
BILL.

An Act to explain and amend the Act intituled "An Act to enable the Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada to meet in Synod."

WHEREAS doubts exist whether in the Act passed in the Session Preamble. held in the nineteenth and twentieth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to enable the Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada, to meet in Synod," sufficient provision is made for the representation of the Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Synods by the said Act authorized to be held, and it is expedient that such doubts should be removed: therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

- 10 I. For all the purposes of the aforesaid Act, the Laity shall meet by representation ; and that, until it shall be otherwise determined by the Synod in each Diocese, one or more delegates (not exceeding three in any case,) may be elected at the annual Easter meetings in each parish, or at meetings to be specially called for the purpose by each clergyman having a
15 separate cure of souls ; and all laymen within the cure, of the full age of twenty-one years, who shall declare themselves, in writing, at such meetings, to be " members of the United Church of England and Ireland, and to
20 belong to no other religious denomination." shall have the right of voting at such election. Each delegate shall receive from the chairman of the meeting a certificate of his election, which he shall produce, when called upon so to do, at the Synod ; and the first meeting of such Synod shall be called by the Bishop of the Diocese at such time and place as he shall think fit. Provided always, that no business shall be transacted by the Synod of
any Diocese unless at least one fourth of the Clergy of such Diocese shall
25 be present, and at least one-fourth of the congregations within the same be represented by at least one delegate.

Lay delegates to be chosen at annual Easter meetings, or at special meetings called by the Clergyman in each parish or cure.

Pro viso.

II. All proceedings heretofore had in any Diocese under the aforesaid Act, which have been conformable to the provisions of this Act, shall be held to be valid, as if the same had taken place after the passing of this Act.

Proceedings heretofore had in conformity with this Act legalized.