

[3] That the Schools be maintained by school fees and public grants, subscriptions and endowments.

[4] That the general management be vested in the Minister and Churchwardens.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEANERIES.

Of the Four Rural Deaneries in this Diocese, three Reports have been received, from Hochelaga, Bedford, and St. Andrews, with accompanying statistics.

These Reports contain, besides historical information of great value, many important suggestions, which it would be well to bring before this Synod in detail, at a future meeting; but in the mean time your committee would pray that immediate action by Synod should be taken on the following subjects, recommended in the above Reports, namely:—

1. A Canon of Instructions to Rural Deans, and a series of questions to be submitted to and answered by the several Missions on the statistics of each deanery.
2. That steps should be immediately taken to determine and define the division and boundaries of Parishes and Missions.
2. The formation of a board of Home Missions and settlement of the salaries of missionaries.
4. The Insurance of Church property.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

Your Committee beg to report that the letters from Mr. Routh, agent of the Royal Insurance Company, proposing to cover by Insurance the whole Church property of the Diocese, by one indisputable policy, were read; whereupon it was resolved:—

That a sub-committee of two be appointed by the chairman, who with himself shall obtain the necessary information concerning the value and description of the Church property throughout the Diocese, when they shall confer with the principal insurance offices and ascertain the rates at which insurance can be effected on such property, and then report to this Committee, of which five shall constitute a quorum.

Also, that seeing it is highly desirable that all the property of the Church should be protected by insurance with as little delay as possible, the Committee recommend that the Lord Bishop of Montreal be empowered by the Synod to carry into effect such plan as the Committee may suggest.