

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented their first report, which was received and sustained.

The Synod then proceeded to appoint the following Committees, viz:—

- On Statistics.*—Mr. S. C. Fraser, Mr. Wightman, and Mr. A. Mitchell. Mr. Fraser, Convener. Committee on Statistics.
- On Public Accounts.*—Mr. Gregg, Mr. Court, and Mr. Ferrier, Mr. Gregg, Convener. Committee on Public Accounts.
- On the Synod Records.*—Messrs. Smellie, D. Fraser, King, and A. Smith. Committees on Synod & Presbytery Records.
- On the Record of the Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa.*—Messrs. Stark, Tolmie, and Angus McKay.
- On the Record of the Presbytery of Montreal.*—Messrs. S. Young, Thomas McPherson, and W. Heron.
- On the Record of the Presbytery of London.*—Messrs. Burns, P. Gray, and A. Beith.
- On the Record of the Presbytery of Hamilton.*—Messrs. Laing, Walker, and Moses Douglas.
- On the Record of the Presbytery of Toronto.*—Messrs. J. Smith, McColl, and R. Turnbull.
- On the Record of the Presbytery of Cobourg.*—Messrs. D. McKenzie, John Alexander, and D. Gray.
- On the Record of the Presbytery of Kingston.*—Messrs. McMillan, H. Campbell, and George Gunn.

The first named member in each Committee being Convener.

The Synod then took up an Overture from the Presbytery of London, of the following tenor, viz:—

Overture on subject of Slavery.

Whereas applications are occasionally made for admission to this body of Ministers from Churches in the United States, that are more or less implicated in the sin of slavery; and whereas this Synod has, in the years 1851 and 1853, passed resolutions on the subject of slavery, which it is desirable to have fully carried out, especially in the admission into our Church of Ministers from the United States, it is respectfully overtured by the Presbytery of London to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, that Presbyteries be enjoined particularly to examine applicants for admission on the subject of slavery, and to be satisfied, before receiving them, that their views accord with those of the Synod as expressed in said resolutions.

Mr. McPherson was heard in support of the Overture, and after discussion, the following resolution, moved by Rev. S. C. Fraser, seconded by Rev. Dr. Willis, was adopted, viz:—

The Synod approve of the overture, and in terms of its suggestions instruct Presbyteries, in dealing with applicants for admission into the Ministry of our Church from the United States, to satisfy themselves respecting the views of such applicants on the resolutions of 1853 anent slavery.

The Synod adjourned to meet at half-past three o'clock, P. M., and the Diet was closed with prayer.