
APPLICATION FROM STRATFORD PRESBYTERY, ANENT
CERTAIN MINUTES.

There was laid upon the table of Synod an application from the Stratford Presbytery, asking that certain facts be engrossed upon the Records of Synod, bearing upon a former decision of Synod.

On the paper being read the Moderator ruled the request out of order, as it asked the reconsideration of a matter, decided at last meeting of Synod.

Mr. Fotheringham appealed from the ruling of the Chair. The Moderator's ruling was sustained by a vote of eighty to one.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The report on Sabbath Observance was called for. Mr. R. N. Grant, the Convener, having removed from the bounds of the Synod and the members of the Committee not having met during the year, it was agreed that this important matter be taken up, and discussed in connection with the Report on the State of Religion.

TEMPERANCE.

The Report from the Committee on Temperance, was read by Mr. Archibald McLean.

On motion of Mr. Battisby, seconded by Mr. Gordon, the report was received.

The recommendations of the Committee were then considered. In reference to the first recommendation, namely: "That the Synod give an expression of approval of the Crooks Act, as a step in the right direction," it was moved by Mr. A. McLean, seconded by Mr. Gordon, that the recommendation be adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Laing, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Wm. Robertson, that while legislation regulating and restricting the liquor traffic, by a system of license, may in view of the present state of public sentiment be a necessity, this Synod will hail with satisfaction any measure that may be adopted by our Legislators, Provincial or Dominion, in the direction of increased stringency of the regulations, under which licenses are granted, or which may otherwise depress or put an end to evils arising from the sale of intoxicating drinks." On the vote being taken 66 voted for the amendment and 54 for the motion. The yeas and nays being called for, 69 voted yea on the amendment and 58 nay. The Synod then considered the second recommendation of the Committee, which was adopted unanimously, namely, "The Synod recommend Presbyteries, Sessions and members