

On motion of his Honor the Chief Justice, seconded by Mr. W. Wilkinson,

Resolved, That the Order of Proceedings and Rules for the Preservation of Order now submitted, be agreed to and adopted as the Order of Proceedings and Rules of this Synod.*

Mr. Wm. M. Jarvis submitted for the consideration of the Synod the following Draft of a Canon "Of the Election of a Bishop."

CANON : OF THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

Whereas it is desirable to provide for the succession of the Episcopate in the diocese of Fredericton, and whereas in accordance with the ancient usages of the Church, the election should be made by the Synod of the diocese, the form of election shall be as follows :—

1. The Archdeacon, or if there be no Archdeacon, the Commissary of the late Bishop, or if there be no Archdeacon or Commissary, or if they shall refuse, or shall neglect for thirty days or more after a vacancy in the See shall have occurred to act, then any three Rural Deans in Priest's orders within the Diocese for the time being, shall summon a special meeting of the Diocesan Synod for the election of a Bishop, to be held not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after such vacancy shall have occurred, at which meeting no other business but such election shall be proceeded with.

2. The person who shall be chosen by the votes, taken by ballot, of at least two-thirds of the clergy and two-thirds of the lay delegates present at such meeting, or some adjournment thereof, shall be deemed elected to the office of Bishop of this Diocese. And this election shall not be vitiated by the absence of any of the parties summoned, or by the failure of any parish to elect a lay representative.

3. Any question as to the validity of the election to the vacant See shall be submitted, prior to the consecration of the person elected, to the Metropolitan of the See of Fredericton for the time being, whose decision shall be final.

4. The Synod may at such meeting, by a like majority of clergy and lay delegates as hereinbefore mentioned, delegate to the Metropolitan of the See of Fredericton for the time being, the power of choosing a Bishop for the vacant See; and such choice shall thereupon be final.

5. The choice of the Synod, or the delegation of its choice, shall be notified in writing to the Metropolitan of the See of Fredericton for the time being, by the Chairman of the meeting and Secretary of the Synod, immediately after its decision.

* See Appendix No. V.