

that either another ballot could be taken on the names before the synod, or that a new list could be provided by the House of Bishops.

The feeling of the synod was strongly in favour of the former suggestion, but, owing to the fact that the hour of six o'clock had arrived, the task of taking the fifth ballot was postponed until the evening session.

At eight o'clock the synod reassembled, and proceeded to record another vote. Twenty-five minutes later the scrutineers appeared at the door and proceeded to the platform, where the result of the ballot was handed to the Prolocutor. The latter immediately announced the following result to the House:

FIFTH BALLOT—AN ELECTION.

Total vote cast. - Clerical, 75; lay, 44. Necessary to a choice, clerical, 38; lay, 23. Blanks, clerical, 6.

	Clerical votes.	Lay votes.
Canon Thorneloe.....	44	27
Archdeacon Mills.....	18	14
Professor Worrell.....	3	3
Rev. Lennox Williams....	2	0
Rev. E. P. Crawford.....	1	0
Rev. J. C. Farthing.....	1	0

SOLEMN MOMENTS.

A scene of impressive silence and solemnity ensued. The new Bis. of Algoma had been elected, in the person of the Rev. Canon Thorneloe, rector of Sherbrooke. In a voice trembling with emotion, the Prolocutor broke the silence by communicating the fact of the election. In a subdued whisper, Archdeacon Roe, of Quebec, proposed that the Doxology be sung as an acknowledgment of the goodness of God in guiding the Synod to make such a happy choice. The proposal found instant favour, and the familiar old hymn was sung with earnestness and feeling. Then the Synod was requested to kneel in prayer, and the voice of the Prolocutor was heard in a fervent prayer of thanksgiving and intercession, in which he prayed God to allow the choicest blessings of Heaven to rest upon the newly elected Bishop.

When the members rose all eyes were turned to where Bishop-elect Thorneloe stood. Bishop Sullivan was the first to congratulate him. Then Archdeacon Evans, ascending the platform, presented the newly elected prelate to the Prolocutor. The latter conveyed to him the formal intimation of his election. He said:

As Prolocutor of this Synod, I beg to announce to you that after its solemn deliberations, led by the Spirit of Heaven, and carried on with every manifestation of sincerity, you have been elected to the vacant Diocese of Algoma as its Bishop. I hope and trust that the same hand which led to your election may lead you to seek the responsibility of its acceptance, and, I need scarcely add, that the gracious influence of God may rest on you to-night and forever.

The Bishop-elect was labouring under suppressed emotion as he replied to the

kindly sentiments of the Prolocutor. He said:

Mr. Prolocutor, My Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity,—I am sure that you will feel with me that this is a critical moment in my life, and in the history of the Church, not only in Algoma, but in the Dominion of Canada, and you will understand that it has not been possible for me to pass through the ordeal through which I have been passing this day without profoundly weighing the responsibility that might be laid upon me in the issue to which these proceedings might lead. I think you will understand me when I say that, with all the pondering and all the lifting up of my heart to Almighty God to enable me to see my duty if such an issue should result, I have been unable, owing to the overwhelming sense of my own shortcomings, physical, mental, and spiritual, for the arduous and responsible position to which you have been, by the grace and guidance of Almighty God, led to elect me, to decide whether it was my duty or not to accept this position, and I therefore crave your indulgence to allow me a few hours to consult with my own heart, with friends who know me better than I know myself, and, above all, with Him whose guidance we have been seeking, without whose guidance it would be presumption on my part to seek to come to a decision. I beg for a few hours to enable me to realize what my duty really is, and I ask all of you to grant me your prayers for the guiding power of the Holy Spirit, that I may be led to avoid a decision which would be alike disastrous to myself and to the Church. I thank you, sir, for the kind words you have spoken, and I thank the Synod for the kind way they have acted throughout the election, and especially at the announcement of its issue.

BUSINESS AD INTERIM.

During the interval in which the scrutineers were counting the votes, the Synod discussed the financial condition of the Algoma Diocese.

Judge McDonald moved That it be a recommendation to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions to grant the new Bishop of Algoma the sum of \$500 as a missionary outfit. In making the motion, Judge McDonald pointed out that, whoever was elected, the expenses incidental to his removal would be heavy upon him, and it was for this reason that the motion had been made.

Discussion showed that the House was in favour of such a sum being given to the new Bishop, but deprecated the taking of such out of the mission funds, which were limited.

Judge McDonald then amended his motion to the effect that the different dioceses be recommended to contribute the sum of \$500 *pro rata*, according to the old assessment.

The motion was, however, lost by a vote of 64 to 54.

Canon Bland moved, seconded by Ven. Archdeacon Roe, That a committee of

three be appointed by the Prolocutor to consider the question of the missionary finances and report upon the feasibility of appropriating some proportion of the fund hitherto given to the episcopal stipend to the general missionary work in that diocese. This was agreed to.

A message was read from the Upper House stating that the Bishops declined to concur in the proposal of the Lower House that the dioceses not sharing in the management of the Algoma fund should become responsible for uncertain balances between the revenues of the fund and \$3,000 per annum, but would suggest that all contributions received from the nine dioceses should be made to the mission fund of Algoma, with the understanding that the committee in Algoma managing the fund might be at liberty to appropriate, if necessary, \$500 per annum to the Bishop's stipend.

Canon Bland moved That this message be not concurred in, as the House had no knowledge of an authorized committee on mission funds in Algoma, and that the Upper House he respectfully requested to grant a conference with the committee of the House on the finances of the diocese.

The House adjourned at 10 p.m.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY, NOV. 13TH.

There was an impressive scene in the Provincial Synod this morning when the Rev. Dr. Thornloe, of Sherbrooke, Que., who was elected last night as Dr. Sullivan's successor in the see of Algoma, accepted the bishopric. There was a large attendance when the Synod reassembled. The Prolocutor, the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, announced that the Bishop-elect was prepared to make a statement to the House. The members stood as the bishop-elect was escorted to the platform.

CANON THORNELOE ACCEPTS.

Canon Thorneloe, who was deeply affected, said that when the Synod had done him the great honor to elect him to the high office he scarcely realized what had happened. The awful sense of the responsibility which had been placed upon him quite weighed him down. He had reflected seriously, he had conferred with his friends, and he had sought the guidance of the good Spirit of God on the matter. He had thought of the wrench which it would be to him to sever himself from his connection with the diocese in which he had labored for twenty-three years, to sunder the happy relations which had existed between himself and the congregation in his present charge for eleven years—eleven delightful, happy, smooth years—in which his affections had centred around familiar associations from which it would be hard to part. Moreover, he had to ask himself if he had any fitness for the high office which the Synod in its goodness had conferred upon him. Was he the man to come after the great and influential bishop who had just laid down the reins of government in that office? Was he able, by anything in himself, to