Her Majesty acceded to the prayer of the Provincial Synod, and an amended patent was issued. The limitation or extension of the powers of the Metropolitan, and the succession of the Metropolitical See, were by it placed under the control of the Provincial Synod. The amended patent is published with the report of the Second Provincial Synod, which was summoned in Sept., 1862, for the purpose of considering it. A Committee was then appointed " to take into consideration the succession to the " Metropolitical See," for the claims of Montreal were still generally recognised. It reported as follows :—

"The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the succession to the Metropolitical See, beg leave to report the following Canon, which they have adopted, to the Synod :—

1. The election to the office of Metropolitan, whenever the Metropolitical See shall become vacant, shall be vested in the House of Bishops.

2. The See of the Bishop so elected Metropolitan, shall be the Metropolitical See, until the office of Metropolitan shall become vacant.

3. On any vacancy occurring in the office of Metropolitan, the Diocesan See, so vacant, being first filled, the senior Bishop in Canada shall within thirty days after such Diocesan See is filled, give notice to the other Bishops of the Province, that they shall proceed to the election of a Metropolitan, and such election shall take place at the seat of the Diocese, in which the vacancy of the office of Metropolitan has just occurred, and shall be determined by the votes of the majority of the Bishops present at such election.

4. Such election of Metropolitan shall not be had, unless a majority of all the Bishops of the Dioceses in Canada, concur in the election.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. McCord,
Chairman.

A long and animated debate followed the report. It was, upon the motion of the Hon. Judge McCord, seconded by the Hon. J. H. Cameron, *received and considered clause by clause.* Amendments were offered and withdrawn which do not seem to be recorded, and as this debate has a most important bearing on