

The Union agreed to on the fifth day of September, 1883, by the four following Churches, viz :—The Methodist Church of Canada, the Primitive Methodist Church of Canada, the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada, and the Bible Christian Church of Canada, was duly ratified, and the said Churches incorporated under the name of "The Methodist Church."

And whereas, at the second session of the fourth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia, an Act was passed, entitled "An Act respecting the Union of certain Methodist Churches in Canada," the purpose of the said Act being "to ratify and confirm the said Union, and to vest in the said Methodist Church, all the property in the Province of British Columbia aforesaid, now vested or held in trust for each of the said denominations or Churches, upon such trusts, or for such purposes as may be declared in the said Act of Incorporation, and to confer upon the said Church such further powers as may be requisite.

And whereas, the said Act passed by the Parliament of the Province of British Columbia, in some of its provisions comes into conflict with the powers conferred upon the Methodist Church by the said Act of Incorporation, and in particular enacts that all lands acquired or held under it "shall be subject to the provisions of the Religious Institutions Ordinance, 1869."

Resolved, therefore,—That the President of the Conference, the Secretary of the Conference, and the Ex-President of the Conference, be, and are hereby appointed a deputation to wait upon the Attorney-General, and the Executive of the Government of the Province of British Columbia, for the purpose of representing to them the desirability of having the provision regarding the Religious Institutions Act eliminated, and the said Provincial Act made to harmonize in its provisions, with the Act passed by the Parliament of Canada, and contained in the Discipline of the Methodist Church.

RE JESUITS' ESTATE ACT.

Moved by the Rev. J. E. Starr, seconded by Rev. T. Crosby,

Whereas the members of the British Columbia Conference of the Methodist Church have the conviction that the Order known as The Society of Jesus is an alien, secret, and politico-religious body, the existence of which is totally at variance with the institutions of a free State, be it therefore

Resolved,—That we protest against and condemn the incorporation of the Order known as The Society of Jesus by the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, in 1887, as being subversive of national life, and opposed to civil and religious liberty and equality, the heritage of every British subject.

2. That we emphatically condemn the Act passed at the recent session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, entitled "An Act respecting the settlement of the Jesuits' Estates."

First, because it endows from public funds a religious organization, thereby violating the undoubted constitutional principle of the complete separation of Church and State.

Second, because it recognizes the usurpation of a right by a foreign authority, viz., His Holiness the Pope, to become an arbiter in matters pertaining to provincial legislation; and

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