

Mr. Tully, from the Committee on Bills and Overtures, gave in a second report, which on motion was received and its recommendations as to the order of business adopted.

#### REFERENCE FROM STRATFORD PRESBYTERY.

The Synod resumed consideration of the reference from the Stratford Presbytery. Messrs Hamilton, Turnbull and Kay stated the reference to the Synod.

The reference, on motion duly made and seconded, was sustained.

Parties were then called, when they appeared the Rev. Thomas McPherson for himself, and J. B. McDonald, Jas. McDonald, James Dow, W. W. Fortune, F. B. Hamilton, Robert Paton, and A. Adair for the congregation of Knox Church, Stratford.

It was found that these representatives of the congregation had not been regularly cited to appear before the Synod in this reference, but inasmuch as they had been appointed some two years ago to appear before the Presbytery of Stratford, and any other courts of the Church if necessary, in the interest of the congregation, they were with the full consent of all parties, regarded as entitled to appear before the Synod on behalf of the congregation.

Mr. McPherson was then heard at considerable length, giving a historical sketch of his connection with Knox Church, Stratford, and the causes that had led to the present reference.

At this stage of the pleadings the hour for fixing the time and place of next meeting of Synod arrived.

#### TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

On invitation of Dr. T. M. Macintyre, the Synod unanimously agreed to meet in Brantford, and within Zion Church there, on the second Monday of April, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-nine, at 7:30 p.m.

#### REFERENCE FROM STRATFORD PRESBYTERY.

The Synod resumed consideration of this case. Mr. A. Adair addressed the court on behalf of the congregation of Knox Church up to the hour of adjournment.

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