

of, inasmuch as there were certain eccentricities characterizing the late meeting of Synod, which somewhat reflect upon all who took part in it. The epithet "ritualist," however, has a precise meaning, and will lose its force if applied vaguely to all who happen to differ from the majority. There can be no question of ritual in the interpretation of a simple compact, and yet the cry "ritualist" once raised, it seems impossible to obtain a hearing on any subject whatever. Even a ritualist might hold sound views on a purely constitutional question.

It may be that it is best for the Diocese that the city of Montreal should cease to be the seat of the Metropolitan See. Our city has ceased to be the political capital of the country; it may cease to be the ecclesiastical centre of our Church system. If it be found reasonable, after due debate, that such should be the case, let it be so; but any present inconvenience is preferable to violent and hasty remedies, which only sow the wind to reap in after years the whirlwind of passion and disorder.