

1916, in favour of the proposed Union twenty-nine against two, making the total number of Presbyteries approving fifty-three, not voting four. R. W. Ross, convener; J. H. Turnbull, secretary.

Mr. Ross moved, seconded by Hon. W. R. Motherwell, that the report be received and adopted. After lengthened discussion, taken part in by the mover and seconder, the Senior Clerk, Dr. Du Val and ex-President Forrest, a vote was taken on the motion, which was carried 384 for and 47 against.

Thereupon, Dr. R. Campbell, the Senior Clerk, tabled the following dissent and protest:

"I ask leave to record my dissent from the finding now arrived at by the General Assembly, and to protest against it, because:

1. It disregards the terms of the Barrier Act, which demands that returns from Presbyteries shall be in the form of extract minutes, bearing that Presbyteries met, place and time given, and were constituted, which particulars, some or all of them, are wanting in sixteen of the communications on the subject from Presbytery Clerks, to Clerks of Assembly.
2. It accepts, as legal, returns from Presbyteries which allowed absent members to vote on the Remit.
3. It counts in returns from Presbyteries as voting in favour of the Basis, which attached qualifying conditions to their deliverance, which is contrary to the practice of the Church in carrying out the Barrier Act.
4. It is in violation of the instructions given to Presbyteries by the General Assembly of 1915, which stipulated that returns on the Remit must be made before March 15th, 1916, to take into account returns from Presbyteries made at a later date.
5. The General Assembly has, in this deliverance, taken upon itself, virtually, to amend some of the returns of Presbyteries and condone illegalities contained therein, which I hold is beyond its power."

"ROBERT CAMPBELL."

The following signified their adherence to the foregoing dissent and protest: Mr. G. M. Macdonnell, K.C., Mr. W. G. Brown, Mr. H. H. Berlis, Mr. A. M. Nairn, Mr. T. W. Taylor, Mr. D. G. Cameron, Mr. J. Kennedy: (See 1916 Minutes, pages 36 and 37).

The following report of the Presbyterian Committee on Union was presented to the Assembly by Dr. W. J. Clark, who moved its reception and adoption. (See 1916 Minutes, page 41). The said report reads as follows: (see Minutes, page 279).

"To the Venerable the General Assembly:

In obedience to the instructions of the General Assembly of 1915, voting papers were prepared and issued in the following form:—

"Are you in favour of Union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches of Canada on the Basis of Union approved by the General Assembly of 1915? Yes. No. The people are reminded that the decision on this question must be reached on the basis of the votes cast."

In addition to the voting papers, all who had a right to vote were furnished with copies of the approved Basis of Union, and a brief statement on behalf of those opposed to Union and also a statement on behalf of those in favor of Union. The vote was taken in Mission Stations up to October