

Minutes of the Synod of the

joined the Esquensing congregation, by request, in order to facilitate its reception into the Wellington Presbytery.

Toronto Presbytery Report.

The Presbytery of Toronto reported—

1. That they had admitted and constituted the Rev. Dr. Taylor, Professor of Theology, a member of the Presbytery, on the 3rd of August, 1852.

2. That they ordained Mr. William Dickson to the pastoral charge of the united congregations Albion and Vaughan, on the 3rd day of September, 1852.

3. That they licensed Mr. John Dunbar to preach the Gospel, on the ninth day of November, 1852.

4. That they, on the 8th of February, 1853, admitted the Rev. Mr. Sinclair, a minister of the Associate Reformed Presbytery of Saratoga, State of New York, to the status of a probationer of this Church, according to the rules of Synod in such cases. (see pp. 161, 162, of printed Minutes.)

Durham Presbytery Report.

The Presbytery of Durham reported that, on the 5th of April last, they had received the Rev. Mr. McCurdy's demission of the pastoral charge of the congregation of Amherst Island; and that on the 11th of May they received the Rev. Wm. Ormiston's demission of the charge of the congregations of Newton and Newcastle. Also, that they had licensed Mr. Gilbert Tweedie, and Mr. John G. Carruthers on the second Tuesday of January.

Wellington Presbytery Report.

The Presbytery of Wellington reported that on the 13th February, 1853, they had received the congregation of Esquensing under their superintendence.

Names taken from and added to the Roll.

The names of Messrs. Howden, McKenzie, McCurdy, and Ormiston, being taken from the rolls of their respective Presbyteries, were taken from the Roll of Synod; and the names of Professor Taylor, of Messrs. Cavan, Wm. Dickson, Fayette, and Dunbar, being added to the Rolls respectively of the Presbyteries of London, Flamboro', and Toronto, were, thereupon, added to the Roll of Synod.

The Roll of Synod, being completed from the Rolls handed in by the Clerks of the several Presbyteries, was now called and marked.

Admission of Professor Taylor—question on.

A question was here raised as to the legality of the action of the Presbytery of Toronto, in electing Professor Taylor a member of Presbytery, and further, as to the legality of his being constituted a member of Synod.

Bills and Overtures, Committee of.

The Rev. Messrs. Proudfoot, Hogg, Dick, Lowden, Thornton, Henderson and Torrance, were appointed a Committee of Bills and Overtures—Mr. Torrance, Convener—with instructions to report at the first Sederunt to-morrow.