

number of the Clergy in the proposed Diocese to 65; leaving, still, 100 to the Diocese of Toronto.

In the minute of the Executive Committee of the Diocese of Toronto, accompanying the Memorial of the Synod, it is stated that the sum of \$2,000 per annum, represented by a capital sum of \$33,500, has been secured for the support of the Bishop of the proposed new Diocese. The House of Bishops feel themselves bound to protest against any deviation from the requirements heretofore demanded—namely, that a capital sum of \$40,000 should be secured for that purpose.

Regarding the large increase in the expenses of living since that sum was fixed upon as the minimum of endowment, they would advise rather an addition to this amount than any diminution of it, but under no circumstances could they sanction a proposal which might so injuriously affect in all after times the incumbents of the episcopal office in the proposed Diocese. Experience has manifested the difficulty of adding to endowments after Dioceses have been organized, while the amount of endowments raised is in all cases liable to diminution from unforeseen and unavoidable contingencies.

The House of Bishops, in reply to the Memorial from the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, do therefore *Resolve*—That the Memorial respecting the proposed Western Diocese of Hamilton be granted, provided the Counties of Wellington, Peel, and Cardwell, and the Townships of Mulmur, Tosorontio, Nottawasaga, and Sunnidale, be added to the proposed new Diocese, and that the sum of \$40,000 of invested capital be secured, from the interest of which the Bishop shall be supported.—*Carried.*

(Signed) A. MONTREAL.

12th September, 1874.

The following resolution was thereupon adopted by the Executive Committee, viz. :—

Resolved—That this Executive Committee, assuming that the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto will adopt the resolution of the House of Bishops in reference to the altered boundaries of the new Diocese, and of the sum fixed for its endowment, will be prepared to advise the Bishop of Toronto to call a Special Meeting of the Synod of his Diocese, so soon as the \$40,000 has been raised or guaranteed.

The Regular Quarterly Meetings of the Standing Committees of Synod were held at the Synod Office, on Thursday and Friday, the 12th and 13th November, 1874.

Executive Committee.

Present—The Provost in the Chair (the Dean being unable to attend), Revds. A. J. Fidler, G. E. Thomson, Dr. Lett, Hon. G. W. Allan, J. Ham Perry, R. Snelling, Archibald Cameron, A. M. Howard, S. B. Harman.

The Sub-Committee appointed at the August meeting to consider the several matters referred by the Synod to the Executive Committee, presented a report which was read and discussed.

Further consideration was postponed till the meeting in February.

Clergy Commutation Trust Committee.

Present—Archdeacon Fuller, Chairman; Revds. Dr. Lett, W. R. Forster, S. Houston, H. C. Cooper, Dr. McMurray, J. G. Geddes, W. Logan. Archibald Cameron, G. H. Grierson, William Ince, J. Ham Perry, Peter Paterson. V. C. Blake was unable to attend, on account of his engagements at the Court of Chancery.

The Secretary reported the settlement of the suit, *Synod v. Laycock*, the Canada Company (subsequent mortgagees) having paid the Synod's claim in full, \$6,614.

Resolved—That the Secretary be directed to inform his Lordship the Bishop that the Committee are prepared to receive nominations from him of two Clergymen to be placed on the Commutation Surplus Fund.