

That the cordial thanks of this General Assembly be tendered to the retiring Moderator for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, and for the able and appropriate services with which he has opened the present session of this Court.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

The Committee to prepare business for the First Sederunt of the Assembly handed in a Report, which was read by Mr. R. Torrance, the Clerk of said Committee. The report was received, and, in accordance with its recommendations, the following appointments were made, namely:—

I. That the hours of meeting for the present session of the Assembly be from ten o'clock in the morning till half-past twelve, from half-past two in the afternoon till half-past five, and from half-past seven in the evening till ten o'clock. It was agreed, however, that this order be so far departed from that, to-morrow morning the Assembly meet at eleven o'clock, and that the first hour be spent in devotional exercises.

II. That the following Ministers and Elders be members of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, in addition to the official members mentioned in Standing Order number Two, namely:—Dr. Waters, Messrs. C. B. Pitblado, William Armstrong, Robert Campbell (Montreal), David Mitchell, J. M. King, John Gray (Windsor), Thomas Goldsmith, H. McKellar, Neil McKay, Ministers; Professor Forrest, Professor Pollok, A. C. Hutchison, Robert Bell, W. B. McMurich, Robert McKnight, John Montgomery, Archibald Matheson, Professor Hart, Elders.

The Committee were instructed to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, in the History Class Room of Queen's University, and thereafter on their own adjournments. On motion of Dr. Cochrane, duly seconded, the Committee were also instructed to prepare at their first meeting, as far as possible, a complete list of the business to come before the Assembly during this session, to submit the same at the First Sederunt to-morrow, and to indicate the order in which the various matters thus presented should be proceeded with.

COMMITTEE ON COMMISSIONS.

III. That the following be a Committee on the Roll of the Assembly, in regard to any changes required to be made therein, namely:—Mr. John Laing, Convener, Mr. J. K. Smith, Professor Forrest, and Mr. James Hutchison.

COMMITTEES ON RECORDS.

IV. That the following be committees to revise the Records of the General Assembly of the several District Synods, and of the Presbytery of Manitoba, namely:—

1. On the Record of the General Assembly, Messrs. John Gray (Orillia), J. H. Ratcliffe, and George Hay.

2. On the Record of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, Messrs. Robert Hamilton, A. H. Scott, and Hon. Alex. Vidal.

3. On the Record of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, Messrs. Joseph Hogg (Moncton), James Middlemiss, and J. C. Ross.

4. On the Record of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, Messrs. W. T. McMullen, George Bruce, and Robert McQueen.

5. On the Record of the Synod of Hamilton and London, Messrs. Donald Fraser, W. McKibbin, and Alex. Beith.

6. On the Record of the Presbytery of Manitoba, Messrs. D. J. Macdonnell, W. Aitken, and A. I. McKenzie.

The names standing first on the lists foregoing to be Conveners of the respective Committees.