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Jan. 2.	By 5 new shares Bank of Nova Scotia allotted at 125 paid in full	1250 00
May 4.	Circular to ministers, postage, &c.....	4 12
31.	Balance.....	741 23
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The Fund now hold 21 shares in the Bank of Nova Scotia which at 150 p. c. would be worth \$6,300.

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W. C. MENZIES, *Treasurer*.

N. B.—Since the above account was closed \$300 have been received from St. James' Church, Charlottetown, P. E. I., and \$400 from St. Andrew's Church, St. John.

W. C. M.

Anent which it was moved by Rev. D. McRae, and seconded by Rev. A. McLean, and *Resolved*, "That the Synod receive the report, thank the Committee, and especially the Convener, for the diligence and wisdom displayed in the management of this Fund, rejoice that the contemplated amount of \$8000 has been so nearly raised, and trust that the expectation of the Convener as to the increase of the Fund may be fully realized."

They reappoint the Committee with the following alteration, viz.: that G. P. Mitchell, Esq., be Treasurer in the room of Mr. Menzies, who in consequence of ill health, has, they deeply regret to learn, been compelled to resign that office; said Committee to hold the Fund in charge until the consolidation take place of this with the Widows' and Orphan's Fund of the other negotiating Churches. They further empower the Committee to make the alteration on the Constitution suggested in the report; and resolve, that the relation of ministers or congregations of the Presbyterian Church in the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland who may defer entering, or may not enter the United Church, shall be similar in all respects to that of ministers and congregations which shall become members of the United Church, it being understood, that such ministers and congregations shall comply with the terms of the Constitution of this Fund.

The Rev. Professor Mowatt being present was requested to sit and deliberate with the Court.

Rev. A. McLean was appointed to conduct devotional exercise to-morrow at 11 a. m., to which time the Synod adjourned, after praise and prayer.

SECOND DIET.

St. Gabriel St. Church, Montreal, P. Q., 11th June, 1875.

Which time and place, the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met pursuant to adjournment, and after devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. A. McLean, was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Roll having been called, the minutes of yesterday's sederunt were read and with a few verbal emendations, sustained as correct.

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

The Rev. Mr. Herdman having been requested to take the chair, the Rev. Mr. Grant, Convener, read the following Report of the Home Mission Board :

"In 1868 when the H. M. Board was constituted, our Synod contained 31 ministers. Seven years have come and gone, and our number remains the same. The men are not the same. We have had two or three generations since 1868. But as a Church we have apparently not advanced. There are many causes that may be assigned as explanations of this unsatisfactory fact, the chief apparent cause being that so few of our own young men offer themselves for the work of the ministry, and that we are therefore obliged to ask men to come over from Scotland and help us. This must be remedied if the Church is to keep pace with the growth of the country, and to spread