

House consisting of the Bishops resident within its borders, and the Lower House of clerical and lay delegates, twelve of each order from each diocese, being ninety-six clergymen and ninety-six laymen, The place of meeting of the Provincial Synod is always the City of Montreal.

IS YOUR CHURCH INSURED?

This is an important question for incumbents and Church wardens to consider. We clip the following paragraph from the *Toronto Mail*:

WINNIPEG, June 8.—The Anglican Church at Fort MacLeod has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$3,000.

That looks as if there had been little or no insurance upon the Church in Fort MacLeod, and what a thousands pities! No doubt, that \$3,000 had been hard to raise, and can it be that, for a little business forethought, it has all gone for nothing? It would be a good plan for those who subscribe money to the building of churches, to stipulate that the buildings, as soon as erected, shall be insured. The Church at Port Arthur (Algoma) was destroyed by fire some years ago, without, we believe, any insurance, and how hard it was to rebuild! Would it not be well for the bishops to inquire closely into this question of insurance? It would be found, in many cases, that the insurance on churches, if there be any at all, is far too small in accordance with the value of the buildings. We sincerely hope that the item regarding Fort MacLeod may prove to be not so bad as stated. It is only the other day that the Bishop of Saskatchewan devoted some of the money sent him by the Treasurer of our Society to the building of this very church.

ARCHDEACON PINKHAM has succeeded in collecting about two thousand dollars in aid of the mission funds of Rupert's Land.

AFTER the splendid missionary meeting held in May in Quebec, in connection with the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, a layman of that city came upon the platform and said that, for the future, he desired to give \$50 a year to the Diocese of Algoma. And subsequently a layman of the same city gave the Bishop of Algoma a cheque for \$200, and a like sum to Archdeacon Pinkham for missionary work in Rupert's Land. So the work of the Society is beginning to bear fruit. May it increase many hundred fold! Let the missionary meetings continue.

Two noblemen in England put down a subscription of £50,000 each, for the expenses of the approaching elections. How men will give when they are interested! Nearly \$500,000 subscribed by two men! The Episcopal Church of the United States is now endeavoring to raise one

million of dollars from the whole country, for the funds of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and yet nearly half of that amount was put down by two men in England for the expenses of an election! See the article on page 8 of this issue, "A Message to Men of Wealth."

It is amongst the probabilities that a monthly mail service will be established from either Prince Albert, Fort Pitt or Edmonton to Fort Chipewyan, Athabasca. This will probably be a good thing. At present, communication with the Northern bishops of Moosonee, Athabasca, and Mackenzie River is very slow. The Treasurer of the D. & F. M. Society received a reply from one of them only the other day to a letter written last December.

THE mayor of Prince Albert, (Saskatchewan), Mr. Thomas McKay, seems to be an active member of the Church of England. He is churchwarden in the Bishop's church, and lay delegate to the Diocesan Synod of Saskatchewan.

LORD ROBERT MONTAGU (who some years ago went over to the Church of Rome and afterward reverted) has been elected a vice-president of the Prayer Book Revision Society.

THE Christian World says: "The escense of Congregationalism as a system is its liberty, its freedom from eternal control." To this it is aptly replied that it is this freedom from "eternal control" which is the bane of all churches. It is the very object of the Church to teach men to conform his will to the will of God. What he needs in the Church and everywhere is to learn the lesson of obedience.

DR. MOOREHOUSE has been enthroned in his cathedral as the third Bishop of Manchester, preached his first sermon, and confirmed his first class in the diocese. At the confirmation upwards of six hundred candidates were presented. The ceremony of enthronement was very impressive. The mayor and corporation of the city, in official robes, and over four hundred clergy were present, besides a congregation that filled every available space in the cathedral.

THE RT. REV. HENRY COTTERILL, Bishop of Edinburgh, died at that city last April. In 1856 he was consecrated Bishop of Grahamstown, in South Africa, where he did an excellent work among the Kaffirs. He was a man of brilliant attainments, having been Senior Wrangler at Cambridge, a first-class man in the classical tripos, the first Smith's prizeman of his year, and a fellow of his college. He was called back from his distant diocese in Africa to the old country in 1872 to be Bishop of Edinburgh, which position he held till his death, having been for 30 years an honored bishop in the Church of God. Rev. Canon Lid-don has been elected to succeed him.