

**SALTSPRINGS CHURCH.**

18th October, 1877.

Which day the Presbytery of Pictou met and was constituted with prayer.

Sederunt—Rev'd. A. J. MacKichan, Moderator; Messrs. McKay, Dunn and Galbraith, Ministers; and Mr. Munro Elder. Mr. Galbraith acted as clerk P. T.

The Presbytery being met for the settlement of Dr. Lamont in Saltspings find that he has failed to put in an appearance. A letter of date 30th Aug. 1877, from Dr. Lamont to Mr. McKay, M. P. P., was read, in which he, the said Dr. Lamont, traced the hand of Providence in the call he received and accepted from the Saltspings' congregation. Another letter of date 12th Oct. 1877, from Dr. Lamont to the Rev. Mr. McKay of Gairloch was also read, in which he stated that he had given up the intention of coming to Saltspings. In this letter no satisfactory light was thrown upon the cause of his strange conduct; but intimation was made in it that a full explanation was given in a letter to the Saltspings' congregation. The congregation being appealed to declared that they had received no communication of any kind from Dr. Lamont, since the receipt of the above mentioned letter, of date 30th Aug. 1877. A Canadian newspaper was then produced by a member of the congregation, from which it appeared that Dr. Lamont had in the meantime not only accepted of another call from a congregation in Canada, but that his induction had actually taken place. The Presbytery expressed their sympathy with the Saltspings' congregation in their having unwittingly put it in his power so to treat them; but, for want of full information, refrain from putting on record their opinion of his unusual method of procedure.

There being a large assemblage of people in the Church, the Rev. Mr.

Galbraith conducted divine services. He chose as his text Heb. XIII: 14th, from which he preached an impressive sermon.

A discussion then took place upon the prospects of the Church in this district, in which the members of congregation on being asked, took part. It was very apparent that they looked upon the miscarriage of the induction of Dr. Lamont among them as a source of satisfaction, rather than as a ground of discouragement. The hope also was entertained that the regular services of a missionary for a few months might be obtained. In the meantime the Presbytery agreed to grant them the usual supplies.

Intimation having been given that the Rev. James Herdman was leaving their bounds, the Presbytery cancel his appointments, and heartily commend him to the christian sympathy and fellowship of those with whom he may be associated in his new fields of labour. Thereupon the following new appointments were made:

**FISHER'S GRANT.**

4th Nov. Rev. Mr. McMillan.

18th Nov. Rev. Mr. Stewart.

**EARLTOWN.**

4th Nov. Rev. Mr. Dunn.

11th Nov. (Falls) Rev. Mr. Fraser.

**VALE COL'RY & SUTHERLANDS RIVER.**

11th Nov. Rev. Mr. MacKichan.

22th Nov. Rev. Mr. McKay.

**SALTSPRINGS.**

28th Oct. Rev. Mr. McCunn.

11th Nov. Rev. Mr. Herdman.

25th Nov. Rev. Mr. Galbraith.

The Presbytery enjoin the committees of the different schemes to give in at next quarterly meeting, their reports for the past year, showing particularly the financial state of said schemes.

The Presbytery meet at Pictou on Wednesday, 28th November, which having been publicly intimated, this meeting was closed with prayer.

A. J. MacKICHAN, Moderator.