

of the Cathedral. Present:—the Very Reverend the Dean of Montreal in the Chair; the Rev. Drs. Beaven, Patton, Fuller, Caulfield and Lauder; the Rev. Canon Leach; Revs. Marsh and Roe; Messrs. the Hon. J. H. Cameron, Kirkpatrick, Carter, Shade, Lawrason, Scott, Gamble and Irvine.—16.

The question of the Patent of the Metropolitan, occupied the time and attention of the Committee, and their deliberations finally resulted in the adoption of the two following resolutions:—

1. The Committee, after considering the Letters Patent, issued to the Metropolitan, are of opinion that no legal impediment existed to the issue of the Letters Patent by the Queen for the appointment of a Metropolitan.

2. The Committee also consider, that there are various alterations which may be properly made in the Patent, so as to accord with the provisions of the Synod Act, some of which they hope to submit in another report.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN BETHUNE,
Chairman.

On motion of the Dean of Montreal, the amended draft of the proposed letters patent was afterwards carried as a third report from the same Committee. It was then moved by Hon. J. H. Cameron, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Patton, and carried:

That an humble address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to command that the alterations, resolved and decreed by this House, in the Letters Patent, appointing a Metropolitan, be made in the new Letters Patent, to be issued to the Metropolitan.

The chief alterations were, that the "succession to the Metropolitan See shall be subject to such rules, regulations, and canons as shall and may be made in respect thereof by the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity in their General Assemblies" under the Synod Act; the powers of the Metropolitan were also placed under the same control. The object of these alterations was to take away from the Diocese of Montreal the honour conferred by the Crown, and this being clearly seen, the late Bishop Mountain of Quebec entered the following protest:—

PROTEST OF THE LORD BISHOP OF QUEBEC.

Reasons against those portions of the printed draft for the amendment of the Letters Patent, (Report of the Committee No. 3.)