

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the proposed alteration in the 4th Section of the Model Constitution, which was given in and read, recommending the Synod to decern, in terms of the Overture, that the whole article shall simply stand thus—

“IV. The person who shall be eligible for the Office of the Ministry in this Congregation, shall be, any regularly ordained Minister or duly licensed Probationer of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.”

It was moved that the Synod adopt the Overture. It was also moved in amendment, That there be no change made. The Roll having been called and the votes marked, the amendment was carried by a large majority, and the Synod accordingly decerned that there be no change made in 4th article of the model constitution.

The Synod then resumed consideration of the French Mission, when Dr. Mathieson agreed, with leave of the Synod, to withdraw his motion in regard to Mr. Lapelletrie, it being understood that he may be at liberty to bring it forward on some future occasion.

It was then moved by Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Roach,—That inasmuch as reference is made, in the 8th article of the suggestions to the Clergy Reserve Commissioners, passed July 11th, 1846, to the Rev. Emile Lapelletrie, be it resolved, that said eighth article be rescinded. It was also moved, in amendment, by Dr. Cook, that it be not rescinded. The votes were called and marked “Rescind” or “Not,”—when it was carried by a large majority of votes that the said eighth article be rescinded.

It was then moved, seconded, and agreed to,—*First*, That the Synod receive and approve the Report, anent the French Mission, which has been given in, and read to the Synod, and present their thanks to the Convener, the Rev. William Simpson, and the Committee generally, for the ability, zeal, and faithfulness, with which they have managed the important trust which has been committed to them; and instruct the Committee to print such an abstract of the Report as they may judge useful, for the information of Congregations, and circulate the same throughout the Church;—and that the Synod express their gratitude to the Christian people in Great Britain and other parts of Europe, as well as the United States, for their liberal contributions towards building a Church or Mission House for the French Congregation in Montreal, and other purposes specified in the Committee’s instructions to Mr. Lapelletrie.

*Second*, That the French Mission be placed under the management of two separate Committees, the one to attend to the spiritual superintendence, and the other to the financial concerns, of the Mission;—That