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THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF YORK,

KNOWN BY THE NAME OF "KNOX'S CHURCH."

First-That every pew-holder shall pay to the respective workmen, the sum assessed on their pew by the Committee appointed for that purpose, within two weeks from this day, or the workmen will be at liberty to sell their pew or pews to others whom the Committee may approve; and also two quarters' rent to the Collector, for the Minister, within two weeks from this date.

Second—That the present rent is what the pew-holders shall continue to pay quarterly, viz., 6s. cy. for each pew of three seats, until it be otherwise altered by the consent of a majority of two-thirds of the pew-holders present at a general meeting.

Third-That there be appointed a Committee of five persons to superintend the temporal affairs of this Con-gregation, and that a Collector shall be appointed, who shall be chosen out of the number. The duty of this Committee shall be :-

To agree with the Minister as to his salary, and see that it be paid.

To appoint a Collector, in case of the death or absence of the one in office.

To see that good order is observed during the time of divine service.

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They are required to appoint a Clerk, of their number, who shall keep an account in a book, of the resolutions, agreed upon at the former, and the present meeting, and their own proceedings as a Committee, with that of future general meetings.

Fourth-That the Committee be chosen annually, and that the members in office be re-eligible.

Fifth-That there shall be a general meeting held annually on the 16th Feb'y; excepting when it may happen on the Sabbath day, in which case the meeting shall be held on the Monday following, at which Meeting the Collector, and Committee in office, shall report their proceedings for the year, and a new Committee and Collector chosen.

Sixth-That the Committee, or three of its members (which constitute a majority), may at any time call a general meeting by giving a week's notice from the pulpit or in the public papers, at the same time stating the object of such meeting, and that no such general meeting shall act on anything, only such as may have been stated at the time the notice was given.

Seventh-That when a Minister is chosen, or any matter occurs, which requires the public decision of this Congregation, each pew-holder shall vote according to the number of sittings he may occupy ; and that the question be determined by a majority of votes.

Eighth-That if any pew-holder or separate sitter neglect, or refuse paying the quarterly rent for four quarters, he thereby forfeits his right to such holding, and the pew or sitting held by such, shall be at the disposal of the Committee.

Ninth-That should any pew-holder at any time wish to dispose of his pew, he is at liberty to do so, only to such person or persons as the Committee may approve.

Tenth-That no pew-holder shall refuse to act when chosen as Collector, or member of the Committee, on penalty of 25s. cy.; and if they, or he, shall refuse to pay the same, he forfeits his pew or holding, and the Committee are authorised to sell the same.

Eleventh-That all questions of a religious nature respecting Church Government, Discipline, &c., shall come under the cognizance of the Minister and Elders of this Congregation, when in the Providence of God, a Church shall be formed in this place; and that the Minister and Elders be subject and accountable to a Presbytery for their conduct. That any Church question from the Church Session to the Presbytery and Synod agreeably to the rules in the Confession of Faith, the acknowledged standard of the Church of Scotland, and most other religious Churches.

Twelfth-That being Presbyterians in profession and, we trust, in principle, this house in which we profess to worship the God of our forefathers, be known by the name of the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF YORK, UPPER CANADA.

Thirteenth-Proposed by Mr. Ketchum, and passed,-That eight pew-holders may at any time call a general meeting, by giving notice as before mentioned in the sixth resolution, and the majority of pew-holders, choose a new Committee when they may think necessary.