

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Mr. Laing on the part of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, presented the following, as the order of business recommended for the day.

I. Appeal against a decision of the Presbytery of London, with recommendation that it be sent to a Committee for consideration.

II. Report of Committee on the complaint and appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of Bruce.

III. Report on Sabbath Observance.

IV. Report on Temperance.

V. Report on Hymn Book.

VI. Report of Auditors.

VII. Reports of Committees on Presbytery Records, to be given at 12 o'clock, noon.

VIII. Report of Buxton Trust Fund.

On motion the order of business was adopted, with the exception of the recommendation to send the appeal against a decision of the London Presbytery to a Committee. It was agreed that the case be discussed in open Court, at 3 p. m., to-day.

THE RIPLEY CASE.

The report of the Committee on the Ripley appeal case, was called for. Dr. Prondfoot, the Convener, asked that further time be given for the preparation of the report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSION OVERTURE.

Mr. Burson presented the report of the Committee on the Home Mission Overture.

Mr. Laing moved, seconded by Mr. Burson, that the report be received and adopted.

Mr. McQuarrie moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. McKechnie, that the report be received and adopted, with the exception of the last clause, and that the motion submitted yesterday, recommending that an effort be made forthwith to reduce the present indebtedness, be substituted in its place.

On the vote being taken, 63 voted for the amendment and 22 for the motion. The Yeas and Nays being called, 73 voted Yea and 27 Nay.

The report of the Committee thus amended and adopted by the Synod is as follows:

I. That the General Assembly be recommended to direct Presbyteries to take steps to have a Missionary association organized in each congregation within the bounds, and that monthly contributions for the schemes of the church be taken up by collectors calling at the houses of the people, and that Presbyteries require sessions to report to them, and that the latter report to the Assembly the action taken in this matter.

II. That the Assembly be recommended to take such steps as may be necessary for having the state of the Home Mission fund brought before every congregation on the Lord's day, and for affording an opportunity to every member and adherent of the church to contribute for the relief of the fund at as early a date as possible, and that Presbyteries visit congregations who may be delinquent and examine into the state of such congregations.

III. That the Home Mission fund be relieved from the charge for maintenance of Manitoba College.