

SECOND SEDERUNT.

At Ottawa and within St. Andrew's Church there; Thursday, the twelfth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine years:—

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of the First Sederunt were read and sustained.

SPECIAL DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

Devotional Services of a special character were engaged in. These consisted of praise, reading portions of Scripture and prayer, in which Dr. Mann, Mr. Laing, Dr. Patterson and Dr. McVicar led.

REPORT ON ROLL OF ASSEMBLY.

Mr. Middlemiss, Convener of the Committee appointed to examine Commissions and, if necessary, amend the Roll of the Assembly, gave in and read a report, bearing—

1. That the Presbytery of Saugeen have presented Commissions in favour of the Rev. John McClung in the room of the Rev. D. Stewart, and in favour of Mr. James Scott, Elder, in the room of Mr. M. D. McKenzie.

2. That the Presbytery of Halifax have presented Commissions in favour of Messrs. Alexander Mutchmor and John M. Garland, as an addition to their list of Representative Elders already sent up.

3. That the Presbytery of Peterboro' have presented a Commission in favour of Mr. William E. Johnston in the room of Mr. Gavin Craig, Elder.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, the Assembly agreed to place these names on the Roll.

REPORT ON BUSINESS.

Dr. Cochrane, Convener of the Committee on Business, presented and read a report. The Assembly unanimously agreed to receive the same and adopt its recommendations as to the order of business for this Diet.

LIMITATION OF SPEECHES.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Business, it was agreed by a majority of votes to limit to ten minutes the speeches of members during the present session except in the case of those submitting Reports and those introducing Overtures and special motions.

Dr. Cochrane and Mr. Laing were appointed to act as Tellers during the present Session.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.

There were read Extract Minutes of the Presbytery of Toronto embodying applications from the Rev. James A. R. Dickson and the Rev. Thomas M. Reikie, Ministers of the Congregational Body, and from the Rev. R. H. Hoskin, formerly a Minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church, to be admitted as Ministers of this Church. Similar applications were presented by the Presbytery of Stratford in favour of the Rev. John Kay, a Minister of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; by the Presbytery of Saugeen in favour of the Rev. Gilbert A. Smith, a Minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; and by the Presbytery of Montreal in behalf of M. A. Internoscia in accordance with the terms of the deliverance of last General Assembly. Applications were also presented by the Presbytery of Paris in behalf of Mr.