

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMISSION IN CASE OF REV. W. O. WINDELL.

At Prince Albert, the 4th day of Sept. 1872, the which day the Commission of the General Assembly, on the application of Mr. W. O. Windell and the congregations of Cartwright and Ballyduff, to be restored to their former status and transferred to the Presbytery of Cobourg, met at noon, and after praise and the reading of the Word, was constituted with prayer.

Sederunt—Prof. Gregg, convener; Mr. Dick, Mr. Donald, Mr. S. C. Fraser, Mr. Lowry, Mr. Wallace, Dr. Topp, and Prof. Cavan, Ministers; and Mr. T. W. Taylor, Elder.

On motion duly made and seconded, Mr. Fraser was appointed Clerk.

There were produced and read.—1. Extracts from the proceedings of the General Assembly, constituting the Commission, naming the members thereof, and containing the instructions issued to the Presbytery of Ontario relative to the preparation of the case for the purposes of the Commission.

2. The applications of Mr. Windell and the congregations of Cartwright and Ballyduff, to be restored to their former status respectively, and transferred to the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Cobourg.

3. Extract minutes of the Presbytery of Ontario, showing cause why the prayer of Mr. Windell's petition should not be granted.

On motion of Dr. Topp, the Commission called for the papers which the Presbytery of Ontario had been instructed to prepare in the case.

No documents were produced.

Parties were called and there appeared—

For Mr. Windell—Mr. Windell in person.

“ Cartwright—H. Watson, A. Montgomery, D. Ferguson and John Dickie.

“ Ballyduff—J. C. Williamson.

“ Presbytery of Ontario—Dr. Thornton, Mr. Thom, Mr. Edmonson, Mr. Ballantine, Ministers; and Mr. Radcliffe, Elder.

At this stage of the proceedings, Dr. Thornton, with the permission of the Commission, explained that no papers were forthcoming from the Presbytery: 1. Because the Presbytery had not received extracts in time, owing to some mistake on the part of the Post-office. 2. Because the Presbytery, not having made any charges, could not prepare documents in the sense in which they understood the decision of the Assembly.

The Commission at 1 P. M., adjourned for an hour, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

S. C. FRASER, Clerk.

The Commission met again at two P. M., in terms of adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Sederunt—As before.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and sustained. The Commission proceeded to hear parties, and all the parties were heard accordingly.

In answer to questions put, Mr. Windell expressed regret for having renounced the jurisdiction of the Presbytery, explained that his action in the matter had been misunderstood; and he now disclaims any intention of repudiating the authority of the church courts.

Parties were removed, and the Commission proceeded to deliberate. After an expression of opinion by the members severally, on the general aspect of the case, the following motion proposed by Dr. Topp and seconded by Mr. Lowry was agreed to, *nam con.*

“The Commission having heard parties in the case, and received from the