

MINUTES
OF THE
TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Canada Conference
OF THE
Wesleyan Methodist Connection,
or Church, of America

HELD AT
WINCHESTER, CANADA, APR. 28-MAY 1, 1909.

REV. A. J. SHEA, President,
REV. C. W. HOLLINGSWORTH, Secretary.

THE CANADA CONFERENCE.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

President:—A. J. Shea.

Vice-President:—J. R. Pitt.

Secretary:—C. W. Hollingsworth.

Treasurer:—J. A. McIntosh.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

Stationed List.

A. J. Shea, J. R. Pitt, S. Hollingsworth, J. Scobie, Jas. A. Bain,
A. W. Summers, C. W. Hollingsworth.

Lay Members.

Charge Represented, Member's Name.

Winchester, Luther Deeks.

Winchester, Robert Rennick.

Winchester, William Beckstead.

Winchester, Mrs. Mary Barkley.

Berwick, Philip Empey

Shawville, Herbert Wilson.

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JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

The Canada Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America convened for its twelfth annual session at Winchester, Ont., April 28, 1909.

The conference was called to order by the President at 7:30 P. M.

The conference was led in prayer by J. R. Pitt.

On motion the afternoon service of Thursday was given to Rev. W. J. Seekins, Connectional Agent, and Rev. E. D. Carpenter, Financial Secretary of Houghton.

The opening sermon was then preached by Rev. James A. Bain, from Acts 20:32.

Second Day.—Thursday Morning.

Conference called to order by the President who also conducted the devotional exercises.

Six answered the roll call.

By vote the Conference Bar was fixed to include the first five seats of the center aisle.

Rev. John Scobie was elected Committee on Credentials.

On motion President A. J. Shea was elected Committee on Courtesy.

The following were introduced to conference and given honorary seats in the Conference Bar: Rev. W. J. Seekins, Agent; E. D. Carpenter, Financial Secretary; Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, returned missionaries; Mr. Wm. Donaldson and Mrs. G. M. Whitney.

On motion time of afternoon meeting was set for 1:30 o'clock.

On motion time for hearing from Brother and Sister Smith, on missions, was set for Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

It was also voted that it be the order of the day for Friday afternoon to hear Rev. W. J. Seekins on Publishing interests.

Rev. J. R. Pitt and A. W. Summers were elected Committee on Services.

The Committee on Credentials gave a report which was adopted and names of delegates were placed on the roll.

The President gave his annual report which was adopted. See Report No. 1.

By vote the funds received from the sale of Mountain Station

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church, with an itemized account of expenses connected with said sale were given into the hands of the Conference Treasurer.

A letter from P. B. Campbell relative to the establishment of a mission in the Orient was read to Conference by the President.

C. W. Hollingsworth and Mrs. Mary Barkley were elected Missionary Board, and by vote the matter of Brother Campbell's letter was referred to this committee.

Rev. John Scobie, Luther Deeks and Rev. J. R. Pitt were elected a Committee on Resolutions.

The Secretary read a letter from Rev. G. A. Comerford asking for a letter of standing, and Parchment to replace the one which he recently lost in the fire which destroyed his home.

Carried on motion that with regard to the case of Brother G. A. Comerford, a full statement of his standing, at the time of his reception as an ordained elder from the Holiness Movement Church and during his membership in the conference, be drawn up by the President, signed by the elders of this conference, and forwarded to the President of the General Conference. Also that a copy of this statement be forwarded to Brother Comerford.

Rev. James A. Bain and A. W. Summers were elected Committee on Ministerial Character.

Conference adjourned by vote.

Second Day.—Thursday P. M.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Rev. A. J. Shea. Rev. E. D. Carpenter led in prayer.

Nine answered to the roll call.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Rev. G. A. Comerford was granted a letter of standing.

It was made the order of the day for to-day at 7:30 P. M. to hear the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, returned missionaries.

On motion conference proceeded to the election of officers.

The chair appointed Luther Deeks as teller.

The first ballot resulted in the election of A. J. Shea for President, J. R. Pitt was elected Vice-President, C. W. Hollingsworth was elected Secretary, James A. McIntosh was elected Conference Treasurer.

Conference elected Luther Deeks and James A. Bain as Advisory Board.

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Committee on Credentials gave a further partial report which was adopted.

By vote of conference the President was instructed to appoint Committee on Services at least three months before next annual session of conference.

It was voted to have minutes of conference published at Wesleyan Methodist Publishing House, Syracuse, N. Y.

Conference as a whole was elected Committee on Pastoral Relations.

The order of the day was taken up and Revs. W. J. Seekins and E. D. Carpenter gave addresses on the educational interests.

On motion conference adjourned.

Third Day.—Friday Morning.

Conference was called to order at 10 o'clock by the President. Rev. E. D. Carpenter had charge of the devotional exercises.

Eight answered to the roll call.

Minutes were read and approved.

The following committees were elected:

On Vacancy:—A. W. Summers, and Robert Rennick.

On Statistics:—C. W. Hollingsworth.

On motion it was decided to appoint a Camp-Meeting Committee, said Committee to arrange date and place, and engage workers for camp-meeting.

The following constitute the camp-meeting committee: Rev. Jas. A. Bain, Rev. A. J. Shea, Robert Rennick and Philip Empey.

On motion the above committee were instructed to investigate as to the advisability of purchasing a camp ground and to solicit promissory subscriptions for the same.

By vote the following constitute a Committee with full power to take all necessary steps to secure the incorporation of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America in the Dominion of Canada: Rev. J. R. Pitt, Rev. John Scobie and Jas. A. McIntosh.

On motion it was voted that aforesaid committee petition the Book Committee to instruct Rev. E. Teter to co-operate with them to secure the incorporation of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America in the Dominion of Canada.

By decision of the President Conference as a whole resolved itself into a Committee on Pastoral Relation.

Committee adjourned by vote.

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The Committee on Pastoral Relation reported. Their report was adopted. (See Report No. 2.)

On motion it was voted that we purchase a conference tent and charge a revenue of \$5 per meeting and also appoint Stafford Leason, a lay member of the Winchester charge a custodian of said tent.

On motion the Rev. A. J. Shea and Jas. A. McIntosh were appointed Committee to purchase said tent.

The order of the day was taken up and Rev. W. J. Seekins gave an address, on the Publishing interests of the Church. It was voted on motion of Rev. J. R. Pitt and Jas. A. McIntosh that this conference tender to Rev. W. J. Seekins a vote of co-operation with him in his effort to increase the circulation of the Wesleyan Methodist and other publications and establish the Publishing House business upon a satisfactory basis.

The Missionary Board reported; their report was adopted. (See Report No. 3.)

Conference adjourned by vote.

Fourth Day.—Saturday Morning.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock.

The devotional exercises were conducted by W. Donaldson. Seven answered to the roll call. The minutes were read and approved.

The Conference Treasurer's report was read by the President. The report was adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

The Camp-Meeting Committee presented their report which was also adopted. (See Report No. 5.)

On motion the custodian of the conference tent was instructed to keep a record of all applications for the use of the tent, and ministers of the conference making application first for the use of the tent for certain dates shall have the right to the same. The custodian reporting to the conference the number of meetings held in the tent and by whom and where held.

On motion conference proceeded to examination of ministerial characters.

The characters were passed and reports adopted of the following: Rev. A. J. Shea, Rev. J. R. Pitt, Rev. Jas. A. Bain, A. W. Summers and C. W. Hollingsworth.

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On motion by J. R. Pitt, Brother G. A. Comerford was elected to Elders' Orders so as to supply him with a parchment from this conference, the report before proposed to the President of General Conference to be sent in the event of the impossibility of this motion being carried out.

By vote the Annual Conference License of A. W. Summers was renewed.

Conference adjourned by vote.

Fourth Day.—Saturday Afternoon.

Conference was called to order by the President who also conducted devotional exercises.

Eight answered roll call.

Minutes were read and approved.

Committee on Resolutions gave a partial report, which was adopted. (See Report No. 6.)

By vote this report was read to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Committee on Resolutions gave a further report which was also adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

On motion it was voted that our President be instructed to elect chairman for all committees at least three months previous to next annual session of conference.

By vote the characters of S. Hollingsworth, John Scobie, and G. A. Comerford were passed.

By vote C. W. Hollingsworth was appointed general evangelist.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to loan to the Canada annual conference the sum of \$50 from the conference fund for the purchasing of a conference tent.

By vote the Treasurer was instructed to place the Mountain Station church fund on interest.

By vote the time and place for the next annual session of the conference was left with the President.

A recess was taken for the meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Conference was recalled by President. Carried on motion that whereas need may arise during the interim of conference, for the use of funds for helping to build new church house and parsonages, Resolved that we elect a board of three persons who shall

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be authorized to appropriate funds according to Discipline and report their work to the next annual session of conference.

All applications for these funds shall be made to the conference President who shall bring the matter before this board for their consideration and the Treasurer upon their orders shall pay out the same.

On motion it was voted that Mr. W. J. Beckstead, Mr. Philip Empey, and Rev. Jas. A. Bain constitute conference board, for the appropriation of conference funds during interim of conference.

By vote Rev. A. J. Shea was appointed to raise funds to purchase books in course of study for use of licentiates who are studying for the ministry and is to be custodian for the same.

Minutes read and approved.

Voted to adjourn subject to call of the chair.

Benediction by Rev. W. J. Seekins.

A. J. Shea, President; C. W. Hollingsworth, Secretary.

REPORT No. 1.—PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL REPORT.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Canada Conference:—As your President for the past year, I beg leave to submit the following report:

1. At last session of conference, I was instructed to go over the Berwick and Russell appointments to find out the minds of the people regarding pastoral support. In company with Brother W. Hollingsworth I visited the families interested in the work and received a promise of one hundred dollars from each point, for pastoral support. I have assisted the pastor at both points in special services, and the Lord was with us in saving and sanctifying power. At Berwick eleven united with the church.

2. I was given authority, by last conference to dispose of the church property at Mountain. After getting lawyer's advice, as to how to proceed, and holding trustee meetings, a sale was called on Feb. 27, 1909. At the proper time the property was sold to the highest bidder; the amount being three hundred and fifty dollars. The expenses of the sale were as follows: Advertising in Mountain Herald, \$16.20; Services of auctioneer, \$10; Car fare and horse rent, \$3.65; Lawyer's fees, \$5; Total, \$34.85, leaving a balance of three hundred and fifteen dollars and fifteen cents. A check

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on the Ottawa Bank for this amount has been given to Brother J. A. McIntosh, Conference Treasurer.

3. I have assisted Brothers Pitt, Bain and Hollingsworth in special services, and our hearts have been made to rejoice over seekers after pardon and purity. God still puts His seal on full salvation preaching. The Quebec work under Brother Bain's labors, is growing.

On visiting the Ventnor work I find a revival spirit prevails. Souls are being added to the Lord.

Salary received for the year \$650.

The President recommends that at least one hundred copies of conference minutes be published.

That a fund be raised for the purchasing of books on the Course of Study.

A. J. Shea.

REPORT No. 2.—PASTORAL RELATIONS.

1. How many elders on the conference roll? Six.
2. Who of the elders are on the stationed list? Rev. J. R. Pitt and Rev. James A. Bain.
3. Supernumerary list? None.
4. Superannuated list? None.
5. Unstationed list? S. Hollingsworth, John Scobie, A. J. Shea, and C. W. Hollingsworth.
6. Deposed this year? None.
7. Died? None.
8. Joined conference this year? None.
9. Withdrawn by letter of standing? Rev. G. A. Comerford.
10. Licentiates from quarterly conference roll? Three.
11. Stationed list? None.
12. Work supplied: Winchester, Rev. J. R. Pitt; Shawville, Rev. Jas. A. Bain; Russell and Berwick, care of the President.

REPORT No. 3.—MISSIONARY BOARD.

Your Committee on Missionary Work beg leave to report that considering the amount of money that has been raised for the Limba work and the needs of the home mission work that we

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deem it unadvisable to do anything with missions in the Orient for the present, but that pastors in delivering their missionary addresses on the different charges be instructed to present this phase of the mission work.

Mrs. Mary Barkley and C. W. Hollingsworth, Committee.

REPORT No. 4.—CONFERENCE TREASURER.

First quarter amount raised for Foreign work, \$13; First quarter amount raised for Home work, \$33; First quarter amount raised for Educational work, \$1; Second quarter amount raised for Foreign work, \$6; Second quarter amount raised for Home work, \$21.15; Third quarter amount raised for Foreign work, \$20; Third quarter amount raised for Home work, \$16.61; Third quarter amount raised for Educational work, \$3; Fourth quarter amount raised for Foreign work, \$24.75; Total, \$138.51.

J. A. McIntosh, Treasurer of Conference.

REPORT No. 5.—CAMP-MEETING COMMITTEE.

The Camp-Meeting Committee of the Canada Conference would respectfully submit the following report:

Whereas the various circuit camp- and tent-meetings for this season have already been arranged, and any official action on the part of the committee would necessitate interference with the said arrangements to the great inconvenience of the parties concerned, we therefore deem it unadvisable to take such action.

A. J. Shea, Jas. A. Bain, Robert Rennick and Philip Empey, Committee.

REPORT No. 6.—ON RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, during the existence of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in the conference, there have arisen misunderstandings upon the conditions of membership in the society and the scope of work to be done by the society that has militated against the spirit of unity necessary to success and the highest degree of spiritual womanhood, Be it Resolved,

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First. That our interpretation of Discipline, page 174, Art. 3, membership (1) is as follows: Active membership in this society is open to any woman signing these articles of organization and paying into the treasury the sum of one dollar annually who is a member of our Church in good standing or who agrees with us in Christian doctrine and holiness unto the Lord and separation from the world and is a child of God.

Second. It is our judgment, that secular work should be excluded from the society meetings. If at any time the poor are in need of help, this fact shall be communicated to the President of the society and she shall bring the matter before the society and if sewing or similar work is necessary to alleviate suffering or to supply some need, this shall be placed in hands of individual members of the society to do at home or the home of the needy.

Third. It is our judgment that no society of any kind shall be held by and in the name of the society and worldliness of every kind shall be excluded from the society.

REPORT No. 7.—ON RESOLUTIONS.

As a Church, known as the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) in the Dominion of Canada we stand for prohibition of the liquor traffic. We shall preach and pray and vote for the stamping out of the whiskey trade.

We will continue to enforce our Discipline concerning Secret Societies, because we believe this to be in harmony with spirituality and the teaching of Jesus Christ. We frequently observe that the man who lives in the "Holy of Holies" loses relish for the lodge room.

We believe the use of tobacco to be unbecoming to a follower of Jesus,, and out of harmony with the teaching of the Word of God, and while we know not a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada who openly use it, we hail the day when the General Conference shall legislate so as to shut out tobacco users.

Our Dominion Government has seen fit to put in force a law which prohibits the doing of unnecessary work on the Sabbath day. We desire hereby to record our hearty sympathy with this action, as well as with all other measures calculated to preserve the sacredness of the day among us as a people and nation. But

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we feel it is our mission, not only to support such legislation, and the enforcement of those laws but also to stand for the defence of the Sabbath day as consecrated time; "a holy day to the Lord," wherein all men should not only cease from labor, but "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness," avoiding their own "pleasures," "thoughts" and "words." We esteem such employments as social visiting, the reading of secular papers, and all unnecessary consideration of secular affairs to be included in the divine prohibition.

We heartily endorse Section 25 of our Discipline and especially do we wish to emphasize our sympathy with question 1 of that section which relates to the wearing of gold and superfluity of dress.

Signed by the Committee, John Scobie, Luther Deeks, J. R. Pitt.

Post-Office Addresses, and Days Present.

A. J. Shea, Winchester, Ont., 4 days.

John Scobie, Westboro, Ont., 3 days.

Jas. A. Bain, Shawville, Quebec, 4 days.

J. R. Pitt, Winchester, Ont., 4 days

S. Hollingsworth, Athens, Ont., —.

A. W. Summers, Winchester, Ont., 4 days.

C. W. Hollingsworth, Berwick, Ont., 4 days.

Luther Deeks, Alma, Ont., 2 days.

Robert Rennick, Winchester, Ont., 4 days.

W. J. Beckstead, Winchester, Ont., 4 days.

Mrs. Mary Barkley, Inkerman, Ont., 4 days.

Philip Empey, Berwick, Ont., 3 days.

Herbert Wilson, Shawville, Quebec, —.

G. A. Comerford, North Battleford, Sask., —.

J. A. McIntosh, Winchester Springs, Ont., 3 days.

C. W. Hollingsworth, Secretary.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CHARGE	PASTOR	Time Emp'lyed, years	No. Churches	Appointments	Received	Discontinued	Died	Present No.	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Licentiates	Wes. Meth's taken	S. S. Banners taken	Wesleyan Lesson Helps taken	No. Sab'th Schools	No. Superintend's	No. Teachers	No. Scholars	Meeting Houses	Value of	Parsonages	Value of	Pastor's Salary	President's Salary	Evangelist's Receipts	Missions & Education	Sabbath Schools	Building and Repairs	Incidental Exp.	Other Benevolent Objects	Total Receipts
Winchester.....	J. R. Pitt	1	1	3	9	..	..	198	11	..	..	43	123	88	1	3	19	115	3	\$4500	1	\$1500	\$650	\$300	\$208 75	\$338 51	\$55 54	\$275 00	\$310	\$ 20	\$2257 80
Shawville.....	Jas. A. Bain	1	3	3	12	..	..	35	1	..	..	3	13	18	1	3	5	30	3	1600	..	1000	400	..	178 00	11 75	6 00	119 00	8	..	722 75
Russell.....	C. W. Hollingsworth	1	1	12	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	1	1000	..	..	300	..	75 00	..	4 52	153 88	65	..	598 40
Total.....		3	6	30	50	2	..	235	13	..	31	51	135	106	6	20	180	6	7100	2	2500	1350	300	461 75	550 26	66 06	547 88	283	20	3578 95	

C. W. HOLLINGSWORTH, Committee.