

would probably be drawn up personally to himself. The following memorandum from the Bishop of Huron was then read :—

MEMORANDUM FROM THE LORD BISHOP OF HURON.

The Synod of the Diocese of Huron did not join with the other Dioceses in Canada, in petitioning the Queen to appoint a Metropolitan, and the reasons which influenced them were communicated to His Excellency the Governor General, before the petitions from the other Dioceses were forwarded to England.

As the appointment has now been made, and the Diocese of Huron has, without its concurrence been placed under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Montreal, as the Metropolitan of Canada, the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Huron, beg most respectfully to state, that in their opinion, the measure as it now stands, is likely to be productive of much dissatisfaction, and may have the effect of preventing the cordial co-operation of the Diocese of Huron in the measures adopted by the Provincial Synod.

Under the Synod law, each Diocese has now the power to elect its own Bishop, and whenever a vacancy shall occur in the Diocese of Montreal, the Clergy and Laity of that Diocese will exercise that power, and as Montreal is appointed the Metropolitan See, the Bishop thus elected will *ipso facto*, be the Metropolitan of Canada. Thus the election of the Metropolitan for the Church of England in Canada, will actually be placed in the Diocese of Montreal. Such a measure is manifestly most unjust towards the other Dioceses.

By the Synod law, the power is conferred upon the Church in Canada, to make regulations "for the appointment, deposition, deprivation, or removal of any person bearing office therein, of whatever order or degree, any rights of the crown to the contrary, notwithstanding." Should the present measure remain as it is, and the Bishop of Montreal, elected by the Synod of that Diocese, be the Metropolitan, this power would be forever taken from the Church, so far as the appointment of the Metropolitan is concerned.

The Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Diocese of Huron would therefore suggest, that if Montreal is to be the Metropolitan See for ever, the Bishop of that Diocese whenever a vacancy occurs shall be elected *by the Provincial Synod*. But should the Diocese of Montreal, decline to relinquish the right to elect their own Bishop, conferred upon them by the Synod law, then the Metropolitan shall be chosen by the Provincial Synod, from amongst the Bishops of the United Church of England and Ireland, in Canada, and the Diocese of Montreal shall elect its own Bishop in the same manner as the