

NEW PASTOR Coming Here

Rev. E. A. Wright From Sherbrooke, Quebec to Survey Church Support

Rev. E. A. Wright of St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, Quebec, is coming to Prince Rupert about April 1 to assume the ministry of First Presbyterian Church here. The annual congregational meeting of the local church was so advised last night in a letter from Rev. James Munro, superintendent of missions. The church mission board had been requested to find a pastor for the local pulpit which has been vacant since last fall when Rev. George E. Sendall left to take up advanced theological studies at University of Toronto.

Mr. Wright is a pastor of considerable experience, having been some years ago located at Kimberley in the East Kootenay. It is his desire to return West and take up active missionary work that has actuated him in his decision to come to Prince Rupert. He will be accompanied here by his wife and two daughters. There is a son attending University. The board of managers of the

church here will make immediate arrangements to put the Manse in fit shape for the new minister and his family who have been guaranteed good living quarters here.

The future of the Presbyterian Church here was frankly discussed at last night's meeting. It was decided once and for all to canvass all members and adherents and put it squarely before them that assurance of their financial support and attendance at church is required if the church is to continue. There are supposedly some 200 Presbyterian families in Prince Rupert. At present 135 are enrolled as members but the roll may be purged of some of these. After considerable discussion of church finances and spirit, a committee consisting of James Hadden, chairman, Fred Conrad, George Murray, Mrs. John McLeod, W. H. Wilson-Murray and Mrs. L. C. Eby was named to organize the canvass.

The meeting elected J. A. Merrie, E. J. Smith, Gordon Fraser, Robert Parker, Robert Eby and James Bremner to the board of managers which already consists of R. R. Strachan, G. C. Mitchell, C. G. Ham, N. S. K. Brewer, John McLeod, E. F. Saunders, J. D. Merrie, Fred Conrad, James Hadden, J. W. Eastwood, S. J. Hunter and William Spark.

Mr. Justice A. M. Manson and George R. Naden were re-elected trustees. Robert Strachan was named auditor and Fred Conrad, budget secretary.

VARIOUS REPORTS

The meeting heard reports from all spheres of church activity. During the year the church's revenue from collections and subscriptions had been augmented with donations from various

church organizations such as Ladies Aid, \$550, and Sunday School, \$200, which had helped to meet the expenses of the church.

Presenting the various reports were:
Session—J. A. Teng (absent and read by E. J. Smith)
Sunday School—John E. Davey.
Senior and Junior Choirs—Mrs. J. A. Teng.
Women's Missionary Society—Mrs. William Sparks.
W. M. S. Treasurer—Mrs. J. W. McKinley.
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Board of Managers—E. J. Smith.

Rev. M. A. Mark, at present supplying in the pulpit here pending the new permanent pastor taking over, acted as moderator and chairman of the meeting. E. J. Smith was secretary in the absence of J. A. Teng.

Following the meeting, which was attended by some fifty persons, a social hour was enjoyed with a program which included violin solos by Fred Conrad; piano duet by Mrs. William Martin and Miss Elizabeth Martin; vocal solo by Mrs. William Martin and community singing with Mrs. E. J. Smith as pianist.

Refreshments were served by the Ladies' Aid at the end of a three-hour business session.

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