

TO THE ELDERS OF SHARON CHURCH, STELLARTON, N. S.

Gentlemen:

As Business Managers of Sharon Church we deem it only right that you, the Elders, should be acquainted with the financial standing of your church, the prospects of the immediate future and the long view prospects. While the world at large is trying to restore confidence and are asking all not to talk gloom, we have to admit the general financial chaos prevailing.

Your Managers are finding it very difficult to meet salaries, general expense of both Church and Manse from Church Income. Knowing the personnel of our congregation, we are confident that the majority of same are not able to increase their subscription; not only are they not able to increase but many have to decrease and quite some few have completely discontinued. Our opinion is that there are very few able to increase their weekly donations.

Therefore, as Business Managers, if income cannot be stimulated, it behoves us to cut down further on expenditures. This is a regrettable undertaking, but it ultimately means doing this or increasing the Church Debt as to maintainance which is very poor business. It is in the light of these facts that your Managers have unanimously made the following recommendations.

Be it recommended that:-

1. The Salary of the Minister be reduced to \$2000 annually.
2. In future that ~~the Minister's~~ Vacation be of two weeks duration with salary and an extra two weeks, if desired, without salary, conforming more or less with prevailing conditions.
3. All ~~extra expenses~~ ~~excepting the tax on Manse~~ be paid by the Minister.
4. That steps be immediately undertaken towards uniting the two Stellarton United Churches, this made necessary, due to the financial standing of Sharon Church in particular.

THE MANAGERS OF SHARON CHURCH.

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