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DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

The Lord Bishop of Quebec arrived at Liverpool on Sunday, January 16th. On the 28th, His Lordship met, in London, by appointment, the Bishops of Sydney, Antigua, and Newfoundland, and afterwards presided at a Meeting of the Committee of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

The Queen has been pleased to grant a Royal Charter, bestowing the privilege of conferring degrees, to Bishop's College, Lennoxville. The Rev. I. Hellmuth, Professor of Hebrew in that Institution, has lately received from the Archbishop of Canterbury, on the recommendation of the Bishop of Quebec, the degree of D. D.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

CONFIRMATIONS.—On Sunday, 19th December last, the Bishop of Montreal held a Confirmation at St. Mary's Chapel, Hochelaga, when sixteen persons, seven males and nine females, were confirmed. The Bishop visited St. Johns on Saturday, the 29th January, and on Sunday administered the rite of Confirmation to forty-two candidates, at St. John's Church, twenty-seven females and fifteen males, eight of whom were soldiers of the Royal Canadian Rifles. The candidates were presented by the Rev. Mr. Bancroft, Rector of the Parish. The address of the Bishop was powerful and affecting. The congregation was one of the largest ever witnessed in the Church. The Rev. Messrs. Judd, Assist. Minister at St. Johns, and Duvernet of Henryville, took part in the services of the day. His Lordship preached both morning and evening, and collections amounting to twelve pounds were taken up in aid of the general purposes of the Diocesan Church Society.

On Monday morning His Lordship visited the substantial building, lately erected for the purpose of a High School, now under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Judd, assisted by Mr. Osgood. This school is yet in its infancy, but is fast increasing, and is at present attended by forty-six pupils, collected from the cities of Montreal and Quebec, and from the other parts of Canada as well as from St. Johns itself. There are also some pupils from the United States. His Lordship examined some of the classes and expressed himself much pleased with the plan and general principles of the Institution. On Sunday, the 20th February, His Lordship officiated at Laprairie, where six persons, four males and two females, were admitted to that holy rite. The confirmations have now been completed throughout every Parish and mission in the Diocese, and the numbers confirmed have been, males 528, females 603, total 1131, including ninety-one of the soldiers in Garrison at Montreal, and eight of the Canadian Rifles at St. Johns.

CONVENTION OF CLERGY AND LAY DELEGATES.

On Wednesday, the 19th January, the clergy and lay delegates of the several congregations in connection with the Church of England in the Diocese of Montreal, assembled in Montreal at the call of the Lord Bishop. After morning prayers and the

administration of the Holy Communion at the Cathedral, the Convention met for despatch of business at the National School House. The Bishop having taken the chair opened the meeting with prayer, and the Roll of the Convention being called, there were found to be present—

OF THE CLERGY:—Rev. J. Bethune, D. D., Rev. J. Morris, Rev. A. D. Campbell, M. A., Rev. W. T. Leach, D. C. L., Rev. W. Bond, Rev. J. Irwin, Rev. J. Ellegood, B. A., Rev. D. Robertson, Rev. E. Rogers, Rev. W. Abbott, Rev. J. Braithwaite, M. A., Rev. W. Brethour, Rev. J. Constantine, Rev. J. Cornwall, Rev. E. Duvernet, B. A., Rev. J. Flanagan, Rev. C. Forest, Rev. N. Guerout, Rev. W. Jones, Rev. W. Lindsay, Rev. A. Lockhart, Rev. C. Morice, Rev. J. Mountain, B. A., Rev. J. Pyke, Rev. J. Reid, M. A., Rev. R. Stephenson, Rev. J. Scott, M. A., Rev. J. Sutton, Rev. G. Slack, Rev. M. Townsend, M. A., Rev. Thomas Young, and the Clerical Secretary, the Rev. C. Bancroft, M. A., making 32.

LAY DELEGATES:—Hon. W. Badgley, M. P. P., Hon. Judge McCord, and Messrs H. Thomas, H. H. Whitney, M. H. Gault, A. Gough, E. Jones, J. H. Schneider, E. A. Clark, Hon. R. Jones, Messrs. W. Bowman, W. Leggett, J. Coote, Col. Austin, Messrs. Henry Martin, W. McDonald, O. Owen, G. Rodgers, J. Armstrong, J. Drake, G. Alsopp, C. Jones, W. Williams, — Morrison, D. S. Ramsay, C. Schneider, R. S. Robins, John Standish, W. Parker, D. Estover, A. L. Baker, R. Toynton, A. Vaughan, T. Hawley, Major Campbell, Dr. Smallwood, and the Lay Secretary, Geo. Pyke, Esq., making in all 37, representing 27 parishes out of 46.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Committee appointed at the General Meeting held in January, 1852, were read by one of the Secretaries; showing as a result of their deliberations, their consideration of the Bill introduced into the Imperial Parliament upon the subject of Colonial Church Government, by the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, and the preparation of certain amendments thereto, which were recommended by the Committee for adoption by the Convention. The Bishop read a letter to the Convention, from the Right Hon. Sir John Pakington, then Secretary of State for the Colonies, requesting his opinion of the provisions of Mr. Gladstone's Bill. In reply, His Lordship had informed Sir John Pakington, that he would take steps to enable him to give the opinion of his Diocese upon the subject. He had accordingly submitted it to the Convocation Committee, whose report thereupon was now before them.

Thereupon it was moved by the Hon. W. BADGLEY, seconded by the Rev. M. TOWNSEND, That the report of the Committee be now received and considered clause by clause.

W. BOWMAN, Esq., moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. ROBERT JONES, "Whereas the subject matter of the Report now submitted was not referred to the Committee at the last sitting of this Convention, but is founded upon a Bill since that time proposed to be brought forward in the Imperial Parliament, which Bill the Lay Members of the Church of England in this Diocese have not had an opportunity of considering:

"That the Report be not now received, and that the proposed Bill, the subject matter of the same, be referred to the several congregations of the Church of England in this Diocese, for