

under the Act of 1858, should remain in office, and pay over the revenue to the persons previously entitled to it; that any revenue not required for that purpose should pass to and be subject to the disposal of the United Church; and that any part of the fund remaining after satisfying the claim of the last survivor of those entitled should belong to the Supreme Court of the United Church, and be applied to the aid of weak congregations. It was by the same clause enacted that vacancies occurring in the Temporalities Fund Board should not be filled up in the manner theretofore observed, but should be filled up in the manner provided by another Act of the Quebec Legislature.

This last-mentioned statute (38 Vict., cap. 64), which received the assent of the Governor-General-in-Council upon the same day as the preceding, was passed with the professed object of amending the Act of the Parliament of the Province of Canada, 22 Vic., cap 66. It was thereby enacted that, from the time when the union was effected, the annual allowances to which they were previously entitled were to be continued by the Temporalities Board to ministers and probationers then on the roll of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, and these were to be paid, so far as necessary, out of the capital of the fund, and that any surplus of revenue or capital, after satisfying these charges, should be at the disposal of the United Church. Ministers and probationers of the Church, interested in the Temporalities Fund, who might decline to become parties to the union, were however to retain all rights previously competent to them until the same lapsed or were extinguished. The constitution of the Board of Management was altered by the third and eighth clauses of the Act. The third clause is in these terms :—"As often as any vacancy in the Board for
 "the management of the said Temporalities Fund occurs, by death,
 "resignation, or otherwise, the beneficiaries entitled to the benefit of the
 "said fund may each nominate a person, being a minister or member
 "of the said United Church, or, in the event of there being more
 "than one vacancy, then one person for each vacancy, and the rem-
 "anent members of the said Board shall thereupon, from among the
 "persons so nominated as aforesaid, elect the person or number of per-
 "sons necessary to fill such vacancy or vacancies, selecting the person or
 "persons who may be nominated by the largest number of beneficiaries
 "but, in the event of failure on the part of the beneficiaries to nominate
 "as aforesaid, the remanent members of the Board shall fill up the