

stitutes:—Hon. Henry Aylmer, Hon. Judge Irvine and Sir H. G. Joly de Lotbinière.

The amendments to the Constitution of Synod, framed by the Committee on the subject and moved by Mr. Dunbar, Q. C. were adopted with a few verbal alterations.

Then the revised Canons, as reported by the Special Committee, were, upon Mr. Dunbar's motion, separately taken up and adopted with slight amendments, until one o'clock.

At the Afternoon Session the Synod continued its consideration of the amended Canons, considerable discussion occurring upon the Canon as to the discipline of the Clergy, Section 2 of which was finally adopted as follows:

That Section 2, of the present Canon X, be repealed, and the following substituted:

1. Every Clergyman shall be liable to trial for: (a) any crime or immorality; (b) any scandalous or disorderly conduct; (c) teaching or maintaining heretical doctrines contrary to the Liturgy and Articles of the Church; (d) schism or separating himself from the communion of the Church; (e) living in the continued disuse of public worship or the Holy Communion; (f) non residence without leave from the Bishop; (g) the infringement of the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, after notice from the Bishop to desist from such infringement; (h) holding Service in any other Clergyman's Church, or parish, or mission, or charge, without such Clergyman's consent; (i) permitting unauthorized persons to perform Divine Service, preach or discharge any function proper only to a lawful minister; (j) officiating at the Services of religious bodies not in communion with the Church of England, after having been ordered by the Bishop to desist from such officiating; (k) publishing or circulating, or causing to be published or circulated any document or documents, whether anonymous or otherwise, calculated to defame or injure the Church in this Diocese or elsewhere, or which reflect upon the character of its duly constituted authorities; (l) contumacy; (m) disrespectful or disobedient conduct towards the Bishop of the Diocese; (n) exercising any lay profession inconsistent with his sacred calling; (o) any act which constitutes a breach of his Ordination vows; (p) violation of the Constitution or the Canons of the Church, or of this Diocese.

2. Provided that no charge in respect to

preaching, or teaching, or circulating erroneous doctrines, or the introduction of innovations or novelties in the performance of divine worship (other than those brought by the Bishop) shall be entertained against any Clergyman, unless the same shall be certified by at least three members of the Church, being Communicants of at least one year's standing, and members of a congregation served by such Clergyman.

3. Provided, also, that no proceeding shall be instituted under this Canon, unless the same be commenced within one year after the Bishop has been made aware of the alleged offence in question. Nevertheless, when proceedings are brought in respect of an offence for which a conviction has been obtained in a Criminal Court, suit in the Ecclesiastical Court may be commenced against the Clergyman at any time within one year after the knowledge of such conviction shall have reached the Bishop.

The principal debate in the discussion of the above Canon was that upon the subsection (j) the re being a pretty strong consensus of opinion amongst Missionaries from Eastern Townships in favor of certain latitude being allowed Clergy in the matter.

The remaining Canons were adopted down to number XVII, when a long debate arose as to whether those, desiring to be members of vestries and to vote on the disposal of Church temporalities as such, should declare themselves in writing to be simply "regular attendants" of the Church in question, or whether they must also declare that they belong to no other religious denomination. It was argued that this latter proposal would not suit some cases in the Eastern Townships, and the discussion had not been closed when the Synod adjourned a few minutes before six o'clock.

The Evening Session was a very short one. After some routine business, a motion was made and carried to adjourn for a space in order to allow the Central Board of the Church Society to meet and to take into consideration a revision of By-law XV on "The Pension Fund." The result was that the following was substituted for the By-law.

1. All Clergymen now serving in the Diocese, who are qualified, shall be eligible to participate in the benefits of the Fund.