

GEN. ASSEMBLY MAY LOSE POWERS

PRESBYTERIAN SYNODS TO DISCUSS RADICAL CHANGE IN CHURCH GOVERNMENT

MONTREAL, Oct. 4.—Will the General Assembly be shorn of some of its executive administrative powers? This is a question that will agitate the minds of the members of the Presbyterian Synod of Montreal and Ottawa when it meets in Smith's Falls, Ontario, next week for the annual session.

It will be up to that body to give its definite opinion on this matter and owing to the radical nature of the change in the organization of the Presbyterian Church in the Dominion this question will probably overtop all others in interest when the representatives come together to thresh out their problems.

Already the question of an extension of the powers of this body, which has been more of a discussion than legislative one, has been aired and with the proposed increase in powers becoming a fact the Synods should become more of a deciding factor in the whole life of the Presbyterian Church.

The General Assembly of the Church, when the proposition was brought before it this summer, sent it back to the Synods for further consideration, and now the Montreal and Ottawa Synod will have their first opportunity to express themselves after the Assembly's handling of the question. It went to the Assembly in the form of an overture from the local Synod.

From the point of view of economy, of suitability as to size, and the fact that the personnel of the ministerial members is much more constant than that of the General Assembly, it is argued that the Synods are well adapted in various respects to take the larger part in the executive administration of the Church's work, and on this basis it is likely that the Rev. Dr. Allan Reid, clerk of the Synod and secretary of the local Presbytery, will launch the main arguments for the change at the forthcoming Synod meeting in a few days. He was a protagonist of this overture at the last Assembly.

As a detail in the general scheme Dr. Reid will maintain that all the officials of the church, having attained the age of 70 years, be now retired with such provision as the General Assembly may find advisable and possible to make; also that a small executive committee be appointed which shall conduct the work of the General Assembly between its meetings, with the exception of the administration of the pension fund; and that this committee be furnished with a secretary, who shall give special attention to the Foreign Mission work and who, with two clerical helpers, shall be the entire staff employed in the central office of the Church. The Pension Fund should be retained under a separate Board, which shall appoint its own secretary.

In addition to this it is held by Dr. Reid that the office space and rental should be reduced to correspond to the reduction in staff as already proposed.

MEET EVERY TWO YEARS In conformity with this whole move to reduce the Assembly is his proposal to have the General Assembly meet after 1935 only bi-annually, instead of annually as at present.

What is sought in this move toward decentralization is a measure granting that upon each of the Synods, in co-operation with their Presbyteries, shall rest the full responsibility for administering the Home Mission work within its bounds, and that financial provision be made for this by the different Synods retaining a certain percentage of the budget money raised within its bounds each year; these percentages to be determined by the General Assembly for each Synod according to the contributing ability of each, and the Home Missions required within each; it being clearly understood that where the Missionary givings in any Synod cannot be expected to meet its Home Mission requirements, a grant will be available for the Synod from the Assembly's budget fund.

Also shall rest upon the Synod, in co-operation with the Presbytery, the responsibility of raising the budget of the church according to the allocations made to each by the General Assembly, as well as the full responsibility of supervising, maintaining and extending the work of the church in all respects within its bounds.

It is understood that this enlargement of Synodical powers is favored also in the west and one Presbytery, that of Saskatchewan, has formally advocated this in an overture to the General Assembly this year.

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F. E. I. SCHOLARSHIP WINNER—In the list of scholarship awards at Dalhousie University appears the name of Mr. Hugh Neil MacDonald, Hestherdale, F. E. I., who has won a First Mathematics Scholarship (\$400).

PAINFUL ACCIDENT — Little Francis Ahearn of Boston, while visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCarron, St. Mary's Road, met with an accident recently and cut his forehead. He was found unconscious and was immediately taken to the City Hospital, accompanied by Rev. Wm. McCabe, his mother, Mrs. Philip Ahearn, and his grandmother, Mrs. Robert McCarron. The lad, who is four years old, underwent an operation and is doing nicely and will soon be returning to his home in Boston.

ENJOYABLE PARTY — A very enjoyable Auction and Bridge party was held at St. Mary's Convent Hall, Souris on Tuesday evening, Oct. 2nd, under the auspices of St. Mary's Alumnae Society, lunch was served at the close of the games. The following are the prize winners: Ladies Bridge, Miss Margaret McLean; Consolation, Miss Olo McEachern; Gentlemen's Bridge, Miss Russell St. John; Consolation, C.A. McDonald; Ladies Auction, Miss Mary Gregory; Consolation, Miss Mary Poole; Gentlemen's Auction, D. P. McDonald; Consolation, Ivan MacEachern; Table game, Highest score, Mrs. Vincent McEneas; Consolation, Miss Beatrice McDonald. A nice sum was realized which goes to the Convent. The Rev. Sisters and the committee in charge wish to thank those who in any way helped to make this entertainment a success.

Mrs. E. C. Lovell of Dayton, California, and son Oswald, who were here on a motor trip, left for their home this morning. They were accompanied by the former's sister, Miss Lottie McLure, who will visit in California for some time.

Railway Vital Factor in Internal Economy

Canada stands third in the list of countries having the greatest railway mileage. The United States heads the list with 249,829 miles. Russia has 47,974, Canada 42,639, India 30,821, France 39,850, Germany 36,404, Australia and New Zealand 30,821, Great Britain including Ireland 24,414, Argentina 23,756, Brazil 19,720, Japan 17,966, Mexico 16,443, Poland 13,406, Italy 13,049, Union of South Africa 12,602, Sweden 10,446, Spain 10,137.

Just what the railway industry means in the internal economy of a country is strikingly set out by recent figures for United States railways. In 1933 the total payroll was \$1,403,881,894, paid to 970,893 employees. In 1932 the total payroll was \$1,647,097 employees to whom were paid \$1,468,394, in wages. If the demands of traffic had required the same number of employees as in 1933 there would have been paid out in wages the stupendous sum of around \$2,271,702,262. The average annual wage paid in 1933 was \$1,445.97 and in 1916 \$801.61. The average number of hours worked per employee in 1933 was 2,300 and in 1916 it was 3,151. Purchases of fuel and materials and supplies in 1933 fell off more than half in the decade, amounting to a grand total of \$2,890,000, as compared with \$1,738,708,000, in 1923. The fuel bill is the largest item, \$180,526,000, being paid out in 1933, of which \$151,283,000, was for coal. The railways are among the biggest coal users in the country and the lessening of consumption by them as a result of loss of traffic is a serious thing for the coal mining industry. This applies particularly in Canada where other forms of fuel do not occupy the same relative position in the internal economy as does coal. The total property investment in 1933 was \$25,842,000,000.

The railways in order to mitigate the losses due to the depression and motor competition instituted economies which resulted in great savings, not only in fuel but in other lines. A reduction of 26 per cent in the amount of coal required to move 1,000 tons of freight and equipment for a distance of one mile was made in 1933 in comparison with 1922 and in the passenger train service a reduction of 15 per cent. Loss and damage claim were reduced from \$1.11 per revenue car, loaded in 1922 to 532 cents in 1933.

In 1932 out of every revenue dollar 46c were paid in wages, 17.2c for materials and supplies, 8.06c in taxes (in 1916 it amounted to 4.37 cents), 5.4c for fuel, 1.6c for loss and damage, injuries to persons and insurance.

To show the extent to which motor competition has grown, in 1916 come when there is little place left for the Synods. It is clear that the constitution of the church itself meant that the Synods should be fitted for greater executive powers than they appear to possess today. Dr. Reid claims, pointing out that the Synod is a more democratic and fully representative body than the General Assembly.

Touchdowns in Thrift



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Men's Zipper Sweater, all wool. Red, Black, Green	\$2.	V-Neck fancy pattern, Union Sweater Men's	98c
Men's Neckties, including values to \$1.00	25c	Men's English Broadcloth Shirts, great value	79c
Heavy Grey Working Shirts, all sizes Each	69c	New styles in Men's Wool Tweed Caps Each	79c
Men's sturdy Blue Red Back	\$1.25	Men's Khaki Twill Mole-skin Pants Pair	\$1.65
Men's Wool Tweed Pants stripes Pair	\$2.25	Men's Brown Stripe Union Tweed Pants	\$1.00
Good weight fleece lined combinations for men	\$1.29	Fleece Lined Combination for Boys Suit	89c
Boy's Tweed "First long" Pants Pair	\$1.35	Boy's fancy Sweater, roll collar, matched tie Each	59c
Boy's Tweed Caps all sizes	39c	Boy's fancy V-neck Sweater	79c
Boy's Golf Hose fancy top	29c	New lots of Boy's Tweed Caps	49c

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Mrs. Lela Corn, of Collins, Mo., has the distinction of being a great grandmother at 49. Her daughter is a grandmother at 33, and her granddaughter is a mother at 16.



SIR OSWALD LAYS DOWN THE LAW Sir Oswald Mosley, wealthy leader of the British Blackshirts, was caught in this characteristic attitude when he addressed a meeting of his followers recently.

The Smithsonian Institution has a collection of historic gowns worn by the First Ladies of the Land the Washington administration down to the present Roosevelt term.

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The greatest array of Prizes, the biggest Cash Awards, with a combined total of both by far greater than ever offered by any Fox Show in the World.

Classes for Adults, Yearlings and Pups — Males and Females — 10 Championships — Senior Herd, Junior Herd and Yearling Herd — Classes for Blacks, Dark Silvers, Dark Medium Silvers, Medium Silvers, Light Medium Silvers and Pale Silvers.

Open to Foxes registered in the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders' Association, under conditions as shown in Prize List.

PROGRAM

Monday, November 5th, Placing Foxes in Main Building and Classification.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Judging Foxes by George A. Callbeck, Esq., President Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders' Association.
Friday up until twelve noon, awarding of Championships and Herd Prizes.
Friday afternoon 2.30, Presentation of Cups and Trophies by His Honour Lieut.-Governor George D. DeBlois.
Wednesday evening, November 7th, Grand Banquet Canadian National Hotel. Guests limited to 140. Five minute addresses by prominent men and officials of the Association. Lots of fun between the eats and speeches.
Last year's dinner was voted by all as the most enjoyable function of the season. This one will be equally as good.

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Write for Prize List which explains every detail in connection with the Show.

F. G. KENNEDY, President. **W. R. SHAW, Secretary.**

THE SILVER FOX EXHIBITORS ASSOCIATION OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

there were 3,297,966 passenger automobiles registered and in 1933 this had jumped to 20,600,543. Rail passenger travel during the period fell over 56 per cent. The number of motor trucks in 1916 was 215,000 and in 1933 3,226,747.

In the matter of freight tonnage, products of the mines accounted for nearly half of the total, or 395,064,780, followed by manufactures and miscellaneous 157,009,486. Products of agriculture come next with 81,702,027, products of forests 33,194,630, animals and products 17,650,825, less-than-carload freight 14,358,763. Increases were shown in all of the items mentioned over the previous year except animals and products and less-than-carload freight which recorded decreases.

MOUNT STEWART SCHOOL Report of Mount Stewart School for September. Senior Department Grade X-1, Florence Martin; 2, Elsie Kneebone; 3, Gilbert Timmins. Grade IX-1, Lona Jay; 2, Stella Affleck; 3, Cecil MacLeod. Grade VIII-1, Claude Affleck; 2, Bessie Clark; 3, Edna Glover. Grade VII-1, Freddie Coffin; 2, Rena Jay; 3, Franklin Jay. Intermediate Department Grade VII (Jr.)-1, Doris Leard; 2, Alice MacDonald; 3, Evelyn McIntyre. Grade VI-1, Victor MacDonald; 2, Mary Jay; 3, Gerald MacLeod. Grade V-1, Brighton MacDougall; 2, Ira Rose; 3, Winnie MacIntyre. Grade IV-1, June Jay and Phyllis Affleck (equal); 2, Ruby Martin; 3, Bruce Affleck. Primary Department Grade III-1, Jean Affleck; 2, Leona Jay; 3, Harold Mitchell and John Boyce (equal).

Grade II-1, Preston McAskill; 2, John MacDonald; 3, Everett Mitchell. Grade I (Sr.)-1, David Jay; 2, Leonard Doyle; 3, Carl MacDougall. Grade I (Jr.)-1, Sheldon Jay; 2, Lois Smith; 3, Preston Affleck. Teachers: Mary Irving, Annie K. MacDonald, Mary McAskill.

COVER DOG CONTEST IN NEW BRUNSWICK Sporting dog lovers will follow with interest the North American Cover Dog contests to be held at Petersville, New Brunswick, October 9th and the 10th. The dates this year have been selected in order to allow greater freedom both for the trainers and dogs in the cover, states the Fish and Game Department of the Canadian National Railways. On the first day events will be Puppy Stake and Amateur Stake. The second day will witness the running of the Open Derby Stake and the Open All-age International Cover Dog Championship Stake.

Scene of New Gold Rush



The Sturgeon river district of Northern Ontario is the scene of a new gold rush. Photographs taken by Dr. H. C. Rickaby, geologist for the Ontario Government, who flew into the district show (1) opening up a new vein and (2) an covering a vein.