

congregation, expensive litigations are carried on in order to ruin it, and a Chancellor's decision interdicts the trustees under forty thousand dollars' penalties (\$40,000) or ten thousand dollars each, from using the building for behoof of said Scotch congregation, and, lastly, debars the Scotch minister appointed to preach in it from preaching again the Gospel of Christ in said Scotch church to the said Scotch audience, under another penalty of ten thousand dollars, or fifty thousand dollars in all. And now, after a year's litigation and trouble, another Chancery decision gives the property to a small handful of unionists, the trustees being obliged to pay their heavy costs (with Sheriff's expenses super-added) as well as their own, and interdicted a second time from using the church under another fifty thousand dollars's penalties.

Williamstown, one of the oldest Scotch churches in West Canada, and whose title-deeds clearly express the object for which the lands were obtained and the church built, has also been given to the unionists, and its worthy minister and congregation turned out by a Chancery decision.

Bayfield is another instance of unionist persecution. This church from its foundation was, like others, connected with the Church of Scotland, erected by her members, and set apart for her worship. By two distinct deeds it was secured to her, but to make it doubly secure the congregation, in terms of the Act, agreed to vote before the 15th December 1875. As some of them were led astray by union canvassers, I addressed the people the day previous, exhorting them to stand true to their national Zion, and on no account join her foes. Everything was conducted in strict accordance with law. None but male communicants were allowed to vote, though the meeting was much disturbed by unionist intruders led by Messrs. Seiveright and Ure, Union parsons from Goderich, fourteen miles off, who demanded the contrary. Stormy and blustering was their attack, but the Kirk people put them to shame and carried the day triumphantly. Telegraphic counsels they also got from Quebec, Montreal, Kingston, and got them in vain. The presiding magistrate, D. H. Ritchie, Esq., declared the Church of Scotland had the majority by a lawful and fair vote; yet the first Sabbath after, the church was taken by the unionists by brute force led by Mr. H. Cameron, Union parson at Kippen, in violation of every right and law. To make sure, they held it from Saturday night previous with a strong party armed, who desecrated the sacred building and the Sabbath by drinking whiskey and playing cards in it till daylight. I protested against this usurpation. In their carousals, however, they indulged rather too long, for next week my ruling elder, Mr. Donald Cameron, surprised the drunken guard and took the church from them. Their outrage was sanctioned by the Huron Presbytery (Unionist), and though the Scotch Church was entitled