

George Moffatt. It was at once seen that this motion, if carried, not only organized the Synod, but at the same time disposed of the veto question, and it accordingly gave rise to an excited discussion. An amendment was moved by Mr. H. BANCROFT, seconded by Rev. Mr. IRWIN, to put the two parts of the motion separately. A show of hands being taken, only 15 votes were given for the amendment, which was declared lost. Another amendment, moved by Col. WILKINS, and seconded by Rev. Mr. BONO, to strike out the latter part of the motion, shared a similar fate. A third, moved by Rev. CANON BANCROFT, proposing to give the Bishop a qualified veto, was also negatived, receiving the support of about twenty votes. The main motion was then adopted, and the Synod was thereby formally organized. On the motion of Mr. F. D. FELFORD, thanks were voted to Rev. Mr. BOND for his sermon, by acclamation.

SECOND DAY (WEDNESDAY).

The members re-assembled yesterday morning at St. John's Church. After Morning Prayers in the Church, the Lord Bishop formally opened the first regular Synod of this Diocese "In the name of God—Amen," with prayer.

Upon motion of the Rev. CANON BANCROFT, seconded by the Very Rev. DEAN BETHUNE, the Rev. E. J. ROGERS was appointed Clerical Secretary.

Upon motion of E. E. SHELTON, Esq., seconded by ARCHDEACON GILSON, James Armstrong, Esq., was appointed Lay Secretary.

Upon motion of Mr. JUSTICK MCCOY, seconded by HUGH TAYLOR, Esq., T. B. ANDERSON, Esq., was appointed Treasurer.

On motion of the Very Rev. DEAN BETHUNE, seconded by the Rev. Mr. LONSDALE, the draft Declaration and Constitution, formerly prepared, and which had been distributed among the Clergy and Delegates for consideration, was ordered to be taken up, and the clauses read and put seriatim from the chair.

This being done, several amendments were proposed, and the Declaration and Constitution finally adopted in the following form:—

DECLARATION.

We, the Bishop, the Clergy, and the Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland, within the Diocese of Montreal, assembled in Synod, and intending, under God's blessing and guidance, to consider and determine upon such matters as shall appear necessary for the welfare of the Church in that Diocese, desire, in the first place for the voting of all misunderstanding, to make a Declaration of the principles upon which we propose to proceed.

We desire that the Church in this Diocese shall continue as it has been, an integral portion of the United Church of England and Ireland, and we declare our firm and unanimous resolution, in dependence on His aid, to preserve those doctrines and that form of Church government which are at present recognized by the Church of England and Ireland.

It is our earnest wish and determination to confine our deliberations and action to matters of discipline, to the temporalities of the Church, and to such regulations of order as may tend to her efficiency and extension, and we desire no control or authority over any but those who are or shall be members of our own Church.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SYNOD.

1. The Synod shall consist of the Bishop of the Diocese, of the Clergy of the same licensed to the cure of souls therein, or holding office in any College or School under the jurisdiction of the Bishop (such Clergy not being under ecclesiastical

control), and of Lay representatives to be elected as hereinafter provided.

2. The Lay representatives shall be male communicants of at least one year's standing, of the full age of twenty-one years, and shall be elected annually at the Easter meetings, or at any Vestry meeting (specially called for such purpose by incumbents after due notice on two Sundays) held by each Minister having a separate cure of souls; and all Laymen within the cure, of twenty-one years or upwards, entitled within such cure to vote, who shall have declared themselves in writing to be "Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, and to belong to no other religious denomination," shall have the right of voting at the election, provided always that the first election under this rule shall not take place until the Easter meetings in the several parishes in the year 1861.

3. The Minister himself, if present, shall preside at the election, and in his absence, the Curate or assistant Minister, or the Senior Church Warden, or a Chairman elected by a majority of those present, taking precedence in the order in which they are here named.

4. Every separate cure served by a licensed Minister shall be entitled to elect two Lay representatives. But when there shall be two or more congregations having a corresponding number of church edifices within one cure, then each of such congregations shall be entitled to elect two such representatives.

5. Each representative shall receive from the Minister or chairman of the meeting a certificate of his election, signed by the person presiding at the election, in the subjoined form; and shall continue in office until his successor is appointed.

6. If a vacancy should occur in the number of representatives by death, resignation, or any other cause, the Minister shall proceed to hold a new election with as little delay as possible, after due notice.

7. Clergymen who have served in the Diocese and are resident in the same, but are now superannuated, may attend the meeting of the Synod and vote at the same.

8. That the Synod shall meet on the third Tuesday in June in every year after the present, in the City of Montreal, or at any other such time or place as said Synod shall appoint at its last previous meeting, provided also that the Bishop may call a special meeting when he shall consider it necessary to do so, or at the request of ten clerical and thirty lay members.

9. When the Bishop is not present his commissary shall preside in his place; and when the see is vacant, the senior dignitary of the Church next in rank to the Bishop, in the diocese, shall, within a fortnight of the occurrence of such vacancy summon a Synod, to be held in not less than 30 days, to elect a successor to the see, at which he shall preside, and at such meeting no business except such election shall be proceeded with.

10. A quorum of the Synod shall consist of not less than one-fourth of the whole number of both clergy and lay representatives respectively.

11. There shall be two secretaries, one from the clergy, the other from the laity, who shall keep regular minutes of all proceedings of the Synod, shall record them in a book provided for that purpose, shall preserve all papers, memorials, and other documents, shall certify the public acts of the Synod, and shall deliver all records and documents to their successors.

12. There shall be a Treasurer of the Synod, who shall receive and disburse all moneys collected and paid under its authority; and two auditors, who shall annually inspect and report on the condition of the accounts.

13. The vote of each order shall be taken separately, when so required by any three members

each vote being determined by the majority of the members present, in each order.

14. No rule shall be binding on the members of the Church in this Diocese at large, which has not received the concurrent assent of the Bishop, the clergy, and the laity, and have been passed by the Synod.

15. Any proposition for an alteration of the constitution, regulations, rules of order, or canons, shall be introduced in writing, and considered at the meetings at which it is introduced; and, if approved by a majority of each order, shall lie over till the next meeting of the Synod, but shall not be finally adopted unless approved by majorities consisting of two-thirds of both clergy and laity present.

His Lordship suggested an additional rule with respect to the mode of proceeding to take the vote for Bishop,—and read the rule followed in Toronto, which was adopted by the Synod.

The Rev. Mr. SLACK, seconded by the Rev. Mr. FULTON, moved an additional rule to provide for a Standing Committee advisory of the Bishop, to consist of three clergymen and three laymen. Mr. Chamberlin, seconded by the Rev. Mr. FLANIGAN, moved that the proposed rule lie over for consideration at next meeting of Synod.—Carried.

His Lordship then stated that he had had communication with the Bishops of Toronto and Huron about the assembling of a Provincial Synod, and he had at their suggestion, drafted a memorial to the Queen, praying her to appoint a Metropolitan and allow such meeting, which he read.

The draft was approved, and the Bishop authorized to sign it on behalf of the Synod, and transmit it to the Colonial Secretary to be laid at the foot of the throne.

The Synod then proceeded to elect representatives to represent it in the Provincial Synod, when called. The following delegates were elected, viz:

To represent the clergy:—The Very Reverend the Dean, the Venerable Archdeacon, Reverend Canon Leach, Rev. Canon Baucroft, Rev. Mr. BOND, Rev. Mr. Ellegood, Rev. Mr. Duvernet, Rev. Mr. Davidson, Rev. D. Lindsay, Rev. Mr. Scott, Rev. Mr. White, Rev. Mr. Slack.

To represent the laity:—The Honourables Judge McCord, Judge Aylwin, George Moffatt, and P. H. Moore, Dr. Smallwood, Major Campbell, C. B.; and Messrs. Hugh Taylor, James Armstrong, Stevens Baker, John Yule, Hiram Foster, and Robert A. Young.

After which the Bishop was authorized to appoint Standing Committees on Finances, on Rules, Regulations and Order of Proceedings, and on the Division of Parishes.

After which the Synod adjourned *sine die*, and the Meeting was closed by the Bishop with the Apostolic benediction.

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