

vent captious objections (most improbable) your Lordship's signature might be subscribed to the resolution opposite to the Synod seal.

Mr. Bethune's note to me will explain the only point on which I made any observation, and I confined myself to the statement that the official return of the resolution of the Diocese of Nova Scotia made by its proper officer was conclusive as a matter of evidence upon the Provincial Synod, although there were verbal statements of the highest authority asserting that the officer had incorrectly drawn it up in a form which did not express the intention of the Synod of Nova Scotia.

If such a resolution be passed, I beg leave to call your Lordship's attention to the Statute of Canada, passed on the 16th August, 1858, and chaptered 139, which explains and amends the former Act, as to the representation in Synod by the Laity.

I have the honor to be

Your Lordship's humble servant,

WM. H. DRAPER.

Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Fredericton,

MONTREAL, April 16th, 1873.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have been prevented, from various causes, answering your note of the 1st inst. before now.

The difficulty with regard to Nova Scotia was, that instead of adopting our Synod Act, they adopted the Act of the Dominion which enabled them to do so; at least the documentary evidence laid before us so declared and established. The Bishop and his delegates then endeavoured to show, by verbal proof and by certain printed reports of the proceedings of the N. S. Synod, that what they really intended to do was to accept our Synod Act. The majority of the Provincial Synod, however, held that the only legal evidence we could accept was the documentary evidence submitted, which was under the seal of the Corporation, and that that evidence could not be legally contradicted by the other mode of proof tendered by the Bishop and his delegates.

As requested by you, I now submit for your consideration a Resolution which I have prepared in what I conceive to be the language necessary to cover the requirements of the New Brunswick enabling Act. If it meet with your approval you might forward it to the Bishop, cautioning him as to the kind of proof he and his delegates should come armed with, when they eventually present themselves for admission to our Provincial Synod.

Believe me, faithfully yours,

STRACHAN BETHUNE.

P. S.—I return enclosed the Bishop's Letter.  
The Hon. Chief Justice Draper, C. B., Toronto, Ont.

Resolved, That whereas, by an Act of the Legislature of the Dominion of Canada, made and passed in the thirty-fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign, chaptered 58, intituled "An Act to extend to the Province of New Brunswick, the operation of the Act of the Legislature of the late Province of Canada, concern-