

INDUCTION AT NEW GLASGOW.

On the 10th ult., the Rev. George Murray, M. A., was inducted to the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's congregation, New Glasgow. The Rev. Mr. McKenzie preached. Mr. McCunn put the usual questions to the minister and offered prayer. Mr. McMillan addressed the minister and Mr. McKichan the people.

At the close of the services Mr. Murray received a warm welcome from the congregation at the door of the church.

Among other business the Presbytery took up the appeal from St. Andrew's Session, Pictou, anent the organ, and came to the following finding "The Presbytery considering that the law of the Church requires practical unanimity on the part of the congregation, sustain the appeal and reverse the decision of the Kirk Session."

In the afternoon the Presbytery again met and transacted very important business as will be seen by the minutes which we append below.

St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow,
10th Dec'r 1879.

The Presbytery, after adjournment, met at 3 p. m. Rev. James Fitzpatrick, Mod., Rev. A. J. MacKichan, Clerk pro tem. The attention of the Presbytery was called to the printed report of the Rev. George W. Sprott, delegate from the Church of Scotland to the Presbyterian Churches in Canada. After careful consideration of the subject, it was unanimously agreed that the Rev. Messrs. MacKichan, Dunn and McMillan be appointed a committee to write the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, taking exception to said report as being misleading, so far as the union sentiments of the Presbytery of Pictou are concerned.

Rev. Messrs. Dunn and Fitzpatrick reported that they, in accordance with the instructions of Presbytery, after taking all the usual steps, ordained on the 7th inst., four additional Elders in the congregation of Gairloch.

The reports of the two committees on the proposed division of Pictou Presbytery into two Presbyteries were called for. One committee had nothing to pro-

duce. The other committee submitted the following report, viz.:

"Your committee having met at Stellarton on the 1st Dec'r, 1879, and having considered the expediency of forming two distinct Presbyteries out of the present Presbytery of Pictou in connection with the Church of Scotland, unanimously recommend that the proposed step of dividing the Presbytery of Pictou into two Presbyteries be taken."

"Towards carrying out this arrangement, your committee make the following suggestions:

1. That the division line between the two Presbyteries be the West River.

2. That the names be respectively, Pictou Presbytery and Egerton Presbytery.

3. That the Pictou Presbytery embrace the congregations of Pictou, Rogers Hill and Cape John, Saltsprings, Earltown, Falls and West Branch of River John, and River John; and that Egerton Presbytery embrace the congregations of New Glasgow, Stellarton and Westville, Gairloch, West Branch of East River, East Branch of East River, McLennan's Mountain, Barney's River, Sutherland's River and Vale Colliery.

4. That Pictou Presbytery have its seat in the town of Pictou; and that Egerton Presbytery have its seat in New Glasgow.

5. That the first meeting of Pictou Presbytery take place in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on the first Tuesday of February, 1880, at 11 o'clock, a. m., and that the first meeting of Egerton Presbytery take place in St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow, on the first Wednesday of February, 1880, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

6. That all the books and documents belonging to the present Pictou Presbytery be the property of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland.

7. That the Presbyteries in the Maritime Provinces and in connection with the Church of Scotland, meet in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on the last Wednesday of February, 1880, for the purpose of constituting a Synod, and transacting any necessary business."

(Signed) ALEX. J. MACKICHAN,

(Signed) CHARLES DUNN,

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