

CONSOLIDATION.

I have already stated in my address to the Synods of 1890 and 1891 my reasons for dissenting from the proposal of the Winnipeg Conference to establish a General Synod for the whole Dominion.

During the past year the subject has been formally discussed in various Diocesan Synods and in addresses of the Bishops. Some have expressed entire disapproval, of those not rejecting the idea altogether, with apparently a single exception, not one Diocese, Committee or Bishop has given an unqualified assent. Most of them offer some objection or alternative, which would virtually nullify the scheme. The point causing most anxiety has reference to Provincial Synods. One Diocese will have nothing to do with the proposal if Provincial Synods are continued. Two other Dioceses through their Bishops will have nothing to do with a General Synod if Provincial Synods are not continued.

It appears to be allowed by almost all that the present efficiency of Provincial Synods would be seriously impaired, if not destroyed, by the establishment of a General Synod, and hence it seems that the well meant proposal, intended for the consolidation of the Church would not make for peace and unification, but rather be a cause of division and weakness. Many individuals, perhaps large portions of the Church, which is now happily and really one, would, it is almost certain, judging from the views earnestly expressed, feel obliged to stand apart from their brethren rather than sacrifice the ancient discipline so practical and efficient for present needs, the strength and vitality of Provincial organization, which our branch of the Holy Catholic Church has inherited without a break from Apostolic times.

May it not be said, "Better leave well alone?"

May God of His Mercy, by the Holy Ghost, enable us to approach all subjects requiring consideration and decision with an impartial disposition blessed only with the desire to do what is most desirable to His Will, in loyalty to the principles of His Church, for the salvation of souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Guild of St. Saviour's Church had a successful and very pleasurable picnic at the Gorge on Dominion Day.

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A Confirmation service was held in St. John's Church, Victoria, on June 5th, Sunday afternoon. There were 20 candidates, 6 males and 14 females. An interested congregation completely filled the church.