

the side I have the honour to represent are not averse to a compromise. They take the position in the Bill that this fund should be vested in the Old Church, because the Privy Council judgment says that it must be administered in accordance with the Act of 1858, which says that it is for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland. We claim to be logical, as my friend says, and we must ask that the fund be vested in that Church. We must take that position in our Bill. And I want to say, on behalf of our friends, that to a fair, and just, and reasonable compromise we are not averse. We have an offer of compromise made to us, but we do not consider it a just offer of compromise. But we say now, and I have authority to say, that the Church of Scotland people will be prepared, on receiving their Act of incorporation, to accept such compromise as may be deemed just and reasonable in the opinion of reasonable and disinterested men. We only ask for justice.

PRINCIPAL GRANT.—It is to be regretted that even so much was not said yesterday, when a member of the Committee asked Mr. Macmaster what he would consider fair, and the answer substantially was: "Give us the whole." No man on the Temporalities Board made the offer Mr. Macmaster refers to.

MR. MACMASTER.—Are you not aware that an offer was made by Mr. Sandford Fleming?

PRINCIPAL GRANT.—Certainly; but neither of us is a member of the Board. I have already stated that, two or three weeks ago, I hoped that an amicable arrangement was possible, and I did my utmost to try and have it brought about, hoping that I would be met in the same spirit. I was not so met. Then, feeling that gentlemen, who could afford to snub me, must feel that they occupied an impregnable position, I looked more closely into the case, and, as I said, I found that they were certainly logical.

Rev. MR. LANG.—I cannot allow that statement to pass without correction, if the Committee will allow me. That there was a compromise spoken of I freely admit, and terms were spoken of, first to Sir Hugh Allan, and next to Mr. Macmaster and myself. But I am not aware, and I would not like the impression to go abroad in this Committee, that there was a distinct offer on either side. But it has passed, and I think that Principal Grant might, in common fairness, mention it now. We did meet once or twice, and very naturally the question arose: Can you carry your friends with you? Dr. Grant knows that that actually did pass. Mr. Sandford Fleming knows that that passed between us. But these gentlemen are not in the forefront of this movement. Dr. Grant has nothing to do with the Temporalities Fund.