

42 ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Assembly received the report, and declared the ministers and elders whose names are above written duly elected as delegates.

RETIRING MINISTERS.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on the applications of Presbyteries on behalf of ministers for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry. The report was handed in and read by Mr. D. M. Gordon, the Convener. The report was received, its several clauses were considered *seriatim*, and the disposals following were made under the recommendations contained therein :—

- In the Presbytery of Wallace, leave to retire and to be placed on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was granted to Rev. W. S. Darragh.
- “ “ Prince Edward Island, leave to retire and to be placed on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was granted to Rev. James Allan.
- “ “ Victoria and Richmond, leave to retire and to be placed on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was granted to Rev. Kenneth McKenzie.
- “ “ Barrie, leave to retire and to be placed on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was granted to Rev. George Craw.
- “ “ Toronto, leave to retire and to be placed on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was granted to Rev. D. McIntosh.
- “ “ Peterborough, leave to retire and to be placed on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was granted to Rev. Alex. Bell.
- “ “ Bruce, leave to retire and to be placed on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was granted to Rev. James Ferguson.
- “ “ Montreal, leave to retire and to be placed on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was granted to Rev. James Stewart.
- “ “ Sarnia, leave to retire and to be placed on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was granted to Rev. John Lees.
- “ “ Guelph, leave to retire and to be placed on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was granted to Rev. W. Millican.
- “ “ Huron, leave to retire was granted to Rev. Dr. Ure, it being understood that at his own request his name be not placed on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

SPECIAL CASES.

In the Presbytery of Regina, leave to retire was granted to the Rev. John Geddes, and also it was agreed that he receive from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund an annual sum of one hundred dollars (\$100).

In the Presbytery of Whitby, the Committee recommended that leave to retire and to be placed on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund be granted to Rev. J. McMechan, noting that, although the recommendation was contrary to that of the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, it was made in view of the positive testimony concerning the state of Mr. McMechan's health from high medical authority, which seemed to the medical members of the Committee of great weight. Mr. Gordon moved that the recommendation, as above, be adopted. It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. K. Macdonald, seconded by Dr. Middlemiss :—That the case of Rev. John McMechan be referred to the Standing Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund (Western Section), with power to place him on the Fund for benefit should it appear on further medical examination that he is entitled to that benefit. The amendment was adopted, and the Assembly ordered accordingly.