

The Standing Orders hitherto used by the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church were adopted *ad interim*, as the Standing Orders of the Synod, so far as they are applicable. All members of the other Synods, who might be present at any of the sederunts, were invited to sit as Corresponding members.

Leave was granted to the several Presbyteries composing the Synod, to meet, at the call of their respective Moderators or Clerks, during the intervals between the sederunts of Synod.

Mr. J. M. Roger was appointed to unite with the Moderator in conducting the devotional exercises at the opening of the Synod in the morning.

The Synod held its second sederunt, according to adjournment, at nine o'clock, a.m., on Wednesday, the 6th October. After the usual devotional exercises, and the reading of the Minutes of the former sederunt, Mr. John Gray of Orillia was appointed Stated Clerk of Synod.

The thanks of the Court were tendered to Mr. W. Fraser, for officiating as Clerk up to the period of the aforesaid appointment.

A Committee of Finance was appointed to report in regard to the expenses of Synod, and the best mode of providing therefor. Of this Committee, Mr. Fletcher, of Scarborough, was nominated Convener.

It was resolved that the Synod adjourn at twelve o'clock, noon, that there be no afternoon sederunt for this day, and that the next diet be held at half-past seven o'clock, p.m.

A Committee, with Mr. A. Topp as Convener, was appointed to consider the state of religion within the bounds, and to report at the evening sederunt.

The next item of importance was a protest and appeal of W. Kennedy against a decision of the Presbytery of Owen Sound in sustaining the action of the Session of Port Elgin in suspending him from the fellowship of the Church for marriage with the sister of a deceased wife. The documents in the case having been read, parties sisted at the bar, and their statements heard, the Court, after considerable discussion, in which the Moderator took part, having left the chair for that purpose, ultimately agreed to the following finding:

That the Synod dismiss the appeal of Mr. Kennedy, and sustain the decision of the Presbytery in the case. Mr. Kennedy craved extracts, and protested, and appealed to the General Assembly.

There was also submitted a minute of the Home Mission Committee of the Church, intimating that Messrs. D. Inglis and A. F. Kemp had been appointed to appear before the Synod and advocate the interests of the Home Mission. It was agreed to hear these deputies at the evening sederunt.

The Synod then took up a protest and appeal of Mr. A. Tolmie, against a decision of the Presbytery of Owen Sound, in the case of a complaint of Thomas Burgess against the Session of West Arran, for refusing him a satisfactory certificate.

The parties having been summoned, there appeared Mr. Tolmie for himself, and Messrs. Dewar and Gauld for the Presbytery, and were sisted at the bar.

While Mr. Tolmie was making his statement, the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Court accordingly adjourned to meet at half-past seven o'clock p.m., and was closed with the benediction.

At the evening sederunt, the following items of business were transacted:

The devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator, aided by Mr. J. Gauld. At the request of the Presbytery of Simcoe, the name of Mr. W. A. Johnston, of Willis Church, Ont., was added to the Roll of that Presbytery.

The Synod having now agreed to hear the Deputies from the Home Mission Committee, Messrs. A. F. Kemp and D. Inglis severally addressed the Court.

The thanks of Synod were tendered to them for their excellent addresses.

It was then resolved that the next meeting of Synod be held within Bay St. Church on the first Wednesday of April next, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The protest and appeal of Mr. A. Tolmie, against a decision of the Presbytery of Owen Sound, left unfinished at the time of adjournment at twelve o'clock,