

Mr. Lawrason, Rev. Mr. Roe, Mr. Irvine, and the House of Bishops added the names of the Bishops of Huron and Ontario.

In June of the following year (1863) the fifth Synod of this Diocese met. The Committee appointed, as before stated, by the Provincial Synod, met in Montreal at the same time, so as to confer with the Diocesan Synod, which appointed a Committee to meet them and settle the Metropolitan succession on an equitable basis. It will be observed that the Provincial Synod was now, by the amended patent, master of the situation. The matter came up in the following manner :—

The Dean of Montreal then read the following Report :

The Committee of this Synod appointed to confer with the Committee of the Provincial Synod upon the question of the succession to the office of Metropolitan, beg respectfully to report that they have attended a meeting of that Committee, at which the subject received mature consideration, when the following resolution was agreed to :—

Whereas, Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the City of Montreal to be the Metropolitan See of the Province of Canada, and the Bishop of Montreal to be the Metropolitan of the said Province; and whereas, it has been generally considered inexpedient that the Metropolitan should be elected by the Diocesan Synod of Montreal alone; and whereas, it has been decided by the Provincial Synod "that the Metropolitan See ought to be fixed in one city, and that the decision of Her Majesty the Queen in selecting Montreal as the Metropolitan See ought if possible to be maintained; and whereas, it is very undesirable and inconsistent with the constitution of our Synods that the Diocese of Montreal should have no voice in the election of its Bishops. Be it therefore recommended as the most just and feasible method of reconciling the claims of the Provincial Synod to have the choice of the Metropolitan with the claims of the Synod of Montreal to elect its own Bishops, that in case of a vacancy in the Diocese of Montreal the house of Bishops shall present one person to the Synod of Montreal, and that the person so nominated shall be subject to the approval or rejection of the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal, and in case of rejection another to be so nominated by the house of Bishops, and so on until a Bishop be chosen.

Rev. Wm. Anderson moved, seconded by Rev. J. C. Davidson that the report be received and adopted.

Rev. Canon Bancroft moved in amendment, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Bond, to strike out the words "House of Bishops" wherever it