

The PATRONAGE OF THE RECTORIES in this Diocese is by an Act of the Legislature (14 & 15 Vic : c. 175) and by recent act of Parliament now vested in the Synod.

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At a general meeting, held on 5th October, 1852, it was resolved :—

*Resolved*,—That, in accordance with the terms of an Act passed, 14 & 15 Vict., c. 173, respecting the patronage of certain Rectories, established by letters patent in Canada, on a vacancy in any Rectory so established in the Diocese of Montreal, the Churchwardens of the Parish Church, having received notice of such vacancy from the Lord Bishop, shall proceed to summon a meeting of the Vestry, as constituted under the Church Temporalities Act, (notice of such intended meeting having been affixed to the door of the Church on two previous Sundays,) for the purpose of choosing two or more Clergymen, in priests' Orders, whose names shall be forthwith returned to the Bishop, in order that his Lordship may, if they shall be found otherwise canonically qualified, select one of them for institution to the said Rectory; and no informality in the manner of choosing such Clergymen by the Vestry, shall invalidate the institution, unless notice in writing shall have been sent to the Bishop, or his Commissary, within twenty-one days from the date of the nomination. But if no such nomination shall be made by the vestry, and returned to the Bishop, or his Commissary, within three calendar months from the date of notice of the vacancy sent to the Church-wardens, then the right of presenting an Incumbent or Minister to the said vacant Rectory, shall rest absolutely with the Bishop.

No public meeting was held in January. The Metropolitan and Central Board, deeming it expedient under existing circumstances to postpone the Public meeting until June.

The annual business meeting was held in the Cathedral School Room Tuesday 21st.