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TRAINS WILL OPERATE FULL LENGTH OF P.G.E. TO PRINCE GEORGE

NELSON, Sept. 29.—The cut of from Clinton to Ashcroft on the P.G.E. will not be made at present, according to information given out here. The line will continue to operate from Squamish to Quesnel and on to Prince George as soon as that section of the line is completed.

Light equipment will be used on the railway and the service curtailed so that the loss may be less than at present. Gasoline motors, coaches will carry passengers, and light freight and occasional freight trains will handle the heavier goods. Before the convention closes it is expected a formal announcement of policy will be made.

The question of providing for and opening up the Peace River country is expected to be further discussed.

PRINCE GEORGE

A well attended and representative meeting of Prince George retailers gathered at the Oddfellows' hall on Monday night to meet George S. Hougham, secretary for B. C. of the Canadian Retail Merchants' Association. As a result a plan is now on foot to bring local traders into line and form a branch in this city.

Word was received in the city on Monday that the Haskew mill at Dewey was destroyed by fire Sunday night. It is understood to be a total loss. P. E. Wilson has been called to Dewey to confer with the lumber company.

W. P. Ogilvie has completed the erection of the two silos on his ranch at Newlands. The equipment will be of great use to the ranchers in the vicinity. Mr. Ogilvie expects to have forty acres in crop next year. He is now milking seven cows and sends the milk to Giscome and the cream to the creamery at Vanderhoof.

The Grand Trunk has completed the station building at Endako and contractors have now commenced work upon a similar building at Telkwa.

Mrs. C. Payne and her daughter left on Wednesday for the East where they will reside in future.

James Brown's house in Central Port George was razed to the ground by fire on Tuesday afternoon. It was occupied by J. Gauthier who lost all his household effects.

Jack Wilson left on Wednesday for Vancouver where he will be called to the bar.

Miss Mae Murray, of the hos-

pital staff, has returned to the city after spending a month's holiday at Vancouver.

METHODISTS PROGRESSIVE

So Says Head of General Conference in Address Delivered in Toronto Yesterday

WIDE DISCUSSION

Dr. Chown Mentions Evil Trend of Literature and Danger of Cults

TORONTO, Sept. 29.—(By Canadian Press)—That the whole question of Church Union, with important ramifications regarding existing ministerial superannuation funds, the Presbyterian General Assembly proposals for the guarding of the rights of the minorities opposed to the union, and other features will still require an immense amount of intensive and responsible thought to bring the movement to a successful and happy conclusion, was the pronouncement at the Methodist General Conference here yesterday, by Rev. S. D. Chown, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada.

The elected leader of the Canadian Methodist Church predicted the coming of a "glorious revival which would give birth to a new age in history." Leadership in this evangelism would be the work not of a "few mystical enthusiasts" but of the biggest men in the community.

Dr. Chown vigorously condemned "an abundance of literature of today which is sapping the very foundations of society." He declared that most romantic writers escaped from truth and reality by throwing into the discard the fundamental moral convictions which gave direction to conduct and character during the nineteenth century. Under the heading of "New Thought" the General Superintendent warned that people should not use it as a substitute for the religion of Jesus Christ. He was persuaded that one great need of the church, and one that would mightily add to its attractiveness, was a richer fellowship in truth and love.

Forward Movement.

After reviewing the work of the quadrennium, Dr. Chown continued:

"It was an instance of supreme generalship on the part of the Church of Christ in Canada to launch the 'Forward Movement' just after the War. It was the psychological moment for aggression. It not only cleared the way for most remarkable advances against the Kingdom of Darkness, but it prevented a terrible slump with consequences we cannot now realize, and from which it might have taken a century to recover.

"The Methodist National Cam-

paign saved the financial situation, and we are today thankful to say that we have already received in cash the sum of over \$1,000,000, which exceeds the original objective of the fund.

"The reception of 78,398 new members into the Church during the quadrennium, the remarkable growth of our Sunday Schools and Young People's organizations, the enrollment of over 100,000 Christian Stewards and Intercessors, and particularly the enlistment for some definite form of life service of nearly 1000 young Methodists, bear testimony to the revival of spiritual interest in the Church, and have supplied consecrated workers for every branch of its work. We have also obtained a vision which will carry us to greater victories in the future, if we are true to the high purpose of our calling.

Need of Peace.

Dealing with the question of international peace Dr. Chown said:

Canada, with an unfortified frontier of 4,000 miles, maintaining peaceful relations for more than a century with our neighbor to the south, by reason of her gallantry and extreme suffering during the war, has a right to call upon all nations to cease their moral insanity and on terms of Christian equity settle all future difficulties.

"What can this General Conference do?

"1. I would advise that it should give its hearty support to the League of Nations Society of Canada, and co-operate with it to the utmost extent in promoting international peace. A resolution endorsing this most praiseworthy organization would be of great value at this time.

"2. This General Conference should send a hearty assurance to all Churches that, irrespective of differences of creed, we pledge hearty co-operation to promote the teachings in the schools of Canada of the ethical principles upon which all worthy personal and enduring national character must rest.

"3. That we should press upon the Government of Canada the necessity for an immigration policy providing for the careful selection of persons susceptible to high national idealism.

"4. As far back as June, 1920 speaking at the Convocation Exercises of the American University, Washington, D. C., I referred to the mission of Canada as one of the interpretation of Great Britain to the United States of America, and of the United States to Great Britain, being assured that we in Canada understand each of these nations better than they know each other. That I believe is still the mission of this country. Every endeavor should be made by us to strengthen the links that bind these two great world powers together, with the assurance that in their concord in world problems lies the promise of ultimate peace for mankind.

Other Cults.

"Our creed is big enough to hold all the good contained in modern cults, and much more, said Dr. Chown.

"Long before Conan Doyle was moved to lecture upon the proof of a future life, the pulpits of our church rang with the certainty of immortality and countless saints, nurtured by the ministry of Methodism, died triumphantly in sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection. We believe our boys and girls too who have 'gone West' to the land of the setting sun, wait to greet us in the land where the sun rises evermore and never sets.

"Long before Mary Baker Eddy published a new brand of optimism based upon philosophical and mystical ingenuities, the gospel preached by our Ministers comforted the hearts of suffering millions, and braced them for every trial of life.

"Without setting aside the palpable teachings of common sense and human experience, upon which all true philosophy is founded, our people have risen superior to the ills that flesh is heir to, trusting in the Lord with all their hearts, and leaning not on their own understanding.

"Methodism believes in freedom in the study, the atmosphere of freedom in the pulpit, but more strenuously than anything else, she believes in tremendous concentration upon the things that really matter most. This combination of outlook and endeavor is essential to a true conception of what our

message should be at this time.

"The literature read by a people largely determines its character. The German nation is said to have been transformed in a generation by its mental food. There is an abundance of literature today commended to our people by great intellectual genius which is sapping the very foundations of society. Most attractive novel writers have since the war become so romantic as not only to take advantage of the customary license of inventing the facts and features of the life they depict but also to escape from truth and reality by deliberately throwing into the discard the fundamental moral convictions which gave direction to conduct and character during the nineteenth century. They distinctly lower the sense of moral responsibility by making

the vagrant proclivities of human passion the measure of duty, irrespective of the law of the Superior Being. They trace the formation of character back to a long evolutionary process, on account of which the departed spirits of prowling beasts are now found haunting the chambers of the soul, or what passes for a soul, and setting up a very menagerie of primordial vices, all contending for control. So robust is this exaltation of depravity, that religion, which has always been considered as the cure of sin-sick souls, is now represented as one of the symptoms of the soul's sickness.

New Thought.

Having regard to limitation of time, in an address of such wide scope and practical purpose as this, it is impossible to discuss at length the various forms of

new thought which have recently sprung up so vigorously in this and other countries. Michael Angelo said: 'I criticize by creation, not by finding fault.'

"In a general way, then, I can only warn our people that though they may regard this new thought teaching favorably as far as it promises optimism, and may even feel that their privilege by the use of natural law with the mind to reinforce the will for the discharge of the duties of life, they should be careful not to allow it to become a substitute for religion.

"Take for example Coue's formula for speeding the elixir of life through one's physical and moral being. He advises concentration morning and evening on the formula—'Day by day in all respects, I am getting better and better.' Giving this

formula the maximum of credit, it falls short of the minimum of religion. It may be regarded as trust in the mental law of suggestion which on its spiritual side, if it has a spiritual side, is on a par with trust in the physical law of gravitation. But trust in natural law of any kind does not touch the fringe of the Christian religion. It does not in itself link a man to God in adoration or petition; it is not personal trust in the personal love and character of the Divine Being, without which there can be no Christian religion. It is more akin to the Shintoism of the Emperor of Japan. Mental suggestion emphasizes 'Care for yourself.' And religion emphasizes 'God cares for you.' They are not mutually exclusive of each other, and with discrimination may be made mutually helpful.



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