

We have to thank Rev. Mr. MacKenzie, Clerk, for the following items of business transacted:—

The deputation appointed to visit the congregations and stations in the Valley of the St. Francis, severally reported that they had fulfilled that duty to the best of their ability. It was stated, in reference to Lake Megantic, that the station consisted of 70 families, mostly from the Island of Lewis, Scotland. They have built a nice new Church and paid for it, and for supply of preaching, without any extraneous aid. At Hampton, the station was found to consist of 81 families in a somewhat disorganized and unsatisfactory condition. At Winslow, also, matters were not so prosperous as was desirable. There was a large amount of arrears owing the minister. At Lingwick, a similar cause appeared to be retarding the prosperity of the congregation. Windsor Mills was reported to be in a healthier condition, under the care of Mr Pringle, a student of Queen's College, Kingston. In Melbourne and Richmond and the adjoining stations, it appeared to be necessary to their efficient working to have a complete rearrangement, which it is hoped may be effected ere long. At Dunwich, the cause was being maintained very efficiently, but the field is a limited one, and therefore, the prospects of increase are not great. The Rev. W. B. Clark reported that he had not yet been able to visit the mission station at Kennebec, but would do so as soon as possible.

The Presbytery decerned in terms of the report, thanked the deputation for their diligence in discharge of their duties, and instructed the Clerk to communicate with the several stations, and convey to them the counsel and advice of the Presbytery, adapted to their respective circumstances. There was read a letter from Rev. T. Fenwick, ordained missionary at Metis, giving an account of the state of matters there, which was made the subject of a special recommendation by the Presbytery.

MONTREAL. The quarterly meeting was held in St. Paul's Church, Montreal, on the 11th and 12th ultimo. There was a fair attendance of members. A petition was received from Valleyfield, praying the Presbytery to take steps to separate that charge from St. Louis de Gonzague. It is understood that matters are ripe for a union of all the Presbyterians in the last named place, and there is every prospect of a speedy settlement of a minister, and that a large and harmonious congregation will take the place of two formerly rival stations. Mr. Young reported the sale, upon advan-

tageous terms, of the Church property formerly belonging to the Canada Presbyterian Church at Ormstown, another substantial trophy of the Union, and part of the price was laid, if not "at the Apostles' feet," at least on the table of Presbytery.

The report of the Home Mission Committee presented by the Rev. R. Campbell, was very suggestive and practical, and occupied the attention of the Court for a length of time. It proposed the immediate formation of a large and influential Presbyterian Church Society in Montreal, the object of which is to secure the active cooperation of the laity in promoting Church extension, the establishment of Sabbath Schools in the city and neighbourhood, and generally, advancing the interests of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. A petition was read from members of Free Church Coté Street congregation, asking for leave to sell their Church, with a view to the erection of another in a different part of the city. Parties having been heard on both sides, a long and lively discussion followed, and eventually, we record it with thankfulness, a decision was come to which met the entire approbation of all parties, to this effect,—that the prayer of the petition be granted, coupled with the condition that a first charge on the proceeds of the sale shall be the payment of \$10,000 to the minority of the congregation who do not wish to follow the majority in their migration westward. It being stipulated that to entitle them to this amount, the minority shall consist of not less than 100 members in full communion, who may either constitute themselves a separate congregation or unite with any of the existing Churches East of Bleury Street, in which latter case, the amount will be divided between such congregations in proportion to the number of members who may join them.

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in Erskine Church, on the evening of the day appointed for the meeting of the Presbytery, when the Church Society above referred to, was inaugurated by the appointment of office-bearers, Mr. John L. Morris being chosen President, and Rev. Robt. Laing, Vice-President. The other officers elected were a Secretary and Treasurer, and a board of twenty Directors.

BROCKVILLE. This Presbytery held its last meeting on the 21st December. The principal business was the hearing of Mr. Dey's trials and the appointment of his ordination and induction—which was fixed to take place at Spencerville, 5th January.

There was also laid on the table of the Presbytery, a call from Morrisburgh to Mr.