

Report of the Building Committee.

At a meeting of Presbyterians resident in Cote St. Antoine, held on 3rd November, 1885, Messrs. A. C. Hutchison, Thomas Samuel, M. Hutchinson, J. K. Macdonald, and Robt. Harvie, were appointed a Building Committee, with power to choose one of four properties named as a site for the church to be erected, and to enter into contracts for the construction of the building on the plans adopted at that meeting. The Committee has also had the assistance of Mr. Rutherford. This Committee has now the pleasure of submitting a report of its work.

Meetings have been held by the Committee from time to time as circumstances required, but they do not consider it necessary to give a lengthy report of the proceedings, as the result of their labours is now apparent, the church having been erected and regular services held in it since February last and the congregation of MELVILLE CHURCH, Cote St. Antoine, regularly constituted at a meeting held on the 3rd March following. The financial portion of the work of the Committee is the only part that calls for explanation or comment.

Accompanying this report is a list of the contributors to the Building Fund and a statement showing the amount received and expended on that account. From the latter it will be observed that there is a deficit of \$536.62. The Committee has also considered it necessary to have a winter porch put up at the church door, the cost of which, and some other small matters connected with the choir seats and vestry, will increase the deficit to nearly \$700. Besides this floating debt of \$700. there is \$2000.00 still due on the land, making the total indebtedness of the congregation \$2700.00. A memorandum is also appended showing the value of the church property to be \$7,660, exclusive of the organ.

The Committee recommend that immediate steps be taken to clear off the whole of the floating debt, and that the reduction of the balance due on the land be also kept in view.

The very general encouragement and assistance extended