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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

At the City of Toronto, and within Knox's Church, there, June 7, 1870, Tuesday, the seventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy years, at half an hour after seven of the clock, in the evening, the which time and place the First General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church met, in pursuance of an Act passed at a meeting of the Synod of the said Church, held in the City of Hamilton, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, entitled, "An Act for constituting a General Assembly and District Synods," and in pursuance of a resolution of the said Synod for carrying the said Act into effect, which Act and resolution are in terms following:—

AN ACT FOR CONSTITUTING A GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND DISTRICT
SYNODS.

Whereas it is of importance, for the welfare and good government of the Church, that a General Assembly and certain District Synods should be instituted in the Canada Presbyterian Church:—

Be it, therefore, resolved and enacted, by and with the consent of the Presbyteries, in terms of the Barrier Act, viz:—

I. That, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy, there shall be constituted a Supreme Court of this Church, instead of the present Synod, which shall be styled and entitled THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, and which shall possess all the powers, privileges, and immunities, which at present belong to the Synod of the said Church.

II. The General Assembly shall consist of one-third of the whole number of the Ministers on the rolls of the several Presbyteries, with an equal number of acting Elders, or of such other proportion as may at any time be lawfully determined on; and said members shall be appointed in the manner following, viz:—

1. At an ordinary meeting of the Presbytery, held at least thirty days before the meeting of the Assembly, each Presbytery shall appoint the proportional numbers of Ministers and Elders.