

APPENDIX G.

Report of Committee on the French Mission.

The Presbytery of Montreal, being the Committee of the Synod on the French Mission of the Church, beg leave respectfully to report:— That they entered upon the discharge of the duties devolving upon them, with a due sense of their importance, and with an anxious desire to discharge those duties, so as to promote the best interests of the Mission.

They accordingly held several meetings, and by the appointment of a Sub-Committee, correspondence, and otherwise, procured information relative to the matter intrusted to them, and as the result of their inquiries and deliberations, unanimously report and recommend, in the terms following.

And first, they conceive it fitting to state that the following properties belong to the French Mission, viz: a valuable property in Montreal, on which there is a wooden building, leased at present for £20 per annum, purchased with the view of being made the site of a French Church; and a lot in Sorel with a brick Church upon it, purchased with the funds of the Mission. In addition to these properties, there is a sum of £200 cy. in the hands of the Treasurer, Hugh Allan Esq. The property in Sorel is held in the individual name of Mr. Allan, and that gentleman wishes to be relieved from the responsibility.

Having thus noticed the material features of the Mission, the Committee come now to the consideration of the present condition of the Mission. Since the loss of the Milton Station last year, the facts connected with which are within the cognizance of the Synod, the Mission has been practically in abeyance. It is true that a sum of £10 was voted in aid of a former Missionary, who is now stationed near the Province Line and is partially engaged in Mission work, but with that exception, nothing has been done in the way of carrying on the Mission during the past year. Is it not time that we were up and doing? The Church, believing that a way was opened up to them in Providence, deliberately entered upon the work of this Mission. The Church recognized the manifest calls of duty in this matter. Dare we, having thus put our hand to the plough, turn back? The Committee think not. They believe that a path of usefulness is open to the Synod among our French Canadian fellow-citizens, and they think that they see the way to putting the Mission on a better footing than it has ever hitherto been. They recognize the responsibility which the Synod has deliberately incurred, and consequently suggest that a Committee should be appointed or continued, charged with the duty of reviving and carrying on the Mission. They rejoice to believe that this can be effectively done, and they have pleasure in stating that Queen's College is likely to furnish the means of doing so to some extent. They have had before them an application from Mr. P. L. Leger, a native of France, and a Divinity Student of Queen's College, requesting employment during the summer months as a catechist. Mr. Leger has still two sessions to attend the College before he will be entitled to receive license, and