

majority of the Clerical assessors) sentence shall then be pronounced by the Bishop.

VI. If the party accused shall not appear on the day appointed for the trial, after having received the notice thereof, the cause may nevertheless be heard and determined, as if he were present, unless there shall appear to be sufficient cause for deferring proceedings to a future day.

VII. Advocates shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are Clergymen resident in the Diocese, or Laymen who declare themselves to be members of the Church of England and to belong to no other Communion.

VIII. All proceedings under these regulations must be commenced within one year from the date of the alleged offence.

IX. Until further order be taken, all appeals from the judgment of this Synod shall be to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

When the See is vacant, the Archdeacon of Nova Scotia, or, in case of his absence or incapacity, the senior Presbyter of the Diocese, being a member of the Synod, shall, within a fortnight after the occurrence of such vacancy, summon a meeting of the Synod, to be held in not less than thirty days, to elect a successor to the See; at which meeting the said Archdeacon, or in his absence the Archdeacon of Prince Edward Island, and in the absence of both, the senior Presbyter present shall preside; and it shall be the duty of such Archdeacon or Presbyter to forward as early as possible the name of the Bishop elect, to the proper authorities. And at such meeting of the Synod no other business shall be transacted.

In the election of a Bishop, the Clergy and Laity shall vote separately by ballot. A majority of votes in each order shall determine the choice, provided that two-thirds of the Clergy entitled to vote are present, and two-thirds of all the Lay-Representatives, otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

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