

26 MINUTES OF SYNOD, MONTREAL, JUNE 8TH, 1863.

DIVISION OF BATHURST PRESBYTERY.

The Synod heard an Overture from the Presbytery of Bathurst praying to be divided into three Presbyteries, to be called :—the Presbytery of Perth, the Presbytery of Ottawa, and the Presbytery of Renfrew. Mr. Borthwick supported the Overture and moved its adoption. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Geo. Thomson and seconded by Mr. MacKerras, That the Presbytery of Bathurst be divided into two Presbyteries; the Presbytery of Perth, as proposed in the Overture, and the Presbytery of Ottawa, consisting of the proposed Presbyteries of Ottawa and Renfrew. It was also moved in amendment by Mr. Clark and seconded by Dr. Cook, That the Overture be rejected. The second amendment was put against the first and carried. The motion was then put against the second amendment, and was carried by a vote of 23 to 17. The Moderator declared accordingly, and in name of the Synod appointed as follows :—The Presbytery of Perth, consisting of the congregations of Kitley, Perth, Ramsay, Smith's Falls, Brockville, Middleville, and Lanark, to have its seat at Perth, and its first meeting at Perth on the 24th inst. at ten o'clock, the Rev. J. McMorine to be Moderator; The Presbytery of Ottawa, consisting of the congregations of South Gower, Ottawa, Cumberland and Buckingham, Huntly, Richmond, Chelsea, Oxford, Spencerville, and also the congregation of L'Original and Hawkesbury hereby transferred from the Presbytery of Glengary, to have its seat at Ottawa, and its first meeting at Ottawa on the first Wednesday in July next at ten o'clock, the Rev. Alexander Spence to be Moderator; and, The Presbytery of Renfrew, consisting of the congregations of Pakenham, Renfrew, Litchfield, Douglas, Arnprior, Ross and West Meath, to have its seat at Arnprior, and its first meeting at Arnprior on the first Wednesday of August next at ten o'clock, the Rev. Alexander Mann to be Moderator.

The Synod appointed the Records of the Presbytery of Bathurst to belong to the Presbytery of Perth.

SYNOD FUND.\*

The Report of the Synod Fund and of the Finance Committee was read by Mr. MacKerras. It was moved by Mr. Mylne, seconded by Mr. K. McLennan, and passed unanimously, That the Synod receive the report, adopt its recommendations, and record their thanks to the Committee which is hereby re-appointed.

SALE OF PROPERTY AT WOODSTOCK.

There was read an extract minute of the Presbytery of London recommending the Synod to authorize the Moderator to give his signature to the indenture of sale of part of the Church property at Woodstock. This matter was referred to the Committee on Church Property, with instructions to report to next meeting of Synod.

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