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## UNION

### Eastern Canadian Union Conference Session

#### FIRST MEETING

The first meeting of the eighth biennial session of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference convened at three o'clock Tuesday, January 11, 1916, in the West Side Church at Toronto, Ontario, with the president of the conference, Elder M. N. Campbell, in the chair. The introductory services consisted of singing, the reading of the 84th Psalm by Elder Hare, and prayer by Elder G. B. Thompson.

The following named delegates were seated:—

Delegates ex-officio—M. N. Campbell, M. M. Hare, A. V. Olson, G. H. Skinner, W. C. Young, J. Vuilleumier, D. J. C. Barrett, F. G. Hill, T. D. Rowe, Edna Leach.

Ontario—F. C. Webster, M. J. Allen, F. W. Johnston, J. T. Errington, Joseph Capman, T. H. Robinson.

Quebec—N. H. Saunders, Evelyn Case.

Maritime—L. O. Machlan, William Wasell, Lulu VanBuskirk.

Newfoundland—R. A. Hubley, Mrs. R. A. Hubley.

North American Division Conference—Elders I. H. Evans and G. B. Thompson.

At this point the president's biennial address was given, a full report of which was published last week.

By vote the chair was empowered to name the session committees. After consultation with representatives of the various conferences the following committees were named:—

Committee on Nominations—I. H. Evans, M. M. Hare, G. H. Skinner, A. V. Olson, W. C. Young.

Committee on Plans—F. C. Webster, L. O. Machlan, N. H. Saunders, R. A. Hubley, Joseph Capman, T. D. Rowe, F. G. Hill.

Committee on Credentials and Licenses—G. B. Thompson, J. T. Errington, D. J. C. Barrett, J. Vuilleumier.

Committee on Distribution of Labor—The Union and Local presidents.

Adjourned to call of the chair.

#### SECOND MEETING

The second meeting of the Union Conference was called to meet at 2:30 Wednesday, January 12, with Elder Campbell presiding. After singing, and prayer by Elder I. H. Evans, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

By vote Elder McVagh, president of the West Michigan Conference, was seated as a delegate.

Inasmuch as no business had yet been prepared by the committees, the time was occupied by the presidents of the conferences. Elder G. H. Skinner first reported the work in Maritime. An encouraging growth in membership, tithe and offerings was shown during the past biennial period.

Elder A. V. Olson rendered a report of his work in Quebec. The tithe in 1915 was forty-five per cent. greater than in 1913. During 1914 and 1915 the mission offerings had greatly increased, even exceeding the twenty-cent-a-week mark.

The report of the Newfoundland Mission Field was called for and was presented by Elder W. C. Young, the superintendent. This also was of a very encouraging nature, and to add to the interest Elder Young gave a talk on the characteristics of the people in that Island. Accompanying this report was an application from the recently organized churches at Englee and Catalina for acceptance as sister churches in the Union Conference.

Elder Vuilleumier presented a report of the French work in Quebec. Although there are many difficulties to be overcome by the gospel workers there, the people are being reached and the work is onward.

Adjourned to the call of the chair.



## THIRD MEETING

At 2:30 Thursday, January 13, the third meeting of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference convened with Elder Campbell in the chair. A hymn was sung and after Elder Barrett asked God's blessing on the meeting, the minutes were read and approved.

Professor Rowe was called upon to give a report of the work at Buena Vista Academy. The enrolment is increasing and students and teachers are enjoying much of the blessing of the Lord. The week of prayer this year was a season of special refreshing.

Elder Hare next reported for Ontario. The results of the efforts put forth to bring souls to the light of the truth, have been very encouraging. Workers have been located in the cities and their labor has been crowned with success. Special effort has been put forth to place our denominational books in the homes of the people and the sales exceeded six thousand dollars the past year. The tithe and offerings also have been on the increase.

Miss Mabel Hillyard, who has been working in Northern Ontario, briefly reviewed some of her experiences. Upon returning to that place after an absence of seven months, she found those who had taken their stand were still faithful. She received over five hundred dollars in gathering funds in six weeks.

Professor Machlan rendered a report of the work at Williamsdale Academy. There are at present thirty-two students in attendance, and he reports a good strong work being done in all departments.

Elder Johnston reported encouraging results from the work which he and Brother Hurdon carried on last summer in Ottawa. Through their efforts a company of about twenty-five are observing the Sabbath.

Elder M. J. Allen has enjoyed a good degree of success in his work. A number have accepted the truth through his efforts and others are just about to step out.

Adjourned to the call of the chair.

## FOURTH MEETING

The fourth meeting of the Conference convened at 2:30 Friday, January 14, 1916, with Elder Campbell in the chair. A hymn was sung and Elder Skinner offered prayer, after which the minutes were read and approved.

The committee on Credentials and Licenses submitted the following report:—

For Credentials: M. N. Campbell, W. C. Young, M. M. Hare, T. D. Rowe, H. S. Miller.

For Ordination and Credentials: R. A. Hubley.

For Missionary Credentials: Edna Leach, Olive Leach, Mrs. M. N. Campbell, Mrs. W. C. Young, Mrs. R. A. Hubley, Nettie Knister, F. A. Spangler. This report was adopted.

The Committee on Plans and Resolutions presented a partial report. A motion was made and seconded that it be adopted by considering each resolution separately. Consideration of the report was deferred till the next meeting.

After a statement made by Elder Young concerning the Englee and Catalina churches it was moved and carried that these be accepted by the Union Conference.

Elder Webster rendered a report of his work during the past summer. He, with Brother and Sister Smith conducted a tent effort in the eastern part of Toronto, later continuing the meetings in a hall. The efforts put forth were blessed by a number accepting the truth.

Brother Capman gave an encouraging report of the book and periodical sales. During 1915 there was a gain of over two thousand dollars on the books sold by the colporteurs in Ontario. One young man who is now in Buena Vista Academy sold one thousand "World's Crisis" in Hamilton during the summer.

Brother Spangler presented some interesting figures concerning the work being done in the Union printing office at Oshawa. A series of "Maple Leaf Series" is now being printed for extensive circulation by our people in home missionary work.

Elder Barrett reported the work carried on by him and Brother Wasell in Cape Breton Island where two good churches now exist as a result of the labor put forth in that field.

Adjourned to call of the chair.

## FIFTH MEETING

The fifth meeting of the Union Conference convened at 7:30 p. m. January 15 with the president in the chair. The introductory services consisted of singing, after which Elder M. M. Hare offered prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following report:—

President—M. N. Campbell.

Sec. Treas.—M. M. Hare.

Asst. Sec. Treas.—Edna P. Leach.

Executive Committee—M. N. Campbell, M. M. Hare, the presidents of the local conferences, the superintendent of the Newfoundland Mission, and the principal of the Union training school.

Manager Canadian Publishing Assn.—M. M. Hare.

Auditor—M. M. Hare.

Sec. Educational and Miss. Volunteer Department—M. M. Hare. By motion this report was adopted by considering each name separately. It was carried unanimously.

The Committee on Distribution of Labor presented a report as follows:—



"We request the Ontario Conference to release Elder M. M. Hare from the presidency of that conference to take the office of secretary and treasurer of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference.

Also that the Quebec Conference be requested to release Elder A. V. Olson to take the presidency of the Ontario Conference. These transfers to take place as soon as can be arranged." The report was adopted.

Adjourned to the call of the chair.

The sixth and seventh meetings of this session were devoted to the discussion of the resolutions passed in by the Committee on Plans and these will appear next week.

M. N. CAMPBELL, *President*,  
EDNA LEACH, *Acting Secretary*.

**To Our Sabbath Schools**

At the recent session of the Union Conference the following resolution was adopted: "That we urge all our Sabbath schools to strive to reach the aim of fifteen cents a week per member." A number of our Sabbath schools in recent years have adopted aims of their own, each one seeking to stimulate the Sabbath school offerings by various devices. As a denomination we have been working during the last two years to reach a goal of twenty cents a week per member. The Sabbath school department of the General Conference has been encouraging our Sabbath schools to try to reach fifteen cents a week per member, thus, through the Sabbath schools, raising three-quarters of the mission offerings. In many sections of the country our Sabbath schools have reached this goal, and some have gone considerably above it. In this Union we have set this mark to work to the present year. We hope that each Sabbath school superintendent, secretary, and teacher, will take note of this plan and lend his personal support to reach the goal in his Sabbath school. There is nothing like having a mark to work to, as it proves a great incentive toward accomplishing results. Each Sabbath at the close of the school let the superintendent call for the membership and the amount which has been contributed that day and see how near they have come to reaching the mark. Should there be a deficit during the quarter the 13th Sabbath special offering could go in to help make it up, and thus maintain the average through the year.

Our Sabbath schools have proved a wonderful strength to this denomination from the fact that by the study of the lessons our people have become rooted and grounded in the faith, and their knowledge of the Scriptures greatly increased. It is being demonstrated that our Sabbath schools are also the bulwark of our foreign mission work.

We trust that this resolution adopted this year by our Union Conference will meet with the hearty approval of our people, and we feel that it will as there is nothing that appeals more strongly to our good people than the cause of foreign missions, and they are willing to sacrifice for that more than for anything else. May success crown all our efforts in this direction this year.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

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**Financial Statement, Montreal English Church**

Membership 38.	1914	1915
Tithe .....	\$658 76	\$1134 57
Annual .....	21 55	72 44
Colored Work .....	1 00	
Harvest Ingathering.....	116 19	61 00
Midsummer .....	10 63	21 67
Missions .....	34 28	37 72
Religious Liberty.....	4 86	
Sabbath School.....	140 50	193 94
Miscellaneous.....	132 30	82 65
Church Expense .....	72 16	150 73
Miscellaneous Church .....	45	9 00
	<b>\$1192 68</b>	<b>\$1763 72</b>
Increase over 1914.....		\$571 04.

We received \$23 27 over the 20 cents-a-week requirement.

**Montreal English Sabbath School Report**

	Av. mem.	Av. Att.	Offerings.
1914.....	17	13	\$136 33
1915.....	17	15	257 75

In 1914 we had \$3.73, and in 1915 \$58.44, more than the quota of 15 cents a week.

**Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, 1915**

March .....	\$39 29
June .....	19 30
September .....	15 70
December .....	43 25

At the meeting of the Union Committee following the Union session in Toronto, Elder D. J. C. Barrett was appointed superintendent of the Newfoundland Mission to take the place of Elder Wm. Young who was recommended to the Quebec Conference as president in place of Elder A. V. Olson who has accepted the call to the presidency of the Ontario Conference.

THE Board of Directors of the Eastern Canadian Missionary Seminary met in Oshawa the past week and considered the interests of our Union institution. The same faculty was re-elected to serve for the school year of 1916-1917 except Sister Patton who, on account of her health, will be obliged to relinquish her work as matron the coming year.

At the request of the Eastern Canadian brethren, the General Conference released Elder Campbell from the call to take the presidency of the British Union Conference so that he could be free to accept re-election to the presidency of the Eastern Canadian Union.



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## Fleming-Barrett Wedding

Monday evening, January 10, Nina Fleming and Elder D. J. C. Barrett were united in marriage at the home of Elder M. N. Campbell, Oshawa, Ontario, Elder Campbell performing the ceremony. After congratulations were extended and refreshments served the bride and groom left for Toronto to attend the Union Conference meeting which convened from January 11-16. Elder and Mrs Barrett will make their future home in Newfoundland where he goes to take the superintendency of the field. Their many friends wish them an abundance of spiritual and temporal blessings.

## Special Discount on the "Testimonies for the Church"

The following decision rendered at the Missionary and Bookman's Convention, Mountain View, California, March 15, 1915, will be of special interest to our people everywhere.

"That the full sets of the Testimonies be furnished as follows:—

"Leather bound, nine volumes (retail price, \$12.75) \$10.80. "Cloth bound, nine volumes (retail price, \$8.25) \$7.00. That 10 per cent. discount from the regular retail price be allowed a purchaser buying a single copy to complete a set; on two or more copies to complete a set, 15 per cent. discount."

Now is the time to provide yourself with these valuable works. The study of the Testimonies is calculated to make men spiritually strong. We feel confident that a careful study of these precious volumes would make active missionary soul winners of all our people. Order direct from this office and make any sacrifice necessary to thus equip yourself for conflict.

CANADIAN PUB. ASSN.

## Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Jan. 14, 1916

Ontario					
Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
J Pengelly	OK	60	\$35 50	\$56 05	
Maritime					
*F Salway	WC SB	44	5 00	5 00	29 00
*2 Weeks	Total	104	\$40 50	\$61 05	\$29 00

WE trust that all Sabbath school workers will carefully read Elder Campbell's article in this issue entitled, "To Our Sabbath Schools."

## OBITUARY

PINK—Our aged and beloved brother Pink, retired chief boatsman in His Majesty's Royal Navy, passed away at his home in Chatham, Ont., Dec. 27, 1915, in his eighty-eighth year. Brother Pink was a native of Devon, England, where he accepted present truth and became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church at Plymouth, May 5, 1906. In spite of his advanced years he entered heartily into all the interests of this denomination, and at once became a canvasser for our literature. After four years of faithful labor in England he came to Canada and settled in Hamilton, Ont., where he continued to follow his chosen work of selling our magazines until a short time before his death. His passing away was beautiful to behold,—like unto a peaceful river gliding out into the ocean of eternity. We believe it can be said of him, "He had kept the faith." His greatest desire was to communicate a knowledge of this truth to others. He will no doubt arise with all the faithful.

F. C. WEBSTER.

## Quebec Conference Report for December, 1915

Churches	Tithes	Miss.	Sab. S.	Misc.	Total
Namur	\$ 4 00		\$ 1 48		\$ 5 48
Individuals	22 00	\$ 9 00	20 50		51 50
Mont'l French	31 59	61 96	12 44		105 99
South Stukely	98 63	47 95	17 47	\$ 60 00	224 05
Fitch Bay	18 78	7 87	1 74		28 39
Mont'l Eng	137 67	128 47	46 75		292 89
North Hatley				100 00	100 00
South Bolton	80 23	62 00	5 49		147 72
Dixville	14 00	30 75	4 50		49 25
Sherbrooke	62 82	52 13	15 45	6 00	136 40
	\$469 72	\$380 13	\$125 82	\$166 00	\$1141 67

## The "Maple Leaf Series"

Watch this notice each week. In it will appear the issues of the "Maple Leaf Series" as they are published from time to time. The following are now ready for distribution:

No.	TITLE	No. Pages
1	Signs of the Day of God .....	4
2	The Return of Our Lord .....	4
3	How Esther Read Her Bible .....	4
4	The Bible—Its Inspiration and Importance...6	
5	Is Man Immortal? .....	6
6	Last Day Deceptions.....8	
7	The Church and the World (Poem).....4	
8	Candid Admissions from Sunday Observers and Writers.....4	
9	Which Day Do You Keep and Why?.....4	

### PRICES

Four page tracts—\$2.50 per 1,000, \$1.25 per 500, not prepaid; 40 cents per 100, 25 cents for 50, postpaid.  
Six page tracts—\$3.50 per 1,000, \$1.75 per 500, not prepaid; 60 cents per 100, 35 cents per 50, postpaid.  
Eight page tracts—\$4.00 per 1,000, \$2.00 per 500, not prepaid; 80 cents per 100, 45 cents for 50, postpaid.