of such division and hope that it may soon be effected. Further resolved that we urge upon the General Board the desirability of having representatives of the Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick auxiliaries on the committee who shall appoint the General Secretary for the district in which they are included.

2. WHEREAS the year 1923 is the 40th anniversary of the printing of the Tyndale New Testament in the English language, therefore resolved that the Executive committee be requested to arrange for suitable commemorative services in connection with the anniversary.

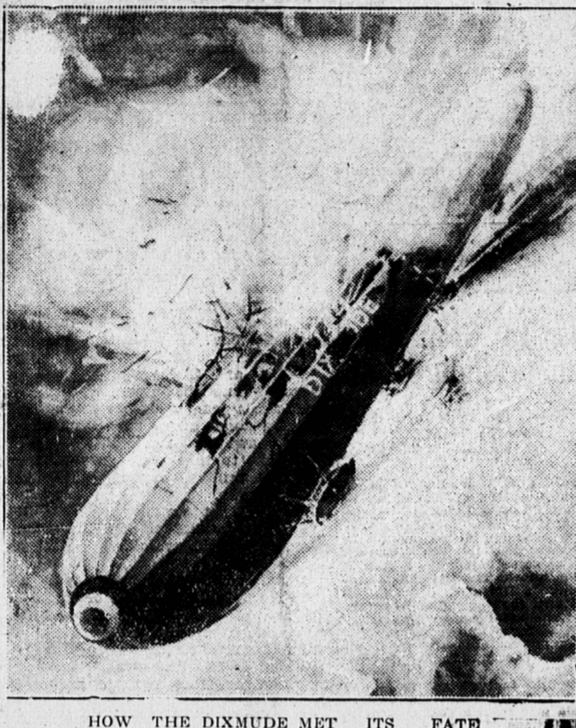
3. WHEREAS the work of the Bible Society in connection with the Sunday School has been successfully carried on for four years, and whereas there are possibilities of greater development of the work, therefore resolved that we recommend the Executive of the Auxiliary to arrange if possible for the employment of the Secretary of the Sunday School work to devote his or her full time to the work. Further resolved that if possible the services of Miss C. M. Haslam be secured for that service.

4. RESOLVE that at this 5th annual meeting of the P. E. I. Auxiliary of the Canadian Bible Society we desire to express our sincere regret at the resignation of the District Superintendent, Rev. F. S. Porter, M. A., B. D. During this term of service for the Society in No. 1 District he has been instrumental in bringing the required organization to a high point of efficiency. It is largely due to his efforts that this year may be termed a banner year for the P. E. I. Auxiliary. By his cheerful bearing, scholarly addresses and statesmanlike advice, he has inspired all with whom he worked. May God Almighty bless, guide and help him in his new sphere of activities.

(This resolution was expressed unanimously by a standing vote.)

5. RESOLVED that the thanks of the annual meeting be extended to the retiring officers of the Auxiliary for the efficient services rendered during the year; to the District Secretary, Rev. F. S. Porter for his work in connection with the Auxiliary; to the officers and collectors of the several branches throughout the Province for their efficient services resulting in the largest contributions to the funds of the Society in any year; to the Pastor and official members of the Methodist Church for the use of their building for this meeting; to the choir of the church for services at this meeting; to the friends of Charlottetown for entertainment provided for delegates; to the Press for extended notices of the meetings.

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HOW THE DIXMUDE MET ITS FATE

The great dirigible airship the Dixmude, which with a French crew of half a hundred, has disappeared mysteriously is now believed to have been struck by lightning far above the clouds, during a terrific storm over Africa. Roman tragedy mingles in the story of the airship, which was surrendered by Germany and applied by France to her own use. Defying the elements of the air, it started off on a long cruise, and except for the finding of the body of its commander there is no trace of the missing ship. The sketch shows what apparently happened to the Dixmude far up in the air.

LABOR PARTY IN ENGLAND REGARDED AS POWERLESS TO WORK REAL REFORM

(United Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Ramsay MacDonald and the other leaders of the British Labor Party are beginning to find their way blocked to any real power and are trying to develop a counterattack by making King George the scapegoat. The Laborites' danger comes from their lack of experience with the far-reaching political strategy of the House of Commons, which is the most subtle in the world.

Ramsay MacDonald's plan, formulated before parliament convened, was to accept office as premier after the fall of the Baldwin ministry, and then bring on a new government has a creditable program of accomplishments. The succession of MacDonald to the premiership is merely the stepping stone to the major part of the scheme.

No Labor ministry can last in the present parliament without the support of the Conservatives or Liberals. The Liberal party approves of MacDonald's desire to recognize the Bolshevik government of Russia, and also has joined with Labor in attacking the Conservative policy of protection. Therefore, MacDonald as premier can rely on the benevolent help of the Liberals as long as Labor does not introduce contentious bills, such as a capital levy, or nationalization of the mines or railways.

MacDonald's strategy as premier must be to gain the confidence of the country, to prepare the way for labor success at the next succeeding election. If recognition of Russia is followed by a revival of trade in Europe, British unemployment will fall. If at the same time France and Germany should agree to cease their mutually destructive antagonism and come to terms, the effect would be to give MacDonald's party prestige at home, even though MacDonald had no hand in the continental reconciliation.

CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS ARE NOT SATISFIED

Conference Called to Meet in Hamilton to Discuss Possible Solution of Present Difficulties.

(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 16.—General trade conditions in Canada are not satisfactory to manufacturers and a conference of representatives of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association has been called to meet in Hamilton on 24th, to see up for review.

GREAT U. S. AIR CRAFT BREAKS FROM MOORING

(Canadian Press)

LAKE HURST, N. J., Jan. 16.—The giant navy dirigible Shenandoah which was intended to be used for the police flight by the United States government, broke away from her moorings early this evening and went sailing away in a fifty mile southeast gale, disappearing in the general direction of Canada carrying Captain McCrea and twenty-nine of a crew.

Efforts to get in touch by wireless were proved fruitless but hopes are entertained that the officers and crew will be able to outmanoeuvre the storm and bring the dirigible safely back to the flying field.

MITCHELL FIELD, N. J., Jan. 16.—Wireless communication was established late tonight with the dirigible Shenandoah and those on board reported themselves safe and confident of riding out the gale. They were then over New Brunswick, New Jersey and asked for storm reports. After breaking from the mooring mast the giant airship flew at the rate of sixty miles an hour before a gale from Lakeland to Westfield, then succeeded in coming about into the wind and since that time has been able to hold her own in the teeth of the gale.

A Great Historic Picture at The Prince Edward

One of the finest pictures shown for sometime is "A Royal Divorce" which drew crowded houses to the Prince Ed. Theatre three times yesterday. The picture portrays in vivid and dramatic manner the tragedy of Napoleon and Josephine—"The Little Grey Man" and the beautiful West Indian Creole who attained to more than a throne—a niche in history not far removed from that of Joan of Arc.

When she was seventeen Josephine married Viscount Alexandre Beauharnais. Two children were born to them—a son, Eugene, and a daughter Hortense. The husband was one of the last victims of the Reign of Terror, and after the fall of Robespierre, Alexandre Beauharnais was led to the guillotine. Eugene, the young son of Josephine, presented himself before Napoleon, then in command in Paris, and begged for his father's sword, which had been taken from him when he was imprisoned. The General gave the boy the sword, when to his surprise, the boy burst into tears and kissed it. The next day the boy's mother called on Napoleon to thank him, Bonaparte fell in love with her immediately, and her persistence finally won her the emperor's hand. Her married life was ideal save there was no child to bless the union. When his vaulting ambition made Napoleon Emperor, the question of the succession became a grave one. He feared that if he died without issue the splendid organization he had created would be destroyed.

He decided to divorce Josephine. After dinner one evening he made his decision known to her as gently as he could. Josephine's little bonnet was the scene of the final chapter in the great tragedy. It was here that the last good-byes were said. The Empress begged her husband not to forget her. She promised to follow his wishes in caring for her health, to turn a deaf ear to any gossip concerning him, and never to doubt his love. She spent the few remaining years of her life at Malmaison, the small estate near Paris where she and Napoleon had spent the first happy years of their marriage. On March 12, 1810 Napoleon married Marie Louise, daughter of the Emperor of Austria. A year later, when the long desired heir to the French throne was born, and Josephine heard the cannon which announced the birth of a son, she called her people together and said:—"We, too, must rejoice. I will give you a ball and the whole city shall be glad with us." Soon after without Marie Louise's knowledge Napoleon carried the babe to Malmaison to Josephine who had begged to see him. When Napoleon was exiled Marie refused to join him but Josephine, hearing of it, begged to be permitted to come to him. She died before his answer reached her.

It is this powerful story, with certain theatrical variations, that is depicted on the screen in all the beauty, grandeur and effect which the finest English acting and staging can give it. When "finis" appears one hungers for more, a true indication that the play has fulfilled its purpose.

"A Royal Divorce" will be repeated today at the three houses and many will be present for the second time.

NOTABLE CLAIM OF SCIENTIST

Claims to Have Predicted Japanese Earthquakes and Knows Causes of Quakes

(British United Press)

ROME, Jan. 16.—The Japanese earthquake Tuesday, was predicted almost to the hour by Professor Raffaele Bedandani of Paenza, who is about to give the world the secret of his discovery laws, governing earthquakes. British United Press dispatches from Rome, Saturday night, carried the Italian seismologist's prediction.

Italian scientific circles are tremendously excited at the accurate outcome of Bedandani's correct forecast, as the distinguished seismologist successfully predicted every important quake since Avezzana, January 13, 1915. The discovery is not yet sufficiently perfected to give exact location but forthcoming shocks can be predicted and the professor has never failed to give the precise time.

For several years now, Italian scientists have been following Bedandani's predictions and his extraordinary warnings of shocks that have occurred, including the disaster of Tokio, Yokohama, last September. Since last August he has made his fellow seismologists unanimously loath to deny that he actually has discovered the secret of earthquakes. They urge him to make public his discovery, but Bedandani says, "were he to do so before he completed his work, other scientists with better equipped observatories would perfect the discovery and rob him of the fruits of years of research."

Court House at St. Pierre, Miq. Destroyed

(Canadian Press)

ST. PIERRE, Miq., The court house here was destroyed last night by a fire which started in the engine room during a northerly gale. Books and records said to be of great importance were consumed.

Pressing Claims to Estate Worth \$305,000,000

(Canadian Press)

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 16.—Heirs to the Edward estate from all parts of Western Ontario meeting at the Court House here yesterday decided to press their claims to property in New York valued at \$305,000,000. There are about 300 claimants in Western Ontario and 2000 in the United States and Canada.

Record in Post War Financing

(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Jan. 16.—A record in postwar financing was established by Toronto yesterday when \$3,000,000 Harbor Board Bonds 4 1/2 per cent payable in 1925, were sold at 91.011 at a 5.08 basis.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc

RATES—3 cents per word each insertion.

**Fancy Dress Carnival at Arena Friday night.

**Coal, Coke and Wood. When in need of above please remember A. Pickard & Co. Phone 240 have a stock of all kinds selling at lowest prices. 940-1-15-61.

**Mrs. Boyd Lowther, Crapaud, will be at home to her friends Thursday, Jan. 18th from 3 to 5 and from 7 to 10 p. m.

**The Long Creek Ladies' Aid will hold a grand concert in Canoe Cove Hall on January 22nd. Sale of home-made candy. Admission 25 and 15 cents.—959-1-15-21.

**The ladies of East Royalty will hold a basket social in Hearts Hall on Monday evening, January 21st in aid of Protestant Orphanage. They have engaged city talent and plan to make it a big event. Don't miss it.

**Burns' night. Clyde River Hall, Monday, Jan. 21st at 7.30 p. m. Come swan an hear Rev. C. U. MacNeil lecture on Bobby Burns, also select Scotch program, sale of lunches and candy. Admission 25 cents.—976-1-17-21.

ALBERTA GOVT. TO ESTABLISH CREDIT SYSTEM

(Canadian Press)

EDMONTON, Jan. 16.—The farmer government in Alberta has refused the request of the United Farmers of Alberta for the establishment of a provincial bank and at the same time announced the hope that at an early date, it would be possible to establish a practical system of long term farm credits.

British Labor Vote Likely to Carry

(Canadian Press)

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Nobody, however interested, professes to draw from yesterday's proceedings in parliament any indication that the defeat of the government may be averted and a passage of Labor's resolution of no confidence in the present government which Ramsay MacDonald is to move, is still regarded as a foregone conclusion.

First Foreign Casualty in Mexican Revolt

(Canadian Press)

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 16.—The first foreign casualty in the present Mexican insurrection is reported by the British legation in the accidental death of the wife of a British mining engineer. She ventured too near the window of her house in Pachuca during the battle and received a stray bullet through the head.

Mexican Rebels Were Defeated

(Canadian Press)

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 16.—The first battle of Federal offensive against Huerta revolutionists occurred yesterday, when General Urbalejo, second in command of the offensive troops defeated the rebels at Teleaca, twenty miles south east of Puebla, according to a war department bulletin. The rebels lost twenty killed and two wounded. The federalists lost one lieutenant, three sergeants killed and five privates wounded. According to the report, the rebels fled.

Liner Leviathan Sustains Serious Damage

(Canadian Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—A quarter of a million dollars damage which it will take until the 11th to repair, was sustained by the shipping board steamer Leviathan when she grounded off Robin's Reef while coming up the bay on her last trans Atlantic voyage, shipyard men declared today.

The giant liner not only ripped open twenty feet of her heavy steel hull plates but kinked her back amidships so seriously that much readjustment will be necessary.

The Weather, Etc.

IF YOU'VE GOT A ONE HORSE BRAIN—PARK IT IN THE HOME STUDY GARAGE FOR A REBUILD JOB!



TORONTO, Jan. 17.—Maritime forecast: Fresh westerly winds; fair and colder.

Temperature yesterday: Max. 22, Min. 10.

High tide this morning at 7.25 and tonight at 7.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.45 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.36.

Full moon Monday, Jan. 31st 8.57 p. m.

Summerside tide ebbs ten minutes later than Charlottetown.