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| Presbytery of Quebec | \$439 00 | Presbytery of Saugeen | 437 00 |
| " Montreal | 993 00 | " Guelph | 100 00 |
| " Glengarry | 116 00 | " Hamilton | 502 90 |
| " Brockville | 719 23 | " Paris | 125 00 |
| " Ottawa | 1341 95 | " London | 1315 00 |
| " Kingston | 1137 50 | " Chatham | 514 50 |
| " Peterborough | 634 18 | " Stratford | 100 00 |
| " Whitby | | " Bruce | 223 85 |
| " Lindsay | 237 00 | " Huron | 291 50 |
| " Toronto | 563 00 | | |
| " Barrie | 1002 00 | Total | \$11125 78 |
| " Owen Sound | \$333 17 | | |

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Convener stated that he had corresponded with Rev. R. Jamieson, of New Westminster, as to the action of the Assembly in his case, and that Mr. Jamieson, in reply, desired to know whether his connection with the Widows' Fund would continue as heretofore, were he to connect himself with the Presbytery of British Columbia, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

The Convener was instructed to write Mr. Jamieson, referring him to the resolution of the Assembly regarding the matter. (Page 57 of the *Minutes*.)

LAKE SUPERIOR.

The Committee considered at length the present condition and future prospects of the Lake Superior fields.

I. SILVER ISLET.

The Convener reported that Mr. Hamilton, Licentiate, who succeeded Mr. Caswell at this station, had done good service; but that, owing to the large majority of the population having left the place, the mine not being worked as formerly, the people were not able to contribute anything beyond the expense of board to the support of the Missionary. The Committee, on the recommendation of the Convener, resolved to discontinue this Mission for the present.

II. SAULT STE. MARIE.

The Convener reported that Mr. J. R. McLeod, Student of Montreal College, supplied this field with much success during the latter half of the summer, preaching regularly at the Korah station as well as at the Sault, and that the people had agreed to contribute \$5.00 per week towards his salary. A letter was laid on the table and read from Mr. Brown of the Sault, (where a new Church is being built, to be completed this fall), urgently desiring winter supply, and offering on the part of the Congre-

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