

The opinion of the Honorary Counsel, touching the sale of site of old Church at Lingwick, the proceeds of which were to be applied towards the erection of a new edifice, and of a similar case in Danville, was read and acted upon. A letter from the Venerable Archdeacon, having reference to the death of his brother, the Rev. Peter Roe, and the pension of his widow, was read and acted upon. A letter of thanks was read from the Rev. I. M. Thompson for the Society's grant in aid of the School at Chaudiere Curve. A letter was read from W. H. A. Eckhardt, lately removed to Montreal, resigning with regret his connection with the Central Board, the Education Committee, and the Church Depository. A vote, expressive of regret at his departure, of appreciation of his past services, and of good wishes for his future welfare and happiness, was passed. The death of Mr. Cornelius Judge, who for more than a quarter of a century had been one of the most regular, active and useful members of the Board and its Committees,—a man, too, personally beloved by all, for his noble qualities of heart, naturally called forth a Resolution expressive at once of the affectionate esteem in which he was held and of the very great loss which the Church Society has sustained by his departure hence.

Twelve Parish Books

Required to be kept as regards each Congregation by the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Quebec.

- (1) A Book in which all, before they exercise the right of voting in Vestry at the election of their Representatives at Synod, must have signed a declaration to the effect that they are members of the Church of England, in Canada, and that they belong to no other religious denomination. (See Art. 3, Constitution.)
- (2) A Book in which all members of Vestry must have signed (three months before the date of the Vestry) a declaration to the effect that they are regular attendants on the Services of the Church in the Congregation amongst whom they claim the right to vote. This applies to both Pewed and Free Churches. (See Canon xvii, Section i.)
- (3) A Book with the names of Confirmed Candidates, dates of first Communion, list of families belonging to the Church, list of other families frequenting the Church Services or seeking the Clergyman's ministrations; also an exact list of Communicants and other matters of interest, such as Parish boundaries, etc., to be handed on to successors. (See Canon ii, last section.)
- (4) A Book containing the annual Inventory to be made by Wardens of all Church property belonging to Congregations, including Church, Houses, Lands, Holy Vessels, Painted Windows, etc., etc. (See Canon xi, Section i.)
- (5) A Book containing the Wardens' Annual Report of all repairs needed in the Church, Parsonage and Burial Ground and its fencing. (See Canon xi, Section ii.)
- (6) A Book (to be kept in the Vestry) in which the amount of the Offertory Collection immediately after Divine Service is to be entered. (See Canon xi, Section v.)
- (7) A Book in which there should be recorded a sufficient abstract of all Titles and Deeds by which all the lands in a Parish or Mission are held, shewing dates, names of donors, situation, quality, conditions of trust and gift, where and when registered, and any other information of importance. (See Canon xi, Section vii.)
- (8) The Parochial Registers and duplicates. (See Canon xii, Section vi.)
- (9) A Book of families with their Assessments, to be entered annually. (See Canon xi, Section iii.)
- (10) A Book of Minutes of Vestry Meetings. (Church Temporalities Act, Section xi.)
- (11) A Book of annual Accounts, shewing Receipts, Expenditure and Outstanding Debts. (See Canon xvii, Section iii.)
- (12) A Book (to be kept in the Vestry) for the signatures of all Preachers who come from any other place. (See Canon xii, 1603.)