

sionary efforts of the Churches are counteracted and hindered, many sufferings brought upon the Indians, and a state of disaffection towards the Dominion is even, to some extent, engendered. The General Assembly would earnestly recommend to the Government of Canada the imperative necessity of at once cancelling all appointments of agents and instructors who are known to be tyrannical, unjust or immoral, and of filling their places with men of integrity, sobriety, and purity. Further, the Presbyterian Church pledges itself, as far as may be in its power, to co-operate with the public authorities in promoting the social improvement and the temporal well-being of the Indians, whilst, in common with other Churches, seeking to bring them under the holy influence of the Christian religion.

"A copy of this resolution, signed by the Moderator and Clerks of the General Assembly, shall be respectfully transmitted to the hon. the Minister of the Interior and to the Superintendent-General of Indian affairs."

Speaking to his motion, Rev. Principal Cavan, said that the Church had to take cognizance of the whole moral province, and while keeping away from party politics, it nevertheless would not keep silence on a point where morality was concerned. Was there any grievance in regard to the Indians of the North-West? After giving the matter the most thorough investigation and obtaining a large amount of information, not from party sources, he had come to the conclusion that there was. There had been heated discussions in the Parliament of Canada on this question. As a minister of Christ who was interested in these people, he had read these discussions. Very serious charges had been made by the Opposition, to which the Government had replied ably, as they always did. But he did not base his arguments on any of the evidence of politicians, and there was abundance of evidence to prove his point. There was the speech of the Rev. Hugh McKay the other evening. And there were the letters and freely expressed opinions of their esteemed Superintendent, the Rev. Hugh Robertson, with whom they and all were familiar. (Applause.) Mr. Robertson had made indictments against the Indian Agents such that no Government which had a proper sense of self-respect would wish to be passed over without investigation. The Presbytery of Brandon had made a non-political deliverance on the matter, as also has done the Senate of the North-West. Rev. Dr. King had also spoken out. The testimony of these bodies and individuals was uniform, and it was to the effect that while there were some men among the Indian agents who were gentlemen, and men of high Christian character, nevertheless, there were many who were