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## Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

#### THE CLERICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE NIAGARA RURAL DEANERY.

The clergy of the Niagara Rural Deanery are reminded that the next meeting of the Clerical Association will take place at Drummondville, on Tuesday, Sept. 30th, prox. Those of the clergy who intend to be present are requested to intimate their intention to the rector, one week previous to the day of meeting.

Chapter 1 Tim. vi.

Subject.—Ordination of Priests.

Litany and Holy Communion at 9 a.m., evening service, and Church Society meeting, at 7 p.m.

CHAS. LEYCESTER INGLES,  
*Secretary.*

Drummondville, Sept. 3rd, 1862.

#### COLLECTIONS TO SEPTEMBER 3TH, 1862.

##### MISSION FUND.

Previously announced.....	\$507.76
Ascension Church, Hamilton.....	\$13.25
Mr. Powis, donation.....	1.00
Per Rev. J. Hebden.....	14.25
St. Peter's, Cobourg.....	40.93
Stile's Church.....	3.20
Bourne's school-house.....	1.87
Per Ven. Archdeacon of Toronto.....	46.00
St. John's, Bowmanville.....	3.00
Columbus.....	3.85
Greenwood.....	1.60
Duffin's Creek.....	2.45
	7.90

118 collections, amounting to..... \$578.91

#### PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

*(From the Montreal Gazette.)*

A Session of the Provincial Synod of the Church of England in Canada, convened by the Metropolitan, commenced on Sep. 10. In the morning a choral or intoned service was held at Christ Church Cathedral. The Rev. Canon Leach, D. C. L., read the first lesson, and the Rev. Canon Bancroft, D. D., the second. The Venerable Archdeacon Bethune, of the Diocese of York, preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon from 1 Kings, chap. 19, verse 44.—“And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, go up, say unto Ahab, prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.”

The Holy Communion was administered to the members of the Synod.

At three o'clock in the afternoon the clerical and lay delegates assembled in the Synod room, to proceed with the business of the annual meeting. His Lordship the Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan, who presided, constituted the Synod with prayer. S. Bethune, Esq., His Lordship's Chancellor, now read, as amended, the Letters Patent appointing Bishop Fulford Metropolitan of Canada.

His Lordship proceeded to deliver the following address, which was applauded at the conclusion:—

*Right Reverend and Reverend Brethren, and Brethren of the Laity.*—It has been necessary for us to meet again in Provincial Synod at this early period in order to complete the work of our organization, which was auspiciously commenced last year, and for doing which we now, I believe, possess all the powers we asked for or required. The amended patent issued by Her Majesty for my appointment, as Metropolitan of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Province of Canada, which has just been read to you by my Chancellor, contains all those clauses and gives us all those powers respecting which we addressed Her Majesty in the memorial agreed to at our last meeting. The two principal subjects, which we shall have now to consider, will be with reference to the future succession to the office of Metropolitan, and the establishment of a Provincial Court of Appeal; and it was the necessity generally felt for an early settlement of these very important questions, that caused me to issue notices for this special meeting of the Synod. Whatever plans may be proposed for our adoption, will, I trust, receive the calm and careful consideration of the Synod; and I earnestly pray that we may be led by the Spirit of God, whose aid we have invoked on our proceedings, to adopt such measures as shall be most conducive to the well-being of the church, and the spread of true religion and piety. Besides the amended Patent, I have also received a copy of a despatch from His Grace the Duke of Newcastle to His Excellency Viscount Monck, on the subject of the future elections of Bishops in Canada. As in the civil polity of this Province, so also in our Ecclesiastical organization, there is much care and discretion required in order to arrange the relation to, and connection with the Crown and Imperial authorities, when we are passing through great changes, and beginning to exercise, under our Provincial Statutes, which have received the sanction of the Crown, those powers of self-government and internal regulation of our affairs, which have been so freely conceded to us. And in order to prevent any delay in future in carrying into execution the arrangements for filling a vacancy in any See, and, while still keeping up a connection with the Crown, and recognition of the supreme authority of the Sovereign, to prevent any conflict between the royal Letters Patent as heretofore issued, and the provisions of our Synod Acts, His Grace has recommended, acting under the advice of the Law Officers of the Crown, that the following mode of proceeding

in case of the Elections to any Canadian Bishopric be in futuro adopted:—

“1. Petition from the electors, which, after reciting the creation and vacancy of the Diocese, the passing of the Canadian Act, and of the regulations made under that act which empower them to elect a Bishop, and the actual election in accordance with these regulations; should request the Crown to assent to that election, and to take steps for giving effect to it.

“2. Letters Patent reciting the petition—assenting to the election—directing the Metropolitan or other competent authority to confirm and consecrate.

“3. Confirmation and consecration.

“4. Signification of the same to Her Majesty.”

After consulting, as desired by His Grace, with the other Bishops and our law advisers, we are of opinion that the scheme proposed will meet the necessities of our present position in Canada, and obviate any conflict of authorities in futuro.

There was no unfinished business standing over from the last Synod to be brought before you at this session, but there are one or two points, arising out of our proceedings on that occasion, to which I wish briefly to draw your attention.

I. At our last meeting a resolution was passed by the Lower House, “requesting the Bishops of the Upper House to take the necessary measures for procuring such a selection of metrical psalms and hymns as may be suitable for general use in the congregations of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Metropolitan Province of Canada.”

In regard to this I have to state, after consulting with my brother prelates, that we are not at present prepared to recommend any particular selection for our general use in this Province. For myself I most fully concur in the desire thus expressed, that, with our “Book of Common Prayer,” we should also have a “Common Selection of Psalms and Hymns,” for use in all our churches. But, I think, while the multiplication of such selections now in use testifies to a general feeling of some such want, it seems, at the same time, as if it were considered no very difficult matter to make provision to meet it. But we should recollect that, while very many of these selections, which no doubt all contain much that is good, may often be used with advantage, yet that it is placing them upon a very different footing if they are to receive the solemn sanction of the Church, and be permanently incorporated by her, as an authorized part of “The Book of Common Prayer.” We all know the care and attention that was bestowed on that compilation before it received the sanction of the Church,—and the wisdom, experience and piety that were employed in arranging, composing and revising it. Something of the same kind seems to be required, if we hope to have such a Selection of Hymns as the Church ought to consent formally to adopt. It is but recently that much serious thought has been given to the study of hymnology amongst us in Canada, or