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**PRE-1875 CHURCHES:
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Introduction

This collection consists of approximately 10 cm. of minutes, petitions, reports and publications of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada in connection with the United Presbyterian Synod in Scotland and its predecessor the Missionary Synod in connection with the United Associate Synod in Scotland. Related records may be found in the Personal Papers of William Proudfoot and J.J.A. Proudfoot.

The records were re-catalogued in February 1989 by Elspeth Reid.

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Historical Sketch

The Missionary Synod of Canada in connection with the United Associate Synod of Scotland was formed in 1834 following the arrival in 1832 of ministers from the United Associate Synod of Scotland. The Rev. William Proudfoot and the Rev. Thomas Christie settled in London and Galt where they were joined by another seven missionaries by 1836. Following the disruption of the Church of Scotland in 1843 and the consequent disruption in Canada in 1844, the Missionary Synod approached the Presbyterian Church of Canada with proposals for a union in 1847 but these negotiations failed: the Missionary Synod was a voluntarist church whereas the Presbyterian Church of Canada maintained its claim to establishment for some years. Also in 1847 the Missionary Synod re-named itself as the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada. In the 1850s negotiations on union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada were re-opened and in 1861 the two denominations united to form the Canada Presbyterian Church.

Archival Arrangement

The records in this collection are listed in chronological order. Minutes are located in the Acts & Proceedings section of the Archives along with those of other early Presbyterian denominations

File No.	Date	Description
1973-1043-1-1	1832	Petition to William IV Manuscript and typed transcript of petition against the establishment of a single church and requests government grant
1973-1043-1-2	n.d.	Committee on Missions "Address to Synod" 4pp.
1973-1043-1-3	n.d.	<u>Rules of Order for the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada</u> n.d.; 4pp.
1973-1043-1-4	1849	<u>An Account of the Proceedings of the Committee on Union appointed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the Synod of the Missionary (now the United Presbyterian) Church in Canada</u> published by order of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church London, 1849; 56pp.

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1973-1043-1-4	1849	Photocopy of 1973-1043-1-4
1973-1043-1-6	1853	Catalogue of Books in the Theological Students' Library Manuscript
1973-1043-1-7	1854	<u>Address to the Sessions and Congregations under the inspection of the United Presbyterian Synod in Canada relative to the Temporal Support of the Ministers of the Gospel</u> by a Committee of Synod Cayuga, 1854; 12pp.
1973-1043-1-8	1858	Committee on Church Independence Report
1973-1043-1-9	1861	Proceedings of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church [Scotland] Contains references to the proposed union of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Presbyterian Church of Canada

Acts and Proceedings

1844-1861	Minutes and Abstract Minutes of the Missionary Synod of Canada in Connection with the United Associate Synod of Scotland, 1844-47, and Minutes of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada in connection with the United Presbyterian Synod in Scotland, 1848-61 Bound volume
1844-1847	Abstract of Minutes
1844-1849	Minutes (Rev. William Proudfoot's copy)
1848-1853	Minutes
1856, 1858	Minutes
1860	Minutes
1861	Minutes

1973-1067 1859 Printed minutes of the Joint Committee on Union of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada and the "Free" Presbyterian Church of Canada. August 18/1859