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ference on the confederation of the Church meets on  
Friday afternoon, it has not been practicable to have  
this year the profitable meetings of last year.

The address of the last Provincial Synod to Her  
Most Gracious Majesty, the Queen, on the occasion  
of Her Majesty attaining the fiftieth year of her  
reign, was transmitted by me to Her Majesty  
through our Primate. The Archbishop sent me a  
letter from the Home Secretary, in which he informed  
His Grace that Her Majesty was pleased to receive  
the same very graciously.

I lost no time in bringing before the Primate the  
resolution of the synod forming the diocese of Cal-  
gary out of the diocese of Saskatchewan, to be for  
the present still under the care of the Bishop of  
Saskatchewan. The Archbishop was from the first  
very friendly to the proposal, but difficulties were  
started by his vicar-general. However, after some  
correspondence, the way was seen out of these, and  
the wishes of the synod were carried out. The  
Bishop of Saskatchewan, as advised, resigned the  
portion of his diocese formed into the diocese of  
Calgary, and then he was nominated by the Primate,  
Bishop of Calgary. He will accordingly have charge  
of both sees, till a separate endowment is secured  
for the see of Calgary, when he will resign which-  
ever of the sees he prefers to resign. The arrange-  
ment has been a great gain to the Church. It is  
now practicable to bring together the clergy and lay  
delegates of each diocese together in synod—a mea-  
sure absolutely necessary when self support has to  
be brought out and encouraged. I had the great  
pleasure of preaching the sermon at the opening of  
the first synod of Calgary.

The committee on restrictions on colonial clergy  
in England prepared a report which, at their request,  
I placed before the Archbishop of Canterbury.  
The feeling entertained by many at the time was  
very frankly set forth both in the report and my  
letter or strictures, as the Archbishop termed it.

The correspondence brought out a very full and  
valuable letter from the Archbishop. Your com-  
mittee will present their report. But I may say  
for myself that the letter of His Grace convinced me  
that there was the kindest intention with regard to  
the clergy in the colonies, and that, though the  
regulations may sometimes cause inconvenience to  
worthy clergymen, and as regards visiting clergymen  
might with advantage be simplified, they are ren-  
dered absolutely necessary from the great extent of  
the colonial church and the great number of appli-  
cations for the license of the archbishops in order to  
prevent the officiating of unworthy persons.

The Bishop of Athabasca has given notice for the  
Bishop of McKenzie river and for himself of an im-  
portant motion for the further subdivision of the  
diocese of McKenzie river. The district which  
it is proposed to form into a new diocese is  
said to contain about 200,000 square miles, or to be  
about as large as the Diocese of Rupert's Land. It  
lies on the west side of the mountainous range that  
divides the basin of the McKenzie river from the  
waters of the Youcon. The Bishop of McKenzie  
river has from the first advocated the formation of  
this diocese, but for years, owing to the small  
number of clergy and inhabitants, I did not see my  
way to support the proposal. However the Bishop  
has failed in his endeavour to cross the mountains to  
this district, and has made it clear to the satisfaction  
of the C. M. S. and myself that the country and dis-  
tances are so vast that the Bishop in one part of the  
McKenzie River Diocese must be entirely separated  
for a very long period from all practical superinten-  
dence of the other. The Church Missionary Society  
under those circumstances is prepared with that  
great generosity which has marked its treatment of  
our poor Indian people, to give its assistance in se-  
curing adequate Episcopal supervision for its missions  
in that distant district. It is a district where the  
presence of a resident bishop may be made any day  
of great moment to the Church and to Christian  
work by extensive mining operations. I would,  
therefore, express the hope that the synod may  
approve of the proposed division of the diocese.  
Bishop Bompas, with his usual disinterestedness,  
leaves it to others to say which See he should keep.  
From his last letter I expect him to be here in Sep-  
tember. He was unfortunately prevented from  
leaving in time to be with us in synod.

Certain proposed amendments of sections vi. and  
ix. of the constitution have been brought before  
your notice. These amendments, beyond prescribing  
certain oaths and declarations before consecration,  
which are at present simply enforced by an order of  
the House of Bishops, only make the procedure  
clearer than under the present working of the sec-  
tions. Amendments of the constitution made by  
the last synod, unless adopted by the present, fall to  
the ground. I would remind the synod that any  
amendment to the constitution must be approved of  
by a two-third majority of each order.

A most important question for our consideration  
will be that of taking part in the proposed conference  
for the confederation of the Church, which has been

called for the afternoon of Friday, August 15th. I  
feel that it is necessary for me to say a few words  
on this subject. The Provincial Synod of Canada  
appointed in 1886 a committee to consider among  
other things the necessary legislation in the various  
dioceses for bringing about a confederation of the  
Church in British North America. It was also re-  
solved that your Metropolitan should be informed of  
the desire to establish closer relations with us, but  
the Venerable Metropolitan should be informed of  
the desire to establish closer relations with us, but  
the subject was brought forward in my address to the provincial  
synod in 1887, and a committee was appointed by  
the Lower House with the Rev. Edwyn Pentreath  
the mover or convener. When Mr. Pentreath com-  
municated with members of the other committee, he  
found that they did not consider that they had any  
authority to enter on the question with our commit-  
tee. Any joint action was thus prevented. Last  
year the Provincial Synod of Canada appointed  
another committee and further passed a resolution  
calling a conference of delegates from all the dioceses  
of British North America to meet in Winnipeg.  
This was done without any reference to our provin-  
cial synod, though meeting in the following August.  
There could be no objection to the provincial synod  
of Canada inviting a conference of delegates from  
its own dioceses and the independent dioceses; but  
it was surely a breach of ecclesiastical order to in-  
vite the synod of another province without a previous  
consultation with the provincial synod of that pro-  
vince. The committee met before the provincial  
synod broke up and obtained leave to inform us of  
the proposed conference. Accordingly the secretary  
of the synod, the Dean of Quebec, wrote to me in  
my capacity of Metropolitan and president of this  
synod. In reply I asked him whether I was to  
understand that the committee would communicate  
with our dioceses till it had the sanction of  
this synod at the present meeting. To this letter  
no reply was received. Meanwhile the diocesan  
synods of Rupert's Land and Saskatchewan having  
met, unanimously resolved that the question was  
one for the action of the provincial synod. Nothing  
further took place till in the middle of March I re-  
ceived a letter signed by Messrs. Jenkins and  
Walkem, as secretaries, announcing a conference, in  
Winnipeg, on September 18th. There was still not  
the least reference to our provincial synod. A simi-  
lar intimation was sent to the other bishops of this  
province. I considered it my duty, as Metropolitan,  
to object to the procedure adopted. I find that  
similar objection was taken by the Bishops of Saskat-  
chewan and McKenzie River. They considered that  
such communication with our diocese should only  
have followed the sanction of this synod. The posi-  
tion of the case was now this: The dioceses of  
Rupert's Land and Saskatchewan had referred the  
matter to this synod. It was not possible in the  
time allowed for the Bishops of Athabasca,  
McKenzie River and Moosone to call meetings of  
their synods. Having every desire to promote the  
proposed conference, I suggested that it should be  
called for August 15th, when it would be in the  
power of this synod to appoint a committee to confer  
with the delegates from various dioceses. I believe  
the Bishop of Saskatchewan made a similar sugges-  
tion. This course has been followed. I have re-  
ferred so fully to this matter because we are only at  
the beginning of negotiations, and it seems desirable  
that such a mistake, as I cannot but regard it,  
should in future be avoided. Probably it is the desire  
of every member of our synod that there should be  
a general synod for the whole of British North  
America, or at least, for the Dominion of Canada, to  
speak for the whole Church. I desire to express my  
full adhesion to that view. As regards the mode of  
carrying out such a confederation, I do not propose,  
as Metropolitan, to say anything. A desire was  
expressed by some of the delegates of the Diocese of  
Rupert's Land that I should give them my views on  
the subject. The paper which I read at a meeting  
for this purpose, has been printed at the request of  
those present and has been placed in your hands.  
In that I express simply my individual views. I may  
mention that up to the present I have not placed the  
matter before our Primate, but I have no doubt that  
he will be only too glad to support whatever may  
seem for the good of the Church. I would express  
the hope that this important conference may be  
guided to what is most for the good of our branch  
of Christ's Church and for the advantage of the King-  
dom of Christ.

And now, reverend brethren and brethren of the  
laity, I would ask you to appoint your prolocutor,  
and I would name as your temporary president the  
Very Reverend the Dean of Rupert's Land.

The bishops then retired, Dean Grisdale taking  
the chair as provisional prolocutor.

The Rev. Canon Matheson was re-elected secretary  
of the Synod, on motion of Rev. Mr. Pentreath,  
seconded by Rev. Mr. Sargent.

Very Rev. Dean Grisdale was elected prolocutor,  
and was conducted to the House of Bishops. Upon

his return he briefly thanked the House for the con-  
fidence reposed in him by the election.

It was moved by Rev. W. A. Burman, seconded by  
Mr. Fonseca, that the following gentlemen, whom we  
have the honour to have with us to day, be asked to  
take seats on the floor of the house: Ven. Archdeacon  
Dixon, Rev. Rural Dean Langtry, D.D., Prolocutor  
of the Provincial Synod of Canada, Rev. Canon White,  
Rev. Mr. Jukes, Mr. Walkem, Q.C., Mr. C. Jenkins,  
Mr. W. J. Imlach. This being carried, the gentle-  
men took seats with the other delegates, Rev. Dr.  
Langtry taking a seat on the right of the prolocutor.

Rev. Dr. Langtry and Mr. Walkem, on behalf of  
the eastern delegates, returned thanks for the honour  
done them and expressed their pleasure at being  
present.

Rev. Canon O'Meara was appointed assistant  
prolocutor.

Mr. J. Taylor was elected lay secretary; Messrs.  
Bedson and Gilroy, auditors, and Rev. Mr. Sargent,  
messenger.

The roll was called by the clerical secretary and  
the following answered present: Clerical—Dean  
Grisdale, Canon Matheson, Canon O'Meara, Rev. E.  
S. Pentreath, Rev. W. A. Burman, Rev. Canon  
Coombes, Rev. A. L. Fortin, Arch. Geo. McKay,  
Canon Flett, Rev. E. K. Matheson, Rev. A. H. Wright,  
Archdeacon Phair, Rev. G. Holmes, Rev. W. Sargent,  
Rev. W. E. Brown, Rev. F. Baker, Rev. A. Krauss,  
Rev. L. Dawson, Rev. H. B. Cartwright, Rev. A. E.  
Cowley, Rev. T. W. Tims, Rev. A. W. F. Cooper, Rev.  
A. F. Pritchard. Lay—Sheriff Inkster, Col. Bedson,  
W. G. Fonseca, J. Wrigley, James Taylor, T. Gilroy,  
W. J. Melrose, J. Sumne, J. P. J. Jephson. After  
adopting the minutes of the last meeting, the synod  
adjourned until 2.30.

AFTERNOON SITTING.—The business of the synod  
was resumed at 2.30 p.m.

After the calling of the roll the following reports  
were submitted:

*Metropolitan See.*—The committee on the Metro-  
political See recommend to the adoption of the synod  
the proposition made to the last diocesan synod of  
Rupert's Land by the committee of that diocese, ex-  
cepting that they recommend two names instead of  
three. The proposition is then as follows: Two  
names to be chosen by the synod of the diocese of  
Rupert's Land, of whom the House of Bishops must  
select one to be both Bishop of Rupert's Land and  
Metropolitan of Rupert's Land.

*Committee on Statistics.*—The committee on statis-  
tics met three times and adopted blank forms for re-  
ceiving the required information. They found that  
the preparation of a special map would be too costly,  
amounting to \$250. They therefore ordered 500  
copies of the C. M. S. map showing the dioceses of  
this ecclesiastical province, for which £3 13s was  
paid, the account of which was sent to the finance  
committee.

The secretary sent the blank forms to each bishop,  
and returns have been received from all but one.

The committee would recommend that for the pre-  
sent these returns be filed and that similar  
returns be required before each meeting of  
the Provincial Synod, and that as the maps are on  
hand, they may be bound with the next synod report,  
and, if possible, be altered to show the latest changes.

*Report on Closer Union.*—Submitted by Rev. Mr.  
Pentreath.

*Committee on Canons.*—Submitted by Canon Math-  
eson.

The committee on canons sent out a draft of canons  
prepared by the Metropolitan for the purpose of en-  
abling the Synod to pass canons on the subjects if  
this seemed desirable. They now beg to recommend  
the first and the third of these canons for adoption  
at the present synod, and to ask that the committee  
on this subject be continued.

*Colonial Clergy in England.*—Submitted by Rev. W.  
A. Burman.

*Indian Mission Work.*—Submitted by Rev. W. A.  
Burman.

The committee on Indian mission work beg to re-  
port that the convener sent out a circular on the 1st  
of January last to every Indian missionary, request-  
ing information on various points, the answers to be  
returned to the Rev. W. A. Burman, the secretary of  
the committee. Valuable information has been re-  
ceived from a number of the missionaries, but many  
have not complied. The committee recommend that  
the reports be filed, and that similar information  
should be sought every three years before the meet-  
ing of the Provincial Synod. The compilation of  
this information is so important that the committee  
hope that the authorities of the several dioceses will  
use their best endeavour to secure returns from the  
various missionaries.

The report of the committee of the Metropolitan  
See was at this stage taken up and adopted on  
motion of Mr. Wrigley, seconded by Mr. Fonseca.  
An amendment was proposed by Rev. Leonard Daw-  
son and seconded by Rev. F. V. Baker, that when a  
vacancy occurs in the office of the Metropolitan the  
house of bishops shall, after the See of Rupert's  
Land is filled, elect one of their number as Metro-