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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.



THE first attempt to procure a bishop for Nova Scotia in the place of the late Dr. Binney has proved a failure owing to the fact that the clergyman elected, Rev. Dr. Edgehill, chaplain general of the British army, declined to accept the position. It seems a pity that the reverend gentleman's decision could not have been given before the Synod dispersed. To allow a body of men assembled from all parts of two provinces, to disband or remain in session for a week pending a decision, in these days of telegraphic facilities for communication all over the world, seems at least unnecessary.

The Synod adopted the plan, if not new to Canada at least exceedingly rare, of nominating candidates. The usual plan in an Episcopal election is to allow no discussion whatever on a nomination, but simply, after the assembling of the Synod and a short address from the chairman, to proceed immediately to the ballot, it being open for each member of the Synod to write on his ballot the name of any clergyman he might think would make a good bishop. This certainly saves much useless and perhaps bitter discussion which would be much better kept out of such a solemn duty as an Episcopal election.

The vote stood: Dr. Edgehill, 70 clerical, 53 lay; Dr. Sullivan (Bishop of Algoma), 20 clerical, 48 lay, they being the only nominations made. The Synod will meet again August 10th to elect a bishop, when it is to be hoped that success will crown their efforts.

Rev. James Chance, Rector of Tyrconnell, Ont., thus writes to us:—

DEAR SIR—The July issue of the CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE opens with an article by the Rev. Mr. McMorine on the Diocese of Algoma, in which it is stated that "Mr. Chance was withdrawn from Garden River by the New England Company because the Roman Catholics outnumbered the Protestants by ten." Please allow me space to say that the statement is incorrect and misleading, though unintentional on the part of Mr. McMorine. At one time the Roman Catholics were in a large minority, and if at any time they were in a majority, it was owing to an unwise admission to the reserve of a large number of Roman Catholic French half-breeds by the Indian Department. To have abandoned the loyal Protestants at Garden River on that account would have been as cruel and as unjust as it would be to abandon the minority in Quebec and in Ireland to the tender mercies of the Rielites, Parnellites and the Pope. My motto was and is "No surrender to Rome." I left Garden River in response to an urgent appeal made to me by Bishop Cronyn, supported by the Hon. Mr. Botsford, to take charge of the principal mission of the New England Company amongst the Six Nation Indians on the Grand River