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NO. 127—THE THIRD BISHOP OF ALGOMA.

THE special session of the Provincial Synod of Canada which met on the 11th of November in the city of Montreal was in many respects a memorable one. It met in the Convocation Hall of the beautiful Theological College which Mr. A. F. Gault, with noted munificence, had just presented to the diocese. Everything in and about it was delightfully new, and the whole college was generously placed at the disposal of the delegates.

The proceedings throughout were characterized by good humor and by an evident desire to promote the welfare of Algoma, a bishop for which the Synod was convened to provide. The financial aspect of the diocese was fully discussed. It was resolved to make use of the interest accruing from the Episcopal Endowment Fund towards the stipend of the new bishop, the Synod providing that such income should be made up to not less than three thousand dollars per annum. After much discussion it was decided that the various dioceses be requested to continue the amount which they had been contributing regularly towards the stipend of the late bishop, in order that in this way a stated income might be afforded for the regular missionary work of the diocese. This will be of great help in its future management, for the \$4,000 hitherto devoted annually to the episcopal stipend will now be available for the support of the home missionaries

While these important matters were being arranged the Upper House, consisting of the nine bishops of the province, selected their candidates and sent down the names of the Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke, of St John, N.B., Rev. Canon Thorneloe, of Sherbrooke, Quebec, and the Ven. Archdeacon Mills, of Montreal. A ballot was taken on these names, with the following result:

Necessary for a choice, clerical, 43; lay, 26.
Canon Thorneloe, 26;
15; Archdeacon
Mills, 19, 17. Arch-
deacon Brigstocke,
9, 5. blanks, 31, 14.
Total vote, 85, 51.

The result being no election, the Lower House decided not to ballot any more till the Upper House should send down more names. The names of the Rev. E. P. Crawford, of Halifax, the Rev. J. C. Farthing, of Woodstock, Ont., Rev. Lennox W. Williams, of Quebec and Rev. Professor Worrell, of Kingston, Ont., were accordingly submitted. After Archdeacon Brigstocke had requested that no votes should be cast for him, the Lower House proceeded to ballot on the names now before it. Four ballots were taken, Canon Thorneloe



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leading in all and gradually gaining. Archdeacon Mills coming second. On the fifth ballot Canon Thorneloe was elected by 44 clerical votes (necessary 38) and 27 lay votes (necessary 23).

When the result of this ballot was announced a few silent moments succeeded, broken at last by the voice of Dean Carmichael, the Prolocutor, who in solemn tones announced to Canon Thorneloe his election. The doxology was sung. The Bishop elect, in tones strug-