

The Rev. A. J. Broughall was then instructed by his Lordship to make the following announcement :—

I hereby appoint S. B. Harman, Esq., Registrar of the Diocese, the Rev. Thos. Bolton Read, Rev. G. A. Bull, W. Y. Pet'it, Esq., and Miles O'Reilly, Esq., to be a Court to consider and adjudicate upon seats that may be contested at the session of Synod appointed for this day, March 17, 1875.

It was then moved by the Rev. Rural Dean Osler, seconded by the Rev. H. Holland—

That the Rev. Rural Dean Thomson, the Rev. T. T. Roberts, and W. G. Thompson, Esq., be scrutineers for the Clerical vote.—Carried.

Moved by Hon. H. B. Bull, seconded by Mr. E. Browne—

That the Rev. Canon Dixon, Calvin Brown, Esq., and J. J. Mason, Esq., be scrutineers for the Lay vote. — Carried.

In reference to the appointment of a Committee (as provided in the "Order of Proceedings") to report on the List of Lay Representatives, Dr. Hodgins stated—

That the List of Lay Representatives furnished by the Hon. Secretaries, and printed on the "Order of Proceedings" for the election of the proposed Bishop, was (so far as it was complete) not open to scrutiny or objection by the Committee, but that the persons named in that list were duly authorized, without further question, to take part in the proposed election. He stated, however, that the names of the Lay Representatives elected for any parish or mission in the proposed new Diocese since June, 1874 were the only ones which, if objected to, could be submitted to the Court on Contested Seats, which the Bishop had appointed that day.

The Rev. A. J. Broughall, M. A., the Clerical Secretary, also stated that as the Bishop's list of the Clergy was not open to scrutiny, no Committee would, therefore, be necessary to examine it.

As no objection was made to any name on the list, the Court did not sit, nor was any Committee of Examination appointed.

The meeting then adjourned *pro forma* for five minutes.

On the re-assembling of the Synod, the Litany was read by the Rev. Henry Holland, B. A.

His Lordship then announced the receipt of a telegram from the Metropolitan Bishop (Montreal) as follows :—

"Intended to write, but too late. May your election be such as God will approve."
"A. MONTREAL."

At the request of the Bishop a silent prayer, in which the clergy and delegates were requested to join, was offered.

On resuming, the Rev. Mr. Broughall read the regulations respecting the Order of Proceedings and the Clerical ballot.

The Clerical vote was taken first, each name being called separately. The Clergyman walked up to the ballot box and deposited his ballot therein, according to the regulations of the Synod.

This having been done Dr. Hodgins read the rules which regulated the voting of the Lay Delegates. He also suggested that nothing should be written on the ballot paper but simply the name of the Clergyman for whom the Lay Representative wished to vote.

Mr. Plumb, M.P., inquired of the Lay Secretary whether what he said implied that should any Lay Representative write his name or that of his parish on the ballot paper, would such writing invalidate his vote.