

N.B.—Convencers of Presbyteries' Home Mission Committees are particularly requested to forward the Annual Reports of Supplemented Congregations and Mission Stations (Nos. I. and II.) to the Secretary, at 210 St. James Street, Montreal, NOT LATER THAN THE 20th OF APRIL.

APRIL, 1877.

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,

(WESTERN SECTION.)

HELD IN THE DEACON'S COURT ROOM OF KNOX CHURCH,
TORONTO, ON 2ND & 3RD APRIL, 1877.

At Toronto, and within the Deacon's Court Room of Knox Church there, on Monday, the 2nd day of April, 1877, at 7 o'clock in the evening, the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada—Western Section—met, and was constituted with prayer. Rev. W. Cochrane, D.D., Convener. The Committee continued in session till 10 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, 3rd April.

The following members were present:—Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Proudfoot, Rev. Prof. McLaren, Rev. Messrs. J. McTavish, R. Torrance, R. Hamilton, J. Laing, J. M. King, D. J. Macdonnell, J. Carmichael, (King), P. Wright, W. Donald, Arch. Brown, Joseph White, T. G. Smith, F. McCuaig, J. S. Burnet, R. Rodgers, J. L. Murray, A. Tolmie, H. Crozier, G. Bruce, and R. H. Warden, ministers; and Messrs. H. Young, T. W. Taylor, and T. McCrae, elders.

Messrs. R. Dewar, J. Little, and W. Walker were invited to sit with the Committee as corresponding members.

CLAIMS FOR THE PAST HALF YEAR.

The claims of the respective Presbyteries for services rendered in Supplemented Congregations and Mission Stations during the past six months were carefully considered, and the following sums were ordered to be paid:—

Presbytery of Quebec.....	\$303 00	Presbytery of Saugeen.....	\$165 00
“ “ Montreal	698 50	“ “ Guelph	91 00
“ “ Glengarry	12 00	“ “ Hamilton	378 00
“ “ Brockville	429 00	“ “ Paris	87 50
“ “ Ottawa	809 58	“ “ London	857 50
“ “ Kingston	998 50	“ “ Chatham	328 90
“ “ Peterboro.....	448 50	“ “ Stratford	50 00
“ “ Whitby	275 50	“ “ Bruce	200 00
“ “ Lindsay	525 50	“ “ Huron	183 00
“ “ Toronto	467 00		
“ “ Barrie	25 00		
“ “ Owen Sound.....	25 00	Total.....	\$7332 98

N. B.—These are the NETT sums due on 1st April, 1877, including retrospective grants, special claims, &c., passed at this meeting, particulars of which are here given:

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC—

Winslow.—Claim for \$50. Disallowed.
Claim for travelling expenses, \$14. Allowed.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL—

Arundel and De Salaberry.—Special claim for \$4 per Sab for past 6 months. Allowed
East End, Montreal.—Claim of \$3 per Sab. for past six months. Allowed.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA—

Nepean.—Claim of \$50 for past six months. Allowed.
Admaston.—Claim of \$50 for past six months. Allowed.
Claim of \$5 travelling expenses. Allowed.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON—

Camden and Sheffield.—Claim of \$75. Disallowed.
Claim of \$43 for travelling and exploring expenses. Allowed.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO—

Mono E. and St. Andrew's Church, Caledon—Special claim of \$37.50. Allowed.
Sutton.—Special claim of \$25.00. Allowed.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN—

S. Luther and Little Toronto.—Claim of \$87.50. Granted \$50.

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NEW APPLICATIONS, CHANGES IN THE GRANTS, &c.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC—

Richmond.—Removed from list of Supplemented Congregations.

Windsor Mills.— “ “ “ “ “

Winslow.— “ “ “ “ “

Danville.—Granted \$200 per an., from 1st October, 1876.

Scotstown.—Transferred to list of Supplemented Congregations, with grant of \$150 per an.

Hampden.—Transferred to list of Supplemented Congregations, with grant of \$100 per an. Conditional on settlement.

Valcartier.—Put on list of Mission Stations, with grant of \$3 per Sabbath.

Metis.—Grant withdrawn, the requirements of the Committee in October last not having been complied with.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL—

Tanneries.—Put on list of Mission Stations, with grant of \$4 per Sabbath.

Hochelaga.—Grant increased to \$4 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY—

E. Hawkesbury.—Grant withdrawn.

Summerstown.—Put on list of Mission Stations, with grant of \$4 per Sabbath.

South Finch.—Put on list of Mission Stations. No grant.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE—

Dalhousie and North Sherbrooke.—Removed from list of Supplemented Congregations.

North Augusta and Fairfield.—Granted \$200 per annum, from 1st October, 1876.

Bathurst and South Sherbrooke.—Asked \$3 per Sabbath. Granted \$2 per Sabbath.

Palmerston.—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA—

Admaston, &c.—Asked \$150 per annum, conditional on settlement. Delayed.

Aylwin.—Granted \$200 per annum, conditional on settlement.

Chelsea.—Granted \$150 per annum.

Nepean.—Removed from the list of Supplemented Congregations.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON—

Amherst Island.—Removed from list of Supplemented Congregations.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH—

Fenelon Falls.—Granted \$125 per annum, from 1st October, 1876.

Perrytown and Oakhills.—Removed from the list of Supplemented Congregations.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE—

Town Line and Ivy.—Granted \$50 for next six months.
 Bracebridge.—Granted \$500 per annum.
 Gravenhurst.—Asked \$300 per annum, if ordained missionary got.
 Delayed.
 Stisted, Town Line, and Port Sydney.—Put on list of Mission
 Stations, with grant of \$3 per Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND—

Meaford.—Removed from list of Supplemented Congregations.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN—

North Arthur.—Granted \$50 per annum, for next six months.
 Hanover and West Bentinck.—Granted \$150 per annum, from 1st
 October, 1876.
 North Luther and Ross.—Granted \$200 per annum, conditional on
 settlement.
 South Luther and Little Toronto.—Removed from list of Supple-
 mented Congregations.
 Egremont and North Proton.—Removed from list of Mission Stations.
 Osprey.—Granted \$150 per annum. Grant to be paid for last six
 months, only when satisfactory statistics are forwarded.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH—

Hillsburg and Price's Corners.—Granted \$100 per annum.
 Elmira and Hawksville.—Granted \$200 per annum, conditional on
 settlement.
 Rockwood.—Removed from list of Supplemented Congregations.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON—

Stevensville.—Put on list of Mission Stations, with grant of \$4 per
 Sabbath.
 Louth.—Put on list of Mission Stations. No grant.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON—

Port Stanley.—Granted \$200 per annum, from 1st October, 1876.
 Hyde Park.—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.
 Dorchester.—Removed from list of Supplemented Congregations.
 West Williams and North Adelaide.—Put on list of Mission Stations.
 No grant.
 Arkona and West Adelaide.—Put on list of Mission Stations. No
 grant.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM—

Harwich.—Removed from list of Supplemented Congregations.
 Dover and Oliver's Section.—Granted \$150 per annum, conditional
 on settlement.
 Dresden.—Grant withdrawn.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD—

Listowel.—Removed from list of Supplemented Congregations.
 Molesworth and Trowbridge.—Granted \$100 per annum, condi-
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Langside.—Granted \$100 per annum, from 1st October, 1876.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON—

Bayfield and Bethany.—Granted \$200 per annum conditional on settlement; and \$2 per Sabbath while vacant.

Stephen.—Granted \$3 per Sabbath.

Cranbrook and Ethel.—Granted \$180 per annum.

Dungannon and Port Albert.—Asked \$25 per annum for one year.

Declined.

East Ashfield.—Put on list of Mission Stations. No grant.

CONGREGATIONS RECOMMENDED TO THE
ASSEMBLY.

It was agreed to recommend to the General Assembly, as cases to be dealt with exceptionally, the following congregations, whose contributions are below the required minimum; and in the event of the Assembly giving its sanction to their being placed on the Supplemented List, the following grants were agreed upon for the year, beginning 1st October, 1876:—

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC—

St. Sylvester.—\$200 per annum.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL—

Mille Isle.—\$200 per annum.

Farnham Centre.—\$200 per annum.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON—

Camden and Sheffield.—\$150 per annum.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN—

Proton.—\$100 per annum.

MANITOBA.

CLAIM OF REV. A. FRASER.

The Convener laid on the table and read a letter from Mr. Fraser claiming \$200 for expenses incurred in returning from Manitoba to Ontario. Mr Fraser was heard in support of the claim.

Moved by Dr. Proudfoot, that the claim be allowed in full. Moved in amendment by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the claim be not allowed. Moved in further amendment by Mr. Macdonnell, seconded by Mr. McCuaig, that in view of all the circumstances of the case, the claim be allowed to the extent of \$100.

After lengthened discussion, Mr. Fraser agreed to withdraw his claim.

STATISTICS, ETC.

The Convener read letters from Messrs. Bryce & Robertson to the effect that the Presbytery of Manitoba were endeavouring to procure full statistics from the Supplemented Congregations and Mission Stations within the bounds in accordance with the regulations of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. King, seconded by Dr. Proudfoot, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the General Assembly to instruct the Presbytery of Manitoba to present to this Committee a statement of the amount which, in its judgment, each group of stations should pay for every Sabbath it receives supply, together with a statement of the number of families and communicants connected with each group, for the consideration and approval of this committee, and that no payment be made for work in Manitoba after first October next, unless this instruction is complied with.

APPOINTMENT OF REV. H. M'KELLAR.

Mr. H. McKellar was appointed to Manitoba for three years on the usual terms.

HELP ASKED FROM MARITIME PROVINCES.

The Convener intimated that he had corresponded with the Eastern Section of the Home Mission Committee as to securing their assistance in carrying on the work in Manitoba, but that thus far no aid had been received. The Committee agreed to record their opinion, that the expense of work in Manitoba should be shared by the Eastern Section of the Church.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Convener reported that the Congregation in British Columbia had not contributed \$800 towards Rev. R. Jamieson's support, this being the condition on which the grant of \$1200 per annum was to be given by

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this Committee. It was agreed that as the Congregation had declined to report the fulfilment of the stipulated condition on which the grant of \$1200 was promised, the supplement for this year be \$1000, the rate formerly paid, and that this action be reported to the General Assembly.

LAKE SUPERIOR.

SAULT STE. MARIE.

The Sub-Committee reported that they had made a temporary arrangement with Rev. W. Stuart to supply this field, his salary to be at the rate of \$600 per annum, with the understanding that the people would contribute at least \$250 of this amount, and that Mr. Stuart had proceeded to the field in December last. The report was received, the action of the Sub-Committee sustained, and future arrangements left in their hands.

PRINCE ARTHUR'S LANDING, ETC.

The Convener reported that he had carried out the decision of the October meeting of the Committee, in regard to this field, and that Mr. McKeracher had lately written to the effect that the people were prepared to contribute \$500 annually, and that arrangements were now being made looking towards his being duly called and settled among them as a regular pastor. The Report was received.

MANITOULIN ISLAND.

The Committee agreed to invite Mr. Hugh McKay to labor as Ordained Missionary in Manitoulin Island for a term of two years, at a salary of \$700 per annum, and the Presbytery of Bruce were instructed to take steps to obtain from the field as large a portion of the salary as they were able to contribute.

MISCELLANEOUS.

FREE CHURCH GRANT.

The Convener reported the receipt of £300, stg., from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, which he had duly acknowledged.

REV. A. STEWART'S SALARY.

The Convener, and Messrs. King and T. W. Taylor, were appointed to meet with the Foreign Mission Committee to arrange as to the proportion of Rev. A. Stewart's salary to be paid by that Committee.

CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF MISSION STATIONS.

Mr. Laing, on behalf of the Sub-Committee appointed to prepare a scheme for the more continuous supply of Mission Stations (See page 70, Minutes of Assembly, 1876), submitted the following report, which was received and adopted by the Committee :

The Sub-Committee is of opinion that the time has not yet arrived for the detailed presentation of a scheme, but that the following general recommendations may be laid before the General Assembly :

1. That Presbyteries should aim at grouping Mission Stations in such a way as may afford full employment for an active minister, with a considerable proportion of the salary from the field in which he labors.
2. That the salaries of suitable Missionaries, accepting an engagement for more than one year, should be on a liberal scale and not subject to the regulations affecting Supplemented Congregations.
3. That an effort should be made to secure the services of our young men immediately on their being licensed, for mission engagements for a term of not less than two years.
4. That when deemed necessary such Missionaries may be ordained by Presbyteries with a view to laboring for such term in a particular field, and may enjoy the full privilege of ministers of the Church.
5. That provision be made for the more continuous supply during winter of the Mission Fields which are wrought by students during the summer, by a different class of Missionaries.

The Committee further recommend that a copy of this report be sent to the several Synods with a request that it be considered by them.

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LIST OF MISSIONARIES AND APPOINTMENTS.

The list of Missionaries, available for work during the summer months was made up and appointments given to Presbyteries as follows:

- QUEBECM. F. Boudreau, C. McKillop, and D. Bannerman.
- MONTREALC. E. Amaron, M. H. Scott, Robt. McKibbin, J. Mitchell, S. J. Taylor, P. R. Ross, Rev. J. Jones, Rev. R. Wilson.
- GLENGARRY.....F. McLennan, R. Hamilton, Chas. McLean, John Chisholm, A. A. McKenzie, Gilbert Patterson.
- BROCKVILLE.....Don. McCannell, Hugh Taylor (1st 3 months), Jno. Ferguson (2nd 3 months), J. F. McLaren, J. W. Penman, John Henry.
- OTTAWAJno. Mordy, Rich. Hyde, Jas. Reid, J. Geddes, Jno. Wilkie.
- KINGSTONW. E. D'Argent, Jas. Ross, Alex. McLean, Thos. Glassford, J. C. Tibb, John Jamieson, Hy. T. Miller, N. McPhee, A. R. Kennedy.
- PETERBORO.....H. P. Hamilton, W. A. Hunter, J. W. Meikle,
- LINDSAYAlex. Fraser.
- WHITBYThos. Atkinson.
- TORONTOJas. Chambers, R. P. McKay, Jos. McCoy, D. Tait, S. H. Eastman, D. C. McKenzie, N. McGregor.
- BARRIE.....Alex. York, J. P. Grant, D. Currie, D. G. McKay, R. J. Brown, J. K. Wright, J. K. Anderson.
- OWEN SOUND.....M. S. Oxley, A. Kippen, David Ross, W. McKinley.
- SAUGEEN.....Hugh McIntosh, Geo. McArthur, J. R. Johnston, A. Wilson, P. McLean.
- GUELPHJ. B. Hamilton, G. F. Walker (1st 3 months), J. A. Anderson (2nd 3 months).
- HAMILTONA. A. Scott, A. Leslie, A. W. Marling, T. Kenning, John Mowat.
- PARISG. D. McKay.
- LONDONAw. Henderson, P. C. Goldie, A. T. Colter, Jas. Smith, J. B. Galloway, D. B. MacDonald, — Lawrence, B. G. Brown.
- CHATHAMAlex. McFarlane, W. P. H. Fishburn.
- STRATFORD.....None.
- HURONRobt. Fowlie, J. Johnson.
- BRUCE.....J. R. McLeod, J. Matheson, A. H. Scott

STATE OF THE FUND.

The Committee took into consideration the state of the Fund. It is as follows:

Paid out by Treasurer prior to 1st April, 1877.....	\$26,442 00
Received " " " including last year's deficit.	25,687 00
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Balance against the Fund, 1st April, 1877.....	\$755 00
Claims passed by Committee at this meeting.....	7,333 00
" for Manitoba, Lake Superior, etc.....	3,162 00
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Indebtedness of the Fund at date.....	\$11,250 00
With one month's contributions (April) yet to be received.	

EXPENSES PAID.

The travelling expenses of members of Committee were noted and paid.

CLOSE.

The Committee adjourned at 10 o'clock, P.M., on Tuesday the 3rd of April, and the meeting was closed with the Benediction.

WM. COCHRANE, D.D.,

Convener.

ROBERT H. WARDEN,

Secretary.