

Episcopate of one Church and the Episcopate of another, which should be removed, inasmuch as a civil grievance is hereby inflicted on the members of the Anglo-Catholic Church, which is oppressive and derogatory.

5. As regards the Province of Ontario, your Memorialists find that there exists a grave doubt as to the legality of all the marriages at present, and for some years past, contracted under Marriage Licenses issued by the Roman Catholic Episcopate in this Province; inasmuch as it is questioned whether the Marriage Act of the Parliament of Canada after the Union of the Upper and Lower Provinces, did not abrogate the authority or power conceded to the said Episcopate under the Treaty of Quebec, as far as Upper Canada (now Ontario) was concerned.

6. That at present, however, there is no justifiable pretence whatever under which a civil disability has to be suffered in this Province of Ontario by one Religious Community which is not borne by another. This disability consists of a tax for Marriage Licenses, imposed on the majority of the population, which is not required from the minority, as well as the prerogative conceded to the Episcopate of the Church of Rome which is denied to the Episcopate of the Church of England.

7. Your memorialists believe that either *all* religious communions should be dealt with impartially and alike, as having equal civil rights and privileges, and the power to issue Marriage Licenses restricted altogether to the civil authorities, or that this power should be granted to the Episcopate of the Anglo-Catholic Church (a privilege it has enjoyed from time immemorial) in this Province, as well as to that of the Roman Catholic Church.

8. Your memorialists therefore pray that this Synod, which represents the whole Anglo-Catholic communion in both the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, will take some action in this matter, so that some remedy may be devised for what your memorialists feel to be an intolerable grievance and civil disability suffered unjustly by all the members of our Church.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Presented on behalf of the Ottawa Clerical Union by

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