

PROTEST AND APPEAL FROM CERTAIN PARTIES IN PETROLIA
AGAINST A DECISION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The protest and appeal from parties in Petrolia against a decision of the London Presbytery was then considered.

Parties in the case were called to the bar, when there appeared for the appellants, Messrs. E. McQueen, T. Draper and James Harley; and for the Presbytery of London, Dr. Proudfoot and Mr. John Thompson, and Mr. McRobie for himself.

The papers in the case having been read, parties were heard at length. Questions having been asked and answered, parties were removed from the bar and the Synod proceeded to give judgment.

Mr. Hamilton moved, seconded by Mr. G. G. McRobbie, that the Synod, having heard the pleadings in this case, agrees to dismiss the appeal, sustain the action of the Presbytery, and exhort the parties concerned to cultivate the things which make for peace.

Pending the discussion of the case, the Synod adjourned to meet again at half-past seven o'clock p. m., the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Saint Andrew's Church, London, Thursday, April tenth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine years, at half-past seven o'clock p. m.

The Synod met and was constituted, the Moderator and Mr. Hamilton conducting the devotional exercises.

The minutes of former Sederunt were read and sustained.

APPEAL AGAINST DECISION OF THE LONDON PRESBYTERY.

The Synod then proceeded to the discussion of Mr. Hamilton's motion on the appeal from Petrolia, against the decision of the London Presbytery.

Mr. McNaughton moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Paterson, that a Commission of Synod be appointed by the Synod, to inquire into and finally determine the case.

Mr. Laing moved in further amendment, seconded by Dr. Cochrane: Dismiss the appeal and sustain the decision of the Presbytery of London, and recommend the Presbytery of London to give further consideration to the interests of the church in Petrolia.

Mr. Hamilton, with the consent of his seconder and the Synod, withdrew his motion; Mr. McNaughton's amendment thus becoming the motion, and Mr. Laing's the amendment.

The vote being taken, the amendment of Mr. Laing was carried against the motion of Mr. McNaughton by a majority of twelve to four.

Parties being called to the bar, the decision of Synod was intimated to them. The Commissioners from the Presbytery of London acquiesced in the decision of the Synod and craved extracts. Mr. McRobie also acquiesced.

ROLLS OF PRESBYTERIES.

The Committee appointed to consider the forms of Rolls of Presbyteries