

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

The Venerable the ARCHDEACON moved, seconded by the Rev. G. SLACK, Rural Dean, that the report be received,—which was carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed by the order of reference of this date to consider the state of the Synod, has the honour to report:

That the Synod of this Diocese assembled on the 10th of November instant for the purpose of choosing a Bishop and Metropolitan.

That by the terms of the canon regulating the election, it is the duty of the House of Bishops to send down to the Synod two or more names from which the Synod is to select one for Bishop and Metropolitan; and in case a selection should not be made from those names, the House of Bishops should again send down other names, until a choice should be made.

That the House of Bishops, in terms of the canon, sent down on the same day the names of the Bishops of Nova Scotia, of Fredericton, of Huron, of Toronto, of Ontario and of Quebec, accompanied by a declaration of their determination, viz.: "That the interests of the Church required that the person to be elected to the Metropolitan See of Montreal should be of the Episcopal order."

That your Synod did not choose any one of the names so sent down to it; but intimated to the House of Bishops that the declaration of any determination or of any opinion of theirs accompanying any names submitted was not in accordance with law.

That the House of Bishops on the 11th inst. sent down the names of the Bishops of Newfoundland, of Grahamstown and of British Columbia, and the Synod having voted thereupon a choice again failed.

That the House of Bishops thereafter transmitted a message to your Synod declaring that they were not prepared to submit, without delay and inquiry, further names than those already sent down, and that they would adjourn in one hour and renew their nominations in the month of May next.

That a conference having been requested by your Synod, the House of Bishops consented thereto, and the report of the result was made to your Synod to the effect that the nominations would be resumed by the House of Bishops this day.