

from the Hon. John Hillyard Cameron, Chancellor of the Diocese of Toronto, dated 4th February last, begs leave to report:—

That after full consideration of such 6th Canon, he has come to the conclusion that the approval required, under the statute passed by the Legislature of the Province of Canada, 29th and 30th Vic., Cap 15, entitled, "An Act to make further provision in relation to the Temporalities of the United Church of England and Ireland," by the Governor in Council, must be given by the Provincial Governments of Ontario and Quebec.

The Temporalities of the Church are, in other words, the property of the Church. All laws relating to property and Civil Rights are under the jurisdiction of the Local Legislatures, and the 65th clause of the "British North America Act, 1867," transfers to the Lieut. Governors of the Provinces respectively, the administration of all laws coming within their respective jurisdictions.

It does not seem that under any of the powers conferred upon the Government or Parliament of the Dominion, the Governor General has the power to act in this case.

The undersigned thinks that this opinion is conclusively established by the fact that the Act in question, which authorizes the adoption of the Canon is liable to be amended or repealed like any other Act; and that beyond adoubt, any such amendment or repeal can only be effected in the Provincial Legislatures.

It is to be noted that the Legislature of Quebec has already assumed (and in the opinion of the undersigned, properly,) jurisdiction on this subject with respect to the Church of Scotland in Canada, by Statute 32nd Vic., Cap 76; by which statute the Act of the late Parliament of Canada, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Board for the management of the Temporalities Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland" is amended. The Act so amended affected the Temporalities of that Church in the whole of the late Province of Canada.

No argument in favor of the Governor General acting in the matter can be founded on the inconvenience of the Synod being obliged to apply to two Governments. This is simply the case of a Corporation holding property in two countries and being obliged to have recourse to the Legislature and Tribunals of each.

The undersigned was at first of opinion, that there would be no harm in the Governor General in Council sanctioning

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