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OF

**THE EIGHTH SYNOD**

OF THE

**BIOCESE OF MONTREAL,**

**CANADA,**

HELD IN THE CITY OF MONTREAL ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup>  
DAYS OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR  
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FIRST DAY

CANDIDATES FOR DEACONS' ORDERS.

HENRY BURGESS, student in Theology, Bishop's College.

W. J. DART, City Missionary.

CHARLES BANCROFT, jr., B.A., McGill College.

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FIRST DAY.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Synod of this Diocese opened with the celebration of Divine Service, in Christ Church Cathedral, at 11 A.M. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon WHITE. The Holy Communion was administered to the Clergy, Lay Delegates, and other members of the Church who were present.

At 2 P.M. the LORD BISHOP, Clergy, and Lay Delegates assembled in the Cathedral School Room for the transaction of business.

The appointed prayers having been read by the Bishop, the names of the Clergy were then, in the absence of the Clerical Secretary, called by the Lay Secretary.

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RETIRED CLERGYMEN.—Rev. J. Braithwaite, M.A., Rev. T. Johnson, Rev. J. McMasters, Rev. J. Jones, Rev. Jos. Griffin.

NOTE—The names of those who were present at Synod are distinguished by an asterisk.

The Rev. G. SLACK and W. H. A. DAVIES, Esq., were named as a Committee to prepare a draft of the business to be transacted by the Synod.

The LORD BISHOP then delivered the following address:—

*My Reverend Brethren, and Brethren of the Laity.*—As the representatives of the Church in this Diocese we are met together once more, for the purpose (as the “Declaration” of our principles set forth at our first organization), “under God’s blessing and guidance, of considering and determining upon such matters as shall appear necessary for the welfare of the Church.” In one of the other Dioceses of this Province, the annual meeting of their Synod, which was to have been held last week, has been postponed in consequence of the then excited and unsettled state of the country; we have reason to be thankful, whatever might have then been the aspect of affairs, or whatever may be in store for us hereafter, that now, at any rate, through the active measures adopted by those in authority, and the noble, ready, and patriotic response of our fellow-citizens at the call of duty, present apprehensions of trouble are at end, and we are enabled to meet together in numbers nearly as large as in former years. And well it is that we should do so, for whatever may be the political crises of the day, whatever the fate of empires or states, the work of the Church of Christ must still be advancing; and whether our sphere of influence be wide or contracted, our numbers many or few, yet still we must ever be pressing onward, and preparing for the setting up, in all its completeness, of *that* kingdom, of which the prophet Daniel spake, “which shall never be destroyed,” “but shall stand for ever.” It is as taking part in this work, and looking forward to this eventual consummation, that we, whether, as ministers in all our duties, or as laymen sharing the responsibilities of this Synod, shall see the greatness of our calling, and realize the fact of our being, in this Diocese, a branch

of that great corporate body of the Church, which bears a divine commission to go forth "preaching the gospel to every creature," and administering the ordinances of Christ, with the promise of his perpetual presence, "even unto the end of the world." While, however, the administration of the government of the Church in this Diocese, and the adoption of canons for regulating and carrying on the general internal discipline, is legally vested in this Synod, yet there is one important matter over which it has no control, but which is managed by another body, incorporated by law—I mean our Diocesan Church Society, which has the entire management of whatever funds, over and above what is applicable to special local endowments, the Church has at its disposal for the purpose of assisting in carrying on its work in the Diocese. There will be, I understand, a proposition brought before this meeting of the Synod for its consideration, viz., whether it will not be for the advantage of the Church, and tend to simplify its machinery and lessen the expense of carrying it on, if a union or amalgamation between the Synod and the Church Society can be effected. A committee has been appointed by the Church Society, with the hope that the Synod will also name some of its members to act with it in a joint committee, by which the whole question may be considered with that careful attention it deserves, and a report made to both the Society and the Synod, upon which action, if it is thought desirable, may be taken hereafter.

Looking back a few years, and reviewing the position which the Church was then occupying with its few and scattered missions, its unsettled institutions, and almost entire dependence on external support for the maintenance of its clergy,—and knowing the grave legal doubts and difficulties which have recently caused such embarrassment respecting the Colonial Church, we may indeed be thankful that we have reached our present state of established organization, imperfectly developed as we must yet feel it to be,—but possessing within itself a substantial existence, and under God's mercy in common with the other Dioceses of the Province, the seed of a reproductive life. In the month of April last I received from the Rev. Canon Hawkins (writing as Secretary to the Council for Colonial Bishoprics in London) a circular letter, enclosing a copy of the judgment

of the Privy Council in the case of Bishop Colenso; and as that judgment had pronounced the Letters Patent of the Crown appointing Dr. Colenso to be invalid, and as the Letters Patent appointing other Colonial Bishops would be affected by that judgment, he was directed by the Council to request that I would state, for their information, any circumstances which, in my opinion, were "calculated to distinguish my case from Bishop Colenso's, and to exempt it from the operations of the Privy Council judgment." I handed these documents to our Chancellor (Mr. Bethune) who, having carefully considered them, sent me a clear and able statement in reply; being very much to the same effect as one given once before by that learned gentleman, when a similar question was raised at the time of our last Provincial Synod; setting forth the manner in which sundry acts of our Provincial Legislature and our Synods, acting under the authority of certain of those acts, have made good whatever was lacking in virtue of the Letters Patent, in order to define and establish this Diocese and the status of its Bishop; and concluding with these words: "Whatever doubt there may exist in the mind of any person as to the strictly legal right of the Crown, in the first instance, to erect the Diocese of Montreal, and to appoint its Bishop, there can be no room to doubt as to the action of the Crown, in this respect, having been confirmed by the Canadian Legislature in the most ample form that could be desired." This opinion of our Chancellor I sent back to Canon Hawkins. We have since seen, by the newspaper reports, that Mr. Cardwell, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has introduced a bill into the Imperial Parliament, for the purpose of putting an end to all the doubts and difficulties, which have arisen, in consequence of the invalidity of any of the Royal Letters Patent; and in other ways defining and settling on some more certain basis the actual position of the Colonial Church. Should this bill pass into a law, though not requiring it here to confirm or supplement the authority of the Crown, as is the case in so many other colonies, there are, nevertheless, some other provisions in it, that may be open to us to avail ourselves of, as well as other Dioceses. I have already circulated throughout the Diocese the replies of the Bishop of Capetown to the addresses forwarded to him from our last Diocesan and Provincial Synods; and I shall, therefore, not advert to them



now, further than to remark that, quite irrespective of any debt of gratitude which we owe to him for his persistent, faithful, and able defence of the integrity of the Scriptures, and the Catholic faith, his action in this matter will evidently have produced other important and lasting results; inasmuch as it has forced on the consideration of this whole question of the position of the Colonial Church, both its status in our several Dioceses, and its relation to and connection with the Mother Church at home.

You must of course, most of you, remember the address which was forwarded from our last Provincial Synod to the Archbishop of Canterbury, asking his Grace to convene a National Synod of the Bishops of the Anglican Church at home and abroad; and his Grace's answer, received by me, has been circulated throughout the Diocese, in which he stated that, though he could not at once take any action in such an important matter without consultation with his Episcopal brethren, yet he assured us "such a Synod was not by any means foreign to his feelings." In another address, forwarded also from the Provincial Synod to the Houses of Convocation of Canterbury and York, the earnest wish was expressed, that some "means could be adopted, by which the members of our Anglican communion, in all quarters of the world, should have a share in the deliberations for her welfare, and be permitted to have a representation in one general council, of her members gathered from every land." A most able and interesting debate took place in the Lower House of the Convocation of Canterbury, on the presentation of our address, when the whole question of a General Council of our Communion was opened up; but no reply has yet been received here, the matter having been referred to his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

In an excellent speech lately delivered by Lord Lyttelton, a very consistent and thoughtful churchman, at a meeting of the *Society for the Propagation of the Gospel* in London, he is reported to have said:—"If there is anything which I have seen in the admirable self-development of the Colonial Church of late years with any dissatisfaction, it has been their over-sensitive anxiety, in the constitution of their Churches, not to depart from the Church at home in the slightest point of doctrine or discipline." Now, I do believe

that there *is* a very strong and general feeling amongst churchmen in this Province of a desire to continue, as closely as circumstances will admit, our connection with the Mother Church. Remembering the history of that branch of the Church Catholic, which is in England, the traditions of her past, her witness for primitive truth, her illustrious line of martyrs, confessors and doctors, and the deep and varied learning and simple piety of so many of her present bishops and pastors, it is both our wisdom, as well as duty, to identify ourselves, as far as we may be able, with her as our mother, at whose breasts we were originally nurtured, and by whose love we have so long been cherished and so largely sustained. The question of the relations subsisting between the Church of England and Ireland in this country, and the Church in the mother country, was the subject of a long and able debate at our last Provincial Synod, and was referred to a committee to report thereon at a future meeting. It certainly is not necessary to the full ecclesiastical unity of different branches of the Church Catholic throughout the world, that they should be absolutely tied down to exact uniformity in their manner of conducting their public services, or in the services themselves. Without any such rigid exactness they may be severally independent witnesses to the identity of the same great articles of the Christian faith, and the same principles of catholic usage and discipline; as is the case with the Anglican Church, the Scotch Church, and the Episcopal Church in the United States at this day. But, admitting this, we do yearn after as complete identification with the mother church as can be rightfully maintained. And though if any such General Synod as has been spoken of, can be convened, it may be true, as has been alleged, that it can have no legal status, such as the Convocation has in England, or our Synods in the Colonies, and therefore no resolution or canon passed by it can carry with it any general authority of law, binding necessarily on all; yet we must feel sure that any decision arrived at by such a body, would be reverently held to have expressed the mind of the Church, and would in all its essentials be reproduced by us, each in our own Synod. And surely there are questions of vital importance in these days, on which we should all rejoice to hear the most authoritative and well considered judgment of the church

pronounced, which can be obtained. There is one subject which is now attracting, as it well deserves, much anxious attention—I mean the divided state of Christendom—and many plans have been suggested for promoting unity between the present separated members of the body of Christ. Now, much as we may long for such a blessed consummation, I think we shall be ready to acknowledge that we must in no case be tempted to make sacrifices of purity for the sake of peace, or to let our feelings induce us to depart from any principles of essential truth. And it is because I believe that, by God's blessing, truth will be best arrived at by discussion in solemn assembly, that I think the course proposed, viz. a General Synod, desirable. Events during the last twenty-five years, and the discussions and controversies which have been carried on, have prepared an able and remarkable body of men in the Church, fully capable of entering upon the due consideration of so momentous a subject. Single individuals are often apt to take partial views of a question, or to look at it too fixedly from one point; but this is corrected by the tone and spirit emanating from the body at large. And before any question comes up of union with any other section of the Church, I think it essential that the Anglican Church, in all its entirety, should make manifest its own outward actual visible identity, as one living branch of the general Church Catholic, so that whatever is done shall be the act of the whole body, and not of any one part, however important, or brought about by any one individual, however eminent. And we have surely some good grounds for believing in the reality of our mission as divine, and in our work as blessed by God. And, indeed, unless our clergy do believe not only in the truth of the Gospel itself, but in their own calling as ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God, I cannot understand how they can accept ordination from our Bishops, according to our ordinal, or continue to hold office in the Church. Dr. Pusey, in his late remarkable work "On the truth and office of the English Church," gives utterance to his earnest acknowledgment of God's mercies to her: "It is not without some great purpose of His love that God has so marvellously preserved the English Church until now. Life is the token of God's presence in the Church, for out of Him there is no life. \* \* \* \* But those who have pointed to *life* as a great note in the English



Church did not mean the *life* of grace in individuals. They have meant the organic operation of God the Holy Ghost upon the Church as a whole. It is the mark given by our Lord Himself. By a wonderful analogy between nature and grace, the branch which had been severed from the true vine, carried out with it for a time the life of the tree, but the life-giving sap being cut off after a time, it withered. Contrariwise, as our friend observed, the Church of England has had a tough and vigorous life. Its life has been tried in every way in which it could be tried. 'It has been practiced upon by theorists, browbeaten by sophists, intimidated by princes, betrayed by false sons, laid waste by tyranny, corrupted by wealth, torn by schism and persecuted by fanaticism. Revolutions have come upon it sharply and suddenly, to and fro, hot and cold, as if to try what it was made of. It has been made a sort of battle-field, in which opposite principles have been tried. No opinion, however extreme any way, but may be found, as the Romanists are not slow to reproach us, among its bishops and divines. Yet what has been its career upon the whole? Which way has it been moving through three hundred years? Where does it find itself at the end? Lutherans have tended to Rationalism. Calvinists have become Socinians; but what has it become?' † Now, after above three centuries, it alone has a more vigorous life than before. It seems like a tree which has been shaken for a while, yet struck its roots deep and is filling the land. Severed in the United States from the protection of the State—nay rather trampled in the dust by those who hated it for the loyalty of its members—it first struck root when it was deprived of all human aid. Independent witnesses have attested some time ago, how, before this fratricidal war, it was regarded by many as the one principle of stability in the United States. It wins from all the bodies who broke off from us, and itself seldom loses to any. Long ago it quadrupled, while the population only doubled. Its clergy are very frequently the sons of Ministers not in communion with it, whom it has won. It has been recently making impression even upon the inveterate, boastful, intellectual Socinianism. And all this with no human aid, with no power except the pre-

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† Catholicity of the English Church in British Critic, No. 53.

sence of God the Holy Ghost, which has been specially promised to the Church. So, also, in our other colonies, and in that vast heathen realm of India. \* \* \* In this restoration in which we live, very remarkable have been the organic workings of God the Holy Ghost in the Church as a whole." I believe that this is the conviction of increasing multitudes of her faithful sons in every quarter of the world. And it is because I desire her witness to be heard more determinately, that I wish *first* for this gathering together of her own children; and *then*, if it so please God to enable us on any common principles of Christian truth, and only on such, for the further advancement of the unity of Christendom. To quote again once more the words with which Dr. Pusey closes his Treatise: "The strife with unbelief stretches and strains the powers of the Church everywhere; Satan's armies are united at least in this warfare against the truth as it is in Jesus! Are those who would maintain the faith in Him alone to be at variance? On the terms on which Bossuet, we hope, would have sanctioned, we long to see the church united; to all who, in east or west, desire to see intercommunion restored among those who hold the faith of the undivided Church, we say, 'this is not our longing only, this is impressed on our Liturgy by men who were before us; for this, whenever we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, we are bound to pray, that God would inspire continually the *Universal Church* with the Spirit of truth, unity and concord.' For this I pray daily. For this I would gladly die. 'O Lord, tarry not.'"

There are some other subjects which are at present exciting much attention, particularly in the old country, but in which we are also interested here; one of which has arisen up with much intensity since I was last at home. I allude to that connected with the interpretation of certain of the Rubrics in the Book of Common Prayer; and respecting which the law seems uncertain. A Joint Committee of both houses of the Convocation of Canterbury was appointed last February to consider this question; but their report has not yet been presented. An application was made to our House of Bishops at one of our Provincial Synods, "respecting the discrepancies in the manner of performing Divine Service in this Province;" to which we promised to give our best consideration. And we had a list of several particular points, in which such difference

was alleged to exist, handed in to us. Before, however, we had moved in the matter, this greater controversy concerning Rubrics and the manner of celebrating the public service having arisen, it appeared to me advisable to withhold any answer to matters specially referred to us, which were for the most part certainly of very minor importance; since an answer, relating simply to the discrepancies complained of, would have seemed to ignore the general question, or perhaps be construed to imply acquiescence in many of the usages now claimed to be according to law by so many of the clergy officiating in the Church. The temperate and careful opinions of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and others high in authority in the Church, on this subject have been republished in Canada; and we shall look with much interest for the report of Convocation. That there was a period when the services of the Church were not unfrequently performed in a careless and irreverent manner, and in known and often avowed violation of the plain directions of the Church, is a fact that cannot be denied. That there has been a great and growing improvement in the more reverent and orderly celebration of Divine service in this Province, must be manifest to all who look back on past years. A highly ornate and elaborate ritual may commend itself to some minds, while others desiderate simplicity. The Church of England in this matter has always been considered to act with moderation. I cannot believe that many of the usages, which it is now sought at home to revive in the administration of the services, are in the least essential to its truth or real efficacy; or that if such a ritual be allowable for the Church in one place, it necessarily follows that it must be so everywhere. And I consider that it will be competent, if any uncertainty as to the law exists here, and any necessity shall arise, for our Synods to define its meaning and intent. And in reference to the canons of our Diocesan Synod, I would observe that I think they all require some more systematic arrangement; and I venture to suggest the appointment of a Committee to attend to this matter, and bring up a report at our next meeting—embodying in the present canons such amendments, or, without going into too much detail, making such additions as may seem desirable.

In conclusion I may state that I trust the work generally in the Diocese is, under God's blessing, progressing. The

reports of the rural deans will be laid before the Synod. The number of our clergy continues still a little on the increase; and we have not at present one mission or parish vacant, in which it is proposed to continue a resident minister. Amongst the additions which have been made to our numbers during the last year, there are some who, from their character and experience in other Dioceses, will, I hope, add to the efficiency of our body, and give us good help here in the work of the Synod and elsewhere. And while we have to lament the loss by death of some of our old and valued members; and amongst the laity I would specially mention Judge McCord, who took so prominent a part in all the proceedings of our Synods from the commencement up to our last meeting, which he attended a few days before he died; and also Col. Wilgress, who died a few weeks ago at a ripe old age,—let us hope that, with the increasing development of the Church in the Diocese, and the increasing work to be done, that other friends, able and faithful, will be continually added to our number, to join with us in our endeavours to give full efficiency to our Synod, and through its agency promote the welfare of the Church, and the glory of God.

The names of the Lay Delegates having been called, it was moved by the Rev. Canon ANDERSON, seconded by the Rev. W. B. CURRAN,

That the Rev. E. Sullivan be elected Clerical Secretary of this Synod.  
Carried.

Moved by Dr. SMALLWOOD, and seconded by E. E. SHELTON, Esq.,

That Mr. Sanborn be re-elected Lay Secretary of this Synod.  
Carried.

Moved by Rev. Canon BANCROFT, and seconded by Dr. SCOTT,

That James Hutton, Esq., be re-elected Treasurer of this Synod.  
Carried.

Moved by J. HUTTON, Esq., and seconded by Rev. R. LONSDALL,

That Mr. Davis and Mr. McKay be re-elected auditors. Carried.



Moved by Rev. Canon LOOSEMORE, seconded by JAMES HUTTON, Esq., and carried,

That a Committee be appointed by the Synod to confer with the Committee of the Church Society (appointed for a similar purpose) to take into consideration the best means for merging the Church Society in a duly incorporated Synod, and for procuring the said Act from the Provincial Legislature, and to report the result of their deliberations to the bodies which they respectively represent.

The reports of the Committees on Finance and on Insurance were received, and Rev. Canon BOND gave notice that he would, at the proper time, move their adoption.

The Treasurer's Report was also received. Moved by Rev. Canon BANCROFT, seconded by Rev. Canon BOND, and carried,

That the Treasurer's Report be printed in the Annual Report.

The Reports from the Rural Deaneries of Hochelaga, Iberville, Bedford, and St. Andrews were received.

Rev. Canon BOND gave notice of the following motion :—

That the Lord Bishop of the Diocese be requested to select and direct the use of a blank form as a schedule for the Reports of the Rural Deaneries, with a view to securing uniformity.

R. MCKAY, Esq., gave notice of the following motion :—

That the following resolution of June 22, 1865—to wit., the resolution “that when any sermon shall be preached before the Synod, the said sermon shall be received without any special recognition by the Synod,” be rescinded.

S. T. PEARCE, Esq., gave notice of the following motion :—

That a Committee be formed, to be named “The Committee on Education,” to consist of three clergymen and three laymen, the duties of such Committee to be to consider and report to this Synod on the most effectual methods of increasing the provision now made for the education and training of the children of the Church throughout this Diocese, including Day Schools, Sunday Schools, Sunday Catechising, Pastoral Visitation, and Home Training—to make suggestions for improvements in any of these points, and to recommend such other methods as may be thought expedient for the more effectual training of the young members

of the Church, and inculcating in them correct habits of thought and practice.

**Rev. J. CONSTANTINE** moved, seconded by **Rev. E. WOOD**,

That the resolution referring to the admission of members of other religious bodies to the Church of England be referred to the Committee on Canons. Carried.

The Lord Bishop named as Committees for joint conference on the subject of the Amalgamation of the Synod and Church Society the following :—

For the Church Society.

The Dean.  
The Ven. the Archdeacon.  
Canon Loosemore.  
Canon Bond, convener.  
Canon Bancroft.  
Rev. G. Slack.  
W. H. A. Davies, Esq.  
J. Hutton, Esq.  
T. Bethune, Esq.  
F. D. Fulford, Esq.

For the Synod.

Rev. Dr. Balch.  
Rev. R. Lindsay.  
Rev J. Robinson.  
Rev. E. Sullivan.  
Major Campbell.  
George Moffatt, Esq.  
R. McKay, Esq.  
M. H. Sanborn, Esq.

Moved by **Rev. H. F. DARNELL**, seconded by the **Rev. J. GODDEN**, and carried,

That should occasion require, the Lord Bishop is requested to appoint a day for a simultaneous appeal on the part of the clergy to their respective parishes and congregations on behalf of the distressed families of our brave Volunteers, and also to name a Committee to take charge of sums collected, and disburse them in such a manner as they may think best adapted to secure the end in view.

The adoption of the Report on Finance was then moved by **Rev. Canon BOND**, seconded by **Dr. SCOTT**, and carried.

The adoption of the Report on Insurance of Church Property was also moved by **Rev. Canon BOND**, seconded by **Major CAMPBELL**, and carried.

The Resolution on the subject of a uniform schedule for the use of the Rural Deaneries was moved by **Rev. Canon BOND**, seconded by **Rev. G. SLACK**, and carried.

It was moved by Dr. SMALLWOOD, seconded by Rev. W. B. CURRAN, and carried,

That the election of Delegates to the Provincial Synod be proceeded with to-morrow, at 11 A.M., subject to the amendment of the Synod of last year.

At 6 P.M. the Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning.

### SECOND DAY.

Divine Service having been celebrated in Christ Church Cathedral, the members of the Synod assembled in the School Room, at 10 A.M., for the transaction of business.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop, who also stated to the Synod the order of proceedings for the day. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and approved of.

The Bishop, in compliance with the wishes of the Synod, introduced the following :

That the following Clergy and Lay Delegates be a Committee to revise the existing Canons, making such alterations and amendments in, and additions to the same, as may seem needful, incorporating with them in a systematic form any Resolutions or Reports adopted by the Synod, containing matter of permanent interest, and that the Resolutions respecting Candidates for Orders in the Diocese, and the reception of Separatists to full Communion, and so much of the Report of the Finance Committee as relates to the salaries of the Clergy, be specially referred to the same.

Archdeacon Leach, D.C.L.

E. Carter, Esq.

Canon Bancroft, D.D.

H. Taylor, Esq.

Rev. Dr. Balch.

S. Bethune, Esq.

Rev. F. G. C. Brathwaite, M.A.

Mr. Justice Badgley.

Rev. G. B. Dodwell, M.A.

W. H. A. Davies, Esq.

The Reports of the Rural Deaneries of St. Andrews, Bedford, Iberville, and Hochelaga were read by His Lordship the Bishop.

Moved by Rev. Canon BANCROFT, seconded by W. H. A. DAVIES, Esq., and carried,

That so much of the Report (of the Rural Deanery of Hochelaga) as

refers to the division of the parish of Montreal, be referred to the Chancellor of the Diocese, to request that he will give his opinion to the Lord Bishop as to the time when, and manner in which such division may be legally made.

Moved by Dr. SMALLWOOD, seconded by Major CAMPBELL, and carried,

That the Reports of the Rural Deaneries be printed in the Annual Report.

Moved by Rev. Canon BANCROFT, seconded by J. HUTTON, Esq., and carried,

That the discussion of the Report presented by the Joint Committees on the subject of the Amalgamation of the Synod and Church Society be at once proceeded with.

Moved by Rev. Dr. BALCH, seconded by Rev. Canon LOOSEMORE,

That the Report of the Committee appointed to confer with the Joint Committee of the Church Society, for merging the Church Society in a duly incorporated Synod, be adopted.

Moved in amendment by the Rev. R. LINDSAY, seconded by the Rev. J. B. DAVIDSON,

That the members of the Synod may become better acquainted with this subject, that the Committee be re-appointed to give further details at the next Synod.

The discussion of the subject, having continued for some time, was suspended by the Lord Bishop, and ordered to lie over until the afternoon Session, to enable the Synod (in accordance with a resolution passed yesterday) to proceed with the election of Clerical and Lay Delegates to the Provincial Synod. His Lordship named as Scrutineers for the Clergy, the Rev. W. B. Curran and the Rev. M. S. Baldwin, and for the Lay members, Dr. Smallwood and J. Hutton, Esq. The vote was then taken, and the Synod adjourned till 2.30 P.M.



## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Scrutineers appointed to examine the votes for the Delegates to the Provincial Synod reported the following members elected :—

## CLERICAL DELEGATES.

Rev. Canon Bond.	The Venerable Archdeacon Leach.
Rev. Canon Bancroft.	The Very Rev. the Dean.
Rev. Dr. Balch.	Rev. Canon Loosemore.
Rev. E. DuVernet.	Rev. Canon Anderson.
Rev. G. Slack.	Rev. H. F. Darnell.
Rev. R. Lonsdell.	Rev. E. Sullivan, <i>ex-officio</i> .

## SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. Canon White.	Rev. D. Lindsay.
	Rev. R. Lindsay.

## LAY DELEGATES.

Major Campbell.	C. Smallwood, M.D., LL.D., D.C.L.
Edward Carter, Esq.	Hugh Taylor, Esq.
W. H. A. Davies, Esq.	R. Leach, Esq., M.A., B.C.L.
James Hutton, Esq.	H. Roebuck, Esq.
S. Bethune, Esq.	G. Moffatt, Esq.
Hiram Foster, Esq.	M. H. Sanborn, Esq., <i>ex-officio</i> .

## SUBSTITUTES.

R. W. Shepherd, Esq.	S. Bagg, Esq.
	Hon. L. S. Huntingdon.

The discussion on the "Report of Joint Committees on the proposed amalgamation of the Synod and Church Society," was then resumed, and the amendment, as proposed by Rev. R. Lindsay, having been lost, the original motion for its adoption, moved by Rev. Dr. Balch, and seconded by Rev. Canon Loosemore, was carried.

Moved by W. H. A. DAVIES, Esq., seconded by Major CAMPBELL, and carried,

That the Joint Committees already appointed be instructed to draw up an act of Incorporation for the Diocesan Synod, to enable the Church Society to be merged in the Synod, and that the Church Society be

requested to join with this Synod in a petition to the Legislature for an Act of Incorporation, and that the Lord Bishop be instructed to sign the Petition on the part of the Synod.

Mr. Pearce's motion on Education (of which notice was given yesterday, *vide* p. 17.) was then taken up, discussed, and carried, with the addition :

" And to ascertain the wants of localities hitherto unsupplied in this important particular. Also, that the scheme proposed by the Rev. Mr. Gay, for the advancement of female education in the Lower Province, be referred to the same Committee."

Moved by H. ROEBUCK, Esq., seconded by Major CAMPBELL, and carried,

That all papers relating to Marriage Licenses, Registrations, &c., be sent to C. Dunkin, Esq., M.P.P.

Moved by Rev. Canon WHITE, seconded by Rev. J. B. DAVIDSON, and carried,

That the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Montreal, in Synod assembled, desire to acknowledge with thankfulness the goodness of Almighty God in preserving the peace and tranquillity of our Country when threatened with invasion by a body of misguided and lawless men. The Synod would also desire to express their admiration of the loyal spirit displayed by the whole volunteers of Canada, in repelling unlawful invasion, and whilst deeply deploring the loss of life and suffering which have been entailed on the volunteers in the defence of the Country, would fervently pray that Almighty God may be graciously pleased long to vouchsafe to us the blessings of peace.

Moved by Rev. Canon BANCROFT, seconded by Rev. R. LONSDALE, and carried,

That the thanks of this Synod be given to the proprietors of *The Montreal Herald*, *The Gazette*, *The Transcript*, *The Telegraph*, *The Witness*, and *The Church of Old England*, for their kindness in supplying the Members of the Synod with copies of their respective papers.

The Lord Bishop here intimated to the Synod that he had received, through the Clerical Secretary, a Memorial from the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, Canada West, requesting the co-operation of the Synod in their efforts to suppress intemperance.

Moved by Rev. G. SLACK, seconded by Rev. J. C. DAVIDSON, and carried,

That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and the Proprietors of Steamboats, for the reduction of fares allowed to its members in travelling to and from Synod.

The Synod having, through the Rev. Canon Bond, conveyed its thanks to the Lord Bishop for his kind, able, and impartial conduct in the chair, His Lordship then pronounced the Benediction, and the Synod was finally adjourned.

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## APPENDIX A.

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### COMMITTEES.

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#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

REV. CANON BOND, CONVENER,	W. MCGINNIS,
" R. LINDSAY,	DR. SMALLWOOD,
" F. CODD,	JAMES HUTTON,
" H. F. DARNELL,	E. E. SHELTON.

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#### COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

REV. CANON BOND, CONVENER,	G. MOFFATT,
" CANON WHITE,	JAMES HUTTON,
" R. LONSDALE,	W. A. MERRY.

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#### COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

REV. G. SLACK, CONVENER,	R. A. LEACH,
" W. JONES,	MAJOR CAMPBELL.
	ROBERT MCKAY.

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#### COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

VENERABLE ARCHDEACON LEACH, E. CARTER,	H. TAYLOR,
REV. CANON BANCROFT,	S. BETHUNE,
" CANON BALCH,	MR. JUSTICE BADGLEY
" F. G. C. BRATHWAITE,	W. H. A. DAVIES.
" G. B. DODWELL,	

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#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

REV. CANON BANCROFT, CONVENER,	W. H. A. DAVIES,
" CANON BALCH,	REUBEN TAYLOR,
" G. SLACK,	E. E. SHELTON,
" D. LINDSAY,	ROBERT LEACH,
" W. MERRICK,	J. C. BAKER,
" F. CODD,	S. DAWSON.



JOINT COMMITTEES ON THE AMALGAMATION OF THE SYNOD  
AND CHURCH SOCIETY.

## For the Church Society.

Rev. Canon Bond, *Convener*.  
The Dean.  
Venerable the Archdeacon.  
Rev. Canon Loosemore.  
Rev. Canon Bancroft.  
Rev. G. Slack.  
W. H. A. Davies.  
James Hutton.  
S. Bethune.  
F. D. Fulford.

## For the Synod.

Rev. Canon Balch.  
Rev. R. Lindsay.  
Rev. F. Robinson.  
Rev. E. Sullivan.  
Major Campbell.  
George Moffatt.  
R. McKay.  
M. H. Sanborn.

DR. THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF MONTREAL IN

1865.		
July 18.—	To paid John Lovell. Balance to January 1865....	\$103 26
	" Dawson Brothers' account.....	5 53
	" For attendance and gas during session.....	3 00
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"	" Clarendon.....	1 25	
"	" Coteau du Lac.....	0 85	
"	" Dunham.....	4 00	
"	" Edwardstown, \$00 26, St. Remi, \$00 37.....	0 63	
"	" West Farnham.....	2 00	
"	" Granby.....	1 50	
"	" Grenville.....	1 00	
"	" Hemmingford.....	1 25	
"	" Hull.....	2 00	
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"	" Montreal—Cathedral \$18.00, St. George's, \$20, Trinity, \$20, St. Stephens, \$2, St. James, \$2, St. John the Evangelist, \$2.....		\$134 56
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	By balance.		41 90
			\$215 89

## APPENDIX B.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

## COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

MONTREAL, 24th April, 1866.

The Committee beg to report :

1st. That the form of Policy approved of by the Bishop's Chancellor, and transmitted to England for the approval of the Insurance Company ("Royal") was duly returned, sanctioned by the Company.

2nd. That as soon as the sanction of the Church Society could be obtained to the recommendation of this Committee, adopted by the Synod, "That the premiums for the whole property of the Church should be paid upon the order of the Lord Bishop, directed to the Treasurer of the Church Society on the 1st day of July in each year," the Agent of the "Royal" was waited upon with a view to completing the arrangement, when it was found that, in consequence of the delay, obstacles to its completion had, in the meantime, arisen. The Agent of the "Royal" was still willing to execute the Policy, but he, with several of the leading Insurance offices of the city, had entered into an engagement, secured by a heavy penalty, to take risks only at certain tariff rates, which were far higher than the arrangement made with the Synod, which arrangement, in consequence, could not now be carried out, as at first proposed.

3rd. The Committee adverted, in their last report, to a *second* instance, during the time that the plan has been under consideration, of serious loss by fire of Church property; and now they have to notice the destruction of Church property in this Diocese, valued at \$1000, by fire, and uninsured.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BOND,  
*Chairman.*



## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MONTREAL, 24th April, 1866.

The Committee beg to report:

1st. That the Treasurer has paid.....\$211 79  
 " " received..... 153 99

Due the Treasurer.....\$57 80

2nd. That the object of the motion made by Rev. Mr. Codd, and referred to this Committee, is attained by a former report of the Finance Committee (see 3rd Report, p. 27), which report (as far as it applies to this resolution) is again pressed upon the notice of the Synod.

3rd. That in accordance with a resolution of the last Synod, authorizing this Committee to apportion the amount of contributions to be made to the Synod fund according to the circumstances of each parish, they recommend three-fourths of a pound per cent, on the clerical income of the clergyman or clergymen of each parish, as a fair apportionment, which, supposing the income of the clergy of the Diocese to be about £10,000, would yield £75 or \$300. The Committee found this recommendation upon the following statistics, furnished by the Treasurer:

Collection in 1861.....	\$177 31
" 1862.....	227 00
" 1863.....	120 82
" 1864.....	146 87
" 1865.....	114 56

Which show that \$300 will be sufficient for the present expenses, as well as for the expenditure proposed in the next recommendation.

4th. That a mileage of two cents be allowed each way to all clergymen residing more than twenty miles from the place of meeting of the Synod, which, according to the following statement, submitted by the Treasurer, would amount to \$80: say 4000 miles at two cents, \$80, leaving \$220 for the ordinary expenses of the Synod.

The Committee are indebted to the Treasurer for these suggestions and calculations.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BOND,  
 Chairman.

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE AMALGAMATION  
OF THE SYNOD AND CHURCH SOCIETY.

MONTREAL, June 19th, 1866.

The Joint Committee appointed by the Church Society, and the Synod, of the Diocese of Montreal, have had under consideration the subject named in the following resolutions:

“That a Committee of the Church Society be appointed to confer with a Committee to be appointed by the Synod to decide and Report on the best means for obtaining from the Legislature an Act of Incorporation for the Synod, in lieu of the Act of Incorporation for the Church Society.”

“That a Committee be appointed by the Synod to confer with the Committee of the Church Society (appointed for a similar purpose) to take into consideration the best means for merging the Church Society in a duly Incorporated Synod, and for procuring the said Act of Incorporation from the Provincial Legislature, and to report the result of their deliberations to the bodies which they respectively represent.”

They beg to Report—

1st. That in the opinion of this Committee it is desirable and feasible that the Church Society should be merged in the Synod of the Diocese, provided a satisfactory Act of Incorporation of the Synod can be obtained from the Legislature.

2nd. That the Committee recommend that the Synod, and Church Society of this Diocese, do petition the Legislature, as soon as possible, for such an Act of Incorporation of the Diocesan Synod, preparatory to taking measures for the merging of the Church Society with the Diocesan Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. BOND,  
*Chairman.*

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REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

DECLARATION.

WE, the Bishop, the Clergy, and the Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland, within the Diocese of Montreal, assembled in Synod, and intending, under God's bless-

ing and guidance, to consider and determine upon such matters as shall appear necessary for the welfare of the Church in this Diocese, desire, in the first place, for the avoiding of all misunderstanding, to make a declaration of the principles upon which we propose to proceed.

We desire that the Church in this Diocese shall continue as it has been, an integral portion of the United Church of England and Ireland; and we declare our firm and unanimous resolution, in dependence on Divine aid, to preserve those doctrines, and that form of Church government, which are at present recognized by the Church of England and Ireland.

It is our earnest wish and determination to confine our deliberations and actions to matters of discipline, to the temporalities of the Church, and to such regulations of order as may tend to her efficiency and extension; and we desire no control or authority over any but those who are or shall be members of our own Church.

#### CONSTITUTION.

1. The Synod shall consist of the Bishop of the Diocese, of the Clergy of the same, licensed to the cure of souls therein, or holding office in any church, college or school under the jurisdiction of the Bishop (such Clergy not being under ecclesiastical censure), and of Lay representatives, to be elected as hereinafter provided.

2. The Lay representatives shall be male communicants of at least one year's standing, of the full age of twenty-one years, and shall be elected annually at the Easter meetings, or at any Vestry meeting (specially called for such purpose by Incumbents, after due notice on two Sundays), held by each Minister having a separate cure of souls; and all Laymen within the cure of twenty-one years or upwards, entitled within such cure to vote at Vestry meetings, or who hold pews or sittings in the Church, though not entitled so to vote, who shall have declared themselves in writing to be "Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, and to belong to no other religious denomination," shall have the right of voting at the election.

3. The Minister himself, if present, shall preside at the election; and in his absence, the Curate or Assistant Minister, or the Senior Churchwarden, or a Chairman elected

by the majority of those present, taking precedence in the order in which they are here named.

4. Every separate cure served by a licensed Minister shall be entitled to elect two Lay representatives ; but when there shall be two or more congregations, having a corresponding number of church edifices, within one cure, then each of such congregations shall be entitled to elect two representatives.

5. All Lay delegates shall, each one before taking his seat in Synod, produce to and deposit with the Lay Secretary or other officer of the Synod appointed to receive the same, a Certificate of his election in the following form, to be signed by the Chairman of the meeting :

“ This is to certify that at a meeting held this day for the purpose of electing delegates to represent this congregation or parish in Synod, being the parish or mission of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, a communicant of one year’s standing, and of the full age of twenty-one years, was elected by the Laymen of this congregation, who have a right to vote at such election, by virtue of their having, in accordance with the 2nd clause of the Constitution of the Synod of this Diocese, declared themselves in writing in a book kept for that purpose, to be members of the United Church of England and Ireland, and to belong to no other denomination, and being otherwise qualified under the provisions of said clause.

(Signed), \_\_\_\_\_ .”

And such certificate shall be considered and taken as sufficient proof of the election ; and such Lay delegate shall continue in office till his successor is appointed.

6. If a vacancy should occur in the number of representatives, by death, resignation, or any other cause, the Minister shall proceed to hold a new election with as little delay as possible, after due notice.

7. Clergymen who have served in the Diocese and are resident in the same, but are now superannuated, may attend the meetings of the Synod and vote at the same.

8. The Synod shall meet on the third Tuesday of June in every year, in the City of Montreal, or at any other such time or place as said Synod shall appoint at its last previous meeting ; provided also, that the Bishop may call a special meeting when he shall consider it necessary to do so ; or



shall do so on the requisition of ten Clerical and thirty Lay members; and at such special meeting no other business shall be transacted than that stated in calling the meeting.

9. When the bishop is not present, his Commissary shall preside in his place; and when the See is vacant, the senior Dignitary of the Church, next in rank to the Bishop, in the Diocese, shall, within a fortnight of the occurrence of such vacancy, summon a Synod, to be held in not less than thirty days to elect a successor to the See, at which he shall preside, and at such meeting no business except such election shall be proceeded with.

10. A quorum of the Synod shall consist of no less than one-fourth of the whole number of both Clergy and Lay representatives respectively.

11. There shall be two Secretaries, one from the Clergy, the other from the Laity, who shall keep regular minutes of all proceedings of the Synod, shall record them in a book provided for that purpose, shall preserve all papers, memorials, and other documents, shall certify the public acts of the Synod, and shall deliver all records and documents to their successors; and give notice to each Minister and Vestry of the time and place appointed for any stated or special meetings of the Synod; this notice to be given at least three weeks before such meeting.

12. There shall be a Treasurer of the Synod, who shall receive and disburse all moneys collected and paid under its authority, and keep account thereof; and two Auditors who shall annually inspect and report on the condition of the accounts.

13. The vote of each order shall be taken separately, when so required by any three members, each vote being determined by the majority of the members present in each order.

14. No rule shall be binding on the members of the Church in this Diocese at large, which has not received the concurrent assent of the Bishop, the Clergy, and the Laity, and which has not been passed in the Synod,

15. Any proposition for an alteration of the Constitution, Regulations, Rules of Order, or Canons, shall be introduced in writing, and considered at the meeting at which it is introduced; and if approved by a majority of each order, shall

lie over till the next meeting of the Synod, but shall not be finally adopted unless approved by majorities consisting of two-thirds of both Clergy and Laity then present.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SYNOD OF  
THE DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

1. The first meeting of the Synod in each Session shall be preceded by public morning prayer, with a sermon and the Holy Communion; and the collection at the offertory shall be devoted to missionary or such other purposes as the Synod may direct.

2. The business of every day shall be preceded by special prayer for the Divine guidance and blessing, according to a form authorized by the Bishop.

3. After this prayer, the Clerical Secretary shall call over the roll of the Clergy, to be furnished by the Bishop, and mark the names of those in attendance; and the Secretary shall call over the names of the several parishes, missions or cures, when the certificates of the representatives having been presented, shall be examined by the Secretary and a Committee of two to be named by the Chairman for that purpose; and where found satisfactory, the names shall be recorded and read by the Secretary.

4. The election of new Secretaries shall then be made by the Clergy and Laity respectively, and a Treasurer, and two auditors shall be appointed, all of which officers shall be elected by ballot if demanded, and shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be chosen.

5. After this, on the first day, and on all other days, after prayers, the order of business shall be as follows:—

I. Reading, correcting, and approving the minutes of the previous meeting.

II. Appointing Committees.

III. Presenting, reading, and referring memorials and petitions.

IV. Presenting reports of Committees, and of the Treasurer and the Auditors.

V. Giving notice of motion.

VI. Taking up unfinished business.

VII. Consideration of motions.

VIII. Orders of the day.

An address from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ORDER.

1. The Synod shall meet the first day at two o'clock in the afternoon, and afterwards at ten o'clock each forenoon during its session, unless otherwise ordered by the Synod. And when it adjourns, the members shall keep their seats until the Chairman leaves the chair.

2. On the appearance of a quorum, fixed by the Constitution of the Synod at one-fourth of the whole number of the Clergy and Lay Representatives respectively, the Chairman shall call the Synod to order; and should there not be a quorum at the appointed hour, the Chairman is authorized to adjourn the meeting during pleasure.

3. Immediately after the Chairman shall have taken the chair, the meeting shall be opened by prayer according to a form authorized by the Bishop; and the minutes of the preceding meeting shall then be read, to the end that any mistake therein may be corrected by the Synod.

4. The Chairman shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order, subject to the Synod, to be decided without debate. When called upon to explain a point of order, he shall state the rule applicable to the case, without argument or comment.

5. Members of the Synod shall sit uncovered, the clerical members to be habited in bands and gowns, and every member before speaking shall rise from his seat and address himself to the chair. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Chairman shall name the member who is first to speak.

6. When the Chairman is putting a question, no member shall walk out of or across the house; nor when a member is speaking shall any member hold discourse to interrupt him

except to order, nor pass between him and the chair, and every member present, when a question is put, shall be required to vote on the same. In voting, those who vote in the affirmative shall first rise, and then those who vote in the negative.

7. No member, save the mover of a motion, who is entitled to reply shall speak more than once on the same question without leave of the Synod, except in explanation of a material part of his speech, which may have been misunderstood, and then he is not to introduce new matter.

8. A member may, of right, require the motion in discussion to be read for his information, at any time during the debate, but not so as to interrupt a member speaking.

9. A member called to order shall sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Synod if appealed to shall decide the case, but without debate; if there be an appeal, the decision of the chair shall be submitted to.

10. No member shall speak disrespectfully of the Queen or any of the Royal Family, nor use improper language against the proceedings of the Synod, or against particular members thereof, nor speak beside the question in debate.

11. The Chairman may at any time desire the Synod to be cleared of strangers, and may suspend the debate then in progress until the Synod be so cleared.

12. No motion shall be put or debated unless the same be in writing and seconded; nor shall any motion prefaced by a written preamble be received by the chair.

13. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, but such motions, as well as motions to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

14. All questions shall be put to the Synod in the order in which they are moved.

15. After a motion has been read from the chair it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Synod, but it may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment with the permission of the Synod.

16. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received by the chair unless to amend it, or postpone it to a certain day, or to lay it upon the table, or for adjournment; and no more than one amendment to the proposed amendment of a motion shall be in order.



17. On a division the names of those who vote for, and those who vote against the question, shall be recorded in the minutes, if required, by three members. And a question once determined shall not be brought up again the same session without the unanimous consent of the Synod.

18. Petitions, memorials, and other papers addressed to the Synod, shall be presented by a member in his place, who shall be answerable to the Synod that they do not contain improper or impertinent matter.

19. In order to expedite the business of the Synod, it is required for the future that the clerks of the several Vestries in this Diocese, or where there is no Vestry Clerk, the Chairman of the meeting, shall send to the Clerical Secretary of the Synod within six days after their election, the names of the Lay delegates elected at any meeting held for that purpose: and the Secretary of this Synod shall attend at the place where the Synod is to meet at 9 o'clock of the first day of meeting, to record the names of said Lay delegates.

#### REGARDING COMMITTEES.

20. All special committees shall be named by the chair, unless otherwise ordered, and in such cases the election shall be by ballot. They shall appoint their own chairman, and a majority of the number named or elected shall be a quorum competent to proceed to business.

21. The reports of Committees shall be in writing, signed by the chairman, who, or some member deputed by him, shall explain to the Synod the bearing of any portion of the report, if requested by any member of the Synod.

22. Reports of Committees shall be received in course, unless ordered to be re-committed, but further action thereon shall be by motion as in other business.

23. All notices of motion intended to be brought before the next Synod shall be sent into the Clerical Secretary at least six weeks before the day of meeting; and it shall be the duty of the Clerical Secretary to keep a record of such notices, and to issue a circular statement of the business for the ensuing Synod, with reports of Committees, and the order in which the same shall be brought up. The circular to be forwarded to each Clergyman and parish, one month before the meeting of the Synod.

24. That the expenses of the Synod, such as printing, &c., be defrayed by an ordinary collection made in each parish or mission on the Sunday preceding the meeting of Synod.

#### ELECTION OF BISHOP.

1. The House of Bishops shall present two or more persons to the Synod of Montreal, one of whom may be elected as the Bishop of Montreal; and in case no election shall take place from the names so nominated, the House of Bishops shall again exercise the same right of nomination until a choice shall be made by the Synod: and no other persons shall be put in nomination for the office of Bishop except such as shall be nominated by the House of Bishops; provided a Resolution respecting the election of Bishops of the Diocese, passed at the meeting of the Synod on Wednesday, June 17th, 1863, be adopted by the Provincial Synod, respecting the election of future Bishops of Montreal, such Bishops continuing to fill permanently the office of Metropolitan.

2. In such election by said Synod of Montreal, the Clergy and Laity shall vote separately by ballot—the Clergy by individuals, and Laity by parishes or cures. A majority of votes in each order shall determine the choice, provided that two-thirds of the Clergy entitled to vote are present, and two-thirds of all the parishes or cures entitled to be represented; otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

#### ARCHDEACON.

1. The Archdeacon, upon receiving the reports of the Rural Deans, shall inquire into the cause of the non-payment of such sums as may be due to the Clergy from their respective parishes or cures.

2. The Archdeacon shall also see that all Church property in the Diocese is kept in good repair.

#### RURAL DEANS.

1. The Rural Deans are officers of the Bishop, receiving their commissions from him, and are to report the proceedings of their Deaneries to the Bishop, through the Archdeacon.

2. The Rural Deans shall hold a Ruri-decanal meeting, in their several deaneries, once every year. Special meetings may be called by them at the desire of the Bishop.

3. Each Rural Dean, at the annual meeting of his deanery, shall submit a report of such statistics connected with the different missions or parishes, as he shall have been able to collect from the Clergymen and Churchwardens 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 parishes, 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, ETC.

1. A Mission is an ecclesiastical division supplied by a Clergyman, who receives the whole or the greatest 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 a Parish, 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. The minimum salary of the Clergy shall be eight hundred dollars per annum.

#### BOUNDARIES OF PARISHES.

1. The boundaries of all Missions, Parishes and Rectories shall be defined by a Ruri-decanal meeting.

2. That in cases where the boundaries cannot be arranged by such mutual agreement, then the Bishop be requested to

issue a commission of two Clergymen and two Laymen, none of whom shall be locally connected with such Parishes or Cures, directing and authorizing them to investigate the merits of the case and decide thereon, and to report their decision to the Lord Bishop for his consideration ; and should his Lordship approve of the same, then the boundaries so arranged, approved and declared, shall be the boundaries of the Parishes and Cures aforesaid. The expenses of such commission to be borne by the Parishes to be arranged.

3. That all repairs and dilapidations of Church property shall be defrayed by each Parish individually.

#### OCCUPANCY OF PARSONAGES AFTER DECEASE OF INCUMBENT.

1. At least three months from the time of decease shall be allowed to the widow, or children, or other relatives, of the late Incumbent, provided that they have been residing with him and forming part of his family up to the time of his decease, before they, or she, or he be called upon to leave the Parsonage.

2. If the Glebe or any other land be under cultivation, the crop thereof belongs, of course, to the lawful representatives of the deceased, unless his successor consent to refund the expense incurred in such cultivation, when the crop belongs to the incoming Incumbent.

3. In the case of meadow land the grass belongs to the successor ; but if made into hay the same is the property of the representatives of the deceased.

4. The above rules apply to Clergymen on their being placed on the superannuated list.

#### REGISTRAR.

1. There shall be a Registrar for this Diocese, whose duties it shall be to keep a record of all Church properties and moneys in the different parishes, and of all the changes that from time to time take place, and a certified copy of every deed, and deeds of consecration, and boundaries of parishes and every acquisition of property shall be sent to him by the Rural Deans. He shall be entitled to receive a fee of \$1 for the registration of each document, and 50 cents for every copy of the same.



2. The boundaries of every parish or mission erected under authority of the Canon, as well as of every existing parish or mission shall be entered in a book, to be kept by the Secretaries of Synod for that purpose, and a copy thereof shall be furnished to any person applying for it, on the payment of a fee of one shilling.

#### CHURCHWARDENS.

The Incumbent and Churchwardens of every church and chapel being a body corporate and politic, the administration of the temporalities of every church or chapel is by law vested in them; but for the more perfect and efficient administration, and with a view to leaving the Incumbent more complete leisure for the discharge of his sacred office, it is expedient that certain duties should be under the more immediate superintendence of the Churchwardens.

Wherefore it shall be the special duties of the Churchwardens of every church or chapel, within fourteen days after appointment or re-election in each year, to make a faithful inventory, in duplicate, of all the moveable property of the Corporation, and to insure the same, and all the buildings thereof, at their full estimated value, with some English or Provincial Fire Insurance Company, duly incorporated. And at each appointment or re-election of Churchwardens, the outgoing Churchwarden or Churchwardens shall present a true and faithful balance sheet of the accounts of the Corporation to be filled with the above-mentioned inventories in the vestry of the Corporation, and also shall hand over to his or their successors any balance of moneys remaining on hand.

To provide for the due care and preservation of the said moveable property, together with the administration of the real estate thereof, during their tenure of office.

Carefully to superintend and to enforce the execution of all contracts for the furnishing, repair, and preservation of the Church, parsonage, burial ground and glebe, and to take the necessary steps to exact penalties in case of their non-fulfilment.

To secure the warmth, cleanliness, and ventilation of the church, and the supply of vestments, linen, books, and bread and wine for the celebration of the Holy Communion.

To provide such books and documents as the Synod may from time to time require to be kept.

To afford the Incumbent every assistance in their power in the supervision of the sexton, the organist, the clerk and the choir, and the inferior officers of the Corporation.

To provide strangers with seats during the celebration of Divine Worship, in so far as the capacity of the building will allow.

To maintain good order and quiet in and about the church or chapel, and in the adjoining roads and public places during Divine Worship, and prosecute all offences against that good order and quiet. Vide Incorp. Statutes, c. XXII.

To collect, in accordance with the statute, pew-rents, subscriptions, alms, and offerings of the congregation, and to keep a faithful account of the receipts and disbursements of the congregation.

To notify the Incumbent of any grievous sickness or destitution among the members of the congregation, and generally, and as far as in them lies, to promote the comfort and welfare of the clergyman and congregation.

A copy of these instructions shall be sent to the Incumbent and Churchwardens of every church and chapel, and shall be read aloud by the chairman of the Vestry, at each annual election of the Churchwardens.

#### COMMUNICANTS.

The Vestry of every charge or parish represented in this body shall hereafter be required to furnish a suitable book or books in which shall be enregistered the names of all persons who are members of the church in full communion, with the date of their first communion, as nearly as can be ascertained; and this register shall be in all cases kept by the Clergyman holding such charge or Parish, and shall be the property of the Parish; and copies or extracts thereof, certified by the Incumbent, or, in his absence, by the Churchwardens, shall be full evidence of the status of any person in such congregation at the date of such enregistration.

#### CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

##### NOTICE OF ORDINATION.

The names of the candidates for Holy Orders on the Bishop's list shall be transmitted to each officiating clergy-

man, to be published by him during service at each place where he officiates, at least one month before the day of Ordination.

#### SUSTENTATION OR ENDOWMENT FUND.

*a.*—An annual sermon shall be preached in each parish or mission throughout the Diocese, on behalf of this fund, and the whole of the proceeds of the same shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Church Society.

*b.*—An annual meeting for this object, *i.e.*, connection with those of the missionary purposes of the Church Society, shall be held in every Parish or Mission throughout the Diocese, and the amount of collections made at the same shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Church Society.

*c.*—Arrangements shall be made for bringing this plan, and the necessity for vigorously working the same, before the people in every Parish or Mission in the Diocese,—and with this object, a scheme for holding the requisite meetings, or preaching the requisite sermons, shall be drawn up, and the Bishop shall be requested to name a deputation or deputations for attending the same,—and, in addition, each parish and mission is earnestly recommended to create a *local endowment fund*.

#### SUPERANNUATED FUND.

1. A sermon shall be preached annually in every congregation throughout the Diocese, and collections made for a Superannuation Fund.

2. The clerical subscription shall be five dollars.

3. The management of the fund shall be placed in the hands of the Church Society.

4. Each case for participation in the benefits of the said Fund shall be determined upon its particular merits by the central Board.

#### REPRESENTATION TO PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

The number of Clerical and Lay Delegates to represent each Diocese in the Provincial Synod having been fixed by the Provincial Synod at twelve of each order, the Clerical and Lay Secretary at the preceding Diocesan Synod shall

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always be *ex-officio* amongst the number of delegates to represent this Diocese at any meeting of the Provincial Synod, with eleven others of each order to be elected by ballot at each annual meeting of the Synod.

## SCHOOLS.

1. There shall be attached to every Mission and Parish, when practicable, a Day School and Sunday School; and also in every Rural Deanery there shall be established a Superior Church Day School.

2. The Master of such Day School shall be a member of the Church and receive a license from the Bishop.

3. The religious instruction shall be exclusively under the direction of the Clergyman, and the general management shall be vested in the Minister and Churchwardens.

4. The Schools shall be maintained by School fees, and public grants, and by subscriptions and endowments. And all the *fees* shall be collected by the schoolmaster, who shall account to the Churchwardens for the same.

5. The Sunday School shall be entirely under the direction of the clergyman of each Parish or Mission, whose duty it shall be to nominate the teachers, to select suitable books of instruction for the several classes, to train and instruct as far as practicable, the teachers themselves, "to catechise from time to time the children," and to see that nothing is taught inconsistent with the doctrine and discipline of the Church.

6. A Standing Committee of Synod shall be appointed to select suitable books for Sunday and Day schools.

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 APPENDIX C.

## PROPOSED CANON OF DISCIPLINE.

## ARTICLE I.

*Who shall be amenable.*

Every priest and deacon, duly licensed by the Bishop, is amenable for offences committed by him, to the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese in which he resides, in the manner



and under the provisions set forth in the Canon of Discipline hereinafter enacted.

*What shall be punishable offences.*

§ 1.

For any crime, or immorality, for drunkenness, profane swearing, disorderly conduct, visiting places most liable to be abused to licentiousness; for a violation of the Constitution or the Canons of the Church, or of the Diocese to which he belongs; for the discontinuing all exercise of the ministerial office, without lawful cause; or exercising any lay profession, or occupation inconsistent with his sacred calling; for the habitual disuse of public worship, or of the Holy Eucharist, according to the offices of the Church; for the infringement of the rubric, or for schism or the separating himself from the communion of the Church.

And also for heresy, or teaching, or maintaining heretical doctrines; or for teaching or inculcating doctrines contrary to those of the Church; such teaching or maintaining, being by way of writing, or printing, or preaching, or public teaching, or circulating books containing unsound doctrines.

§ 2.

If there is reason for supposing, from public rumour or otherwise, that a clergyman has been guilty of any of the foregoing ecclesiastical offences, the Bishop of the Diocese, within which the offence is alleged or reported to have been committed, on the application of any party complaining thereof, or of his own mere motion, may summon the party to appear before him, in private, and upon confession of the offence alleged, may pronounce such sentence as may be proper.

If the Bishop should consider the matter to be of such character or magnitude as to require it to be placed on record, in such case the accusation shall be reduced to a definite form: there shall be added the confession signed by the party, and the same, with the sentence pronounced, shall be recorded in like manner as other sentences are hereinafter directed to be recorded.

If the accused party shall not admit or confess the offence alleged, and the Bishop be of opinion that there are grounds for further inquiry, the Bishop may issue a commission under his hand and seal to *five* presbyters, of whom the archdeacon, shall form three, who shall make inquiry into the truth of the accusations, and report the facts, as well as the evidence taken, and whether, in their opinion, there be sufficient *primâ facie* evidence for instituting further proceedings.

In such case, the accusation shall be reduced to form in writing, and notice of the time when, and place where, every such meeting of the commission shall be holden, shall be given in writing, to the party accused, at least twenty days before the first meeting; and it shall be lawful for the party accused, or his agent, to attend the proceedings of the commission, and to examine or cross-examine any witnesses; and such preliminary proceedings shall be in private, unless the party accused shall desire otherwise.

Should the party accused neglect or refuse to appear before the said commission, his default, after good and sufficient service, shall be placed on record, and the commission shall proceed with their inquiry *ex parte*.

Upon the receipt of the report of the commissioners, the Bishop shall take such further proceedings therein, as the case may, in his judgment, require.

## ARTICLE II.

### *Presentment or charge, and form of.*

A charge may be preferred against any clergyman for any of the ecclesiastical offences above enumerated, in the manner and under the provisions following.

It may be made by the Bishop of the Diocese, *ex officio*, by any two presbyters, by the churchwardens, or any three communicants, of any parish or mission, wherein the offence is alleged to have been committed.

The charge shall be in writing, signed by the parties making it, and shall specify the offence or offences with reasonable certainty, as to time, place, and circumstances.

There shall be annexed to it the names and residences of

the material witnesses, and a copy of any documentary evidence relied on.

It may be in the following form :

“ The subscribers, (titles and additions,) allege and charge  
 “ that the Rev. A. B., a minister of this Church, of the order  
 “ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the church  
 “ or parish of \_\_\_\_\_ has been guilty of certain  
 “ ecclesiastical offences, for which he is subject to trial and  
 “ censure ; viz., of \_\_\_\_\_

“ To establish which allegations and charge, we refer to  
 “ the accompanying affidavits, certificates, documents, and to  
 “ the witnesses whose names and places of residence are  
 “ hereunto annexed.

“ Which charge (or charges) we know to be true in sub-  
 “ stance, (or) which charges, or information satisfactory to  
 “ us, we believe to be true.”

Whenever a charge or charges against any priest or deacon shall have been reduced to writing and delivered to the Bishop, or, in his absence or incapacity, to his commissary, it shall then be the duty of such Bishop or commissary to transmit to the accused a certified copy, together with the notices of the time and place of trial, both of which the Bishop or commissary shall prescribe or fix.

The charges and notice shall be delivered to the accused, or left at his place of abode, at least *thirty* days before the time appointed for the trial.

### ARTICLE III.

#### *Board, or Court of Triers.*

There shall be an Ecclesiastical Court, or Board of Triers, for the Diocese of Montreal, to try such charges as may be preferred against any priest or deacon of the said diocese.

It shall be composed of fifteen priests, who shall be annually elected by a majority of the clerical order of the Diocesan Synod, at its annual meeting, and who shall continue in office until others shall have been chosen in their places.

The Bishop shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur by removal from the diocese, by death, by election to the episcopate, until the next meeting of Synod.

The Court of Triers shall name from among their body a secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of all the proceedings had before the Court.

The Church Advocate (as hereinafter appointed), shall give notice in writing at least \_\_\_\_\_ days before the day fixed for the trial, to the party accused, to attend before the Clerical Secretary of the Synod, time and place being mentioned in the notice, when and where the party accused, shall strike from the list of triers, elected as aforesaid, one of the names, and the Church Advocate shall strike off another, and so alternately until the number shall be reduced to *five*, which five shall form the Court for the trial.

If the accused shall neglect to attend in person, or by an agent, the Clerical Secretary of the Synod shall strike the list with the Church advocate, in place of the accused so absent.

The accused and Church Advocate may, by a written consent, filed with the Clerical Secretary of the Synod, agree upon any five or three of the Board of Triers, to form the Court.

The Bishop shall issue a precept, addressed to the members of the Court of Triers, so struck or agreed upon, requiring them, or any *three* or more of them to proceed to the trial of the accused at the appointed time and place; which precept, together with a certified copy of the charges, shall be transmitted by the Bishop to the president of the Court (to be named by him), whose duty it shall be, on receipt thereof, to cause all the members of the Court, or Board of Triers, to be summoned to meet at the prescribed time and place, any three or more of whom, who shall attend in pursuance of such summons, shall constitute the Court.

The Bishop shall, at the annual meeting of Synod, nominate a Church Advocate to conduct all prosecutions; he shall be a priest belonging to the Diocese, or a layman who has been a member of some church within the Diocese, at least *two* years before such nomination.

If on the day fixed for the trial the accused shall appear, he shall, before proceeding to trial, be called upon by the Court to say whether he is guilty or not of the offence or offences charged against him; and on his neglect or refusal, the plea of not guilty shall be entered for him, and his trial shall proceed.



Exceptions to the form or substance, or any part thereof, or legal sufficiency of the charge or presentment, or any part thereof, or of the allegations or specifications therein, or to the jurisdiction of the Board of Triers, or any member thereof, may be taken by the accusers, and shall be determined by the Board.

Such exceptions shall be made in writing, at the time of pleading.

If no such exceptions are taken, or, having been taken, are overruled, the accused shall be called upon to plead guilty or not guilty, as aforesaid, and the trial shall proceed.

If the clergyman accused neglect or refuse to appear, according to his summons, due notice having been served upon him as aforesaid, except for some sufficient or reasonable cause, the Court shall certify such default to the Bishop, whereupon the Bishop, or, in his absence, shall pronounce him to be in contumacy: and sentence of suspension from the ministry shall be forthwith pronounced against him, for such contumacy, by the Bishop; but this sentence may be revoked, if, within three calendar months, he shall tender himself ready, and accordingly appear and take his trial on the presentment; but if the clergyman accused shall not so tender himself before the expiration of the said three months, the sentence of *deposition* from the ministry shall be pronounced against him by the Bishop; and the Bishop shall cause such sentence to be publicly read to the several congregations of the diocese by the respective ministers thereof.

No proceeding shall be instituted against any priest or deacon, unless the same be commenced within *two* years after the commission of the offence in question.

But when proceedings are brought in respect of an offence for which a conviction has been obtained in a civil or criminal tribunal, the suit in the Ecclesiastical Court may be commenced against the clergyman so convicted, within *two* years from the date of such conviction.

The accused party may have the privilege of appearing by counsel if he shall see fit.

All evidence shall be taken in writing.

When the Court proceeds to trial, some officer authorized by law to administer oaths in this Province of Lower Canada, shall be requested to administer the required oath to the wit-

nesses called on to testify to the truth in the matters at issue before the Court.

If the accused be resident within the Diocese, at the time of presentment made against him, all notices, services and citations, shall be made on him personally, or at his usual domicile or residence, within the delays before mentioned.

If on, or during any trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges contained in the presentment, the Board of Triers may dispense with hearing further evidence, and will proceed at once to report the same to the Bishop, whose duty it shall then be to proceed and pass sentence.

The proceedings upon a trial shall be private, unless the accused party shall request the same to be public, or unless public decency would be likely to be outraged by such publicity, in which latter case the Court may direct it to be private.

No charge shall be considered as substantiated or proven by the testimony of less than two witnesses.

If any member of the Church shall be summoned to attend as a witness before any Board of Triers, Board of Inquiry, Court, Commissioners, constituted under any provisions of this Canon, or being present before either of the same, shall refuse to testify, or to be sworn or affirm, such persons may be declared guilty of contumacy, and punished accordingly.

A certificate or record of such contumacy shall be signed by the president of the Board, Court, or Commissioners, as the case may be, and transmitted to the Bishop or his Commissary.

Whereupon the Bishop, or Commissary, shall cause reasonable notice to be given to the party of the proceedings intended against him, and after due citation, and the hearing of the party in defence or extenuation, or in default of his appearing to answer, the Bishop or Commissary, may proceed, if the party be a layman, to admonish or suspend him from Communion with the Church, and if a priest or deacon, to admonish or suspend him from his office, until such contumacy be purged.

The Court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in writing, signed by the members thereof, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, whether in their opinion the accused is guilty or not guilty on each particular charge.

If the accused, after trial, shall be found guilty, the finding of the Court, together with all their proceedings, including the evidence taken in the case, shall be transmitted to the Bishop, or in his absence or incapacity to act, to his Commissary, before its transmittal to the accused, or in any way, made public, and should he concur in opinion with the Court, he, or his Commissary, may proceed to pass such sentence, as in his judgment the offence may deserve, not repugnant to the provision of the 19 and 20 Vict., c. 121, s. 2.

A copy of the sentence shall be sent to the accused, and another to the vestry, or vestries of the parish, or parishes, or congregation, or congregations, with which he may be canonically connected; and such other publicity may be given to it as the Bishop or Commissary shall think expedient.

Provided always, that at any time before the sentence shall be pronounced by the Bishop, or Commissary, it shall be lawful for the party convicted, to apply for a re-hearing before the Board of Triers, founded upon any affidavit showing that the party accused, since his trial and conviction, has discovered new evidence, (and setting forth in full such new evidence) and which he was ignorant of at the time of his trial; and in such case the Board of Triers may grant or refuse a new trial, as in their judgment may seem just and reasonable.

Whereas, the 2nd section of Prov. Stat., 19 and 20 Vict., c. 121, declares the following sentences, or punishments to be those only that may be legally imposed upon clergymen, within this Diocese, being found guilty of an infraction of the ecclesiastical laws, viz:

1. "Suspension."
2. "Removal from an office in the said Church."
3. "Exclusion from the meetings of the Diocesan, or General Synods."

It is nevertheless hereby declared to be within the power of the Bishop, *ex-officio*, and not inconsistent with, or contrary to the above enactments, to *admonish* offending clergymen; which admonition of a minister for any ecclesiastical offence, not made a subject for judicial inquiry, or presentment, shall be made in private; upon a second offence it shall be public or private, at the discretion of the Bishop, or Commissary, and made in such manner as to the said Bishop or Commissary may seem proper.



Admonition, when recommended or declared to be the proper sentence by the Court, or Board of Triers, may be public or private, as such Court shall determine.

When the penalty of suspension shall be inflicted by the judgment of any Court, or Board of Triers, such sentence shall specify the terms thereof and the period of its duration.

During his suspension he shall not exercise the functions of the ministry, either in his own congregation or elsewhere within this Diocese.

Removal from an office in the said Church shall be considered to include and mean deposition and degradation.

No degraded minister shall be restored to the ministry.

Upon such sentence being pronounced, the connection between the minister and his parish, or congregation, shall be *ipso facto* severed; and all other offices, rents, issues, profits, and emoluments, which he may have held by virtue of such office, or ministry, from which he has been removed, shall wholly cease and determine.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### *Discipline applicable to the Laity.*

The Rubric, prefixed to the order of the Holy Communion, in the Book of Common Prayer, prescribes the manner of proceeding by the minister of any parish toward any layman guilty of any of the offences therein mentioned, and provides for the reporting the same to the Bishop.

If the party thus repelled shall think proper to make a complaint (in writing) to the Bishop, against the conduct of his minister, in such case it shall be the duty of the Bishop; (unless he think proper to restore him, from the insufficiency of the cause assigned by the minister) to institute an inquiry into the merits of the case.

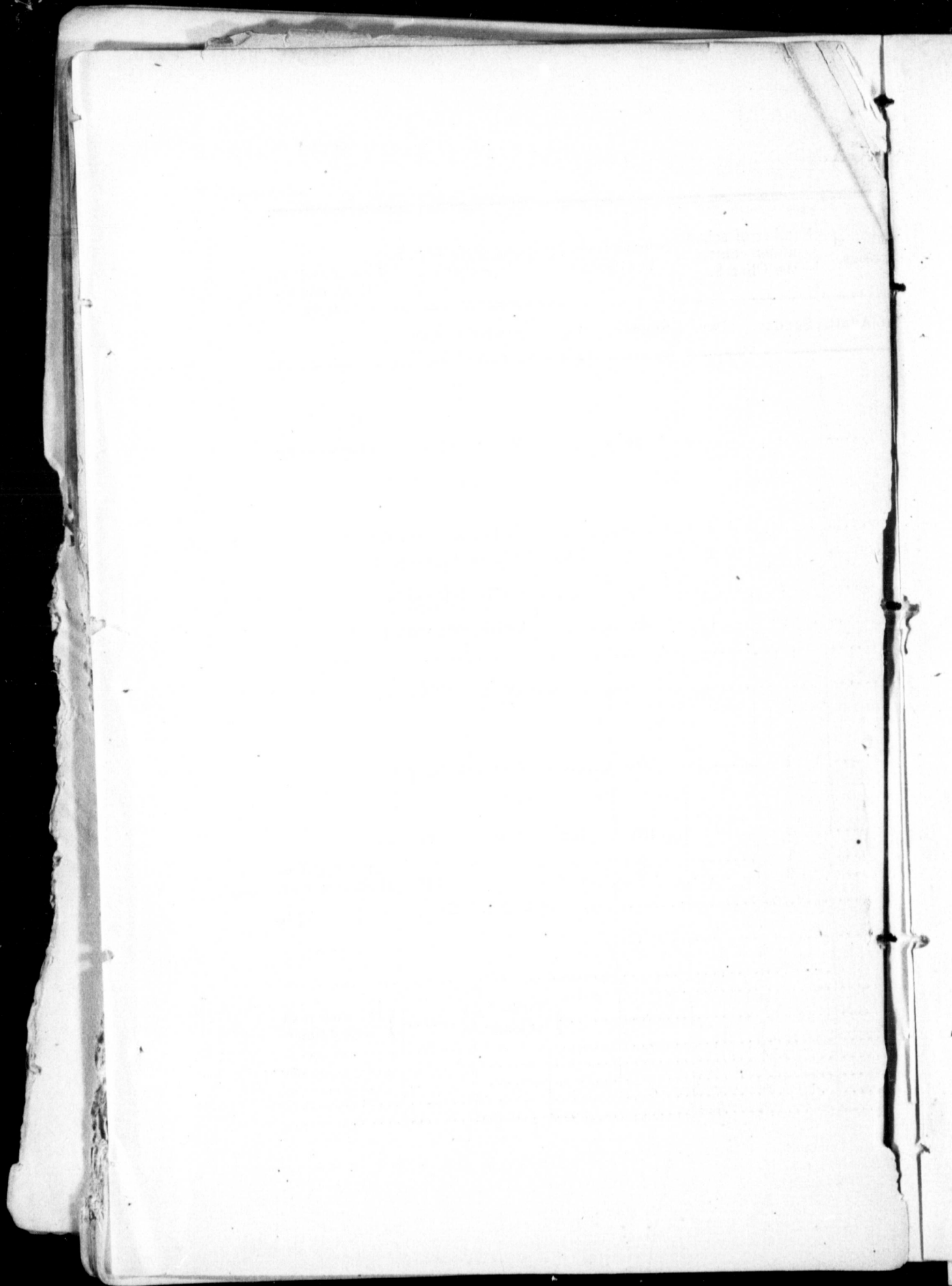
If the Bishop should not think proper, of his own authority, to restore the layman complaining, as above, he or his Commissary shall appoint two disinterested clergymen, and two disinterested laymen, who are communicants, to inquire into and try the case.

If they report to the Bishop that the repelled person ought to be restored, the Bishop shall so direct, and no minister of the diocese shall deny him the Holy Communion.











If they report otherwise, or make no report within three months from their appointment, the repulsion shall continue in force. If this Board of Inquiry be equally divided, they may elect an umpire, clerical or lay, and a majority may report whether the party has been rightfully repelled or not, according to the Rubric.

If the judgment direct a continuance of the repulsion, it shall still be subject to the conditions and provisions of the Rubric.

The judgment of the Board of Inquiry shall be final, unless the Bishop shall grant a re-hearing.

## APPENDIX D.

### REPORT OF THE RURAL DEANERY OF HOCHELAGA,

JUNE, 1866.

MY LORD,—The Annual meeting of the Deanery of Hochelaga for the year 1866, at which this Report was submitted, was held in the School room of Trinity Church, on the 18th inst, at 4 o'clock, P.M. It was attended by fourteen clergymen and twelve laymen, representing twelve incumbencies. After the transaction of business Divine Service was celebrated, and a sermon preached to the members of the Deanery by the Rev. Canon Bancroft, D.D. The special business before the Deanery was:

1st. The appointment of a gentleman to represent the Deanery at the Mission Board. Charles Smallwood, Esq., M.D., LL.D., was nominated.

2nd. The recommendation of a grant to the Mission of New Glasgow, with Kilkenny; \$300 recommended.

3rd. The recommendation of a grant to the Mission of Mascouche; \$200 recommended.

4th. The apportionment of a District for the Church of St. Thomas, agreed upon. (See boundaries).

This Deanery now consists of twenty-one clergymen and two licensed Catechists, officiating in one Parish, eleven Missions, and seven Incumbencies.

CHANGES.—1st. The Rev. C. Rollit has resigned the Mission of Rawdon.

2nd. The Rev. J. Reade has resigned the Mission of Mascouche.



3rd. The Rev. H. Burgess, B.A., has been removed by the hand of death from the charge of Hochelaga.

4th. The Rev. G. Heaton, M.A., has resigned the charge of the Congregation at Côte des Neiges.

5th. The Rev. J. D. Borthwick has been relieved of his temporary charge of St. Luke's Church, Montreal.

6th. The Rev. M. S. Baldwin has been appointed to the Incumbency of St. Luke's, Montreal.

7th. The Rev. A. Shand has been appointed to the Mission of New Glasgow, with Kilkenny.

8th. The Rev. W. M. Seaborne, assisted by a licensed Catechist, Mr. George Webb, has taken charge of Rawdon, with Kildare.

9th. The Rev. J. A. McLeod, M.A., has been appointed to the charge of St. Thomas' Church, Montreal.

10th. The Rev. John P. Dumoulin has accepted the post of Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Montreal.

11th. The Rev. J. D. Borthwick has been appointed to the charge of Hochelaga, and to the Chaplaincy of the jail.

*Vacancies.*—The only Mission within the Deanery vacant, is Laprairie, with Longueuil; and this is temporarily supplied, as stated in last report.

St. Therese, with St. Martin, has very few members of the Church within its limits.

*Boundaries of Parishes and Missions.*—The Church of St. Thomas, in Montreal, is now appropriated to the use of the United Church of England and Ireland, and it has been thought advisable that a district should be set apart in connection with that congregation. The boundaries of the district are as follows:

From Barclay street to Papineau road along St. Mary street, South; the Eastern side of Papineau road to City limits, North and East.

The question of the Division of the Parish of Montreal into separate and independent Parishes or Rectories (so called by a former act of the Synod in relation to self-supporting Churches) in accordance with the existing District, or with arrangements yet to be made, has been postponed in deference to the wishes of the present Rector; with the understanding that in the event of a vacancy in the rectory of Christ Church, the question of such division shall then be brought forward

with a view to its immediate settlement, to which the Lord Bishop of the Diocese has signified, that he shall then be quite ready to give his sanction, whenever any such arrangements can be carried out.

*Confirmation in the Deanery.*—On the 10th June there were confirmed in St. George's Church, 112 persons, viz: Military, 5; St. Lukes, 18; St. George's, 89; and on the following day, in the Cathedral, 47 persons, viz: St. Stephens, 24; St. James the Apostle, 18; and Hochelaga, 5. On the 4th of June there were confirmed at New Glasgow 7 persons; and on the 5th, 22 persons at Kilkenny.

*New Missions.*—None. It will, however, be satisfactory to state that no Mission can now be said to be actually vacant within the Deanery.

*New buildings.*—A new School-house is being erected at Berthier—the property of the Church.

*Insurance.*—There is still a portion of the property of the Church in this Deanery uninsured, though much satisfactory progress has been made, through the effort to gather all into the plan proposed at the last Synod.

*Support of the Clergy.*—This Deanery has in the last two reports pressed upon the Synod the wisdom of insisting upon the duty and privilege of each Mission sustaining, as far as possible, the work of the Ministry; and of standing, by some delegated authority, between the clergyman and the people in the collection of the people's contributions.

Something has been done towards sustaining the Ministry; Mascouche continues its guarantee of \$400 per annum; and New Glasgow, with Kilkenny, has promised about \$150 per annum—a less sum however than reported last year.

*Endowments.*—The reports received indicate only a slight increase at Berthier; no progress is reported in any other Parish or Mission.

*Deputations.*—It is thought that a Deputation appointed by the Lord Bishop, to visit the Rural districts, would be serviceable to the cause of the Church—the month of January or February is suggested as suitable.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM BOND.

*Rural Dean of Hochelaga.*

THE PARSONAGE, HEMMINGFORD, June 12th, 1866.

MY LORD,—The Statistical Table accompanying this Report appears rather meagre as compared with last year, but this arises partly from the fact that many of the Schedules forwarded to the Clergy were not returned in time, and partly from my having stated that all the series of questions need not be filled up, but only such as would afford fresh matter with reference to the work of the past year.

The Deputation appointed by your Lordship to visit with me the different Parishes and Missions of this Deanery, commenced their labours and duties on the 19th of February, and terminated the same on the 2nd of March, after having visited thirteen Churches, and addressed 1225 persons. I am happy to say that in most of the Parishes and Missions the collections were much larger than those of last year, and some two or three doubled their contributions.

The total amount taken up and paid in to the treasurer of the Church Society was \$137, being an increase of \$60 over that of last year. I trust the work of the Deputation will be further seen in additional subscriptions to the Society.

Our Deanery meeting which was held at the Rectory, St. Johns, on Whitsun Tuesday, was poorly attended owing to the unfavourable state of the roads and weather.

The first subject of consideration was a letter from the Rev. Mr. Gay, of Melbourne, relative to the establishment of a female school, and was disposed of by the following

Resolution: The members of the Deanery heartily concur in the general idea conveyed in Mr. Gay's letter, and it is hereby resolved, that at the next session of the Synod it be moved by a member of this Deanery, that a Committee of the Synod be appointed to take steps for the early establishment of such an institution in the City of Montreal or its vicinity.

The Guarantees from Huntingdon and Hinchinbrooke having been laid before the meeting, the Deanery were of opinion that no new Guarantees were necessary, and do hereby recommend that the Mission Board do make the same allowance to the Rev. Mr. Early as was made to Mr. Parker. The Deanery appointed Charles Lindsay, Esq., of St. Johns, as their representative to the Mission Board. The following changes have occurred since last meeting of Synod: The Rev. Dr. Leacock, who was in charge of Chambly, has been

Church members of 1891	Names of Church Wardens
Methodists	James Austin, Jun Samuel Skinner Earl Holtsworth Silvester Savage Wm. Ashton Asahel Farnes Othor Warner
R. Catholics, Methodists, and Presbyterians	J. Yates E. H. Ripley
Roman Catholics, Methodists and Baptists	Leah Tranz Wm. Hackwell
Methodists	Eugene Brown Steven Baker Geo. Oulton Geo. Snellett Geo. E. Baker Hiram Tarter
Roman Catholics	E. England J. Getty E. M. Palmer
	L. M. Knowlton H. S. Foster
	Edw. Coburn M. R. Bishop, M. D. Chas. Crossland H. W. Parker

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TABULAR STATEMENT OF STATISTICS IN THE DEANERY OF BEDFORD, FROM RETURNS

Name of Mission, when established, and name of Clergyman.	Boundaries where ascertained.	No. of Churches.	Material.	Value.	Amount in hand.	Amount of Debts.	State of Repair.	Church accommodation.	Average Attendance.	Other Stations.	No. of communicants.	No. of families who identify themselves by Church.	No. of Church members.	No. of Communicants.	Average Attendance of Communion.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Marriages.	Deaths.	Services on Sundays.	Services on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Ascension Day, Christmas.	How often is Holy Communion administered?	Services on Week Days.	Pastoral Visits.	No. of Sunday Schools.	No. of Sunday Scholars.
Abbottsford, 1824	St. Paul d'Abbottsford	1	Wood	1500 00	1000 00 (Mutual)	None	Good	Ample	65	Three	65	95	18	8	None	4	4	Two	Same as Sunday.	Six times a year in each Ch	Two	Two	45	45		
Rougemont, 1848	Rougemont, and Milton	1	Brick	1500 00	1000 00 (Mutual)	None	Good	250	120	Two	63	308	58	26	10	None	1	12	One Service in Church morning. Two Stations alternately afternoon.	Morning Service in all those days.	Monthly	None except in Lent	Regular but not recorded.	Two	40	
Bedford, 1830	West 1/2 of Town of Stanbridge, from line between 5th and 6th Ranges.	1	Brick	1500 00	1000 00 (Mutual)	None	Good	250	120	Two	63	308	58	26	10	None	1	12	One Service in Church morning. Two Stations alternately afternoon.	Morning Service in all those days.	Monthly	None except in Lent	Regular but not recorded.	Two	40	
Brome, Knowlton, 1842	In Town of Brome, Ranges 5 and 6, 11 and 12	1	Brick	2000 00	1500 00 (Mutual)	None	Good	260	160	Five	58	250	75	35	21	37	3	12	Two	On each of those days.	Monthly	One in summer, Two in winter	550	Summer, five, Winter, three	From 100 to 60	
Brome Corner, 1855	In Town of Bolton	1	Brick	2000 00	1500 00 (Mutual)	None	Good	260	160	Five	58	250	75	35	21	37	3	12	Two	On each of those days.	Monthly	One in summer, Two in winter	550	Summer, five, Winter, three	From 100 to 60	
Brome Woods	Iron Hill and Falford, 72 square miles, N. by West Brome, and S. by Dunham.	1	Brick	1800 00	1275 00 (Royal)	None	Good	150	70	Four	7	87	26	12	15	1	1	1	Two—at Brome Woods once in two weeks, Falford once a month.	One Service on each of those days.	Monthly	One in summer, Two in winter	550	Summer, five, Winter, three	From 100 to 60	
Falford	Iron Hill and Falford, 72 square miles, N. by West Brome, and S. by Dunham.	1	Brick	700 00	Not insured	None	Good	100	50	Two	9	31	12	6	2	2	2	5	Morning, afternoon, evening	As appointed.	Monthly	Twice a week in Lent and daily during Passion week	One	30		
Rev. T. W. Fyles	Cowanville, and Swetsburgh	1	Brick	2500 00	2400 00 (Royal)	None	Good	500	300	Three	60	100	45	13	No record.	4	9	3	Three	Full Service on all those days.	Quarterly	Twice a week in Lent and daily during Passion week	One	50		
Rev. J. C. Davidson	The Township of Dunham, less 1/2	1	Stone	4000 00	3000 00 (Royal)	None	Good	300	125	Three	19	23	10	4	2	2	2	3	Three and two alternately.	Morning Service on Good Friday & Christmas Day.	Quarterly	Twice a week in Lent and daily during Passion week	One	12		
Dunham, 1808	Ely and N. Stukeley, 15 miles square	1	Wood	1200 00	1000 00 (Royal)	None	Good	140	Morning 63 Evening 39	One	44	247	45	9	12	6	7	7	Two	Service in all those days.	Monthly and Festivals	Daily in Passion week	One	55		
Rev. A. Fortin	Extends 15 x 12 miles, N. by L'Ange Gardien, E. by Granby and E. Parham, W. by St. Gregoire, S. by Stanbridge	1	Wood	1200 00	1000 00 (Royal)	None	Good	140	Morning 63 Evening 39	One	44	247	45	9	12	6	7	7	Two	Service in all those days.	Monthly and Festivals	Daily in Passion week	One	55		
West Farnham, 1847	Extends 15 x 12 miles, N. by L'Ange Gardien, E. by Granby and E. Parham, W. by St. Gregoire, S. by Stanbridge	1	Wood	1200 00	1000 00 (Royal)	None	Good	140	Morning 63 Evening 39	One	44	247	45	9	12	6	7	7	Two	Service in all those days.	Monthly and Festivals	Daily in Passion week	One	55		
Freighsburg, 1802	Township of Granby except 24 lots	1	Wood	1600 00	1200 00 (Mutual)	None	Fair	180	80	Five	110	440	100	60	25	41	6	12	Three	Morning Prayer with Sermon on those days.	Quarterly	20 p'r week	One	25		
Rev. J. B. Davidson	Township of Granby except 24 lots	1	Wood	1600 00	1200 00 (Mutual)	None	Fair	180	80	Five	110	440	100	60	25	41	6	12	Three	Morning Prayer with Sermon on those days.	Quarterly	20 p'r week	One	25		
Granby, and N. Shafton, 1843	32 lots in Shafton, and South Roxton	1	Stone	1400 00	1000 00 (Royal)	None	Middling	120	60	Two in Bolton part of winter.	25	12 at S. Bolton 5 E. Bolton	37	25	16	22	4	8	Five	Full Services on all those days.	Monthly	None	Constant	One	50	
Rev. W. Jones	32 lots in Shafton, and South Roxton	1	Stone	1400 00	1000 00 (Royal)	None	Middling	120	60	Two in Bolton part of winter.	25	12 at S. Bolton 5 E. Bolton	37	25	16	22	4	8	Five	Full Services on all those days.	Monthly	None	Constant	One	50	
Poton, 1856, and Bolton	Poton and Bolton	2	Brick	1200 00	1100 00 (Royal)	None	Good	500	130	Three	25	12 at S. Bolton 5 E. Bolton	37	25	16	22	4	8	Five	Full Services on all those days.	Monthly	None	Constant	One	50	
Rev. J. Roads	Poton and Bolton	2	Brick	1200 00	1100 00 (Royal)	None	Good	500	130	Three	25	12 at S. Bolton 5 E. Bolton	37	25	16	22	4	8	Five	Full Services on all those days.	Monthly	None	Constant	One	50	
Rev. T. W. Fessenden	St. Armand W. 32 square miles, N. by Stanbridge, E. by St. Armand E. W. by Clarenceville, S. by Province line	1	Brick	2400 00	1000 00 (Royal)	168 00	Needs some slight repairs.	500	95	Two	30	500	33	20	6	6	6	8	Two	Full Services at both Churches on those days, also on Feast of Circumcision.	Fourteen times in the year.	None	Two	Two	60	
Phillipburgh, 1801 and Pigeon Hill	St. Armand W. 32 square miles, N. by Stanbridge, E. by St. Armand E. W. by Clarenceville, S. by Province line	1	Brick	2400 00	1000 00 (Royal)	168 00	Needs some slight repairs.	500	95	Two	30	500	33	20	6	6	6	8	Two	Full Services at both Churches on those days, also on Feast of Circumcision.	Fourteen times in the year.	None	Two	Two	60	
Rev. H. Montgomery	St. Armand W. 32 square miles, N. by Stanbridge, E. by St. Armand E. W. by Clarenceville, S. by Province line	1	Brick	2400 00	1000 00 (Royal)	168 00	Needs some slight repairs.	500	95	Two	30	500	33	20	6	6	6	8	Two	Full Services at both Churches on those days, also on Feast of Circumcision.	Fourteen times in the year.	None	Two	Two	60	
Stanbridge East, 1851	Township of Stanbridge, East of line between 5th and 6th Ranges.	1	Brick	3000 00	Not insured	None	Unfinished	350	Not taken.	One	One	25	9	9	2	2	2	Two	Services on all those days.	Monthly	In Holy week, Easter week, Whitsun week, Daily Evening Prayer in summer.	Constant	One	50		
Rev. J. Constantine	Township of Stanbridge, East of line between 5th and 6th Ranges.	1	Brick	3000 00	Not insured	None	Unfinished	350	Not taken.	One	One	25	9	9	2	2	2	Two	Services on all those days.	Monthly	In Holy week, Easter week, Whitsun week, Daily Evening Prayer in summer.	Constant	One	50		
Stukeley	Owing to an oversight on the part of the Rural Dean, which was partially excusable on account of the disturbed state of the country in his immediate neighbourhood, the questions were not sent to the Missions of Stukeley and Sutton.	1	Wood	1800 00	1000 00 (Mutual)	None	Good	150	100	Five	120	145	48	29	9	9	9	9	Five	Full Services on all those days—with Holy Communion on Christmas and Ascension.	Monthly in both Churches.	Two	Regular	Five	115	
Rev. C. F. Abbott	Owing to an oversight on the part of the Rural Dean, which was partially excusable on account of the disturbed state of the country in his immediate neighbourhood, the questions were not sent to the Missions of Stukeley and Sutton.	1	Wood	1800 00	1000 00 (Mutual)	None	Good	150	100	Five	120	145	48	29	9	9	9	9	Five	Full Services on all those days—with Holy Communion on Christmas and Ascension.	Monthly in both Churches.	Two	Regular	Five	115	
Sutton, 1844	Town of Shafton	1	Wood	1800 00	1000 00 (Mutual)	None	Good	150	100	Five	120	145	48	29	9	9	9	9	Five	Full Services on all those days—with Holy Communion on Christmas and Ascension.	Monthly in both Churches.	Two	Regular	Five	115	
Rev. J. Smith	Town of Shafton	1	Wood	1800 00	1000 00 (Mutual)	None	Good	150	100	Five	120	145	48	29	9	9	9	9	Five	Full Services on all those days—with Holy Communion on Christmas and Ascension.	Monthly in both Churches.	Two	Regular	Five	115	
Waterloo, 1821	West Sheffield, 40 square miles, including parts of Brome and Granby	1	Wood	2400 00	1700 00 (Mutual)	None	Good	120	60	Five	120	145	48	29	9	9	9	9	Five	Full Services on all those days—with Holy Communion on Christmas and Ascension.	Monthly in both Churches.	Two	Regular	Five	115	
Frost Village	West Sheffield, 40 square miles, including parts of Brome and Granby	1	Wood	2400 00	1700 00 (Mutual)	None	Good	120	60	Five	120	145	48	29	9	9	9	9	Five	Full Services on all those days—with Holy Communion on Christmas and Ascension.	Monthly in both Churches.	Two	Regular	Five	115	
Rev. D. Lindsay	West Sheffield, 40 square miles, including parts of Brome and Granby	1	Wood	2400 00	1700 00 (Mutual)	None	Good	120	60	Five	120	145	48	29	9	9	9	9	Five	Full Services on all those days—with Holy Communion on Christmas and Ascension.	Monthly in both Churches.	Two	Regular	Five	115	
West Sheffield, 1821	West Sheffield, 40 square miles, including parts of Brome and Granby	1	Wood	2400 00	1700 00 (Mutual)	None	Good	120	60	Five	120	145	48	29	9	9	9	9	Five	Full Services on all those days—with Holy Communion on Christmas and Ascension.	Monthly in both Churches.	Two	Regular	Five	115	
Rev. A. T. Whitten	West Sheffield, 40 square miles, including parts of Brome and Granby	1	Wood	2400 00	1700 00 (Mutual)	None	Good	120	60	Five	120	145	48	29	9	9	9	9	Five	Full Services on all those days—with Holy Communion on Christmas and Ascension.	Monthly in both Churches.	Two	Regular	Five	115	
Total		26						3800	1514		850	413	214													

THE DEANERY OF BEDFORD, FROM RETURNS MADE BY CLERGY AND CHURCHWARDENS, JUNE, 1866.

Services on Week Days.	Pastoral Visits.	No. of Sunday Schools.	No. of Sunday Scholars.	No. of Sunday School teachers.	No. of Books in Library.	Day schools under Church.	Other day Schools.	Amount of Clergyman's Salary.	Paid from Cure.	Paid from other sources.	Sunday Collections.	How applied.	Special Collections.	No. of Free Sittings.	No. of Rented Pews.	Amount of Few Rents.	Amount of Endowment.	Repairs, how provided for.	Parsonage, of what material.	Value.	Amount insured and in what office.	Debt on Parsonage.	Description and Value of Glebe.	Names of Church Wardens.	Church members by census of 1861.	Prevailing Religious Denominations.				
None except in Lent	Regular but not recorded.	Two	45	5	5	5	5	600 00	140 00	389 00	8 14	Ordinary expenses	31 77	Twenty			2750 00	By pew Rents and subscription.	Brick	1500 00	1000 00 (Royal)	None	11 acre of land value \$125 00	W. W. O'Dwyer, Onias Crossfield.	Roman Catholics.					
None except in Lent	Regular but not recorded.	Two	40	6 besides clergyman 3 do. do.	120	None	District Schools and one Academy	438 00		S.P.G. 438 00	80 44	General purposes	14 95	All Free			Cash & notes 152 00	By subscrip'n.	Brick	1500 00	1000 00 (Royal)	None	40 acres, value \$1000 00	M. R. Meigs, M.D. Edw. Coslett.						
One in summer, Two in winter	550	Summer, five, Winter, three	From 100 to 60	From 9 to 5	One			700 00	270 00	S.P.G. 487 00	74 04	Sacrament to endowment, rest to current expenses.	15 00	All Free			5000 00 and 400 acres of land.		Brick	2000 00	1500 00 (Royal)	None	15 acres, value \$600 00	H. S. Foster, L. M. Knowlton.						
One	Two	51	5	100	10			608 00	8 00	600 00	6 05	Incidental expenses	2 77	All Free			Parsonage commenced in Brome Woods													
Twice a week in Lent and daily during Passion week	One	30	3	100				800 00	347 00	S.P.G. 487 00 Ch. Soc. 240 00	60 00	Minister's salary	11 95		100 00	1000 00	Subscription and assessment. No special provision.	Wood	1200 00	1200 00 (Royal)	None	1 acre of land and School Property.	Stevens Baker, Geo. Shefelt, Geo. Cotton.	900	Methodists.					
Twice a week in Lent and daily during Passion week	One	50	8	40	None	16		600 00		None	61 00	Incidental expenses		Mostly Free	Two	6 20	2330 00	Building of Wood.												
Daily in Passion week	One	55	4	100	Superior 5 District			580 15	134 15	S.P.G. 500 00	116 58	Endowment and incidental expenses.	16 00	140		2478 00	By offertory and subscription.	Wood	600 00	500 00 (Royal)	None	10 acres of land, value \$100 00	Wm. Hackwell, Benj. Truax.		Roman Catholics, Methodists and Baptists.					
20 p'r week	One	25	4	160	One	14		680 00	200 00	S.P.G. 480 00	22 00	Repair of Churches.	8 00	Fifty	Forty-five	100 00	100 00	Sunday collections and pew rents.	Stone	2000 00	1000 00 (Mutual)	600 00	Ten acres, value \$1600 00	Oliver Warren, Josiah Payne, Wm. Ashton, Sylvester Savage, Benj. Holdsworth, Samuel Skinner, James Austin, jun., John W. Taylor.	700	R. Catholics, Methodists, Congregationalists.				
20 p'r week	Four	12	1	60	None	5		500 00	100 00	Ch. Society 400 00 S. B. 8 E. "	16 S. B. 8 E. "	Insurance and ordinary expenses.		All Free				Wood												
None	Two	60	13	200	None	12		613 87	370 05	S.P.G. 245 32	63 76	General purposes	24 20	45 besides Gallery	Twenty-five	80 00	None	By voluntary subscription.	Recently sold for	800 00	600 00 (Mutual)		100 acres of land, value \$1500 00	C. R. Cheeseman, T. R. Roberts, Peter Yates, J. M. Sagar.	724	Methodists and Baptists.				
In Holy week, Easter week, Whitsun week, Daily Evening Prayer in summer.	Constant	One	50	6	None							A small sum applied to incidental expenses.		None					Stone	2000 00	Not Insured	All the debt due to the Incumbent.	No glebe		Benj. Corey, Chas. Filer.	No reliance to be placed in Census.	Universalists.			
Full Services on all those days—with Holy Communion on Christmas and Ascension.	Monthly in both Churches.	Two	Regular	Five	115	6	400	706 00	592 00	88 24	111 09	General purposes	30 47	All Free	None		5520 00	Collect's and subscriptions.	Brick	2000 00	1000 00 (Mutual)	None	17 acres, value \$850 00	R. A. Ellis, H. L. Robinson, Hon. L. S. Huntington, T. Jones.		Adventists and Methodists.				
None	One	19	4	5																										



SCHEDULE OF REPORT TO SYNOD FOR THE YEAR 1866

Name of Clergyman.	Extent and Boundary of Parish, Mission, or Cure.	When first established.	Number of Churches.	Value of Churches.	Insurance, and in what office.	Amount of Debt.	State of Repair.	Other Buildings. No Churches.	No. of Constituted Stations.	Church Accommodation.	Average Attendance.	Families identified with the Church.	Number of Church members.	Number of Communicants.	Average Attendance of Communicants.	Number of Baptisms.	Number of Confirmations.	Number of Marriages.	Number of Deaths.	Sunday Services & Holy Communion.	Services on other days.	Services on Week Days.	Number of Visits.	Number of Sunday Schools.
Rev. G. B. Dodwell	CHAMBLEY, about 15 miles. No boundaries.																							
Rev. Jas. A. McLeod	CHRISTIEVILLE, 10 miles by 8, Seignory of Bleury.	A. D. 1843	1	Ch. Parsonage \$3,200 Royal under the new arrangement.	None											1865.. 5	1865.. 12	1865.. 3	1865.. 4					
Rev. M. Townsend, Rect. Rev. C. Lancaster, asst.	CLARENCEVILLE, 76 sq. miles; boundaries. Seignory of Noyan and Faucault.	A. D. 1815	3		Good				200 persons each Church.	75 at each Church, 30 at each Station.	476	127	30			1865.. 29	None in 1865.	1865.. 4	1865.. 17		On Fdy in each wk in Lent..	Not counted.	2	
Rev. William Brethour	DURHAM AND ORMS-TOWN, the County of Beauharnois and part of the County of Chateaugay.	A. D. 1857	1			None			Good	Rather better than last year.		567 according to the census of 1861.	About 60	About 80		1866.. 19	1866.. 31	1866.. 3	1866.. 4					
Rev. E. G. Satton	EDWARDSTOWN and parts adjacent.	A. D. 1848											38			1865.. 8		1865.. 17	1865.. 2	1865.. 2				
Rev. James Fulton	FRANKLIN & HAVE-LOCK	A. D. 1848		\$1,600 Royal		None										1865.. 16	Not given	1865.. 3	1865.. 19					
	HUNTINGDON AND HINCHINBROOKE, 425 sq. miles. N. the St. Lawrence; E. the Seignory line; S. the U. S.; W. the Dundee Township.	A. D. 1830																						
Rev. Edward Duvernet, Rural Dean	HEMMINGFORD, 150 sq. miles. N. Sher-ington; E. unde-fined; S. Prov. line; W. English river.	A. D. 1848		Royal		\$160							48	20		15	1866.. 27	1865.. 6	1865.. 12					
Rev. A. D. Lockhart	LACOLLE, 16 by 4 miles. N. St. John's; E. Richelieu; S. Prov. line; W. undefined.	A. D. 1837	1	Ch. property, Royal \$3,200.		None	Good				200	120	About 60			1865.. 9	None in 1865.	1865.. 2	1865.. 12					
Rev. H. F. Darnell	ST. JOHN'S, Barony of Longueuil.	A. D. 1816				\$500,000 on High Sch'l property.		2	2			St. John's ab't 100. Lacadie 30.	St. John's ab't 500, besides garri-son. Lacadie ab't 130.			1866.. 24	Last two Confirm-ations 52 & 41 Can-didates..	1866.. 6	1866.. 15	M'g & Ev'g; H.C. mthly; & on Xmas & Easter..	The ap-pointed Services for Mr'n'g	Friday ev'g Services fr'm Nov. to May incl.		
Rev. N. V. Fenn	SABREVOIS.	A. D. 1822																						
	SHERRINGTON.																							

N.B.—The asterisk in various questions denotes the same answers as last

THE YEAR 1866.—DEANERY OF IBERVILLE.

Services on Week Days.	Number of Visits.	Number of Sunday Schools.	Number of Sunday School Scholars.	No. of Sunday School Teachers.	Number of Books in Library.	Number of Day Schools under Church.	Number of other Day Schools.	Amount of Clergyman's salary.	Amount paid from other sources than Cure.	Members of Church per Census 1861.	Most prevalent Religious Denomination.	Amount of Sunday Collectors.	How applied.	Amount of special Collections.	Amount of Pew Rents.	Number of Free Sittings.	Number of Rented Pews.	Amount of En-dowment.	Amount of Clergy-man's salary paid by Mission.	How raised.	Repairs and how provided for.	Amount of Gene-ral Expenditure, & how provided.	Parsonage, and of what material.	Value of Parsonage.	Insurance, and in what Office.	State of Repair.	Amount of Debt, if any.	Value of Glebe, or other Church Property.	Church Wardens.
On Fdy in each wk in Lent..	Not counted.	2	70	13	250		25	\$584	\$492	880	Presbyterians & Catholics..	\$88.40		Not given.															Wm. McGinnis. Geo. Twamley.
														Wd. & Or. \$4; Misy M. \$16..				\$1,700					\$1,350				Just pur-chased.. No pay-ment made	Par'sg. & 6 ac. 1d c't \$1,650	* Has the clergyman solemnly sworn regularly, paid
																													G. Wheatly. A. Sever. J. Dunn. J. Lawless. Thomas Aichin. Geo. Rowe.
								S.P.G. \$365 Oh. Society \$120			R.C. Presb. & Meth'd.	\$48		\$42			2	20	Nil						Royal				Wm. Besant. John Hodgson. Robert Quest. Chas. Ellerton.
Friday ev'g Services fr'm Nov. to May incl.			40			None					Methodism	\$38		Not given.	Not given.										Good	\$182	Glebe at Lacolle \$2,000..	Alonza Smith. Wm. Goforth.	
														St. John's \$5.50 p. Sy Lacadie nominal.															J. Coote, and W. Drummond.

denotes the same answers as last year.



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No.	Name of Clergyman	Name and Position of Parish, Ministry or Cong.	Year first established	Number of Communicants
1	Rev. G. B. Hobart	WILMINGTON about 18...	...	...
2	Rev. J. A. McLeod	CHRISTIANITY 18...	...	...
3	Rev. M. Townsend	CLARE MOUNTAIN 18...	...	...
4	Rev. William ...	DEERFIELD and ...	...	...
5	Rev. C. S. Eaton	EDWARDSVILLE 18...	...	...
6	Rev. James Patton	FRANKLIN & HAY...	...	...
7	...	WINDSOR 18...	...	...
8	Rev. Edward Davenport	HEMLOCKVILLE 18...	...	...
9	Rev. A. D. Lockhart	JACOBUS 18...	...	...
10	Rev. H. F. ...	...	...	...

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succeeded by the Rev. George B. Dodwell. The Rev. Mr. Parker, of Huntingdon, by Rev. Mr. Early. The Rev. Thomas Godden, Asst. Minister, Clarenceville, by the Rev. C. H. Lancaster. The Rev. Mr. McLeod has resigned the charge of Christieville, which is now vacant.

Having nothing further to state worth communicating,

I have the honor to remain,

My Lord,

Your faithful and obedient servant,

EDWARD DU VERNET,

*Rural Dean of Iberville.*

The Most Rev. The Lord Bishop of Montreal.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RURAL DEANERY  
OF BEDFORD, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE,  
1866.

In presenting the annual Report for the past year the Rural Dean is well pleased to be able to speak in very encouraging terms of the progress which the Church has been evidently making in the Deanery of Bedford during that period. And it must be remembered, and the Rural Dean would desire to call attention to this fact, in commencing this Report, that we are passing through a very trying crisis in our Church history—a crisis which has come upon us so gradually that few, perhaps, have taken much notice of it.

After having been trained, for a long series of years, into a system of dependence upon external aid for building Churches and supporting their religious institutions, the members of our communion are being brought face to face with the unquestionable fact that they must henceforth depend, to a great extent, upon their own resources and exertions.

Such a state of things is, as past experience has proved, a very severe trial to the stability, inherent vitality, and consequent continued existence of any body, and if the Church is found to hold the ground it has hitherto occupied, without any farther extension, it would be as much and even more than we could reasonably expect. So far as can be gathered



from the statistics of this Deanery we are doing this at present; and therefore the Rural Dean would feel justified in speaking in encouraging terms of the state of the Church work, which comes under his superintendence.

We have still seventeen Parishes or Missions, presided over by an equal number of Clergymen in priest's orders, together with a Deacon, Assistant Minister in the Mission of Potton and Bolton. In these Parishes or Missions we have twenty-six churches together with one in course of erection at Abercorn, in the Mission of Sutton. Five of these are built of stone, eleven of brick, and ten of wood. The total value of nineteen of these Churches, as it is returned to me, in answer to the questions sent, is \$35,000. Of this amount \$20,235 is covered by insurance on fifteen churches, either in the "Royal" of Liverpool or in the local mutual Insurance Companies. Three are not insured, and one, the value of which is given, is not returned under the head of insurance at all.

There are in the Deanery twelve Parsonage-houses, and two in course of erection in Brome Woods Mission and in the Mission of Ely. They, like the Churches, are of different material, and different degrees of value. By the returns made they appear to be in good repair. The total value of nine of these twelve Parsonage houses is \$13,500, of which amount \$6800 is covered by insurance. We have also belonging to the Church, glebe lands valued at \$6715.

Thus it will be seen that the Church possesses, in real property in this Deanery, the gross amount of \$55,215; and this is understated, because we have, from two Parishes, no return at all, and the returns are not complete from another.

This is a matter of vital importance to our future success. If these Churches and Parsonage-houses had now to be built we should find our present resources inadequate to the two-fold object of building them and sustaining our Missions at the same time. But having them, and having them almost wholly free from debt (\$600 upon one parsonage being the only debt worth mentioning in the whole Deanery) we can devote our energies to the sustaining our present institutions in a vigorous and growing condition, and creating local endowments. And with regard to this latter subject, I may mention that we have at present in this Deanery, nine

Missions or Parishes, in which such endowments have been commenced, amounting, in the aggregate, to \$15,141 68.

As regards the daily work of the Church, which is carried on among the living members of Christ's flock, and the unpledged and unattached multitude abounding in these Townships, matters can hardly be said to wear as encouraging an aspect. Comparing the Church accommodation afforded and the average attendance in our Churches scarcely one-third of those who might avail themselves of that accommodation, are found habitually to do so. In fact, it is to be feared, that the laxity respecting attendance upon public worship is hardly realized as it should be or made the subject of special effort. The attention of our Churchwardens and vestry-men, as well as the communicants of the Church generally, is called to this important and painful fact. Again, it appears from the official returns, that of our registered communicants in all our parishes very nearly alike, about one-half only are habitual attendants on the Lord's table. This can hardly be considered a satisfactory proportion. And therefore earnest prayer and earnest effort should be employed to endeavour to awaken our people, at least to a deeper sense of the life-giving power of that Divine Ordinance, that they may become more and more living witnesses for Christ and evidences of the power of true religion.

The Rural Dean believes that no apology is needed for introducing these remarks amidst the dry details of an official and statistical report. For in vain shall we congratulate ourselves upon the possession of a well-ordered material in our parishes, and a flourishing financial position if we have not, at the same time, evidence that the Church is really doing the work which her Divine Master committed to her; that her Clergy, by the zeal and earnestness with which they enter upon their sacred duties, and her members by the consistency and holy blamelessness of their lives, are exerting a healthy and improving influence upon the mass of the unbelieving world, by which they are surrounded.

In concluding this Report, the Rural Dean is certain that he does but express the unanimous feeling of the whole Ruridecanal Chapter, in giving utterance to the deep regret and sorrow, which we all must feel that, meeting here in Dunham, we have no longer the privilege of the genial and kindly pres-

ence amongst us of the late venerable Archdeacon Scott. Although, as regards the Diocese at large, we have the advantage of an able and worthy successor to the office which he filled, yet none can be what Dr. Scott was to the members of this Chapter. United with us, from the first, in all our labors for the extension of the Church, rarely absent from any assembly gathered to promote some Church purpose, kind and charitable in his judgments almost to a fault, his person and character will be long embalmed in the memory of his brethren of the Clergy and the lay-members of the Church in this Deanery. And meeting here, as we do, in his late parish, where he was ever so happy to welcome us, we desire to record this grateful tribute to his memory.

The Rural Dean takes this opportunity of thanking the Clergy for their uniform kindness and courtesy to himself, as well as for the full and careful manner in which the large majority have answered the questions, which, by desire of the Bishop, he transmitted to them, and upon the correctness of which answers the truthful and consequently useful character of his Report depends.

GEO. SLACK,  
*Rural Dean.*

BEDFORD PARSONAGE,  
JUNE 14TH, 1866.

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DEANERY OF ST. ANDREWS, 1866.

MY LORD.—In compliance with the wishes of the Clergy of this Deanery, I proceeded as early as possible, last winter, to visit every Missionary Station, and with the assistance of the neighboring Clergy, to hold meetings for the purpose of making the people better acquainted with the Missionary operations of the Church, as well as to show them what a claim she has upon their support. The only places not visited were Calumet Island, Black River Settlement, and Colonge, in the Mission of Portage du Fort.

On the first of January, immediately after Divine service, I proceeded up the Ottawa, and reached Hull next day, and thence proceeded to Clarendon centre—where arrangements were made for holding our first Missionary meeting. There the Clergy from the surrounding Missions met me, notwith-



SCHEDULE OF REPORT FOR SYNOD.—DEANERY OF ST. ANDREWS, A.D. 1866.

	Name of Clergymen.	Extent of Mission.	Number of Stations.	Church Accommodation.	Average attendance.	Number of communicants.	Baptisms during the past year.	Number confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Services on Sundays in the year.	How often is the Holy Communion administered?	What services on Good Friday, Ash Wednesday, Ascension, and Christmas day?	Number of Services on week days.	Pastoral visits.	Sunday Schools.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Books in Library.	Is the Clergyman regularly paid by the people.
Aylmer.....	Rev. F. Codd.....	60 sq. miles..	2	250	80	30	14	16	4	8	104	Monthly, Christmas and Easter.....	Those prescribed....	Occasional, weekly in Lent....	198	1	36	6	150	Yes.
Aylwin.....	Rev. A. Nesbitt.....	2,100 "	.....	.....	50	9	28	.....	3	.....	2	.....	.....	2	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes.
Buckingham.....	Rev. J. Babin, A.B.....	300 "	4	150	80	60	27	19	3	3	104	Six times a year....	Full services.....	1	200	1	56	4	130	Yes.
Clarendon.....	Rev. G. Robinson.....	90 "	5	175	178	65	37	12	5	10	104	Monthly, at Easter and Christmas....	Full services.....	Occasional.	360	3	80	12	80	Yes.
Eardley.....	Rev. J. Smith.....	24 "	4	No Church	170	.....	1	.....	.....	3	104	Six times in the year	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	Not by all.
Grenville.....	Rev. F. Neve.....	200 "	4	600	300	70	22	.....	3	4	104	Twenty times a year	Full services.....	14	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes.
North Gore.....	Rev. A. O. Taylor.....	150 "	5	500	500	.....	35	.....	1	7	104	.....	Full services.....	3	150	3	85	8	.....	Yes.
Hull.....	Rev. J. Johnston.....	.....	2	500	200	60	36	17	5	2	104	Monthly.....	Full services.....	.....	260	1	30	5	100	Yes.
Onslow.....	Rev. F. Brathwaite, M.A.	160 "	5	126	50	89	31	.....	5	4	150	Fifty-three times in the year.....	Full services.....	Daily.....	No record..	3	37	4	107	Yes.
Derry.....	Rev. C. Kaapke.....	100 "	2	50	20	.....	9	1	.....	2	52	.....	On Christmas day..	.....	200	1	10	1	.....	Very poor people.
Mille Isle.....	Rev. Jos. Merrick.....	100 "	2	240	120	39	17	.....	1	1	104	Twice in year.....	Full services.....	1	240	2	50	2	.....	In arrears.
Portage du Fort..	Rev. J. Gribble.....	400 "	4	400	70	88	19	18	6	7	3	Monthly.....	Full services.....	2	No record..	1	60	5	.....	Yes.
St. Andrews.....	Rev. R. Lonsdell, M.A....	150 "	1	260	160	100	11	18	2	4	104	Monthly, Easter and Christmas.....	Full services.....	1	200	1	30	4	200	Yes.
Thorne and Leslie.	Rev. J. Rollit.....	200 "	6	.....	120	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	250	1	12	2	.....	Not all.
Vaudreuil.....	Rev. J. Pyke.....	225 "	3	300	160	100	14	22	1	10	104	Monthly, Christmas and Easter.....	Full services.....	.....	31	2	70	8	150	Yes.
Wakefield.....	Rev. J. Seaman.....	350 "	7	No Ch	84	48	30	19	4	.....	150	Quarterly, Christmas and Easter.....	Full services.....	2	No record..	1 & 4 Bible Classes..	.....	.....	.....	In arrears.



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standing the very severe cold. I have no doubt of the good effect likely to be produced, if one may take as a criterion the marked attention of the audience. Every thing in this Mission is going on as favourably as can be expected; I trust that the people will appreciate more and more the valuable services of their devoted Clergyman. Another meeting was held next morning at Starke's School-house, in the same mission; thence we proceeded to Havelock, and, after holding our Missionary meeting and conferring with the Churchwardens, pushed on as quickly as possible to Portage du Fort, to keep a similar appointment. The Church here is holding her ground, and although the town has not increased, owing to the suspension of the works, yet the congregation is good. The interior of the Church has been very much improved of late. Mr. Gribble is as active as ever, and attends to several distant congregations, making all his journeys on foot.

At the North of Clarendon we had a large attendance; and I understand from Mr. Rollit, that the people are very well disposed towards the Church, and are very anxious to have a snitable place for worship erected. A person in the neighborhood has offered an eligible site, which he pointed out to me. Another of Mr. Rollit's congregations was visited on the following day in East Thorne. Not far from this a settlement of Germans is being formed, with every probability of a large accession to their numbers. I hope it will be in the power of the Church Society to make some provision for the spiritual oversight of this people. It is very desirable that a Church be erected in Thorne, on a convenient site, as much time is spent in going from one place to another to hold Divine service—every one of the houses being in every respect unsuited for such a purpose. Mr. Rollit holds service stately in the Township of Leslie, to which I accompanied him, taking the Sunday duty. It was on this occasion that I baptised a child which had been brought sixteen miles to receive that initiatory sacrament: it was sad, however, to see how the mother of the babe had suffered from the intense cold—the thermometer being 35 below zero—indeed we each found it impossible to keep warm as the piercing cold penetrated every house. I visited a settlement in the rear of Bristol, where there are some staunch Church people, and held a meeting: the people shewed us every kindness. In the adjoining

Township of Onslow, where Mr. Brathwaite has erected a very neat Church (not yet finished) there is a very great improvement both in the appearance of the settlement, as well as in the demeanour of the people. A few years ago it was like a wilderness. I believe that the people here have done their utmost in advancing the interests of the Church, and therefore are well deserving of assistance towards the completion of their place of worship. They contributed to our Missionary fund at a meeting held for that purpose. Having gone through the township and witnessed the very great improvement that has been effected by the instrumentality of Rev. Mr. Brathwaite, I could not but feel thankful to Almighty God; and all has been effected within a few years. To Mr. Brathwaite, too, we are indebted for the good beginning that is made in the western portion of the Township of Eardly and also for the Church commenced there, which, I trust, may very soon be sufficiently advanced, so as to admit of being used for Divine service. The attendance in the New Mission of Eardly is very satisfactory. The people evidently appreciate Mr. Smith. In the central part of the Mission there is no place sufficiently large to accommodate the congregation except the "Orange hall," which he makes use of till such time as he can erect a Church. Every thing goes on satisfactorily in Aylmer, and notwithstanding the removal of two wealthy families, there is no drawback in raising the Clergyman's stipend. I do trust that the congregation will make an effort to build a parsonage, which would no doubt, contribute much to the comfort of a deserving Clergyman.

Since Ottawa City has become the seat of government there has been a large increase in the congregation at Hull; the Church here has been materially improved; it would, however, be a further improvement as well as tend to advance the interests of the Church, were the grounds enclosed and a parsonage erected, for which there is ample room; if this were carried out and evening service regularly held, I have no doubt of this Church being well filled, and in a short time would become self-supporting. In the Gatineau district our Missionary Meetings were well attended. In North Wakefield and Masham the people are helping all they can towards the erection of a Church—a site for which has been given by the Hon. John Hamilton, of Hawkesbury. Mr. Seaman, in

addition to his ordinary Mission work, made a tour last winter through the country lying north of the Township of Templeton, where there are several Church families located. In Aylwin there has been a very neat parsonage erected on ground granted for that purpose by the same good friend of the Church, from whom was obtained the site in Masham. Mr. Nesbitt's Mission is very extensive, reaching as far as the Hudson Bay's Post, one hundred miles North of Ottawa city. I did not go up farther than opposite the Township of Hincks, as there was no difficulty in the people's attending the meeting in that locality, which was very large indeed. What surprised one most was to witness the large gatherings of people in such distant places, mostly all of whom were from the midland counties of Ireland. There was only one feeling expressed towards Mr. Nesbitt, of which I am sure he is very deserving, and which he appreciates. In the course of time this extensive Mission will have to be divided—the country around the Pikekenok will require the undivided attention of one Missionary. It was back here, near Danford Lake, on the 14th January, that we held service, and, notwithstanding the extreme cold, there was a large congregation, some of whom, I was given to understand, had come sixteen miles distant. Most of the people were supplied with prayer books, and took their part in the services. When, last autumn, Mr. Nesbitt returned after having received priest's orders, our host Mr. Heaney (aged 70) rode down to Ottawa and back, altogether a distance of about one hundred and sixty miles, bringing with him a communion service, in order that, after so many long years of privation, he and his fellow Churchmen might enjoy the privilege of partaking of the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ. As we were going to Danford Lake, Mr. Codd and I lost our way in the pine forest, and after driving during some hours, we providentially discovered the blazing light of a shanty, where we received the needful information. Returning down the Gatineau, I attended a meeting held at another of Mr. Seaman's stations at the Peche; the place was well filled with an attentive audience. Chelsea, which lies between this village and Hull, does not, I understand, enjoy the advantage of the Church service—on the opposite side of the river there are several people who were in the habit of attending when a Clergyman visited the place. Mr. Seaman



cannot attend unless he were to give up some other appointment. The Township of Templeton and the rear country visited by Mr. Seaman, will ere long, I trust, constitute a new Mission. On my way through I became acquainted with some of our people who are anxious to have a Missionary resident amongst them. Mr. Babin comes over occasionally from Buckingham, so as not to leave them quite destitute. There is also a settlement up the Lievre which he attends to. A Presbyterian, who was prevented by the inclemency of the weather from attending the Buckingham meeting, very kindly sent us a donation. The statistics from Buckingham are of a very gratifying character, and creditable to the Missionary.

The German Mission was not visited, owing to the fact that all the men were absent in the lumber shanties. Should the settlements at Derry and Bowman not increase by a large accession of immigrants, it may probably be better for Mr. Kaapcke to be removed to another settlement where there are more of his countrymen, and where he could make himself more useful. There are two small settlements in Derry, ten miles apart, while to visit Bowman, Mr. Kaapcke had to walk forty miles and proceed sixty more in a canoe.

Mr. Neve, of Grenville, has a very extensive charge, and a very rough country to travel through—especially over the mountain and up the Range. He labours over a tract of country forty-three miles in length—from Chatham to Lochaber. We held three Missionary meetings in his charge.

In the North Gore Mission, Mr. Taylor seems to be doing a good work; he is certainly indefatigable, and attends to five stations, at three of which Missionary meetings were held. I was pleased to hear the people express their gratitude towards their former pastor, (Mr. Griffin, now disabled from continuing his work by ill health,) who had so long laboured faithfully amongst them; the good seed sown by his instrumentality can not fail to produce its blessed effects.

In the Mille Isle and Morin Mission, Mr. Merrick exerts himself for the good of his people: the country is very rough and the people poor; out of their little they were not backward in contributing at our Missionary Meetings.

There is every prospect of a New Church being built at Como, in the Vaudreuil Mission. There is, I was glad to see, an increase in the number attending the services, and there

is every probability of a larger increase in the number of those who will materially strengthen this Mission.

There is a matter to which I beg again to direct your Lordship's attention; the great extent of country west of the Gore and north of Grenville, consisting of five or six townships, is totally unprovided with the ministrations of the Church. To my knowledge several have been induced to leave the Church owing to the fact that since the travelling Missionary had been withdrawn, some years ago, they have not had the visit of a Clergyman. I do trust that something may be done to remedy this evil and provide our poor people, who are scattered over this wild district, with the means of grace. It is my intention to make a tour during this summer, and spend, if possible, a fortnight amongst them. Before concluding, I would remind your Lordship, that there are fourteen Townships on the Gatineau, extending from Hull to the Desert river—a distance of one hundred miles—and as yet not one scitary Church in these extensive Missions, for the decent celebration of public worship and the administration of sacraments. The people have collected the necessary materials in Masham on the site given for a Church, but they have not the means at their disposal to put the materials together, as they contribute to the utmost of their ability to the support of their Clergyman. I trust that God may put it into the hearts of some of those who have the means to assist in the good and most necessary work, that at least one Church may be finished this summer in this hitherto neglected district. During the last winter thirty Missionary stations were visited and collections taken up, which were paid to the treasurer of the Church Society.

I am, my Lord,

Your Lordship's faithful servant,

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