

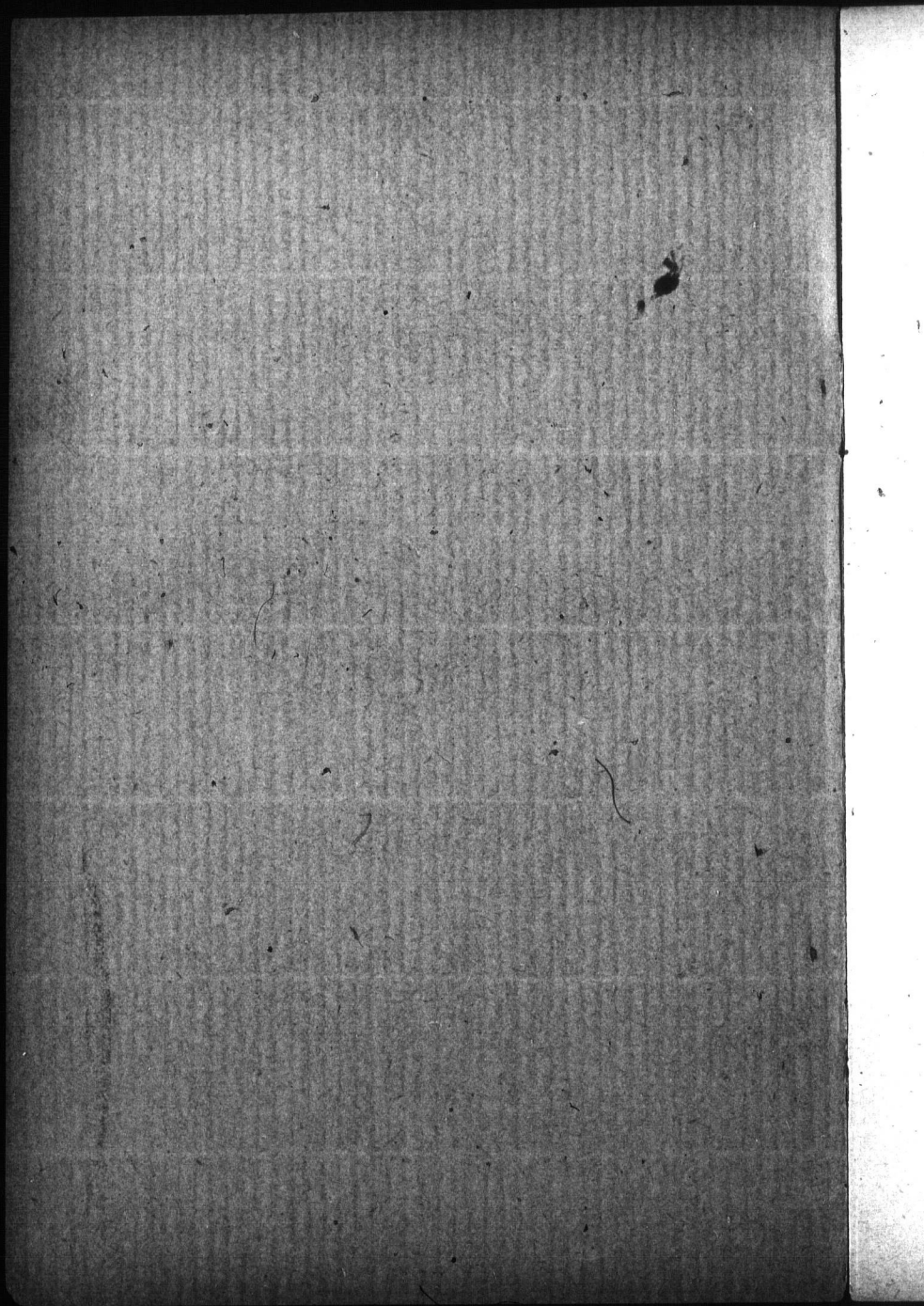
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REV. JAMES ROBERTSON.....Superintendent of Missions.

MODERATOR.

REV. D. McRAE.....Victoria, B. C.

CLERK.

REV. WALTER R. ROSS.....Sapperton, B. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

State of Religion, Conv.,	REV. J. C.	HERDMAN.....	Calgary
Sabbath Schools	REV. J. W.	MACMILLAN.....	Vancouver
Sabbath Observance	REV. D. A.	McRAE.....	Nanaimo
Temperance	REV. J.	KNOX WRIGHT.....	Spallumcheen
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Statistics and Finance	REV. T.	SCOULER.....	New Westminster
Synod Treasurer	REV. T.	SCOULER.....	New Westminster

CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Calgary	REV. C. W.	GORDON.....	Banff
Kamloops	J.	KNOX WRIGHT.....	Spallumcheen
Vancouver Island	D.	McRAE.....	Victoria
Westminster	G. R.	MAXWELL.....	Vancouver

Roll of Synod of British Columbia.

Rev. James Robertson, Superintendent of Missions.

I. PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POSTOFFICES.
J. C. Herdman, B. D.	Nov. 6, 1877	James R. Mitchell	Knox Church.....	Calgary.....
Chas. McKillop, B. A.	Sept. 3, 1878	John Duff.....	Knox Church.....	Lethbridge.....
John P. Grant.....	Jan. 19, 1884	.....	Pincher Creek.....	Pincher Creek.....
D. G. McQueen, B. A.	June 21, 1887	W. J. Walker ..	Edmonton.....	Edmonton.....
Gavin Hamilton.....	May 6, 1889	T. E. Patterson ..	McLeod.....	McLeod.....
J. A. Matheson, B. D.	June 25, 1890	.....	Davisburg.....	Davisburg.....
C. W. Gordon, B. A.	July 11, 1890	J. J. Ferguson ..	St. Paul's.....	Banff.....
Chas. Stephens, M. A.	June 1, 1891	T. Tweed, M. L. A.	St. John's.....	Medicine Hat.....
James Buchanan.....	June 1, 1891	.....	Innisfail.....	Innisfail.....
D. Spear, B. A.....	May 30, 1892	.....	Canmore.....	Canmore.....
.....	.....	.....	Slocan.....	Kaslo, B. C.
MISSION STATIONS:—			Chinese Mission ..	Revelstoke.....
Student or Catechists			Swift Current.....	Swift Current.....
W. W. McRae.....	.....	.....	Maple Creek.....	Maple Creek.....
D. O. McKay.....	.....	.....	Gleichen.....	Gleichen.....
John Fernie.....	.....	.....	Bow River.....	Calgary.....
John S. Dobbin.....	.....	.....	Melrose.....	Melrose.....
W. L. Ballantyne..	.....	.....	Pine Creek.....	Pine Creek.....
George Gerrie.....	.....	.....	High River.....	High River.....
G. S. Scott.....	.....	.....	Red Deer.....	Red Deer.....
J. S. Muldrew.....	.....	.....	S. Edmonton.....	Edmonton.....
W. D. Wilkie.....	.....	.....	Clover Bar.....	Clover Bar.....
D. Arnot.....	.....	.....	Field.....	Field.....
F. H. Russell, B. A.	.....	.....	Upper Kootenay ..	Golden.....
A. E. Hannahson.....	.....	.....	Revelstoke.....	Revelstoke.....
Thos. Paton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

C. W. GORDON,
Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF KAMLOOPS.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POSTOFFICES.
C. P. May	Jan. 7, 1884	.....	Donald.....	Donald.....
Geo. Murray, M. A.	Jan. 18, 1875	.....	Nicola Lake.....	Nicola Lake.....
J. Knox Wright, B.D.	Dec. 8, 1880	.....	Spallumcheen.....	Spallumcheen.....
Arch. Lee, B. A.	June 17, 1884	.....	Kamloops	Kamloops.....
Paul F. Laugille, B.A.	Oct. 27, 1885	.....	Vernon	Vernon.....
Thos. H. Rogers, B.A.	April 27, 1889	D. C. McMorris	Nelson.....	Nelson.....
MISSION STATIONS:—				
Student or Catechists			Revelstoke.....	Revelstoke.....
Thos. Paton.....			Kaslo	Kaslo.....
D. M. Martin.....			Ashcroft.....	Ashcroft.....
J. G. McLeod.....				
Vacancies			Ducks, Salmon...	
			Arm, Shuswap....	
			Grand Prairie....	
			N. Thomson	
			Tapan Siding	
			Columbia River...	
			Pilot Bay, Watson	
			Ainsworth, Balfour	
			Kettle River.....	
			Boundary Creek ..	
			Rack Creek	

JOHN R. WRIGHT,
Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF WESTMINSTER.

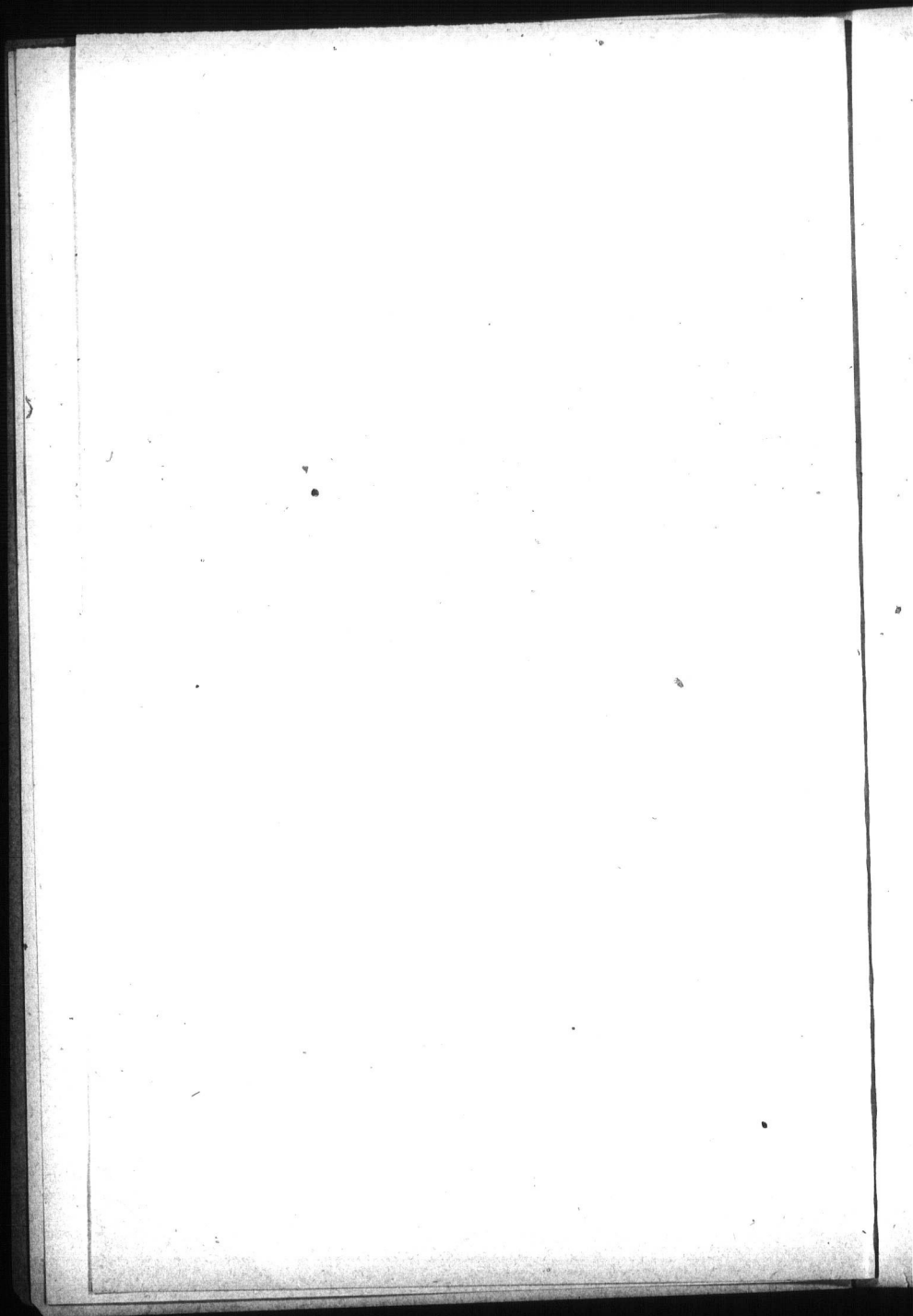
MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POSTOFFICES.
R. Jamieson	June 28, 1854	.....	Retired	N. Westminister..
J. M. McLeod	Nov. 9, 1853	W. H. Fraser	Zion	Vancouver
E. D. MacLaren, B.D.	Sept. 23, 1873	J. M. Browning	St. Andrews	Vancouver
Alex Duhn	June 9, 1875	.....	Wharnock	Wharnock
Alex Tait, Ph. B.	May 28, 1878	.....	Langley	Langley
Thos. Scouler	June 7, 1880	J. C. Brown	St. Andrews	N. Westminister.
T. S. Glassford, B.A.	Sept. 28, 1880	.....	Delta	Ladners Landing
G. R. Maxwell	Oct. 8, 1880	John McKie	First Church	Vancouver
W. G. Mills	June 1887	.....	West Church	N. Westminister.
J. W. McMillan, B.A.	Feb. 1, 1892	.....	Mt. Pleasant	Vancouver
Walter R. Ross	Feb. 16, 1898	J. B. Kennedy	Knox Church	Sapperton
J. A. Jaffary, B. A.	July 17, 1885	Thos. Mackie	Richmond	North Arm
MISSION STATIONS:— Student or Catechists			Mt. Lehman	Mt. Lehman
J. R. McKay			Upper Chilliwack ..	Chilliwack

G. R. MAXWELL,
Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF VANCOUVER ISLAND.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POSTOFFICES.
Alex Young	Jan. 28, 1857	.....	Wellington	Wellington
P. McF McLeod	June 29, 1871	T. M. Henderson	St. Andrews	Victoria
.....	.....	Thornton Fell	First Church	Victoria
D. McRae	Jan. 28, 1878	.....	St. Paul's	Victoria
Alex Fraser	Oct. 5, 1878	.....	Comox	Comox
R. J. Adamson	April, 22 1885	.....	Northfield	Northfield
A. B. Winchester	July 12, 1888	.....	Chinese Mission	Victoria
D. A. McRae, B. A.	Oct. 11, 1888	A. Shaw	St. Andrews	Nanaimo
J. A. McDonald, B.A.	June 21, 1891	.....	Indian Mission	Alberni
W. G. Smith	Sept. 10, 1891	.....	Alberni	Alberni
MISSION STATIONS:—			Metchosin	Metchosin

D. McRAE,
Presbytery Clerk.



Preliminary.

The Presbytery of Columbia at its regular meeting in March, eighteen hundred and ninety two, having resolved to overture the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada at its meeting in June, praying for the erection of a Synod in British Columbia, an overture to that effect was transmitted to the General Assembly. The prayer of the overture was granted and the deliverance reached, and transmitted to the Presbytery of Columbia. It is as follows :

At Montreal and within Crescent Street Church there, the sixteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety two, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, met and was constituted.

INTER ALIA.—Dr. Robertson, convener, gave in the report of the special committee, to whom was referred to consider and report on the overture of the Presbytery of Columbia. The following recommendations were adopted on motion made and duly recorded. "That the prayer of the overture of the Presbytery of Columbia be granted, and that the Presbytery of Columbia be divided into three Presbyteries, to be named, known, constituted and bounded as follows : that is to say, first—The Presbytery of Kamloops, the same to consist of the following Congregations and Missions, with their Ministers and Elders, and such other Congregations and Missions as may hereafter be organized or supplied within the bounds hereafter specified in accordance with the laws of the Church, namely :

CONGREGATIONS AND MISSIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Kamloops.....	A. Lee, B. A.....	
Nicola.....	George Murray, M. A.....	
Spallumcheen.....	J. Knox Wright, B. D.....	
Vernon.....	P. F. Langille.....	
Kettle River.....		
North Bend.....		
Revelstoke.....	Thos. H. Rogers, B. A.....	
Nelson.....	C. P. Way.....	
Donald.....		
Field.....		
Ainsworth.....		
Pilot Bay.....		
Salmon Arm.....		
Upper Kootenay and Columbia.....		

Further, that the said Presbytery of Kamloops be bounded on the North, by the boundary line of the Province of British Columbia ; on the East, by the boundary line between the Province of British Columbia and the North West Territories ; on the South, by the International boundary line ; and on the West, by a line drawn from South to North, and passing one mile East of the Town of Yale, in the Province of British Columbia. Second—The Presbytery of Westminster. The same to consist of the Congregations and Missions hereafter named, with their Ministers and

Elders, and such Congregations as may hereafter be organized and supplied within the bounds of the Presbytery in a regular way together with their Ministers and Elders, namely :

CONGREGATIONS AND MISSIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
St. Andrew's Church, New West.	Thos. Scouler	
	R. Jamieson (retired)	
West Church, New Westminster	W. G. Mills, B. A.	
First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver	G. R. Maxwell	
St. Andrew's Church,	E. D. McLaren, B.D.	J. M. Browning
Zion Church,	J. M. McLeod	
Richmond	J. A. Jaffray, B. A.	T. Mackie
Chilliwack		
Knox Church, Sapperton	Walter R. Ross	J. B. Kennedy
Mount Pleasant, Vancouver	J. W. MacMillan, B.A.	
Warnock	Alex Dunn	
Mt. Lehman		
Langley	Alex. Tait, Ph. B.	
Surrey	B. K. McElmon	
Ladners Landing	T. S. Glassford	
Upper Chilliwack		

That the said Presbytery of Westminster be bounded on the North, by the boundary of the Province of British Columbia; on the East, by the Western Boundary of the proposed Presbytery of Kamloops; on the South, by the International Boundary line; and on the West, by the Gulf of Georgia.

Third—The Presbytery of Vancouver Island. The same to consist of the Congregations and Mission Stations hereinafter named, together with such other Congregations and Missions as may be organized or supplied within its bounds, with the Ministers and Elders of all said Congregations and Missions, namely :

CONGREGATIONS AND MISSIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
First Church, Victoria	John Campbell, Ph.D.	Thornton Fell
St. Andrews Church, Victoria	P. McF. McLeod	T. M. Henderson
Metchosin	"	
St. Andrew's Church, Nanaimo	D. A. McRae	
Wellington	A. Young	
Northfield	A. Adamson	
Alberni	W. L. Smith	
Comox	A. Fraser	
Indian Mission, Alberni	J. A. McDonald, B. A.	
Chinese Mission, Victoria	A. B. Winchester	

That the said Presbytery of Vancouver Island, territorially embrace the Island of Vancouver and the Islands adjacent thereto which formerly formed part of the Colony of Vancouver Island. That these three Presbyteries now named and bounded, together with the present Presbytery of Calgary, be erected into a Synod, to be named and known as the Synod of British Columbia, the said Synod to embrace all the territory included within the bounds of the Presbyteries constituting the same. That the said Synod of British Columbia be authorized and instructed to meet in St. Andrew's Church, in the City of Vancouver, British Columbia, on the third Wednesday of July next, at half past seven of the clock in the evening, and thereafter on their adjournment; and take all the necessary steps to effect the organization of the Presbyteries erected by the General Assembly, in

terms of this resolution, and attend to all competent business; and that Mr. D. McRae, of St. Paul's Church, Victoria, be and is hereby appointed first Moderator of the said Synod of British Columbia, to convene and constitute the same.

Extracted from the Records of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, by William Reid, D. D. Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

The same was handed in and read at the regular meeting of the Presbytery of Columbia held on the third Wednesday of July. In terms of the deliverance, the Synod met in St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver, on the same day at half past seven o'clock in the evening. Mr. MacLaren in the unavoidable absence of Mr. McRae, detained through the quarantine regulations of Vancouver, ascended the pulpit and after the usual devotional exercises preached an excellent sermon from the words, "Where there is no vision the people perish," Proverbs, chapter twenty ninth and eighteenth verse.

At the close of the service, he intimated that he had been delegated by Mr. McRae, appointed first Moderator of the Synod of British Columbia, to act in his stead; and read the following extract from a letter received by him from Mr. McRae: "In the event of my unavoidable absence from the meeting of Synod on Wednesday evening next, I hereby delegate to you, the authority conferred upon me by the General Assembly, by my appointment as first Moderator of the Synod of British Columbia to constitute the Synod, and authorize you, as far as it is competent for me to do so, to act in my place." He also read the General Assembly's minute erecting the Synod of British Columbia. The Synod was then constituted with prayer by Mr. McLaren, Moderator. He then stated that if the Synod resolved to proceed to business, it would be necessary to elect a Clerk. Amid many expressions of regret at the detention of members of the Court, it was agreed to proceed with the business.

Mr. Walter R. Ross was then elected Clerk of Synod. The roll as provided by the extract minute of the General Assembly was then called. Mr. Jamieson called attention to the omissions from the roll among which was his own name. It was agreed on motion duly made and seconded, that the name of Mr. Jamieson and the names of other members present be put upon the roll, which was done.

It was then moved by Mr. Jamieson, seconded by Mr. J. M. McLeod, and agreed that Mr. D. McRae, of St. Paul's Church, Victoria, be appointed Moderator for the ensuing year. After which it was moved by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Maxwell and agreed, "that in the unavoidable absence of Mr. McRae, Mr. J. M. McLeod preside as Moderator during the session of Synod. It was also agreed on motion duly made and seconded, that the first names on the rolls of Presbyteries be appointed as the first Moderators of Presbyteries. The Synod then proceeded to fix the places where, and the dates upon which the Presbyteries should meet, whereupon it was moved, seconded and agreed, that the first meeting of the Presbytery of Kamloops be held in Vernon on the Second Tuesday in

August at 2 o'clock p. m. That the first meeting of the Presbytery of Westminster be held in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, on Monday, the twenty-fifth instant, at 2 o'clock p. m., and that Mr. J. M. McLeod be appointed the first Moderator. It was further moved by Mr. D. A. McRae, and seconded by Mr. Adamson, that the first meeting of the Presbytery of Vancouver Island be held at Nanaimo on the second Thursday in August at half past seven in the evening, and that Mr. P. McF. McLeod be the first Moderator. To this motion it was moved in amendment by Mr. Jamieson and seconded by Mr. McLaren, that the first meeting of the Presbytery of Vancouver Island be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, on Tuesday, July 26th at 2 o'clock p. m., and that Mr. P. McF. McLeod be the first Moderator of the Presbytery. A vote was taken and the amendment carried by the casting vote of the Moderator. In respect of the meeting of the Presbytery of Calgary, it was stated that it had already met. On motion duly made and seconded the following members were appointed a Committee to strike standing Committees, namely, Messrs. MacLaren, McRae, (Nanaimo), Langille and Way with Mr. MacLaren, Convener.

Intelligence having reached this country of the death of the Hon. John Robson, Premier of this Province and an office bearer of the Presbyterian Church, the Synod on motion made by Mr. Jamieson, seconded by Mr. Dunn, agreed that the following members be appointed a Committee to meet and bring in a deliverance on his death, namely, Messrs. Dunn, Maxwell, Wright and Jamieson, Mr. Dunn, Convener.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was agreed to meet in the same place to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, and the Moderator pronounced the Benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

At Vancouver and within St. Andrew's Church there, Thursday the twenty first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety two at ten o'clock in the morning.

The Synod of British Columbia met and after praise and reading of the Word was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. Sederunt as before.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and sustained. Mr. Dunn reported on behalf of the Committee appointed to bring in a deliverance anent the death of the late Hon. John Robson as follows: That the Synod of British Columbia, this day assembled, participating in the sorrow now prevailing throughout the Province in consequence of the death of the Premier, the Hon. John Robson, place on record its deep sense of the loss this church has sustained by Mr. Robson's premature removal. His influence and sympathy and means were ever cordially given in our behalf, and in behalf of the cause of true religion and morality generally. He was mindful of the cause of Presbyterianism in this Province when it was merely a streamlet. He followed its fortunes through shade and sunshine, through reverses and successes with unswerving loyalty and devotion. He never was a disinterested spectator of the Church's trials and

triumphs, but always a warm and generous supporter. The tiny seed of Presbyterianism which he saw planted in Victoria over thirty years ago, he was privileged to see grown up and expand until it became a majestic tree extending its branches over the whole Province. Had his life been prolonged a few more weeks, he would have rejoiced with peculiar joy in the grand consummation now attained, the formation of this Synod which has gladdened all our hearts. Mr. Robson fought his way from the ranks to the high position which he filled and adorned at his death. But with increasing honors and prosperity his love to the cause of Christ appeared to lose nothing of its fervor. His voice in denouncing immorality and in defending the truth never faltered. His zeal for the progress and extension of the Church never abated. Probably none of the Church buildings erected throughout the Province but shared in his christian liberality. While this Synod thus deploras the untimely removal by the hand of death of one of its most loyal sons, one of its efficient and honored office bearers, it would respectfully tender to Mrs. Robson their sincere sympathy with her in this the crowning grief and bereavement of her life, and would pray that Almighty God may give to her the strength and consolation which her sorrowing heart this day craves.

It was then moved by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. McElmon and agreed, that the report be received and adopted, that it be engrossed in the Minutes, that a copy be sent to Mrs. Robson and family and that it be inserted in the papers of the City.

The Clerk stated that books suitable for the engrossment of the minutes would require to be provided. A motion duly made and seconded authorized the Clerk to obtain the necessary books.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Synod be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, on the first Wednesday in March at half past seven o'clock in the evening.

Mr. MacLaren, Convener, presented and read the report of the Committee appointed to strike Standing Committees. It was agreed that these should be considered Seriatim, which having been done the report was adopted as a whole, as follows:

State of Religion, J. C. Henderson, Convener, D. G. McQueen, P. F. Langille, W. G. Mills and A. Fraser, Ministers; Thornton Fell and D. Matheson, Elders. *Sabbath Schools*, J. W. MacMillan, Convener, A. Tait, Dr. Campbell, T. H. Rogers and C. Stephenson, Ministers; A. Shaw and Major Walker, Elders. *Sabbath Observance*, D. A. McRae, Convener, A. Young, T. Scouler, C. P. Way and C. McKillop, Ministers; T. M. Henderson and James McQueen, Elders. *Temperance*, J. K. Wright, Convener, A. Lee, C. W. Gordon, A. Dunn and W. S. Smith, Ministers; A. Sharp and Thos. Tweed, Elders. *Foreign Missions*, P. McF. McLeod, Convener, Dr. Campbell, B. K. McElmon, T. S. Glassford, J. K. Wright, George Murray, J. C. Herdman and D. G. McQueen, Ministers; A. Shaw, John McKie, E. Wood and representative Elder from Edmonton. *Home Missions*, E. D. McLaren, Convener, J. C. Herdman and C. McKillop, Ministers; P. F. Langille, C. P. Way, J. C. Herdman and C. McKillop, Ministers; Major Walker, J. McKelvie, the representative Elders from St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, and St Paul's Victoria. *Systematic Benevolence*, A. Young, Convener, J. A. MacDonald, A. B. Winchester, Ministers; W. H. Fraser and J. McKie, Elders. *Statistics and Finance*, T. Scouler, Convener, D. McRae and R. J. Adamson, Ministers; A. Bethune and A. Menzies, Elders. On motion made and duly seconded,

Mr. T. Scouler was appointed Treasurer of the Synod Fund. The Clerk's salary at the same time was fixed at One Hundred Dollars.

The question as to the suitableness of the date fixed for the first meeting of the Vancouver Island Presbytery elicited the following motion from Mr. A. Tait, seconded by Mr. D. A. McRae. "That the standing order of the Synod be suspended in order to reconsider the date of the appointment of the first meeting of the Presbytery of Vancouver Island" which was agreed to. It was then moved by Mr. D. A. McRae, seconded by Mr. Adamson and agreed, that the first meeting of the Presbytery of Vancouver Island be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, on the second Tuesday of September at 2 o'clock p. m.

On motion of Mr. Langille, seconded by Mr. Wright, it was agreed that the thanks of the Synod be, and are hereby tendered to the Rev. E. D. MacLaren for his able sermon preached at the opening of the Synod and for the use of the church.

It was further moved, seconded and agreed, that the thanks of this Synod are due, and are hereby tendered to the Rev. J. M. McLeod for the able manner in which he presided as Moderator of the Synod.

Votes of thanks were also tendered to the friends in the City who had extended to the members of Synod their hospitality, and also to the press for the publication of the Synod's proceedings.

The business of the Synod being finished, the Moderator briefly addressed the Synod and gave out the Doxology to be sung, which being done, he called upon Mr. D. A. McRae to engage in prayer. He then announced that the next meeting of Synod would be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, on the first Wednesday in March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety three, and closed with the Apostolic Benediction.

D. McRAE, Moderator.

W. R. ROSS, Synod Clerk.

