

J. H. Cameron, which was debated clause by clause. An amendment was proposed and carried relating to a Coadjutor Bishop of Montreal, but it was rejected by the House of Bishops. The Canon, as it now stands, was finally assented to by both Houses, and was placed among the Canons of the Provincial Synod. It is printed as Appendix D to the pamphlet published by Mr. M. H. Sanborn.

In September, 1868, the Provincial Synod again met, but our late Metropolitan was upon his death-bed, and could not preside. He died during the session, leaving the compact as to the Metropolitan succession incomplete, but his labours had not been in vain. The Provincial Synod at that session confirmed the Canon passed at its previous meeting, and the Dean of Montreal, as previously empowered by the full Diocesan Synod of 1863, appended his signature, and thus the work was completed. This is the solemn engagement to the Church at large which the Diocese of Montreal is now called upon to fulfil for the first time.

In the preceding pages an earnest endeavour has been made to present a clear and connected view of the whole matter. The necessity of such a statement was not perceived until very recently, and the haste with which it has been prepared has prevented that strict revision which is always desirable in a publication of any kind. A careful perusal will, however, show that the contract which now binds this Synod is no hasty nor ill-digested one. It is impossible to conceive of any law more carefully adopted or more thoroughly discussed not only in the legal assemblies of the Church of England, but by the laity generally throughout Canada. The deliberate action which was commenced at the first meeting of Bishops in 1851, was completed only in September, 1868, when the signature of the Dean gave the finishing touch to that ecclesiastical edifice which it was the work of our late Metropolitan to rear. A few passages from his opening address in 1867 may here be quoted with advantage :—