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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1916.

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS TO REMIT ON CHURCH UNION. MOTION

The Assembly called for the report of the Committee appointed to consider the returns to Remit on Church Union, which was given in and read by Mr. R. W. Ross, convener, and is as follows: (See 1916 Minutes, pp. 36 and 37.)

The Committee on Returns to Remit on Church Union and on Overtures thereunto, met at 10.30 a.m., Friday, June 3, 1916, and continued in session until 12.30 noon, and again in the afternoon from 2 to 3.30 p.m., and from 8 to 9.45 p.m.

There were present R. W. Ross, Professor Bieker, W. P. Grant, J. H. Turnbull, Dr. McCue, J. W. Stevenson, H. Feic, Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Professor Matheson, Arthur M. Fraser; J. H. Turnbull acted as secretary.

Your Committee, in performing the duty assigned to it, have acted on the understanding that they were appointed to enquire into and report as to the results of the voting on Church Union by Presbyteries, with a view to ascertaining the actual judgment of the latter, so far as it was duly reported to the Clerk of Assembly, in a manner not inconsistent with the true spirit and intent of the Barrier Act.

Your Committee having carefully examined all the documents that were submitted to them, now feel to report unanimously the following analysis of the vote:—

Approving Remit	52	Presbyteries
Disapproving Remit	13	"
Ties	3	"
Irrelevant Returns	2	"
Rejected (Cariboo)	1	"
No Returns from	5	"
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The five Presbyteries from which no returns were received were as follows: Lunenburg and Yarmouth, Winnipeg, Kootenay, Trinidad and Honan.

Your Committee further report that nine Presbyteries advised delay and four urged immediate action in the matter.

Supplementary report:

Since preparation of foregoing report, your Committee has received from the Clerk of Assembly, a certified copy of an extract minute sent to Dr. Somerville, Clerk of Assembly, on February 19th, 1916, by the Clerk of the Winnipeg Presbytery, showing that the Presbytery voted on Church Union, under terms of the Barrier Act, on February 15th,