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NEW LIFE OF FRONTIER IS THE PULSE OF CHURCH

Rev. Principal Oliver of Saskatoon names Champlain and Cartier Among Pioneers of Spiritual Pioneering.

TORONTO, Ont., Sep. 20.—Frontiers as the pulse of religious life, with Cartier, Champlain, Evans, Ryerson and James Nisbet, of Prince Albert, Sask., as Canadian examples of spiritual pioneering, provided Rev. Principal Oliver of St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon, with a theme in addressing the annual gathering of Presbyterian chairmen of maintenance and extension committees of the United Church held in Victoria College Chapel.

"Extension or extinction" was the motto thrown out by William Carey and applicable today, said Rev. Dr. Oliver in the closing address of the two-day conference, following which the national committee of maintenance and extension fund convened under the chairmanship of J. H. Gundy.

Speaking to the Ontario and Quebec delegates as vice-chairman of the committee of direction, principal Oliver gave unstinted praise to the labors of several hundred Eastern college students during the present summer in the hardest home provinces. He had found them doing faithful and intelligent pastoral work and effectively presenting foreign mission needs to the settlers on the prairies. Saskatchewan had never had better student preachers than those who would be flocking back to Eastern colleges in a fortnight, he said. The pity was that for many months their fields would probably be vacant.

"Guard your frontiers," said Dr. Oliver, instancing the religious toleration accorded the French-Canadians in the Quebec Act of 1774 as showing British regard for the best life of a new frontier. In his judgment plain and complete case has been made out by Drs. Endicott and Gandier for spiritual pioneering abroad.

The Moderator, Rev. James Endicott, D. D., said that in the lives and witness of persons in the young Christian communities at every foreign mission station he found assurance that the Christian message would yet win Asia. He would present the Korean congregations as evidence sufficient for faith in Christianity's ultimate triumph. He was more hopeful of China than ever and he had known her people for a generation.

In discussion of ways and means of raising the \$3,400,000 budget for missionary and associated work, the leaders from various conferences and Presbyteries stressed as vital a realization by congregations

that they had a world task, one which could be discharged only when voluntarily assumed. Instances were recounted of churches which had doubted their contributions through increased emphasis on missionary education and on internal organization.

From the chair Mr. Gundy urged the necessity of regarding allocations for financing the Church's programme as being the severest minimum. Rev. Dr. Robert Laird said that the policy had been steadily pursued of making objectives no larger than the existing work demanded. Congregations, Presbyteries and Conferences in his view should "stir up their own consciences" and make an increase in giving their definitely adopted goal.

CROP REPORT

Below will be found a brief synopsis of telegraphic reports received at the Head Office of the Bank of Montreal from its Branches. The Branch Managers have complete and intimate knowledge of each local situation and are in close touch with crop conditions in all sections of the districts mentioned.

Until a few days ago the weather of the past few weeks has been favourable and a large crop is in sight. In the Prairie Provinces harvesting is not yet far enough advanced to determine in definite form grades and yields. Cutting has proceeded rapidly and but for intermittent rains has practically every section threshing would now be general. Weather conditions generally in Quebec have been favourable to harvesting operations. In Ontario fine weather has enabled farm work to be well advanced but fall ploughing is hampered by dryness. In the Maritimes wet weather is making harvesting difficult and crops have suffered damage. In British Columbia continuous rains have seriously delayed harvesting and damage to crops is reported. Details follow:—

PRAIRIE PROVINCES

ALBERTA WESTERN AREA.—Rain has slowed up general harvesting operations. An average of 60 per cent of wheat is now cut. (Except in Lethbridge district, where further rains are delaying cutting, a good average yield of all grades is assured and with favourable weather satisfactory grades will be fairly general. **ALBERTA NORTHEASTERN AREA.**—70 per cent of wheat is cut and cutting of coarse grains is under way. Generally conditions continue promising and yields are good average. **ALBERTA SOUTHEASTERN AREA.**—The rye crop is threshing out well. Over 60 per cent of wheat is cut and a good yield and grade are promised. **SASKATCHEWAN NORTHERN AREA.**—Cutting is practically completed and threshing is becoming general. While the yield is generally satisfactory, there will be much low grade grain. **SASKATCHEWAN SOUTHERN AREA.**—Good progress has been made with harvesting. Threshing should be general this week. The yield has been considerably reduced by rust and frost. **MANITOBA.**—A small amount of threshing has been done and indications are that yields and grades will be very uneven. Rain has been more or less general and further operations are delayed. Oats are practically a failure.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

Threshing has commenced in some districts and yields of wheat, oats and barley are good. Root crops and vegetables are generally satisfactory but potatoes and corn are suffering from excessive moisture. An excellent crop of tobacco is now being cut. Apples are below average.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

The grain harvest is practically over except for buckwheat and some oats in backward sections. Threshing is general and, while the yield at some points is not up to expectations, on the whole the results are satisfactory. Root crops are good but require moisture. Peaches are about 40 to 50 percent of a normal crop but of good quality. Apples, pears and plums are light. Tobacco crop is good, but two weeks of fine weather is needed to complete cutting.

MARITIME PROVINCES

The Nova Scotia apple crop is now estimated at 1,050,000 barrels, 5 per cent of a five year average. The quality is fair to good and market prospects are favorable. In all three provinces wet weather has developed rot and blight in potatoes, and the yield will be seriously affected. Oats also have been damaged, but are expected to prove an average crop.

A large percentage of grain is still in stock, owing to wet weather, and a heavy loss seems inevitable. Tomatoes have also suffered extensively. Loss in onions is negligible but fine weather is needed for curing. Root crops are making satisfactory growth. Rains have delayed fruit picking but the quality is not affected to any extent.

SPORT WHIRL

By "Tec" CONGRATULATIONS

It may be a little late, but better late than never in congratulating the Anchors and their leader Jack Hoyt on their magnificent and whirlwind finish in the recent City League baseball tussle. It surely was a hectic baseball argument, and the Down West team certainly deserve all the good things said about them. Running into hard luck when they lost their pivot, George Francis at the beginning of the play-offs, they filled the breach and carried on undaunted and none the less confident. They played consistent and heady ball and that was what won for them the consolation for 1927-28. Once again heartfelt congratulations!

LEST WE FORGET

In the midst of victory let's not forget the conqueror, Dr. Charles Dougan and his Stars, who just about to make baseball history this year in the winning of two pennants in a row. They all but reached their objective and in the trying made their opponents go the entire series to purloin the bacon. The genial Doctor although not a playing manager, was one of the brightest workers in the League this summer. He did everything humanly possible in the building up of the East End ball players and takes his defeat in the best of feelings, saying, "that somebody had to lose and that the best team won!"

The Rovers eliminated at the end of the schedule made things hum for awhile, but went to pieces. They fell apart, but before leaving the field of battle gave both the Stars and Anchors the closest games of their careers. While dwelling on the North Enders we may say that they too had their finger in the championship pudding, winning the first City League title in 1925. The Stars were 1926-27 champions, so nothing can be more satisfactory than to congratulate the Anchors 1927-28 champs. Probably the cycle will be repeated, at any rate the Stars and Anchors have got to be on their toes all the time when playing the Rovers.

THE DOPESTERS

Questions uppermost in the minds of local fandom these days are: Will Tunney retain his title when he meets Dempsey? Will Patterson pin McWilliams' shoulders to the mat and hold on to his crown? Can Morris McDonald take McKenna's measure and thereby lower his stocks as middleweight champion of Canada? But we need not lead to debate and during the process many heated arguments take place with the same old ending—each and every fan sticks by his idol and nothing can shake his convictions. As the old gentleman said when he fell in the mud puddle, "it will all come out in the wash." We can only wait and see.

TIME GETTING SHORT

Jack Patterson who will defend his crown against McWilliams next week will make only three more public training appearances prior to his match a week from Wednesday. This afternoon and Wednesday afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock he will continue his work with his wrestling partner Scantlebury, and on Thursday night between 7.30 and 9 o'clock will engage in his last strenuous workout. Thursday night should see a fast and scientific exhibition of mat work. There is no admission fee. The public, ladies, gentlemen and especially the children are cordially invited to attend. It is hoped that most of the improved seating accommodation will be ready to insure all a comfortable seat at this last training appearance.

THE RACES

Horse talk and exhibition is in the air, and there is surely something to talk about this year. The management have let no stone unturned in their endeavor to present for the approval of the thousands which will attend the greatest exhibition Week of horse racing, exhibitions, etc., that has ever been attempted in the Maritime Provinces.

DEMPSEY—TUNNEY?

While most of the paragraphs, specialists and fight experts refer to the Dempsey-Tunney battle as the battle of "The Three Millions," it might more be aptly termed the "mystery battle." Both fighters have as rank a retinue of sparring partners as could be gathered anywhere. Those that are not nonentities are mediocrities, and the rest are known by that classical bit of argot as "punks."

The fighting so far has been confined to the golf links. Neither Tunney or Dempsey are even passing fair as golfers. Rickard is also a golfer whose best shot is his "approach," and Leo Flynn is a real golfer who sometimes essays as low as 78 by his own estimates. There is more furore regarding the golfing exploits of the two gladiators than their ability as fighters. There is some speculation regarding their handling of a mink than their handling of the gloves. If they are not golfing they are resting, and I suppose they are resting up this week, with the exception of a little music on the victrola or a few rounds of pinocchio. Both of course are supremely confident. Tunney in an interview intimates that Dempsey has the greatest punch that has ever graced his cheek. Dempsey intimates that he knows Tunney is a more clever boxer. At any rate he is guaranteed \$33,333.33 1-3 a round—the battle is scheduled for ten. Providing Dempsey knocks the champion out in 5 rounds his three minute spasms is worth double and the public only sees half a show. Jack, poor fellow only gets \$750,000, but if the gate goes over \$3,000,000 he gets a little more, say about \$15,000. Of course Jack is busy in the hope that he won't be always poor, because if he wins his share of the next 30 minutes performance might be at least

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\$2,000,000. Then again we beg to sympathize with the unlucky Rickard whose cut will be only \$1,000,000 or thereabouts; but he must remember that he is getting a lot of fun out of all the hard work he is doing.

Getting back again to Jack and Gene. Neither seem purposeful and those close at hand are beginning to speculate regarding the chances of the fray being in the well known "burlap." Rickard sells two million dollars worth of tickets to customers who don't know whether their seats are in Indiana or Illinois—and Rickard doesn't care.

On the outcome, well, personally we like Tunney's chances and maintain he should win, but Dempsey is by no means a negligible factor. Sharpened up from that Sharkey engagement he will lay Tunney low if the latter comes to grips and trades wallops. If Tunney elects to fight a close in fight, and

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