

delegates having arrived who were not present on the previous day.

The minutes of the previous day were read by the Rev. Secretary and approved.

#### MOTIONS.

The Hon. J. H. CAMERON moved, and the Hon. P. B. DEBLACQUIERE seconded,

That the business reported by the Executive Committee be first taken up in the order in which the subjects, to be considered, are reported on.—*Carried.*

The Hon. J. PATTON moved and the Rev. W. LANGTRY seconded,

The 4th rule of the Constitution be amended, by providing that there shall be one representative or delegate for each congregation, and no more.

Mr. FARRELL moved in amendment, and Col. O'BRIEN seconded,

That all after the word "There" shall be struck out, and the following words substituted, "Shall be elected for each congregation, one or more representatives not exceeding three in number, one of whom it is recommended shall be annually re-elected. To be inserted in lieu of the 4th section of the constitution.—*Lost.*

The original resolution was then put and *lost.*

#### CANON ON THE DIVISION AND FORMATION OF PARISHES.

The Rev. Dr. LETT moved the adoption of the Canon respecting the division and sub-division of Parishes of which he had given notice, the Hon. P. B. DEBLACQUIERE seconded, and which, after certain amendments, was carried as follows:

Whereas it is expedient that defined local bounds be assigned to each settled cure, duly organized within this Diocese, and also that provision be made for the division and sub-division of existing Parishes.

Do it therefore enacted, by the authority of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, the Clergy, and the Lay Delegates in solemn Synod assembled:

1. That the Clergyman and the Churchwardens of each settled cure, now established, do within six months after the adjournment of this Synod, from time to time, hold a conference or conferences with the Clergyman and Churchwardens of the adjacent Parishes or Cures, and, by mutual agreement, arrange and define the boundaries of their respective Parishes or Cures, and report the same to the Lord Bishop for his consideration, and should his Lordship approve of the same, then the boundaries so arranged, approved, and declared, shall be the boundaries of the Parishes or Cures aforesaid.

2. That in cases where the boundaries cannot be arranged by such mutual agreement, then that the Bishop be requested to issue a commission to two Clergymen, and to one Lay Representative—none of whom shall be locally connected with said Parish or Cure—directing and authorising them to investigate the merits of the case, and to decide thereon, and report their decision to the Lord Bishop for his consideration, and should his Lordship approve of the same, then the boundaries so arranged, approved and declared, shall be the boundaries of the Parishes or Cures aforesaid.

3. That the boundaries of a Parish or Cure being once defined, approved and declared, may not be disturbed within the space of five years, except in the case of new Parishes, and that every Cure whose boundaries have been so defined, approved and declared, shall be and is declared to be a "Parish," and that the Incumbent thereof be entitled the "Rector of said Parish."

4. When any of the Parishioners residing in any Parish or any adjoining Parishes, shall desire to have a new and distinct Parish erected, the said Parishioners shall present a memorial to the

Lord Bishop, stating fully the reasons moving them thereto, also the proposed boundaries of the contemplated new Parish, and whether the Rector or Rectors of the Parish or Parishes aforesaid be a consenting party or parties, and when the Bishop of the Diocese shall be satisfied that the provisions of the XVII. section of the Church Temporalities Act have been complied with, or that the means for the worship of God have been provided, that then his Lordship shall declare said portion of the Parish or Parishes to be a new Parish. In cases where the Rector of the existing Parish or Parishes withholds his or their consent from the preliminary memorial, that he or they be required to state his or their reasons in writing within one month, to the Lord Bishop, who is to decide on their validity.

5 That the boundaries of every Parish erected under the authority of this Canon, be entered and registered in a book, to be kept by the Secretaries of the Synod for that purpose, and that a copy thereof be furnished to any person applying, on payment of a fee of one shilling.—*Carried.*

#### DIVISION OF ENDOWMENTS.

The Hon. J. H. CAMERON moved, and the Hon. P. B. DEBLACQUIERE seconded,

That a Committee of six members be appointed to consider whether any and what means can be devised for the better regulation, management and division of endowments of Churches, and to report thereon at the next Synod.—*Carried.*

Committee—Revs. Dr. Patton, R. J. Grasett, D. E. Blake, Dr. Fuller, Hon. P. B. DeBlacquiere, Hon. J. H. Cameron, and Hon. James Patton.

#### ALTERATIONS IN THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. FARRELL moved, and the Hon. P. B. DEBLACQUIERE seconded,

That in article No. 2 of the Constitution, after the word "Meetings" the following words be inserted "or at any meeting specially called by the Incumbent for that purpose."—*Carried.*

The Rev. Mr. FARRELL moved, and the Hon. P. B. DEBLACQUIERE seconded,

That in Article No. 14, the following clause be added. "But in the event of the Bishop refusing his assent to any measure adopted by the Clergy and Laity, such motion may be brought forward at the next meeting of the Synod, and if again adopted by the Clergy and Laity, the power of the Bishop to 'veto' it shall cease."—*Lost.*

#### CANON ON THE FORMATION OF VESTRIES FOR FREE CHURCHES

Col. O'BRIEN moved the adoption of the following Canon, of which he had given due notice, and the Rev. T. B. READ seconded,

Whereas there are many churches in the country, in which, by reason of there being no pews or sittings held by the members of the congregation thereof, no vestry can be legally formed for the direction of said churches, the management of their property, or other necessary matters; and whereas by an act passed in the present reign, entitled, "An Act to enable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada to meet in Synod," authority is given to the Bishops, Clergy and Laity, members of the said United Church of England and Ireland, meeting in Synod, to "frame constitutions and make regulations \* \* \* for the convenient and orderly management of the property, affairs and interest of the Church: be it enacted that in all such churches in this Diocese, where, by reason of the seats being free, no vestry can be formed, the members of the congregation of each said church shall have power and authority to constitute and form a vestry. And such vestry shall consist of such members, being of the full age of twenty-one years, as shall declare themselves in writing, in a book to be procured

for that purpose by the congregation, to be members of the United Church of England and Ireland, and habitually attending worship in such Church. 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: Provided always that such vestry shall have no power or authority to interfere with, alter or change any right, rule or custom existing in such church by virtue of any gift, endowment or regulation of the Bishop of the Diocese, or right or interest reserved by him; such right, rule, custom, or reserved right or interest, being set forth and recorded, either in a deed of gift or endowment, or by order of the Bishop, in the book hereinbefore directed to be provided for the enrolment of the members of the vestry; and which record shall be duly authenticated by the then Incumbent of such Church, and by the first (not less than three) members of the congregation then enrolling their names.—*Carried.*

#### LESSENING THE AMOUNT OF DRUNKENNESS.

Rev. Dr. SHORTT moved, and the Rev. HENRY SHARR seconded,

That a Committee be appointed to consider the best subsidiary or auxiliary means of lessening the amount of drunkenness and aiding in the reformation of the inebriate and his restoration to society; and to report at the next meeting of Synod.

Committee.—The Rev. R. V. Rogers, M.A.; the Rev. Dr. Shortt, Mr. Neil McLeod.

#### ALTERATION IN THE CONSTITUTION.

The Rev. Dr. BEAVEN moved, and the Rev. Dr. FULLER seconded,

That the third clause of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following words: the assessment shall then be received from the representatives of parishes, after the rate fixed by the committee appointed for that purpose, and no representative shall be permitted to act as such until the assessment is paid. *Approved by the majority—to be considered next Synod.*

#### PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

Col. O'BRIEN moved, seconded by the Rev. D. E. BLAKE,

That as it is most desirable for the well being of the Church in this Province, and essential to the harmonious and consistent working of synodical action through its various Dioceses, that there should be a general controlling power, aided by the advice and assistance of the Bishops, acting as a united body, his Lordship the Bishop of this Diocese be respectfully solicited to communicate to the Bishops of the several Canadian Dioceses, in order that steps may be taken as immediately as possible for the formation of a Provincial Synod, under the provisions of the act authorising the same in Canada.

The Hon. J. H. CAMERON moved as an amendment that the following words be added, and Mr. KIRKPATRICK seconded:

And that at the coming Session to be held this day, Representatives from this Diocese, consisting of twelve Clergymen and twelve Laymen, be chosen by ballot, to attend such Provincial Synod, if convened before the next meeting of the Synod of this Diocese.

The original motion, with amendment, was then *Carried.*

W. B. Simpson brought up the following report on

#### DEFAULTING PARISHES.

Your Committee have the honour to report that they have carefully looked over the list,