HEREFLY IN

The President-Do you move an appeal from

Dr. Sanderson—I do not like to appeal from the chair, and yet if you would not feel it an act of discourtesy to yourself, sir, I would move an appeal from the President's decision. The President-Not in the least. Does the

Conference appeal from the chair.

The Rev. Mr Sutherland contended that the wote did not involve a constitutional change, trench in any way upon the rights and privileges of the annual conferences.

The President-Do you wish to appeal from the ruling of the chair? Dr. Sanderson moved, seconded by Rev. Mr. Dewart, an appeal from the chair.

The question was put and lost by a very large

The remaining portions of the report were taken The section providing that all communications from all parties concerned should be sent to the President of the General Conference, not later than the 20th day of April of each year was adopt-

Paragraph 10-No minister shall be transferred without his consent. The paragraph was expung-

Paragraph 11—The financial claims of any mem-ber transferred shall not be affected by such transfer. Carried.

Paragraph 12—Each preacher or minister trans-ferred shall be subject to the action of the Station-ing Committee of the Conference to which he is

On the succeeding paragraph a discussion arose which was cut short by the hour of adjournment After further applications for leave of absence were granted, and some committees were called, the Conference adjourned at 5.50.

REPORT OF EASTERN SECTION OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE.

The following is the report of the Eastern Section of the Book Committee which was read yes-

terday:-Notwithstanding the commercial depression the Notwithstanding the commercial depression the business had continued to increase during the four years. From \$27,000, the amount of sales during the term from 1870 to 1874, the business had gone up to \$67,000, an increase in the quadrennial period of nearly 250 per cent. The profits of the concern during the last four years have been nearly \$9,000. The one serious difficulty of the concern has been the want of capital. Four years ago it was scarcely solvent, but as a first claim upon the profits, a debt of \$5,000, advanced by ministers in previous years to keep the Book Room in existence, was assumed, and had to be deaft with in the administration of its financial interests. But at the present time, after providing for all liabilities, there was a surplus sufficient nearly to cover all the present stock, the retail value of which is upwards of \$10,000. There is now an office fitted up with machinery and all necessary appliances for the printing of the "Wesleyan" paper, and book and pamphlet publications. The plant of the printing establishment is valued at \$3,000. The "Wesleyan has now about 3,000 subscribers, and the number of men employed has increased during the term from four to sixteen.

AFTERNOON.

After prayer and the reading of the minutes, the Conference resumed consideration of the report of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Kennedy withdrew his resolution, presented at the preceding session, to the effect that the playmen should bear their own expenses at this

Rev. Dr. Rice enquired how it was that the large and wealthy Toronto Conference had contributed only \$600. The London Conference, with its con-

tribution of over \$1,000, felt a little embarrassment in being always ahead of the Toronto Conference A delegate was under the impression that some of the returns had not been properly made, and that some circuits had never taken a General Con-

Rev. Mr. Huestis moved, seconded by Rev. Mr. Willoughby, that the reports be sent back, with instructions to the treasurers of the annual conferences to enquire whether collections had been taken up in their respective districts .- The motion

Several delegates stated that their circuits had taken collections but had not remitted.

Rev. Mr. Starr said he was sure that in the Toronto Conference there were circuits which had

Rev. Dr. Potts wished to say a word in defense

of the reputation of the Toronto Conference. The London Conference had been trotted out to the great disadvantage of his own. He stated on knowledge that 117 circuits in Toronto had not

Finally upon motion of Mr. Sanford, the report was sent back to allow the Committee to confer with the Conference treasurers.

Rev. Dr. Rice, from the Education Committee, who had been instructed to put Dr. Burwash's name on the Board of Victoria College, reported that the Coomitted had met, and were at once con-fronted with the difficulty of deciding upon whom to displace from the Board in order to make way for Dr. Burwash. Finally Dr. Burwash came to their rescue, and asked that the matter be left in abeyance for the present. The Committee, there-fore, recommended that the matter be left in abey-

ance until a vacancy should occur, when Dr. Burwash would be blaced upon the Board.

Rev. T. J. Williams censured the Committee for failing to obey the instructious of the Conference. He moved that it be sent back to place Dr.

Burwash's name on the Board. The President ruled the motion out of order, and the report of the Committee was adopted.

Rev. D. D. Currie read the report of the Committee on Publishing Interests, which recommended some changes in the constitution. Among mended some changes in the constitution. Among the recommendations was one that the editors of the "Christian Guardian," the "Methodist Mag azine," and "The Wesleyan," respectively, be elected by the Conference by ballot, and that a book steward be chosen by the Eastern section.

Rev. Mr. Huestis spoke of the book concern located in Halifax. That business had now reached its maximum of prespective, and yet all the debts

its maximum of prosperity, and yet all the debts owing to ministers were not yet paid. He deprecated any change in its management, on the ground that the additional expense would be

Rev. Mr. Lathern said that the editor of the "Wesleyan" had been working hard acd faithfully. But they felt that they would like to have a paper more nearly equal in ability to the western paper more nearly equal in ability to the western paper, and to the papers of other denominations. He thought it would be unwise to put upon one man both the charge of the book concern and the editorship of the "Wesleyan." If one man were able to devote his whole time to the paper he believed the increased excellence of the paper and its consequent greater financial encourt would interest the paper of the paper and its consequent greater financial encourt would interest. its consequent greater financial success would justify the enterprise, and that the increased profits would pay the services of the editor so appointed.

Rev. Mr. Milligan, speaking for the brethren of

Newfoundland, said they were well satisfied with the present character of the eastern paper, and did not think the time had come to make any change. It was uscless to talk of making the "Wesleyan" the equal of the "Christian Guar-dian," for the simple reason that the latter had

not the reading constituency that the western pa-Rev. Mr. Sprague said there was a widespread dissatisfaction in the East with the character of their denominational paper. He said this, not in any dispargement to the present editor, for that gentleman was overburdened with the business of the book concern. He thought the financial state of the business and its prospects were such as to justify the appointment of one man for the book concern and another to devote his whole time to

the paper.
The recommendation of the Committe was

adopted.

In relation to the "Guardian" and "Wesley-an," it was decided, upon motion of Rev. Mr. Clarkson, that ministers pay one dollar a year for the papers, and be allowed no commission on subscriptions they may obtain for those papers.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Henderson it was agreed to send either of these papers free to ministers' widows.

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The report further recommended the establishment of branch book-rooms in the cities of St. John, N.B., and St. John's, Nfld.

Rev. Mr. Sprague moved that in view of the state of the finances, it is not advisable at the present time to establish branch book-rooms of those

cities, but to refer the matter to the Eastern sec-

tion of the Book Committee, with power to act as soon as they deem it advisable to do so.

Rev. Mr. Heartz favored this motion, and did not entertain a fear that had been expressed by others, namely, that branches in those cities would injure the establishment in Halifax.

The motion was adopted.

In relation to the publishing of a religious newspaper in the Province of Quebec, as prayed for in the Montreal memorial, the Committee recommended that, however desirable it might be to establish such a newspaper in the interests of Methodism, it was not expedient at present to do so, owing to the continued commercial depression; but they recommended that the Book Committee of the Western section be empowered to make arrangements for a regular correspondent from the

Province of Quebec.

Rev. Dr. Douglas hoped the finding of the Committee would prevail, as it would meet every necessity, at least, for the present.—Adopted. The Committee disapprove the suggestion of the London memorial to change the form of the "Christian Guardian" from an eight page to a

"Christian Guardian" from an eight page to a sixteen-page paper.

Mr. Thomas Nixon moved that the Book Com. mittee be instructed that for the future, in the preparation of their reports, a distinction be made in the amonnts of outstanding debts so as to show respectively the outstanding debts due by ministers and preachers, and those due by merchants and others; also, that a statement be prepared showing the amounts due by ministers and preachers for —— years, and those due by merchants and others for —— years. He explained that he offered this resolution for the reason that he found in the report that \$45,541 were due to the book room, and this over and above the bills receivable, while no account was taken in the statement for bad debts. A reduction of 5 per cent. for depreciation in stock would amount to \$2,200; a reduction of 20 per cent. for bad debts, not a large percentage in these times, would come to \$9,100. The interest on the baildings owned and occupied by the Book Room, on the rent thereon, should be worth \$7,000. Thus the assumed profits by these items should be reduced some \$15,300, according to the usual custom pursued by business men.

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Mr. Sanford congratulated the Conference upon the flourishing exhibit made by the Book Committee. He remarked, in relation to the book trade generally, that in the Montreal district there had been fourteen failures, with liabilities amounting to \$74,000, and at the present time there were eighty-two men engaged in the business with an aggregate capital of \$28,000. In the Toronto District there were about twenty-eight failures with liabilities amounting to \$150,000, and there were now invested in the trade in that district nearly \$800,000 of capital. In face of these facts and in contrast to the state of trade generally, the Book Room showed a nett profit of \$27,900. Commencing in 1835 with a capital of only \$11,000, it stood to-day with a capital of \$151,000, certainly a most encouraging state of affairs for the Conference, and reflecting credit upon the gentlemen at the head of the concern.

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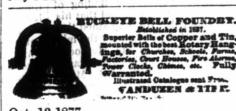
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