

I have no doubt, whatever, but the "bond" from Saltspings would be as good as any "Bank Cheque" as the editor states, in so far as the \$200 I now receive are concerned; but I would require stronger proof to satisfy me it would be equally good in the event of old age or infirmity.

I regret very much having subjected the people and the Presbytery to so much trouble, but I apprised Rev. Mr. McCunn of the fact that I was not going to Saltspings, and in sufficient time to obviate the necessity of a meeting of Presbytery on the 18th of October—I resigned my congregation with a view to Saltspings—I made arrangements for removing my family to Nova Scotia, and while I admit *now* that I believe all would be right had I gone, still, I could not, in the face of eminent counsel to the contrary, see my way clear.

My heart was set on Saltspings, but God, let us hope, ordered otherwise.

Your obt. servant,

H. LAMONT.

Dalhousie Mills, Ontario,
6th Dec'r 1777.

With reference to the above, we may state that we heartily regret the unpleasant circumstances attending the negotiations between Dr. Lamont and the Saltspings' congregation, but still, it would appear from the explanation that a consideration of "pecuniary" matters did enter less or more into the affair.

(Ed. M. R.)

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

Pictou, 28th Nov., 1877.

The Annual Quarterly Meeting of the Presbytery of Pictou, was held here this day, and was constituted with prayer: Rev. A. J. MacKichan, Moderator, with whom were present, Rev. Messrs. Herdman, Fraser, McMillan, Stewart, Dunn, McKay, Galbraith and McCunn; and Messrs. James Wilson, New Glasgow; Angus Munro, Saltspings; John Holmes River John; and A. McLean, W. B. R. J. Elders.

Minutes of last quarterly meeting, as also of meetings of 11th and 18th Oct., were read and sustained.

Appointments for the past quarter were reported as duly fulfilled, with the exception of one or two, regarding which satisfactory explanations were given.

Report of the deputation to C. Breton was given in and read by the Rev. J. W. Fraser.

A call from the congregation of Earlton and the Falls, in favor of Rev. Wm. Stewart, was laid on the table and read, anent which it was agreed that it be allowed to lie on the table, and the Presbytery agreed to meet at W. Branch, R. John on Tuesday, 11th Dec., at 11 a.m.; Rev. Wm. McMillan to preach.

An application was made on behalf of Saltspings' congregation to secure service from Mr. A. W. McLeod. Anent which the Presbytery find that Mr. McLeod cannot be in the field until April, and agree to grant, in the meantime, the usual supplies.

The Kirk Session of St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, reported as follows, regarding the remit on proposal to build a Church at Fisher's Grant:

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

Pictou, 22nd Nov., 1877.

Which day the Session met and was constituted. *Inter alia*, the reference from Presbytery in re Fisher's Grant, was taken up. After much deliberation it was resolved as follows:

That this Session cannot anent to the proposition that this question belongs properly to St. Andrew's Church, since Fisher's Grant is not a constituent part of this congregation, and this Session have not, for years, exercised any official control over Fisher's Grant congregation. Nor was it to this Session that the case was submitted by the dissentients at the Grant, but to the Presbytery who are the official guardians of all the people within their bounds, and who therefore must deal with the matter as seems to them best. Wherefore, the Session beg respectfully to decline adjudicating in the matter.

Extracted from the minutes of Session.

Signed, Wm. JACK,
Session Clerk.

The Report was received and the following resolution was unanimously agreed to: