

other Dioceses of Canada. The effect of this might be to change the Metropolitan See on each new election.

The adoption of either of the above suggestions is necessary, for should the privilege of appointing the Metropolitan be taken from the Church, the members of the Church in the Diocese of Huron, will feel that they have been unjustly treated by being deprived of a right conferred upon them by an Act of Parliament, without any reference to their opinion or wishes on the subject. They thankfully receive the appointment of the present Metropolitan, and they have no objection to Montreal as the Metropolitan See, but they think that if Montreal has the high honor conferred upon it of being the first See in Canada, justice towards the Church at large requires that the Bishop of that See, who is to preside over all the Bishops in Canada, should be chosen by the Synod of the entire Church.

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This memorandum was referred to a committee which reported to the effect, that the Diocese was not willing to relinquish its right of electing its own Bishop; that the power of appointing a Metropolitan being indisputably vested in the Crown, no opinion could be expressed as to the delegation of that power to the Provincial Synod; and finally, that in the selection of Montreal no injustice had been done to the other Dioceses.

The organization of the Church in Canada being then complete, the first Provincial Synod was held at Montreal in September, 1861. An address of thanks was passed to Her Majesty for having complied with the memorials of the Diocesan Synods, praying for the appointment of a Metropolitan. The patent, however, as before stated, contained errors in the preamble which compelled its being drawn up anew, and a draft of a new patent, which had been sent out by the law officers of the Crown, was submitted to that Synod for debate and criticism.

A committee was thereupon appointed to examine and report upon the draft of the proposed new patent. It reported as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Committee on the Constitution, and Patent of the Metropolitan beg leave to present this their second report.

The Committee met on Wednesday evening in the Chapter House