

(No. IV.)

THE UPPER CANADA PROTESTANT FUND.

(SUGGESTIONS AS TO DETAIL.)

It is not intended, in the present pages, to present a complete Plan of an Enactment on the subject. But the following heads are given, of particulars which it might be proper to comprise, in such a Plan :

SECT. I.

To secure the Principle contemplated in the Constitutional Act.

The Clergy Reserve Property, being specially and essentially a provision for the promotion of Protestant principles, in the Province ; every Church applying for aid from the PROTESTANT FUND, shall engage as follows : under signature of its Chief Ecclesiastical Officer : which shall be forwarded to the proper Agent, in connection with the official annual application ; and be by the said agent carefully preserved ;—

1. That the Holy Scriptures, of the Authorized English Version, shall be daily used as the principal English Class-book, in all the Schools of the said Church.

2. That all Teachers, employed in such Schools, shall be persons of sound and intelligent Protestant principles ; having undergone a suitable Examination, upon that subject.

3. That in every public Sabbath Service, of the said Church ; in all its Congregations ; at least one Chapter of the Holy Scriptures, according to the aforesaid Authorized Version, shall be audibly and devoutly read, as a portion of the said Public Service.

SECT. II.

To promote the Principle, contemplated in the said Act.

1. Each Church, Denomination, or Ecclesiastical Community, thus pledged to the Protestant Faith ; and making its proper application, as herein provided ; shall be entitled to a Grant, from the Protestant Fund, in proportion to the Amount raised and expended by the same, in the Province, for moral and religious instruction, in each respective year.

2. That a minimum Sum, be fixed ; which, in the wisdom and equity of Parliament, shall be sufficiently indicative of the *Public Confidence*, reposed in any such Community, to entitle it to claim such *Public Aid*.

3. That the appropriation of such Public Aid, on the part of any such Community, shall be restricted to objects avowed in its application for the same, and sanctioned by Parliamentary approval.

SECT. III.

Parliamentary Control, over the whole Plan.

1. A Parliamentary Committee, to consist of Twenty Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, to be annually appointed by the said House, on the first day of its Session ; to whom shall be referred all matters relating to this Question ; and who shall make their Report to the House, for its ultimate decision thereon, in the course of the first month of the said Session. In the appointment of the said Committee, twelve of the number shall be placed in nomination, by message, from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the time being ; and the remaining eight,

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