

fiscate these funds, or any part of them, for provincial purposes, is a proposition for which no warrant is to be found in the Act of 1867.

Last of all it was argued for the respondents that, assuming the incompetency of either Provincial Legislature, acting singly, to interfere with the Act of 1858, that statute might be altered or repealed by their joint and harmonious action. The argument is based upon fact, because, in the year 1874, the Legislature of Ontario passed an Act (38 Vic., cap. 75), authorizing the union of the four Churches, and containing provisions in regard to the Temporalities Fund and its Board of management, substantially the same with those of the Quebec Act, 38 Vic., cap. 62, already referred to. It is difficult to understand how the maxim *juncta juvant* is applicable here, seeing that the power of the Provincial Legislature to destroy a law of the old Province of Canada is measured by its capacity to reconstruct what it has destroyed. If the Legislatures of Ontario and Quebec were allowed jointly to abolish the Board of 1858, which is one corporation in and for both Provinces, they could only create in its room two corporations, one of which would exist in and for Ontario, and be a foreigner in Quebec, and the other of which would be foreign in Ontario, but a domestic institution in Quebec. Then the funds of the Ontario corporation could not be legitimately settled upon objects in the Province of Quebec, and as little could the funds of the Quebec corporation be devoted to Ontario, whereas the Temporalities fund falls to be applied either in the Province of Quebec or in that of Ontario, and that in such amounts or proportions as the needs of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, and of its ministers and congregations, may from time to time require. The Parliament of Canada is, therefore, the only Legislature having power to modify or repeal the provisions of the Act of 1858.

On the assumption that the Legislature of Quebec had not power to alter the provisions of the Act 22 Vic., cap. 66, the respondents still maintain that the appellant cannot prevail in the present action, in respect that he has not sufficient interest to entitle him to sue, and that, even if he has such interest, he is barred from challenging the Act of 1775, by the resolutions of the majority of the Synod, which are said to be binding upon him.

As regards the first of these objections, it is true that the appellant's right to an annuity from the Temporalities Fund is reserved in its