

which of late years has existed, and involve the possibility of serious hazard to the Church.

I am, my Lord Bishop,

Your Lordship's most obed't servant,

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Lay Delegate for the Parish of St. Mark, St. John, N. B.

TO THE MOST REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF FREDERICTON,  
Metropolitan of Canada.

### PRESENT CANON.

ADOPTED 7TH JULY, 1871.

Whereas it is desirable to provide for the succession of the Episcopate in the Diocese of Fredericton, and whereas in accordance with the ancient usages of the Church, the election should be made by the Synod of the Diocese, the form of election shall be as follows:—

1. The Archdeacon, or if there be no Archdeacon, the Commissary of the late Bishop, or if there be no Archdeacon or Commissary, or if they shall refuse, or shall neglect for thirty days or more after a vacancy in the See shall have occurred to act, then any three Rural Deans in Priest's orders within the Diocese for the time being, shall summon a special meeting of the Diocesan Synod for the election of a Bishop, to be held not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after such vacancy shall have occurred, at which meeting no other business but such election shall be proceeded with.

2. The person who shall be chosen by the votes, taken by ballot, of at least two-thirds of the clergy and two-thirds of the lay delegates present at such meeting, or some adjournment thereof, shall be deemed elected to the office of Bishop of this Diocese. And this election shall

### PROPOSED CANON

FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF A BISHOP COADJUTOR.

1. Whenever at the request of the Bishop of the Diocese, or—if the Bishop should be mentally incapacitated—then whenever without such request the Synod shall by resolution declare it to be advisable that a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese should be appointed, the election of such Coadjutor shall, either at the meeting of the Synod at which such resolution shall be passed, or at a special meeting to be called for that purpose, be proceeded with in the manner hereinafter provided.

2. The Bishop shall submit to the Synod the name or names of one or more persons in Holy Orders in the Church of England and Ireland in Canada, or in some Church in full communion therewith, for election as such Bishop Coadjutor.

3. Upon such nomination being made by the Bishop, the Synod shall proceed to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor.

4. Such election shall be by ballot, and the votes of at least two-thirds of the Clergy, and two-thirds of the Lay delegates present, shall be required to elect such a Coadjutor.

5. Should the Synod fail to elect