

a certificate that he is purchasing for the purposes set forth, but that the man who buys ten gallons has only to give *good reasons for believing* that he intends to carry that quantity beyond the limits of the city or county. This is apparently the weakest clause in the bill, and we fear will be taken advantage of to keep up secret and illicit trading in drink. The penalties for this are made more severe than formerly, but not at all too much so. For the first offence there is a fine of fifty dollars; for the second, of one hundred; and for the third and every subsequent offence, imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months. Finally, prosecutions for offences against the law may be brought in the name of any person are to be determined summarily, and no appeal is to be allowed from the sentence of the court before which the offence has been tried.

Such is a *resume* of the chief provisions of this measure. In many respects it is greatly in advance of anything of the kind which has yet been attempted. If it passes in substance as it has been introduced into Parliament, it will bear testimony to the advanced state of public opinion upon this subject, and when passed it will be the duty of all interested in this great and good cause to endeavor to bring it into universal operation, and in this way both sustain the hands of the government, and also extend and foster by means of the benefits this law faithfully carried out is calculated to confer upon society, a growing sentiment in favor of prohibition as nearly total as possible, which is the goal the highest good of society requires, should be ultimately and persistently sought in this direction.

#### HOME MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING.

At Toronto, and within the Deacon's Court Room of Knox Church there, on Tuesday, the 26th day of March, 1878, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (Western Section), met and was constituted with prayer. Rev. W. Cochrane, D.D., Convener. The Committee continued in Session till three p.m. on Thursday, 28th March. The following members were present: Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Proudfoot, Rev. Messrs. T. G. Smith, R. Torrance, R. Hamilton, J. Laing, J. M. King, W. Donald, J. Somerville, A. Brown, Joseph White, A. Tolmie, R. C. Moffatt, F. McCuaig, R. Rodgers, J. L. Murray, W. Walker, G. Cuthbertson, G. Bruce, D. J. Macdonnell, R. H. Warden, and Messrs. T. McCune and P. Marshall. Messrs. D. H. McLennan, W. T. McMullen, and H. Gracey, were invited to sit with the Committee as representatives of their respective Presbyteries.

#### CLAIMS FOR THE PAST HALF-YEAR.

The claims of the respective Presbyteries for services rendered in Supplemented Congregations and Mission Stations during the past six months, were carefully considered, and the following sums were ordered to be paid:—

Pres. of Quebec.....\$ 503 00	Pres. of Saugeen.....\$739 38
" Montreal.....1155 00	" Guelph.....156 00
" Glengarry.....118 00	" Hamilton.....358 33
" Ottawa.....761 00	" Paris.....50 00
" Brockville.....505 00	" London.....836 00
" Kingston.....1200 97	" Chatham.....449 50
" Peterborough.....152 50	" Stratford.....40 00
" Lindsay.....355 50	" Huron.....249 83
" Whitby.....476 00	" Bruce.....200 00
" Toronto.....799 00	Total.....\$5002 01
" Barrie.....450 00	
" Owen Sound.....403 00	

N.B.—These are the NETT sums due on 1st April, 1878, including retrospective grants, special claims, etc., passed at this meeting, particulars of which are here given:—

**PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.**—*Metis*,—claim for \$85 for past six months,—granted. *Hampden*,—Presbytery's attention called to arrears in this Congregation.

**PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.**—*Arundel*, etc.,—Special claim of \$100 extra for past six months,—granted. The Presbytery asked to deal with Congregation so as to secure increased contributions towards the support of the missionary.

**PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.**—*Dalhousie and N. Sherbrooke*,—claim for \$75 for the year 1876,—not granted. *Dunbar and Colquhoun's*,—arrears of \$357, and though extending over two years, reported now for the first time. The Convener was instructed to pay the supplement for the last six months, only when the Presbytery of Brockville has given the assurance that the arrears due the pastor are in the way of being paid by the congregation.

*N. Williamsburg*,—special claim of \$21 for summer of 1877,—granted. *Darling and Lantz*,—claim of \$116, being arrears for summer of 1877,—not granted.

**PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.**—Special claim of \$50, on account of arrears due several missionaries,—not granted.

**PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.**—*Muskoka*,—the Committee agreed to make a special grant of \$100 to aid in meeting the travelling expenses of Rev. A. Findlay during the past two years.

#### MANITOBA.

Communications were laid on the table and read from the Presbytery of Manitoba, asking the appointment of seven additional missionaries, including one to Prince Albert on the Saskatchewan and one to the Canada Pacific Railway. Applications for appointments to Manitoba were laid on the table from several ministers of the Church, including Rev. A. Smith, formerly of Chelsea, Que.; Rev. A. H. Cameron, of North Gower, Ont.; and Rev. J. Douglas, of Port Perry, Ont. After full and lengthened consideration and also conference with those of the applicants present, the Committee unanimously appointed Messrs. Smith and Douglas to the Presbytery of Manitoba for three years, on the usual terms, and Rev. A. H. Cameron to the Canada Pacific Railway Mission. The following resolution was adopted as to Mr. Cameron's appointment: That Mr. Cameron's salary be not less than \$700 per annum exclusive of travelling expenses; that the people enjoying his services are expected, according to their promise, to make up this amount; that the Presbytery of Manitoba be requested to take an oversight of Mr. Cameron's labors, and to take such steps as may be requisite in order that the promised amount may be raised; and that Mr. Cameron be required to report semi-annually, through the Presbytery to this Committee, the amount received and the state of the work. The Committee agreed to appoint Mr. Alex. Stewart, Probationer, to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Mr. Stewart having been at once communicated with, and having by telegram declined the appointment, a sub-committee, at a later stage of the meeting, was named to offer the appointment to certain suitable students now graduating at Knox College. No definite arrangement with any of these being come to before the close of the meeting, the appointment was left in the hands of a sub-committee consisting of the Convener and Messrs. Laing, King, and McMullen. To the same sub-committee were referred all matters requiring action prior to the meeting of the General Assembly. In response to a request from the Presbytery of Manitoba, the Committee agreed to grant the sum of \$200 to Mr. D. C. Johnson, for services rendered the Committee at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. A report from the Presbytery of the finances of the several Stations for the year ending 31st December last was submitted, showing that with three exceptions all the groups had raised the amounts promised towards the salary of the Missionaries. The Committee agreed to refer the Presbytery of Manitoba to the finding of the General Assembly, (see "Minutes," 1877, p. 33), as follows: "(1) The Assembly require each Station, or group of Stations, hereafter to guarantee a certain sum per annum, or for each Sabbath's supply, according to the ability of the people. (2) The Assembly instruct the Presbytery of Manitoba to forward, before the 1st October in each year, to the Home Mission Committee, a statement of the amount which each station has agreed to pay, and which, in the opinion of the Presbytery, is an equitable sum to be contributed by each station."

In connection with these regulations of the Assembly the Committee adopted the following resolution:—

"That the Convener be instructed to honor the drafts of the Manitoba Presbytery each quarter, for the salaries of the Missionaries, deducting therefrom the proportion of the salaries promised by the several stations, and that at the end of each year, should it be found that any of the Stations has failed to implement its engagements, as to the salary of the Missionary, the Presbytery of Manitoba be and is hereby instructed to deal with such stations, with a view to having their engagement implemented."

It was further agreed to alter the resolution passed at the October meeting of the Committee, (see p. 4, printed "Minutes," October, 1877), so as to read thus: "The Committee, at each of their half-yearly meetings, require from the Presbytery of Manitoba a full report, on the schedules provided for the purpose, of work done and money paid in each station, or group of stations, for the six months ending the preceding 30th June and 31st December respectively."

#### LAKE SUPERIOR.

**Thunder Bay.**—The Committee considered the present position and future prospects of this field, and unanimously resolved to record anew their appreciation of Mr. D. McKerracher's valuable services, and to express the hope that he will see his way to accept the call from the congregation as their regular pastor; but, if otherwise, that he will still continue to give his services as Ordained Missionary in this increasingly important field.

**Sault Ste. Marie.**—Letters were read from this station to the effect that the present missionary was leaving as soon as navigation opened, and requesting the services in his stead of Mr. J. R. McLeod, one of the graduating class of the Presbyterian College, Montreal. The Committee unanimously agreed to appoint Mr. McLeod to this field for the summer, at a salary at the rate of at least \$600 per annum, and travelling expenses to the field, in the hope of his remaining there for a term as ordained missionary, in which event his salary to be at least \$800 per annum, with the assurance of generous support from the Committee.

#### SPECIAL FIELDS IN ONTARIO.

**Muskoka District.**—Rev. A. Findlay, Ordained Missionary in this district, was present, and gave a clear and comprehensive sketch of the field and its pressing needs. The Committee resolved to record the satisfaction with which they have heard Mr. Findlay's statement, their high appreciation of his valuable and self-denying labors, and their sense of the importance of the wide district of which he has the supervision. The Committee further agreed to endeavor to secure the services of a second ordained missionary for the district, with Maganetawan as his headquarters, to begin work in the end of September, the field being occupied by several student missionaries during the summer months.

**Parry Sound.**—It was resolved to appoint an ordained missionary to this district in room of Mr. Reeve, who retires in the beginning of May. One of the graduating class of

Queen's College was offered the appointment, but having by telegram declined, the matter was left in the hands of the sub-Committee, acting in concert with the Presbytery of Owen Sound.

**Manitowlin Island.**—The Presbytery of Bruce not having information as to the proportion of the missionary's salary for the past six months contributed by the people, the Convener was instructed to pay the Home Mission grant on obtaining the required information.

#### NEW APPLICATIONS.—CHANGES IN THE GRANTS, ETC.

**PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.**—*Hampden*,—Grant increased to \$150 per annum. *Lake Megantic*,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath. *Metis*,—Granted \$120 per annum, from 1st October, 1877. In renewing this grant at the request of the Presbytery, the Committee would suggest to the Presbytery the propriety of dealing with the congregation of Metis so as to secure for the missionary a more adequate remuneration from the people who enjoy his services.

**PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.**—*Laprairie*,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath. **PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.**—*East Hawkebury*,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath. *Roxboro*, 4th Congregation,—Asked \$4 per Sabbath,—declined for lack of statistics.

**PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.**—*Rochester*,—transferred from list of Mission Stations, to that of Supplemented Congregations, with a grant of \$300 per annum. *Hull*,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath. *Ross*,—Put on list of Supplemented Congregations, with grant of \$50 per annum, conditional on settlement. *Ilverforce*,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath, and \$200 per annum, conditional on settlement or ordained missionary. *Chelsea and E. Templeton*,—United, with grant of \$4 per Sabbath.

**PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.**—*Balderson and Drummond*,—Put on list of Mission Stations,—no grant. *Bathurst and S. Sherbrooke*,—asked \$3 per Sabbath,—granted \$2 per Sabbath. *Darling*,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath. *Lantz*,—

**PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.**—*Demorestville*,—Granted \$200 per annum. *Mill Point*,—Granted \$100 per annum, conditional on settlement. *Maynooth Group*,—Granted \$4 per Sabbath. *Fredericksburg and Mill Haven*,—Asked \$3 per Sabbath,—granted \$2 per Sabbath.

**PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.**—*Minden*,—Grant increased to \$3 per Sabbath. **PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.**—*Emmiskillen*,—Granted \$150 per annum, conditional on settlement.

**PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.**—*Newmarket*,—Removed from the list. *Mount Albert and Italianara*,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath, and \$200 per annum, conditional on settlement. *Herring's Mills*,—Put on list of Mission Stations with grant of \$2 per Sabbath. *Stouffville*,—Put on list of Mission Stations with grant of \$3 per Sabbath.

**PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.**—*Town Line and Ivy*,—Granted \$50 for next six months. *Bracebridge, etc.*,—Granted \$250 for next six months. *Penetanguishene, Tay, Medonte*,—United, with grant of \$200 per annum. *McRae's Settlement, Hunter's Settlement and Minesing*,—Put on list of Mission Stations. No grant. *Ardrea, Uthoff and N. Orillia*,—Put on list of Mission Stations with grant of \$1 per Sabbath. *Gravenhurst, Washago, and Severn Bridge*,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath, and \$300 per annum, conditional on settlement.

**PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.**—*Kilsyth*,—Put on list of Supplemented Congregations with grant of \$200 per annum. *Eunhrasia and Holland*,—Granted \$1.50 per Sabbath. *Indian Peninsula*,—Granted \$4 per Sabbath for Student for summer months, to assist ordained missionary. *Parry Sound*,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath for Student during summer for outlying stations.

**PRESBYTERY OF SAGUENAY.**—*Waldemar and Bowling Green*,—Removed from the list. *North Arthur*,—Removed from the list.

**PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.**—*Preston and New Hamburg (German)*,—Removed from the list. *Drayton*,—Put on list of Mission Stations. No grant.

**PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.**—*Kilbride*,—Removed from list of Supplemented Congregations. *Grimby*,—*Victoria*,—Granted \$200 per annum. *Port Colborne*,—Granted \$100 per annum. *Kennedy's Settlement*,—Put on list of Mission Stations, with grant of \$2 per Sabbath. *Stevensville*,—Granted \$3 per Sabbath. *Louth*,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath. *Delhi*,—No grant.

**PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.**—*St. Andrew's, E. Oxford*,—Removed from list of Supplemented Congregations. *Swazabour, Beachville, and E. Oxford*,—Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

**PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.**—*Port Burwell*,—Removed from list of Mission Stations. *London East*,—Asked \$5 per Sabbath, granted \$4 per Sabbath. *Oil City and Oil Springs*,—Granted \$1 per Sabbath. *N. E. Adelaide*,—Put on list of Mission Stations with grant of \$3 per Sabbath.

**PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.**—*Dover and Oliver's Settlement*,—Put on list of Supplemented Congregations, with grant of \$150 per annum, conditional on settlement.

**PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.**—*Salem*,—Put on list of Mission Stations. No grant.

**PRESBYTERY OF HURON.**—*Hayfield and Bethany*,—Grant increased to \$150 per annum. *Stephen*,—Transferred from list of Mission Stations to that of Supplemented Congregations, with grant of \$200 per annum. *E. Ashfield*,—Put on list of Mission Stations with grant of \$3 per Sabbath.

#### CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF MISSION STATIONS.

The Convener was instructed to embody in the Annual Report to the General Assembly the report of the sub-Committee on the continuous supply of the Mission fields of the Church.

#### STATE OF THE FUND.

The Treasurer's Report of the state of the fund at this date was laid on the table and read; it is as follows:—

Expenditure to 26th March, 1878 .....	\$22,500 00
Claims passed at this meeting.....	9,000 00
Claims for Manitoba, Lake Superior, etc., say.....	3,500 00
	\$35,000 00

Receipts to 26th March, 1878.....	21,400 00
Balance against the Fund at date (with five weeks' contributions yet to be received before the termination of the ecclesiastical year.....)	\$13,600 00

The Committee adjourned at three o'clock, p.m. on Thursday, 28th March, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

WM. COCHRANE, Convener.  
R. H. WARDEN, Secretary.