

THE REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND,

CALLED BY THE BISHOP AND HELD ON THE 10TH JUNE, 1875.

The Synod was opened on Wednesday, June 10th, by the celebration of Divine Service in St. John's Cathedral.

After prayers the Synod met in the Cathedral.

The Bishop delivered the following Address :

Reverend Brethren and Brethren of the Laity,—

We meet as a Synod to-day under new circumstances. The last Diocesan Synod of Rupert's Land represented the whole of Rupert's Land and the North-West Territories though, from the distance of the Clergy and the difficulty of communication, the representation was but nominal. But at that Synod a Sanction was given, by the adoption of the following Canon, to arrangements I had made when in England :

CANON.

“Whereas the Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land has given his consent to the division of the present Diocese of Rupert's Land into four Dioceses, and the arrangements seem to be progressing satisfactorily to that end, and whereas it is necessary for the well-being of the Church in Rupert's Land, that the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of these Dioceses should be able to meet and provide for the government and administration of the Church in the same, and whereas it appears that in any colony where there is a Local Legislature, action can only be taken in such a matter by the Church of that colony itself, the Synod of Rupert's Land hereby adopts the following Canon for the organization of the Church in Rupert's Land :—

“The present Diocese of Rupert's Land shall for the present be divided into four Dioceses as follows :

“1. The Diocese of Rupert's Land to consist of the Province of Manitoba, with the Districts of Cumberland, except the sub-District of Fort La-Corne, Swan River, Norway House, and Lac la-Pluie.