

The entire merits of the case lie within a small compass, and may be thus summarily exhibited:

The Committee of the British Conference on Canadian affairs, at a meeting held on the 29th of April last, adopted a series of Resolutions, which they forwarded to the Upper Canada Conference. Those Resolutions contained three matters of complaint against the Rev. Egerton Ryerson, a member of that body. These were—

1. His practically superseding the Rev. Joseph Stinson, in his recognized official powers as President.

2. A flagrant violation of the obligations arising from the Union, in endeavouring to procure the payment, in a certain contingency, to the Canadian Conference, of the grant made by the Crown to the Wesleyan Missionary Society, previously to the formation of that Union, and their exclusive claim to which was at that time distinctly understood.

3. The decidedly and prominently political character of the "*Christian Guardian*," notwithstanding the solemn, reiterated and recorded pledges given by the Upper Canada to the British Conference, that it should be *properly a religious and literary Journal*.

In reply to these grave allegations, the Upper Canada Conference adopted, and forwarded to the British Conference, Resolutions, representing it as at variance with the letter and spirit of the articles of Union, "and an anomalous and alarming precedent, for the Committee in London to accuse and condemn a member of their Conference"—maintaining the authority of the Rev. Egerton Ryerson, as their Special Representative to confer with the Government on matters affecting their civil and religious rights and privileges, to act in all such cases without the concurrence or knowledge of the President—contending that it was *the imperative duty* of Mr. Ryerson to act as he had done; and appointed the Reverend W. and E. Ryerson, Delegates to the English Conference, on the subjects of collision. A large Committee was, in consequence, appointed by the British Conference, at its late Session, to investigate the proceedings of the Committee on Canadian affairs of last year, to consider the Resolutions adopted by the Upper Canada Conference of 1840, and to receive the communications of their

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