

(Committee on above :—

The Rev. Rural Dean Lett, Rev. Septimus Jones, the Chancellor, A. H. Campbell, Esq., S. G. Wood, Esq.

The following was allowed to stand as a Notice of Motion :—

REV. C. W. PATERSON,—That the Canon on the Constitution of Vestries for Free Churches be amended by striking out the first section, and substituting therefor the following :—

Be it enacted, That the Vestry of a Church in which the seats are free and unappropriated, shall consist of the regular worshippers therein (of the full age of twenty-one years), and who, being members of the Church of England, shall so declare themselves in writing—such declaration to be signed annually at the Easter Vestry Meeting; and, being so formed and constituted, such Vestry shall have the same power and authority, and do and perform such matters and things as are possessed and done by Vestries formed of holders of pews or sittings in other Churches. But no member of any such Vestry shall be allowed to take part in the proceedings thereof, unless he shall have contributed to the funds of the said Church the sum of at least two dollars during the previous year.

Moved by the Clerical Secretary, in absence of the Rev. Septimus Jones, seconded by Rev. Dr. O'Meara,

That it be a standing instruction to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Synod to summon at their first meeting the Special as well as the Standing Committees.—*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. Rural Dean Cooper, seconded by Rural Dean Allen,

That the mover and seconder be authorized to confer with the General Purposes Fund Committee with the view of obtaining an explanation of an apparent change in the mode of charging the assessment for expenses upon the several Special Trust Funds of the Synod.—*Carried.*

The Synod adjourned at 6 o'clock, the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

Toronto, June 22nd, 1877.

The Synod assembled in St. George's Church at 9.30 a.m. The Litany was said by the Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, M.A.

On resuming business, after the customary prayers had been said by Archdeacon Whitaker, the minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS.

It was then moved by Mr. Alderman Boswell, seconded by the Chancellor of the Diocese,

That from and after the passing of this resolution, the Election of Lay Delegates for the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto shall be as follows :—

Except in the first elections after the passing of this resolution, the Lay Representatives shall be elected to serve for three years, one of whom shall retire annually but may be re-elected. In the case of a first election, it shall be decided, immediately after such election by ballot, which of such Representatives shall serve for three years, two years, and one year, respectively. And be it further resolved that the Canons relating to the Election of Lay Representatives be amended accordingly. And be it further resolved that the Canons be so amended as to arrange for the election of Delegates on the same principle, where one only or two Delegates are sent to the Synod.