

to an amendment not being admissible, his suggestion was embodied in the amendment of the Very Rev. the Dean.

Mr. Carter said the object of the report was to reconcile the conflicting interests of the rights of the Diocese by letters patent to have the Metropolitan See established here with claims of the Provincial Synod. The Diocese of Montreal, if the amendment (as originally purposed) of the Dean is adopted, will simply delegate to the Provincial Synod the right of electing its own Bishop, a right which is exercised by every diocese. The right of election was one which could not be delegated.

Hon. Justice McCord said if the word "shall" is left in the report, the Diocese gave up the right and power to elect.

Mr. Chamberlin said there was a misconception in the minds of the members of the Synod in relation to the anticipated difficulty in electing the Metropolitan. The house of Bishops and the Diocesan Synod would be in session at the same time and in the same place when the names of the persons nominated by the Bishops could at once be laid before the Diocesan Synod, and the election could be continued from day to day. He concurred in Mr. Carter's views of the matter, that limitation imposed on the Diocese of Montreal was subversive of the right to elect their own Bishop.

The vote of the Synod was taken on the Dean's amendment, as modified, and it was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Bancroft's amendments to substitute "the Provincial Synod" for the House of Bishops, was considered.

Mr. Carter said the voice of the laity in the nomination which Dr. Bancroft desired to retain was of no importance to any laity except those of this Diocese, and they still had the privilege of exercising their right of electing their Bishop, let the nominations come from what quarter they might. The nominations should be made by the highest dignities in the Church, as they are conversant with the affairs of the Province.

Dr. Bancroft still adhered to his opinion on the subject, and to the principle of permitting the laity to have a voice in this as in all other matters.

The amendment of Dr. Bancroft was lost.

The report was then adopted as amended.

The Synod then rose until two o'clock.

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*(From the Synod Report.)*

On its reassembling, it was moved by the Dean of Montreal, seconded by Archdeacon Scott, and carried, that the following