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The Act incorporating The United Church of Canada, is Chapter 100 of the Statutes of Canada. 1928. The Bill submitted to Parliament was discussed for weeks by the Private Bills Committee, and there amended to provide for a judicial determination as to the right of the Church Courts to commit their people to Union. This was the main feature of the work in the committee. Stop. The petitioners submitted several amendments to the Bill, and all these were substantially adopted by the Committee without a vote. When the Bill reached the House the amendment providing for the judicial interpretation was rescinded, and the original restored. Stop. The next main contention in importance was the provision for a vote to be taken by Congregations, the House of Commons adopted the recommendation of the Committee on this and all amendments proposed were defeated. Stop. When the Bill was in the Senate a compromise amendment was inserted which provides the method of taking the vote. Stop. This compromise is in the last nine lines of Subsection (a) of Section 10 of the Act. The question of the right to vote was so outstanding that little was heard of the point of judicial interpretation once that amendment of the committee had been disposed of. Stop. In the voting both sides in the Presbyterian fold have had their disappointments and their encouragements, but the fact remains that in addition to the large body of Presbyterians entering into the Union. the Methodists and Congregationalists are practically unanimous. Besides this the Parliament of Canada has granted the incorporation, and six out of the nine provinces have also passed Acts enabling on behalf of the United Church. Stop. I. myself, voted for the amendment, providing for a judicial interpretation, but when this was disposed of I was in sympathetic accord with the rest of the Act, and particularly so when the change in the voting was suggested by the petitioners. Stop. It is unfortunate that differences have arisen in one of the great bodies to the Union, but as the forum both sides demanded has been granted I feel that no action of Parliament or of the legislatures should

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add to any confusion that may exist. Stop. In view of the fore -

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