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WEDNESDAY, JULY 5TH, 1876.

THE Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton met on this day in the School-room adjoining St. John's Church in the City of St. John, at half-past 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese in the Chair.
Prayers.

The Lord Bishop called the attention of the Synod to the peculiar position in which the Synod found itself placed. At the time of the adjournment of the Synod of 1875, the Secretary, Rev. John Pearson, about to leave the Diocese, had not officially resigned. Thus the Synod was unable to elect his successor. Under these circumstances, and instead of calling a special meeting of the Synod to elect a Secretary, his Lordship took upon himself to request the clergy that the certificates of the Lay Delegates for the Synod of this year be sent to himself. According to the constitution of the Synod, the Secretary should certify that the Delegates were duly elected. But there being no Secretary, the Bishop had taken this course, and now had the certificates of all the Parishes, and presented them to the Synod. With permission of the Synod, his Lordship would now declare the Delegates, whose certificates of election he held in his hand, duly elected. His Lordship then read the list of Parishes and Cures, and the names of the Lay Delegates.