

A motion made by Rev. J. Bell, and seconded by Rev. D. C. Moore :—"That the Rector when present shall be Chairman of the Vestry" be inserted in Clause IX, was put and *lost*.

On motion of Col. Poyntz Clause IX. was further amended by the addition of the following after the word "aforesaid:" "provided that such notice shall be placed in his hands in writing at least twenty-four hours before the time of giving notice."

It was moved by Rev. Rural Dean Filleul, seconded by Rev. Dr. Robertson, and *Resolved*:

"That the Church Act as amended be now adopted."

## CHURCH ACT.

### CHAPTER "OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND."

#### *Licensed or instituted Clergymen only to officiate.*

I.—No person shall officiate as a minister of the Church of England within the Province of Nova Scotia, but such as shall be duly licensed, or instituted to the cure of souls, by the Bishop of the Diocese, having previously subscribed to such declarations of assents and conformity to the doctrines and discipline of the Church of England, as may be enjoined in England at the time of making such subscription, except so far as they, or any of them, may be contrary to, or inconsistent with, any Canons or regulations of the Provincial or Diocesan Synods. And no license or institution shall be refused without the reasons therefore being duly signified in writing and delivered to the applicant, within three months from the date of application for such license or letters of institution.

#### *Parishes established; mode of allotting, dividing and establishing future Parishes.*

II.—The Parishes already established shall remain as heretofore; and when any Church shall be erected for Divine Service according to the rites of the Church of England, the Bishop of the Diocese may allot a district which shall be the Parish of such Church. The Bishop may also divide and sub-divide any Parish now established or hereafter to be established; but no Parish shall be divided or sub-divided unless on the application of a majority of the Parishioners, present at any public meeting of the Parish, called for the consideration of such a measure.

III.—When any Parishioners shall be summoned five Parishioners, either there be more than one, be no public service doors of the Church less than fifteen nor at which meeting a C or of any branch of England, may be elected present. A copy of elected shall be for signature of the Chairman so elected, who Institution, shall be no election is made v the Bishop shall be a

#### *Of the election of Church*

IV.—The Rector Parishioners of every P week, notice of the l by the or officiating C and twelve Vestrym Rector, with the Ch ters connected with services and ordinar the like powers as t In the absence of the duly licensed Curate own chairman. Wh the congregation of c meet together annua the control of the R of said Church or Ch interfere with the righ gation, or Congrega election of Church V

#### *Provision for filling vacancies*

V.—If in consequence of the death of the Rector, or of any other cause, the Easter meeting shall be called, the Vestry of the previous year shall elect a Warden or Vestryman to the Bishop or to the Warden upon receipt of any s