able to collect from the Clergymen and Church-wardens in their several Cures; such reports shall be presented at the Ruri-decanal meeting, previous to their being forwarded to the Archdeacon.

4. The Rural Deans shall collect such statistics as the Bishop may direct; and all matters relating to the boundaries of Parises or the erection of new ones shall be referred to a Ruri-decanal meeting.

5. The Rural Deans shall have no power of interference on their own mere motion, in matters of discipline, in any Parish or Mission. All such matters shall be referred to the Bishop, to be dealt with as he shall think proper.

STATUS OF PARISHES, &c.

1. A Mission is an ecclesiastical division supplied by a Clergyman, who receives the whole or the greater part of his stipend from foreign aid.

2. A Parish is an ecclesiastical division including within its limits a church and parsonage, and providing within itself at least one-half of the stipend of the Clergyman who is its Incumbent.

3. A Rectory is an ecclesiastical division raising within its limits the whole of the stipend of the Incumbent. Provided always, that it be understood that nothing herein shall be regarded as affecting Parishes erected by Letters Patent from the Crown.

4. 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 forth-

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