

Third—The Education of individuals for the office of the Ministry.

Considering also that these invaluable benefits should be secured not only to the present but to future generations, your Committee submit that only the annual interest should be thus expended.

Your Committee have not found it, in their judgment, advisable to offer any plan of distribution of the interest of the sales which would be complete in all its details, but have thought it more advisable to leave them unsettled to a certain extent so as to leave to the Executive Government a power to provide for any changes, from time to time, in the circumstances of different Religious bodies in the community. They have therefore resolved to recommend to your Honorable House that the Lieutenant Governor in Council should be empowered to appropriate such interest in the following manner :

First—Not more than one fourth to the Church of England.

Second—Not more than one fourth to the Church of Scotland.

Third,—The residue among such Bodies of Christians as he shall think fit, in order to promote to the uttermost the “diffusion of religion and true piety throughout the Province.”

In order to carry out the recommendation of your Committee, independently of the general sanction of the Home Government, the direct assistance of the Imperial Parliament will be necessary to authorize the transfer of the proceeds of Clergy Reserves already sold, from the British funds into Provincial securities.

Your Committee have prepared a series of resolutions in accordance with this report, which they respectfully offer for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee are well aware that no plan can be brought for the settlement of this interesting question to which objections will not be found and urged, or which can be made palatable to those who will not abate one jot of their own opinions, and still less to such as desire to prolong the contention to which this subject has unhappily given rise. Your Committee have on their part earnestly endeavored to suggest a scheme which will tend to allay any present irritation, and will form the basis of an ultimate and satisfactory solution of all the difficulties which have either arisen from, or been increased by, the long delay of legislation on the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. H. DRAPER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, House of Assembly, }
18th March, 1839. }

1. *Resolved*. That the lands set apart from time to time, as reserves for the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy be sold in the same manner as other Crown lands in this Province.

2. *Resolved*, That the proceeds of past and future sales of any such lands be loaned to the Province at an interest of six per cent per annum to be invested in debentures which may be authorised by the Legislature for the making and improving the Queen's public high-ways throughout this Province ; the interest on such debentures to be secured by tolls on such high-ways, by a tax on the Districts within which the outlay shall take place, and by such other means as the Legislature may deem fitting and proper.

3. *Resolved*, That the annual interest arising from such debentures be appropriated and divided under the authority and direction of the Lieutenant Governor, in Council, in manner following.

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