

Management of the Temporalities and of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland ;" and the funds held by them as Commissioners were vested in the Board "in trust for the said Church," subject to the condition that the annual interest thereof should remain chargeable with the stipends and allowances payable to the parties entitled thereto, in terms of the arrangement under which the fund was contributed by the commutators. It was enacted that, at the first meeting of the Synod held after the passing of the Act, three commissioners one minister and two laymen, should retire from the Board, and that seven new members, consisting of four ministers and three laymen should be elected by the Synod. The Board thus reconstituted was composed of six ministers and six laymen, and it was provided that at each annual meeting of the Synod held thereafter, two ministers and two laymen were to retire by rotation, and four new members, two clerical and two lay should be elected in their stead. It was expressly enacted that all members of the Board should also be members of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland ; and provision was made for filling up vacancies occasioned by the death or resignation of a member, by his removal from the Province of Canada, or by his leaving the communion of the said Church.

In the year 1874, serious proposals had been made for an incorporative union between the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, the Canada Presbyterian Church, the Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, and the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces. The old Parliament of the Province of Canada had by this time been abolished, and its legislative power had been distributed between the two Provincial Legislatures of Ontario and Quebec, and the new Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, under the provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867." With the view of facilitating the contemplated union of the churches, an Act of the Legislature of Quebec was passed in February, 1875 (38 Vic., cap. 62), in order to remove any obstruction which might arise from the form and designation of the several trusts or acts of incorporation by which the property of the Churches was held and administered. By the 11th section of that Act, it was provided that, in the event of union taking place, the members then constituting the Board for management of the Temporalities Fund,