

his opponents. It had effected its purpose, and the discovery came too late to produce any material change in the relative strength of the parties; and his election, without competition, was now secure.

The election was held on the 6th and 7th of April. Before the voting commenced, a Protest signed by Dr. McLaren, Mr. McLeod and others, having been read, was handed to Mr. Robertson, the chairman of the Trustees and Elders, with the request that it should be entered on the minutes and forwarded to the Presbytery. The Protest was as follows:

"We, the undersigned, Pewholders and Communicants of Saint Andrew's Church in the City of Saint John, Protest against any election of a Minister or Pastor for said Church at this meeting.

"1. Because by the known and long established usages of the Kirk of Scotland, the time for holding a meeting of the Congregation of a Church for the purpose of electing a Minister to fill a vacancy, should be fixed by the Presbytery within whose bounds the Church is situated; or by another Minister, being a member of that Presbytery, appointed for the purpose, who shall give intimation of it from the pulpit of the Church, and who shall afterwards preside over and moderate at such meeting; but the Presbytery of St. John has not fixed the time for this meeting, neither has it appointed any Minister to announce it from the pulpit, neither has it been announced from the pulpit by any member of that Presbytery; and this meeting is neither called, convened or organized for the purpose of electing a Minister for the said Church, in accordance with the usages of the Kirk of Scotland.

"2. Because, neither the Rev. Mr. Baylis who gave the intimation from the pulpit on 26th day of March last; or the Rev. Mr. Burgess, or the Rev. Mr. McKay, who gave notice on the 2nd day of April instant, is a member of the Presbytery of St. John; nor was either of them duly authorised by the said Presbytery, or by the Elders and Trustees to give such notice.

"3. Because it is not competent for the Trustees and Elders to call a meeting for the election of a minister to fill a vacancy in the Church, otherwise than in accordance with the established usages of the Kirk of Scotland. But even if it were competent for them to do so, there is no authority for calling this meeting, but the Resolutions passed at a meeting of the Trustees and Elders, held at the Session House on Saturday.