

"2 The Diocese of the Saskatchewan to consist of the Districts of the Saskatchewan and English River, with the sub-District of Fort La-Corne in the Cumberland District.

"3. The Diocese of Hudson's Bay to consist of the Moose or Southern Department of the Hudson's Bay, with the Districts of Churchill, York, Oxford and Severn.

"4. The Diocese of Athabasca to consist of the Districts of Athabasca and McKenzie River, being the whole of the North-West Territories beyond the Long Portage.

"Second—That the Dioceses thus formed be an Ecclesiastical Province, to be called the Province of Rupert's Land.

"Third—That as soon as the new Dioceses, or at least two of them have been organized by the appointment of Bishops, a Provincial Synod to represent the whole Church in Rupert's Land be convened by the Bishop of Rupert's Land.

"That the said Provincial Synod consist of two Houses,—one House composed of the Bishops and the other of representatives of the Clergy and Laity of the Dioceses.

"That the House of Representatives of the Clergy and Laity at the first meeting be thus composed, viz:—

"The Archdeacons of Rupert's Land, ex-officio, and one clergyman and one layman for every Diocese—if there are more than three clergymen and not more than six in a Diocese, then two clergymen and two laymen—if more than six and not more than nine, then three of each order and so on.

"That the Bishops and Executive Committee of the Diocese of Rupert's Land be a Committee to arrange the way in which the Clerical and Lay Delegates of each Diocese shall be appointed.

"Fourth—That at the first meeting of the said Provincial Synod, steps shall be taken to frame a Constitution for the said Synod, which among other things shall provide for the future representation of the different Dioceses and for the general government of the Church in Rupert's Land."

The Dioceses named have been organized by the appointment of Bishops and their consecration in England, and are now known as the Bishoprics of Moosonee, Saskatchewan, and Athabasca.

In accordance with the third clause of the Canon, I have convened a meeting of the Provincial Synod to be held here on August 3rd. This was the earliest day on which the Bishop of Athabasca could have any hope of being present and as late as would allow him to hasten back to his Diocese before winter set in.

I also in accordance with the same clause called a meeting of the Committee, consisting of Bishops and Clerical and Lay Delegates that had been empowered to arrange the way in which the Clerical and Lay Delegates of each Diocese should be appointed.