

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRAYER.

Moved by Mr. *Ferguson*, seconded by Mr. *McGillivray*,—

That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that Mr. Speaker do read a prayer before proceeding to the business of the day, and that a Select Committee be appointed to arrange a suitable prayer for the occasion; said Committee to consist of Messrs. *Galbraith*, *McGillivray*, *Walkem*, *Pimbury*, and the mover.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Galbraith*,—

To strike out all the words after “That” and insert the following:—“a Select Committee be appointed to ascertain from the Clergy of the City, whether they can attend the opening of each sitting of the Legislature and open the proceedings with prayer; the Committee to arrange a suitable prayer for the occasion and report to this House. Committee to consist of Messrs. *Galbraith*, *McGillivray*, *Walkem*, *Pimbury*, and *Ferguson*.”

MR. SPEAKER,

The Select Committee appointed to ascertain from the Clergy of the City whether they could attend the opening of each sitting of the Legislature and open the proceedings with prayer, and to arrange a suitable prayer,

Beg to report that they have had an interview with the Clergy of the city, and all of them, without a single exception, approved of the resolution adopted by the House.

Your Committee would submit the following form of prayer, it being a copy of the one used at present in the House of Commons, Ottawa, so modified as to make it suitable to this Province.

Your Committee further recommend that Mr. Speaker should communicate and arrange with the Clergy of each denomination for their weekly attendance to read prayers before the House proceed to business.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE FERGUSON,
Chairman.

Form of Prayer to be read every day at the opening of the House.

O Lord our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria and all the Royal Family, and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit that they may alway incline to thy will and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts, grant them in health and wealth long to live, and finally after this life they may attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

Most gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and Her Majesty's other Dominions in general so especially for this Province, and herein more particularly for the Lieutenant-Governor and the Legislative Assembly at this time assembled; that thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign and Her Dominions; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries for them, and for us, we humbly beg in the name and through the mediation of Jesus Christ our most blessed Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

Our Father which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.—*Amen.*