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SECOND DAY.

MONTREAL, *Thursday, 13th Sept, 1877.*

MORNING SESSION.

After Morning Prayer in the Cathedral the Lower House met for business at 10 o'clock, and was opened with Prayer by the Prolocutor.

READING OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the previous day were then read and approved.

Messrs. J. Bell Forsyth, W. Ellis, Rev. G. V. Housman, Rev. Dr. Schulte, Messrs. Chas. Henry, L. E. Morris, J. R. Cartwright, F. Farncomb, and S. G. Wood appeared and took their seats.

The Bishop of Connecticut then introduced to the House the Rev. Dr. Craik, President of the House of Deputies of the General Convention and stated that he had been requested by the Hon. Hamilton Fish to explain that his absence from his place as a member of the Deputation from the General Convention of the Church in the United States to the Provincial Synod of the Church in Canada was occasioned by circumstances over which he had no control and caused him great regret.

The Rev. Dr. Craik thanked the House for their hearty greeting and stirred the kindest feelings of the members by the few earnest words which he addressed to them.

The amendment of Articles one and five of the Constitution sent down by the House of Bishops was then taken up.

Moved by Mr. BRYDGES, seconded by the Rev. DR. HILL, That the proposed amendment to Article I and Article V of the Constitution sent down by the House of Bishops be referred to a Committee consisting of Mr. Justice Ritchie, Mr. S. Bethune, Mr. G. A. Kirkpatrick, Hon. Geo. Irvine, and Mr. E. J. Hodgson. - *Carried.*