

Diocese, may have to be considered and held to be the Metropolitan See of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, and to all right, claim or title which the Bishop of the Diocese of Montreal may have to be considered and held to be Metropolitan Bishop of such Province.

2.—That the Canon presently in force for the election of a Bishop for the Diocese of Montreal be, and the same is, hereby repealed.

3.—That whenever a vacancy shall occur in the See of Montreal, the Bishop shall be elected as follows:—The Clergy and Laity shall vote separately by ballot,—the Clergy by individuals, and the Laity by Parishes or Cures. A majority of votes in each order shall determine the choice; provided that two-thirds of the Clergy entitled to vote be present, and two-thirds of all the Parishes or Cures entitled to vote be also represented, otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

STRACHAN BETHUNE,

Lay Delegate.

Montreal, 3rd May, 1869.

Mr. Bethune rose to ask leave of the Synod for this motion to be withdrawn, which was granted.

It appears from the date of this notice that it has stood over since 1869. That it was not intended to be allowed quietly to go to sleep is evident. But it is a matter for congratulation that it is withdrawn, however reluctantly.

III.

The following letter, entitled "The Bishopric of Montreal and the Office of Metropolitan," appeared in the *Montreal Gazette* on the morning of the 20th June, the day before the meeting of Synod:—

THE BISHOPRIC OF MONTREAL AND THE OFFICE OF METROPOLITAN.

To the Editor of the Gazette:

SIR,—I venture to trouble you with a few remarks on this subject, in consequence of notice of a motion to be brought forward by Mr. S. Bethune at the approaching Synod. I am but an humble and obscure clergyman, but yet one connected with the Synod from the first, and having had at all times a very deep interest in the settlement of the Episcopal office upon a sound