

QUERIES SUBMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE SYNOD ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

1st.—What is the designation of your Church? What extent of land is attached to your Church or belongs to the congregation? For what purposes is it used—specifying the total number of acres and also the number applied to each purpose? What was the cost of said land? What is its present value? Is there any and what debt upon it? How was said land acquired—by gift or purchase?

2nd.—What are the names of the present Trustees who hold said property, and when and how were they appointed?

3rd.—Can you supply a copy of the title deed or deeds of the Church, manse and glebe property, or of either of them? If so, please transmit them at your early convenience to the Secretary.

4th.—Of what material is your Church erected, and how many is it seated for? When was it built? What did it cost? Is there any and how much debt upon it? Is it in good condition?

5th.—Is there a manse for the accommodation of the Minister? When and of what materials was it built? What did it cost? Is there any debt?

6th.—Is there any and what Church property in your vicinity or within your Presbytery belonging to the Church not in possession of any congregation of the Church? If so furnish such information as may be in your power with regard to it, and state in whose name it stands.

The Committee trust that answers will be generally returned to the foregoing queries, and with as little delay as possible. They are desirous of carrying out the commission entrusted to them by the Church, and are persuaded that if cordially supported they may be enabled to contribute to the advantage and benefit of the Church. They conceive that statistical information such as that sought for, is very desirable, and they are fully persuaded, that could a full statement once be procured, the future record of the efforts for Church and manse extension from time to time made, would exhibit satisfactory evidence of steady and decided progress. Even now, they are persuaded that in various localities, liberal and judicious efforts in this direction are being made, the moral effect of which upon the whole Church is lost, owing to there being no record of such exertions. They trust, that they will be furnished with copies of the title deeds as generally as practicable, as information with regard to these, is especially important. The Committee will have pleasure in communicating information with regard to the mode of procedure in acquiring and legally holding and of selling and leasing Church property, to such parties as may apply to the Secretary. With the view of facilitating the safe acquisition of such property, this circular is accompanied by notes referring to the Statutes and particularizing the necessary formalities. They will also furnish copies of a model deed for use in Upper Canada.

Entering upon their responsible duties with a sincere purpose of endeavouring to discharge them in such a manner as to contribute in some measure to the advancement of our Church, the Committee appeal with confidence to the Ministers, Elders, Members, and Adherents of our Church, for their prompt, considerate and cordial support.

For and on behalf of the Committee.

ALEXANDER MORRIS,

Convener.

MONTREAL, 16th February, 1856.