

Rupert's Land, the Bishop. Very Rev. Dean Grisdale; Toronto, Rev. Canon Body (convener), Rev. Dr. Langtry; Calgary, Rev. Dr. Cooper.

On an appellate tribunal—Algoma, the Bishop; Fredericton, Mr. Justice Hanington; Huron, Mr. Matthew Wilson; Montreal, Mr. Strachan Bethune, Dr. Davidson; Niagara, Judge Senkler; Nova Scotia, Mr. Justice Ritchie; Ontario, the Bishop (convener), Judge McDonald, Dr. R. T. Walkem; Quebec, Mr. James Dunbar, Q.C.; Rupert's Land, Very Rev. Dean Grisdale (convener); Saskatchewan, the Bishop; Calgary, Mr. Justice MacLeod; Toronto, Mr. J. A. Worrell, Mr. N. W. Hoyles.

On finance—Columbia, Dr. Praeger; Fredericton, Mr. George A. Schofield; Huron, Mr. Matthew Wilson; Moosonee, Mr. A. F. Eden; Montreal, Dr. L. H. Davidson; New Westminster, Mr. W. M. Gray; Niagara, Mr. John Hoodless; Nova Scotia, Mr. J. G. Foster; Ontario, Mr. R. V. Rogers; Quebec, Dr. Heneker; Rupert's Land, Mr. H. S. Crotty; Toronto, Hon. G. W. Allan (convener).

On transfer of clergy from one diocese to another—Algoma, Rev. Rural Dean Liwyd; Columbia, the Bishop; Fredericton, Rev. J. de Soyres; Huron, Ven. Archdeacon Marsh; Montreal, the Bishop, Ven. Archdeacon Evans; New Westminster, the Bishop; Niagara, Rev. Canon Sutherland; Nova Scotia, the Bishop; Ontario, the Bishop (convener); Qu'Appelle, Rev. J. P. Sargent; Quebec, Ven. Archdeacon Roe; Rupert's Land, Rev. Canon Pentreath (convener); Saskatchewan, the Bishop; Toronto, Ven. Archdeacon Allen.

Your committee would recommend that each committee be divided into two sections, eastern and western, the latter embracing the dioceses in the province of Rupert's Land and in British Columbia; and the eastern the province of Canada; which committees would deliberate separately and communicate their proceedings the one to the other.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on the Constitution as amended was also adopted.

Rev. Provost Body's resolution referring the solemn declaration to the house of bishops in order to more clearly and accurately express its sense, was put and agreed to, the Bishop of Toronto stating that the upper house would be quite ready to receive any suggestions that the lower house desired to make.

Bishop Sillitoe suggested that in addition to the thanksgiving service there should be a celebration of the Holy Communion this morning, as their great eucharist for the work they had been permitted to do. It was decided that Holy Communion should be celebrated in the College chapel at 9.30, the whole of the members of the general synod attending.

The bishops then withdrew to convene as a separate house, being greeted with applause as they left the convocation hall.

Very Rev. Dean Grisdale then took the chair and said: It is my pleasant duty to nominate a gentleman for the position of permanent chairman of this august assembly, whose ability no one in this room will dare to question. I had personal proof of his ability to preside over this deliberative body last year in Montreal, and I think for many reasons it is desirable the permanent chairman should be resident, at least for this occasion, in the old ecclesiastical province of Canada. It is the oldest province. It will be the field where most of the duty will be performed, and I have the greatest possible pleasure in submitting for your approval the name of the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal as chairman.

Rev. Provost Body—After the gracious way in which Dean Grisdale has proposed this resolution, any difficulty I may have had in the matter is entirely removed. I have the greatest possible pleasure in seconding the motion which has just been made, and I am sure many remember the most difficult circumstances under which the business of our last provincial synod was conducted, and the admirable way in which Dean Carmichael performed the duties of prolocutor of the synod.

Dean Grisdale—I hope you will make this a unanimous standing vote in order to assure the president of our future sympathy and co-operation with him in his most difficult duties.

The resolution was then carried unanimously by a standing vote amidst much applause.

In reply Rev. Dean Carmichael said: Brethren of the Clergy, Brethren of the Laity,—I need scarcely say that I feel in my heart the high honour that you have conferred upon me, and I especially feel the kind and brotherly words which have fallen from my brother from the far west, spoken so sincerely. I would only say to you what I believe—as well as I remember—I said when appointed prolocutor of the provincial synod: That the duties of a chairman or president are bound by certain rules, and that, God helping me, I will enforce those rules to the very letter. And I hope and trust that every clergyman and layman in this room will stand at my back in enforcing them.

At the suggestion of Dr. Davidson, the prolocutor was then conducted to the upper house by Very Rev.

Dean Grisdale and Rev. Canon Provost, and introduced as the chairman of the lower house.

On returning Dean Grisdale said: I have to announce that their lordships were graciously pleased to approve of our selection of president, and they in the most cordial terms promised him all the support they could give to him in his arduous office.

The prolocutor then nominated Very Rev. Dean Grisdale as deputy chairman, which office was accepted.

The following other officers were then elected:

Clerical secretary—Rev. Canon Spencer.

Lay secretary—Mr. J. A. Worrell, Q.C.

Treasurer—Mr. N. W. Hoyles, Q.C.

Auditors—Mr. A. H. Campbell and Judge MacDonald.

The synod then adjourned until 10 o'clock next morning.

TUESDAY.—At 9.30 this morning Holy Communion was celebrated in the college chapel as a further evidence of thankfulness at the consolidation of the Church, which was attended by the most of the members of the synod. In consequence of this the lower house did not convene until 10.30. At that hour the prolocutor, Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, of Montreal, took the chair and offered prayers.

At the suggestion of the prolocutor, Hon. Justice Hanington and Dr. L. H. Davidson were appointed assessors to the synod. Their duties will be to decide upon all legal points.

On the motion of Dr. Praeger, a committee, consisting of Rev. Canon Pentreath, Mr. A. H. Campbell, Rev. Canon Dumoulin, Mr. N. W. Hoyles and the mover, was appointed to consider ways and means for the payment of the expenses of delegates to the synod.

Mr. C. Jenkins gave notice of the following motion:

"That the upper house be respectfully requested to consider the advisability of issuing a pastoral to the Anglican communion in the Dominion of Canada at this most important epoch in the history of the Church in Canada, the lower house being of opinion that the setting forth to the membership of the Church by the house of bishops of the great importance of this movement and the duties and responsibilities of the members that it emphasizes, is a matter of the highest importance."

Rev. John Pearson, secretary to the upper house, conveyed an intimation to the lower house that the bishops were about to wait upon it. Shortly afterwards the bishops entered, with the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land walking singly in the rear. His lordship took the chair and addressing the house, said: Rev. brethren, brethren of the laity, I desire the secretary to announce a message to your house.

Rev. John Pearson then read the following announcement:

"The president of the general synod begs to inform the prolocutor that under the constitution on the motion of the Most Rev. the Metropolitan of Canada, the Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land was unanimously elected the primate."

The Primate then said: Rev. brethren and brethren of the laity, I have only to express the hope that with God's grace I may be enabled to faithfully and efficiently fulfil the duties of the high office to which in God's providence I have been called. I have to announce another message from the upper house.

Rev. John Pearson then made the following statement:

"The president of the general synod begs to communicate to the prolocutor of the lower house the following message received from His Excellency the Governor-General: "

Quebec, Sept. 18.

To the Bishop of Ontario, General Synod.

"The Governor-General has received with sincere thanks the message from the general synod of the Church of England in Canada, conveying the cordial and gratifying greetings which are much appreciated by himself and Lady Aberdeen, and they beg to reciprocate to the assembled bishops the thoughtful good wishes which have thus been expressed."

"ABERDEEN."

The Primate observed—There is still another message which I have to direct the secretary to announce to you, and which the bishops would be very glad if you could concur in.

Rev. John Pearson then announced:

"The president of the general synod begs to inform the prolocutor that, the lower house concurring, this synod directs that the metropolitan of each province now in existence, or as hereafter created, shall be designated archbishop of his see, as well as metropolitan of his province."

The Prolocutor then said: My lords—On behalf of the clergy and laity of the lower house I would wish to express the deep sense of thankfulness to Almighty God for the announcement which your lordships, I am sure under God's guidance, have made to this house. In the elevation of Your Lordship of Rupert's Land to the highest position that this Church can give, we can all bow in gratitude to God that one weighed down, I might almost say, with

apostolic labors, is chosen our leader. God grant that, having such a leader, grace may be given to the Church to follow. The grateful message which we have also received with respect to His Lordship of Ontario, I am sure will cause the hearty expression from this house that God's good blessing may be with him—with body as well as soul, for Jesus Christ's sake. (The bishops: Amen.)

The minutes of the joint meeting on the previous day were then read and confirmed.

The report of the joint committee on nominating standing committees, presented by the Bishop of Toronto, was then considered and a number of changes made in the personnel.

On the Missionary Work Committee, Mr. W. Myers Gray was substituted for Dr. Praeger, Mr. N. W. Hoyles, Q.C., for Mr. A. H. Campbell, and Rev. Principal Millar's name was added. On educational work Dr. Praeger was substituted for Mr. W. Myers Gray, and the Bishop of Saskatchewan and Rev. Dr. John Langtry were added. On inter-diocesan and provincial relations in respect to beneficiary funds, Mr. A. H. Campbell was substituted for Mr. N. W. Hoyles, Q.C., and Mr. W. Myers Gray for Rev. H. G. F. Clinton. On education and training for holy orders, Rev. H. G. F. Clinton was added. On finance, Mr. Archdale Wilson was added.

Rev. Canon O'Meara suggested that it was advisable for the eastern and western sections of committees to hold a conference to outline a policy.

The closing clause relating to this division of committees into two sections, eastern and western, was adopted.

The bishops then withdrew.

Judge McDonald moved, seconded by Rev. E. M. Bland, that this house concur in the third message of their lordships referring to styling the president of the general synod "archbishop." The motion was adopted.

On the motion of Dr. Davidson, the house considered the permanent order of proceedings. Their labors on this portion took them beyond the luncheon hour, and were largely routine, brightened now and then by flashes. It was only after considerable discussion that it was decided whether the bishops and clergy should "proceed," "move," "go," "march," or "proceed in procession" to divine service. And the last was adopted. Some time was spent in defining who should convoke the synod in case of inability on the part of the president. This was covered by the word "deputy," it being left to their lordships to arrange for his appointment.

But it was in the discussion of Dr. R. T. Walkem's motion, relating to the method of proroguing the lower house, that the representatives found a very fruitful theme for discussion.

Rev. Dr. Langtry felt that the general synod should deal with practical details. It did not come together merely to make a constitution and hang it up to rust. What they wanted was deliberation and discussion, if it took a month. No private business should interfere with these. Hence, there was necessity for laying down a rule on prorogation.

An animated discussion on the subject was in progress when the house rose for luncheon at 1 o'clock.

(To be Continued.)

Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—A meeting of the vestry of St. George's Church, of more than usual interest in ecclesiastical circles, was held last Monday night to decide the question as to whether or not the choir should be robed in surplices. It was the old, old question of ritualism or alleged ritualism against simplicity in church service. A strong party in St. George's Church had been for years advocating the introduction of surplices. A large and influential party opposed the innovation with equal determination. At the Easter vestry meeting it was decided to refer the matter to the congregation as a whole. The Very Rev. Dean Carmichael therefore prepared a form of plebiscite, a ballot asking each member of the congregation to state definitely of three things: whether he favoured surplices, whether he was opposed to surplices, or whether he was indifferent. The result of this balloting was not made known until Monday night's meeting. Dean Carmichael then announced that the plebiscite showed a large number of indifferents, and exclusive of these a majority of fifty out of about two hundred and fifty electors in favour of surplicing. The Dean, therefore, appealed fervently to the meeting to acquiesce in the view of the majority of the congregation, and he would see that no excess (in the direction of ritualism) was committed. But the sentiment expressed against the innovation was strong. A motion was introduced to the effect that the existing order of things should be maintained. It was declared