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In conclusion I cannot refrain from expressing once again my thankfulness to you and through you to the members of this Diocese for the words of kindness and affection which so deeply touched my heart on taking leave of those whom God had committed to my care. They will ever refresh my spirit and I shall revert to them with constant gratification. I am your loving friend and brother.

(Signed,) A MONTREAL.

The Very Rev. the Dean then read a short address, in which he very forcibly protested against the proposed reduction in the missionaries' stipends.

The Reports of Committees, and of the Treasurer and Auditors were next presented.

Mr. Wolferstan Thomas asked permission of the house to make a statement, and explained the steps taken with reference to the photographic album it had been decided to present to Bishop Oxenden. The album would contain photographs of all the clergy, and would be emblazoned with etchings of Canadian scenery. It was intended to make the testimonial purely Canadian in every respect.

The collection was, by unanimous consent, ordered to be devoted to the Mission Fund.

Rev. Geo. Allan gave notice that at the next meeting of the Synod, when the report of the Executive Committee is called up for consideration, he will move: That a committee composed of one clerical and one lay representative from each Deanery in the Diocese, together with the mover and seconder, be appointed to consider and report upon: (1.) A scheme to secure the payment from the Mission Fund of the full amount of the stipends of the clergy in any way dependent upon that Fund. (2.) A scheme for the more equitable and adequate payment of the clergy of the Diocese, so that length of service may be taken into account in determining their stipends. Such committee, if necessary, to have power to continue sitting after the adjournment of the Synod, and to report either to the next Synod or to a special meeting of the Synod.

The Rev. Mr. Allan suggested that the matter be left over for another session as he was not in a position to place the motion properly before the House. Agreed to.

Chancellor Bethune then moved, seconded by Mr. White, (1.) That the amendment to the Canon for the election of a Bishop, passed in the 16th session of this Synod, and printed on page 687 of the Journal of Synod of that session, be now confirmed, (2.) That the amendments to the Canon of Discipline, embodied in the report of the Committee on Canons, printed on page 988 of the Journal of the eighteenth session of this Synod, and adopted at such eighteenth session, be now confirmed.

The amendment provides that in case the House of Bishops fail or neglect to nominate names eligible for election as Bishop and Metropolitan, the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Montreal proceed to elect him in the usual manner.

After some discussion during which it was elicited that the Diocese did not compromise itself as regards its claim to be the Metropolitan See of the Province, the motion was carried unanimously.

The various reports presented having been adopted, it was resolved to continue for a further period of four years the annual grants to the Bishop of Algoma.

A motion to further subdivide the Parish of Montreal was carried, and a new parish formed, called the Parish of St. Matthias.

A committee was appointed to draft a resolution, recording the Synod's deep sense of the loss of the late Rev. Canon Bancroft, when the Synod adjourned to the following morning.

#### SECOND DAY.

Mr. Macrae, Q.C., gave notice of a motion that the question between the House of Bishops and the Diocesan Synod relative to the election of Bishops be referred to eminent counsel in England for their opinion. He thought such a course would obviate being compelled to argue the matter in Court, should it be carried thither by a writ of mandamus, and objected strongly to the scandal that might be raised by such a proceeding.

Mr. C. J. Brydges—Will Mr. Macrae say where we are going to get the money to pay for that course?

Mr. Macrae—Where will you get the money to contest it here?

Mr. Brydges—We do not intend to do that at all.

The Rev. Mr. Fulton called attention to the appeal to the Archbishop of Canterbury, left open by the letters-patent, and a valid course on such questions arising.

The Chair ruled further discussion of the subject irregular.

Mr. C. J. Brydges moved the reception of the report, and this having been agreed to, it was

Moved by Mr. C. J. Brydges, seconded by Mr. Thomas White, that the House adopt the report of the Executive Committee.

At the suggestion of the Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay the report was taken up, clause by clause, to be considered, as they were read from the chair.

The Synod having reassembled at 2.30 p.m., the President referred to Mr. Brydges' motion that the report of the Executive Committee be adopted having been considered clause by clause. In reply to a question, he stated that it was in order to move an amendment.

That portion of the report which deals with the Clergy Trust Fund having been reached, Mr. Brydges suggested that the Treasurer's report should be read. The President accordingly read that report.

The Treasurer's report having been read, the Rev. Canon Norman moved, seconded by Mr. Hannaford, That all the words in the following resolution, from "Mission Fund" to the end, be struck out, so as not to appear in the journal of the Synod. The following is the resolution referred to:—

"That the attention of the clergy receiving grants from the Clergy Trust Fund, and of their parishes, be drawn to the present state of the Mission Fund, in the hope that some means may be by them devised whereby the amount received from said Fund may be relinquished and be applied to the Mission Fund, as has already been done by Archdeacon Lindsay and the parish of Waterloo."

This resolution had been adopted by the Executive Committee and communicated to the clergymen interested.

After a long discussion, the amendment of Canon Norman was put and carried by a vote of 107 against 46.

#### THIRD DAY.

The Very Rev. Dean Bond opened the morning session with prayer and after the reading of minutes, and their confirmation, several notices of motion were handed in.

The chair announced the following names as members of the Executive Committee:—Clergy.—The Rev. J. P. Dumoulin; Very Rev. the Dean; Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay; Rev. R. Lindsay; Rev. Canon Baldwin; Rev. Canon Evans; Rev. S. Belcher; Rev. W. L. Mills; Rev. W. Henderson; Rev. Canon Du Vernet; Rev. Charles Bancroft; Rev. H. L. Evans; Rev. Canon Anderson; Rev. J. A. McLeod; Rev. P. DeGruchy. Laity.—Messrs. S. Bethune, F. W. Thomas, H. L. Robinson, James Hutton, Thomas White, S. E. Dawson, Charles Garth, R. W. Shepherd, W. W. Lynch, Thomas Simpson, L. H. Davidson, N. S. Whitney, Wm. Cooper, W. Salter, R. Evans.

Delegates to the Diocesan Court announced to have been elected as follows:—Very Rev. the Dean, Archdeacon Lindsay, Rev. R. Lindsay, Rev. J. P. Dumoulin, Rev. Canons Baldwin, Henderson, Anderson, Evans, and Du Vernet, Rev. James McLeod, Rev. W. Craig, Rev. Canon Norman, Rev. Charles Bancroft, Rev. W. L. Mills, Rev. W. M. Seaborn, Rev. F. Robinson.

#### DELEGATES TO PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

Clergy.—Rev. J. P. Dumoulin, Very Rev. Dean Bond, Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, Canon du Vernet, Canon Henderson, Samuel Belcher, W. L. Mills, Canon Evans, Canon Anderson, Rev. J. Empson. Substitutes.—Revs. J. A. McLeod, H. J. Evans, J. H. Dixon, Chas. Bancroft, Canon Bancroft, Canon R. W. Norman, W. M. Seaborn, J. Schultz, D.D. The two last named were equal, one to retire, and Mr. Seaborn was absent when the announcement was made.

Laity.—Messrs. S. Bethune, C. J. Brydges, T. White, S. E. Dawson, George Macrae, N. S. Whitney, Jas. Hutton, R. W. Shepherd, W. Cooper, Chas. Garth, A. F. Gault, Dr. W. Nelson. Substitutes.—T. Simpson, John Plimsoll, W. Salter, W. Drake, G. B. Baker and R. Evans.

It was moved by the Rev. Canon Johnson, "That the resolution on page 13 of the report of the executive committee which reads as follows be not concurred in:—That the attention of the clergy receiving grants from the Society for Propagation of the Gospel and of their Parishes be drawn to the present state of the mission fund in the hope that some means may be by them devised whereby the amount received from the said fund may be relinquished, and applied to the mission fund." Agreed.

A resolution by the Rev. Geo. Allan, seconded by Mr. Hannaford, to adopt the report of the executive committee and notify the Treasurer to make certain payments was ruled out of order.

Mr. Leo H. Davidson moved for an investigation into the expenses of the Synod, declaring the same to be excessive, and remarked that the cost of the session of Synod was some \$750.

It having been proved by the testimony of other speakers that the expenditure was only such as might reasonably have been expected, the motion was modified to the following: "That the resolution adopted by the executive committee at its meeting on May 8th, and embodied in the report on page 14 regarding financial expenses, be not concurred in, and that it be resolved that a committee be appointed to examine into the expense connected with the Synod Buildings, and report as to the best means of reducing the same—said committee to comprise the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal, the Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, Rev. Canon Du Vernet, Rev. R. Lindsay, W. B. Simpson, Thomas White, N. S. Whitney, Rev. J. Fulton and Leo Davidson (convenor).

The motion as modified was passed unanimously.

Moved by the Rev. R. Lindsay, seconded by the Rev. Canon Norman, "That this Synod desires to place on record its sense of the great loss which this Diocese and the Church at large have sustained by the death of the Rev. Canon Bancroft, D.D., who was for many years one of the most distinguished men of this body, and also to the family of the deceased its deep sympathy with their irreparable bereavement." Carried, the members rising to their feet in testimony of their high esteem for the deceased.

A motion was made by the Rev. Geo. Allan, and seconded by Dr. Nelson, "That a committee composed of one clerical and one lay representative from each deanery in the Diocese, together with the mover and seconder, be appointed to consider and report upon:—(1.) A scheme to secure the payment from the Mission Fund of the full amount of the stipends of the Clergy in any way dependent upon that Fund. (2.) A scheme for the more equitable and adequate payment of the Clergy of the Diocese, so that length of service may be taken into account in determining their stipends. "Such committee, if necessary, to have power to continue sitting after the adjournment of Synod, and to report either to the next Synod or to a special meeting of the Synod."

The Rev. Mr. Allan spoke at some length upon the motion, which was finally lost on a division.

It was then moved by the Rev. T. W. Musson, seconded by the Rev. J. B. Davidson, "That in article 2 of the constitution of this Synod the words 'of at least five years' standing' be expunged, and the following words be inserted: 'During the year preceding the election;' and that the form of certificate in article 5 be altered so as to be brought into accordance with this change, the words 'of one year's standing' being removed, and replaced by the words 'during the year preceding the election.'"

The Reverend mover explained that the motion was somewhat different from the form given in the notice, and the House granted that indulgence. He then spoke at some length in favor of uniformity of action by the different parishes, which was his principal aim in making the motion.

The motion, having been put, was adopted, subject under the rules, to concurrence at next meeting of Synod.

The Venerable Archdeacon Lindsay then