

"In terms of the resolution arrived at by the Synod on the 22nd day of October 1874, the stipulated necessary legislation having been obtained, the Joint Committee recommended that, as soon as the several courts shall have completed their separate business, immediate steps be taken to consummate the Union, and that the following order be observed in doing so:—

"1. That the several courts assembled in their ordinary places of meeting at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, the 15th inst., and having concluded all preliminary business, adopt the following minute:

"The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, having, after taking the necessary constitutional means for ascertaining the mind of the Church on the subject, resolved to unite with the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, the Canada Presbyterian Church, and the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, on the ground of the articles of union agreed upon by the Supreme Courts of the negotiating Churches; and having, by the help of God, completed all preliminary arrangements,—Does now, whilst recounting with fervent gratitude all the goodness and mercy vouchsafed to this Church in the past—humbly trusting that the Divine sanction will be given to the solemn and important step about to be taken—and earnestly praying that the Holy Spirit in all His quickening and sanctifying influences may descend largely on the United Church—RESOLVE, and hereby does record its resolution, to repair forthwith as a constituted Synod, to the VICTORIA HALL, the appointed place of meeting, for the purpose of consummating the Union with the aforesaid Churches, and of forming one General Assembly, to be designated and known as The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada,—and does at the same time declare that the United Church shall be considered identical with the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, and shall possess the same authority, rights, privileges, and benefits to which this Church is now entitled.—And further, with the view of ratifying the act of Union, the Synod does empower its Moderator to sign in its name the Preamble and Basis of Union, and also the Resolutions adopted in connection therewith."

"The same minute mentioned is being adopted by the four Courts.

"2. That they then proceed as constituted Courts to the Victoria Hall, between Drummond and Stanley Streets, taking their seats therein not later than 11 o'clock, on the same day.

"3. That the four Moderators jointly preside, each taking some part in the opening exercises on the occasion.

"4. That the Clerks of the several Courts call their respective rolls.

"5. That the oldest of the Clerks in point of ordination read the Preamble and Basis of Union, with the accompanying Resolution.

"6. That each of the four Moderators sign the engrossed copy of the Preamble, and in the order in which the Churches they severally represent are mentioned in the same, accompanying his signature with this declaration,—

"In the name and by the appointment of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, I affix my signature to the above articles and resolutions now read."

"7. That the oldest in respect of ordination of the four Moderators then declare the Union consummated in these terms:

"The Moderators (mentioning the four Churches in the order in which the Moderators have signed) having signed the terms of Union in name of their respective Churches, I declare that these Churches are now united and do form one Church, to be designated and known as the Presbyterian Church in Canada."

"8. That he then proceed to constitute the United Assembly.

"9. That the 133rd Psalm be sung.

"10. That the rolls of the four Courts then first united be called by their respective Clerks in an order different from that which has been previously observed in other parts of the opening exercises as forming the roll of the new General Assembly.

"11. That the Assembly then proceed to elect a Moderator.

"12. That the next business be the election of Clerks.

"13. That, after the appointment of a Committee on business for next day, the first diet be closed, and the Assembly adjourn to meet for devotional exercises in St. Paul's Church, at 4 p. m. on the same day.

"14. That the Assembly accept the hospitality proffered by members and adherents of the Church in Montreal, and attend a social entertainment in the evening, in Victoria Hall."