

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADMISSION OF DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Mr. S. BETHUNE read the following report:—

The Committee appointed to examine and report upon the papers submitted on behalf of the Delegates from the Diocese of Nova Scotia, claiming to be admitted to this Provincial Synod, beg leave unanimously to report: That in the opinion of the Committee the resolution of the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, submitted by His Lordship the Bishop of Nova Scotia, does not contain evidence that that Synod has adopted the act 19th and 20th Victoria of the Legislature of the late Province of Canada, intitled "An act to enable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada to meet in Synod." Not having adopted the act, the Delegates cannot strictly be allowed to vote, as their doing so would imperil the legality of the proceedings of the Synod. But, in view of the circumstances, the Committee would recommend that, although not legally entitled to vote, the Delegates nevertheless be permitted to take part in the discussions.

The Committee beg to express the deep regret with which they find themselves compelled to present this report, and their earnest wish that it had been possible that the representatives of the Church in Nova Scotia could have been admitted without delay to the full privileges of members of this Provincial Synod.

Moved by Mr. S. BETHUNE, seconded by Mr. LEFROY,

That the report just read be adopted, and sent up to the House of Bishops for their information.—*Carried.*

The PROLOCUTOR, in his own name and on behalf of the HOUSE, expressed to the Delegates from Nova Scotia the deep regret felt by all in connection with this decision, and following up the recommendation of the Committee, extended to them the most cordial and fraternal invitation to take their seats amongst the Members of the House, and to enjoy and exercise all the privileges of members, except that of voting.

The PROLOCUTOR sent up a message to the PRESIDENT containing the report of the Committee, and his messenger found that the House of Bishops had adjourned for the day.

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