

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS OF SYNOD.

1st. Periodical meetings shall be held, composed of the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of this Diocese; and their assembly constituted as hereafter provided, shall be called "The Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia."

2nd. Every Clergyman in the Diocese, duly licensed by the Bishop, shall have a seat in the Synod, Presbyters alone having the right of voting. The Laity shall appear by their Representatives.

3rd. An election of Representatives shall take place at the Easter meeting held in each Parish or Ecclesiastical District next before each ordinary meeting of the Synod, and on the same day in each district, which may be entitled to elect Representatives under Rule 9th. The Parishes shall have the liberty of choosing their Representatives from any part of the Diocese.*

The following Resolution was adopted at the Eighth Session:

"That attention be directed to the difficulty which has arisen in some cases in consequence of the election of the same person by two or more parishes, and that the chairman of every meeting, at which a non-resident may be elected, should take care to communicate the election immediately to the person so elected, with a request that he will state without delay whether he can undertake to perform the duties of the office to which he has been appointed."

The following Resolution was adopted at the Eleventh Session:

"The Synod strongly recommend that at least one of the Representatives be a resident communicant of the Parish he represents."

4th. In any Parish or Mission where, in consequence of a vacancy in the incumbency, or the absence of the Minister, no Easter meeting has been held, it shall be lawful for the late Church Wardens or three members of the late Vestry, to summon a meeting, giving due notice of the same, for the purpose of electing delegates for the next session of the Diocesan Synod.

* "That within 30 days after election the Chairman send the names of the Delegates to the Registrar with the necessary certificate to qualify them to take their seat in the Synod."

The above passed at the Eleventh Session, stands over for confirmation at next Session of Synod.

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5th. At the regular *provisional* Representation.

6th. The Representation shall be for twenty-one years, and no parishioner may vote who is a member, upon the oath required by the clergy, "I declare that I am a native-born subject of Great Britain and Ireland."

7th. Each Representative shall receive a certificate that he is a member of the meeting, and shall be appointed.*

NOTE.—At the second Session, the Minister, in the absence of the Minister, receives the Holy Communion, and can certify to the fact.

8th. If a vacancy occurs in the Representation, the Minister, with as little delay as possible, shall call a meeting, with as little delay as possible, in case there be no Minister, or if the Minister is unable to attend, then any five parishioners may call a meeting to fill the vacancy.

9th. Each parishioner who has been placed under the care of the Rector, may send a delegate to the Synod.

10th. The quorum for the Synod shall consist of twenty members, of which number of qualified Lay Representatives shall be at least ten, and the Registrar of the Synod.

* "That no Lay Representative be appointed of which Parish or District he is a member."

The above, passed at the next Session of Synod.