

FIFTEENTH SEDERUNT.

At Ottawa, and within St. Andrew's Church there; Wednesday, the eighteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine years:—

Which day the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted by the Moderator.

Prayer was offered up by the Rev. Neil McNish, B.D., LL.D.

The Minutes of the Fourteenth Sederunt were read and sustained.

Dr. Waters, Clerk of the Committee on Business, gave in and read a report on the order of business for this Diet. The report was received and adopted.

The Assembly resolved by a majority of votes to adopt the following hours of meeting for the remainder of the session, viz.:—

In the forenoon, from half-past nine o'clock until one; in the afternoon, from half-past two until six; and in the evening, from half-past seven o'clock until ten.

REPORT ON LICENSING STUDENTS.

Mr. A. Young, Convener of the Committee on the Licensure of Students of Divinity, presented and read a report. The report was received and, in terms of its recommendation, the Assembly agreed to grant leave to the Presbytery of Quebec to take Mr. James T. Patterson on probationary trials for License. Similar leave was accorded to the Presbytery of Montreal with respect to Messrs. John Munro, B.A., S. T. Taylor, B.A., D. L. McCrae, M. H. Scott, B.A., Calvin E. Amaron, B.A., John Matheson, B.A. and J. W. Penman; to the Presbytery of Guelph with respect to Mr. D. Findlay; to the Presbytery of Owen Sound with respect to Mr. Bannerman; and to the Presbytery of London with respect to Mr. James Smith. Leave was accorded to the Presbytery of London to take Mr. D. L. Munro, who has not yet appeared before the Presbytery owing to his absence in Scotland, prosecuting his Theological studies, on trials for License, so soon as he shall have passed the requisite examination.

Further, in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee regarding the special cases which had been submitted to them, the Assembly agreed to grant the prayer of the petition—

(1). Of the Presbytery of Montreal with respect to Mr. William Mullens.

(2). Of the Presbytery of Toronto with respect to Mr. Thomas Scouler.

With respect to Mr. George Wallace, M.A., the Assembly resolved to continue him under the superintendence of the Presbytery of Toronto in order to prosecute such studies in Theology as the Presbytery may assign him, with instructions to the Presbytery to report on his case to next Assembly.

In regard to the application on behalf of Mr. Joseph A. Andrew, favourably recommended by the Committee, it was moved by Dr. Cochrane and seconded by Mr. D. J. Macdonnell, That Mr. Andrew be received with the distinct understanding that his Ministerial labours shall for the next five years be limited to the Muskoka Mission field or a similar field under the care of the Home Mission Committee. To this it was moved in amendment by Principal Caven and seconded by Dr. Topp, The General Assembly feel unable to grant the petition of the Barrie Presbytery; but, in doing so, would encourage Mr. Andrew to expect reception in due time as a minister of the Church and would direct him in the meantime to prosecute his studies in one of the colleges of the Church, with instructions to the Presbytery to report on his case to the next meeting of the General