

gaged in whose interests he was absent from . . . esting, concur in the propriety of the arrangements which he made for the opening of this Assembly, and convey accordingly to the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, their thanks for his services in attending to this duty.

ANSWERS TO LOYAL ADDRESSES.

Dr. Reid here submitted a dispatch from Charles Jones, Esq., the Governor-General's Secretary, acknowledging the receipt of two addresses, from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, one to the Queen, and the other to the Governor-General, and stating that the address to Her Majesty would be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and that that to the Governor-General would be laid before His Excellency on his return to Ottawa; also a dispatch from the Governor-General's Secretary by command of His Excellency, conveying thanks for the address to Himself, and covering a dispatch from the Earl of Derby, conveying the thanks of Her Majesty, the Queen, for the address presented to her last year, by the General Assembly.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

The Committee to prepare business for the First Sederunt of the Assembly handed in a report, which was read by Mr. Robert Torrance, the Clerk of said Committee. The report was received, considered and amended, and in accordance with its recommendations, as adopted, the following appointments were made, namely:—

I. That the hours of meeting be from ten o'clock in the morning till half-past twelve; from half-past two in the afternoon till half-past five; and from half-past seven in the evening till ten o'clock; but that to-morrow—Thursday—the Assembly meet at eleven o'clock, and that the first hour be occupied with devotional exercises.

II. That the Committee on Bills and Overtures consist of the official members of Assembly as provided in Standing Order number Two, together with Messrs. J. A. Forbes, James Maclean, Kenneth MacLennan, A.M., L. G. Macneill, A.M., Samuel Houston, A.M., John Gray, A.M., John Campbell, B.A., Thomas McPherson, Professor Hart, B.D., Professor Forrest, Professor Scrimger, M.A., and Messrs. A. Campbell, M.P.P., James Eisenhaur, J. G. Forbes, Dr. Thompson, Robert Bell, J. L. Tisdell, James Leask, James MacLennan, Q.C., Alexander Bartlett, John McFarlane, and the Hon. Gilbert MacMicken, elders.

III. That the Committees to examine records be as follows:—

1. General Assembly Record, Messrs. E. D. Millar, J. C. Smith and Robert Lawrie, elder.

2. Record of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, Messrs. John Ross (Brussels), J. B. Duncan and Daniel MacKenzie (Sarnia), elder.

3. Record of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, Dr. Macrae, Mr. A. F. Tully, and Peter Christie, elder.

4. Record of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, Messrs. John Thompson (Sarnia), H. H. McPherson, and J. S. Smith, elder.

5. Record of the Synod of Hamilton and London, Messrs. J. M. Cameron, J. B. Fraser, M.D., and Alexander Grant, elder.

6. Record of the Presbytery of Manitoba, Messrs. J. R. Battisby, J. F. Forbes, and John Gray, M.A., elder.

And that the first named on each Committee be the Convener.

IV. That the Committee on the reception of Ministers and Probationers consist of Dr. Laing, Convener, Dr. Proudfoot, Dr. Caven, Prof. Hart, Robert Campbell, Sc.D., Robert Campbell (Montreal), Dr. Moore, Dr. Macrae, C. B. Pitblado, E. A. MacCurdy, E. Ross, John MacAlpine, Robert Murray, Dr. Thorburn, Hon. A. Morris, Dr. Macdonald, W. N. Hossie.