

very agreeable voyage. The scenery on the banks of the river, and along the shores of the Bay of Chaleurs on both sides, and the Miramichi River, is very fine. I have no doubt that when the Intercolonial Railway is built, the Bay of Chaleurs will become a favourite summer resort. There are several beautiful spots, where a few weeks' recreation might be profitably spent, and the climate is said to be very pleasant and healthful. The Rev. Robert McArthur, of Wick, went on shore at Metis, to supply Mr. Fenwick's place for some time.

We reached Pictou on Saturday, about 2 o'clock in the afternoon; a finely situated rising town with a good harbour. There appeared to be a good deal of stir and business here. The large coal mines of New Glasgow are in the neighbourhood. Several friends came on board to welcome us—amongst others, Mr. Primrose, one of the leading citizens, kindly pressed us to remain over Sabbath. We were sorry we could not all accept the invitation. Mr. McKay remained. Mr. Clark and I went on to Halifax. We were fortunate in having on the train along with us the Hon. Mr. Archibald, a gentleman of great ability, and of very high character in the Province, and withal a sound and intelligent Presbyterian.

On our arrival at Halifax, about 9 o'clock, p.m., we found the Rev. Drs. McCulloch and Bayne, the Rev. Messrs. McGregor, Bennet, Paterson, and others, kindly waiting to give the deputation a hearty reception. Mr. Romans, who has ever been forward in extending hospitality to the ministers of the Church, kindly invited me to his house. Mr. McGregor gave a like invitation to Mr. Clark. We have to express our grateful feelings to these gentlemen and their families, who did everything to make us comfortable, and to render our stay with them agreeable.

The Synod had been in Session in Poplar Grove Church, (the Rev. Mr. McGregor's) since Wednesday, the 24th. Arrangements had been made for our reception on Monday evening. We were most cordially welcomed by a full Synod and by a large audience. As invited by the Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Stewart, I spoke first on the state of our Church in general, its large field of operation, its progress, its missionary and educational efforts, and on the desirableness of union among all the Presbyterian Churches in the Dominion. Mr. Clark then gave an interesting account of the state of Lower Canada, or what is now the Province of Quebec, and of the work of the Church there. He also referred at length to the state of theological education in the Church. Mr. McKay then addressed the Synod on the work of Protestant Missions in Italy, Egypt, Palestine, and other countries, which he had repeatedly visited. Several of the brethren responded to our remarks in the warmest and most affectionate terms, and all of them expressed their anxiety for a closer union. Indeed this feeling was universal.

The following motion was unanimously passed:—

"That this Synod have heard with much pleasure of the operations and success of the Canada Presbyterian Church—that they beg to assure the deputation of the sympathy of this Church with the Canada Church, more especially with its missionary and educational undertakings—that they trust that the fraternal bonds will be drawn yet more closely, and that the time may not be far distant when the whole of the Presbyterian Churches in British America will be united in one body."

The Synod was larger than it had ever been. The attendance both of ministers and elders was greater—98 ministers, and 49 elders. The sittings continued until the 2nd July. We had much pleasure in being