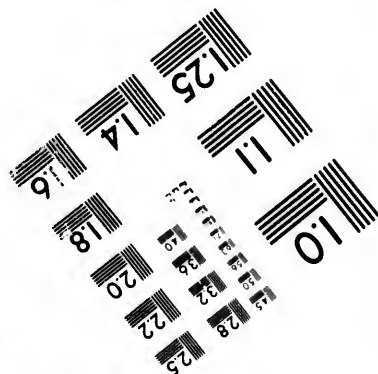
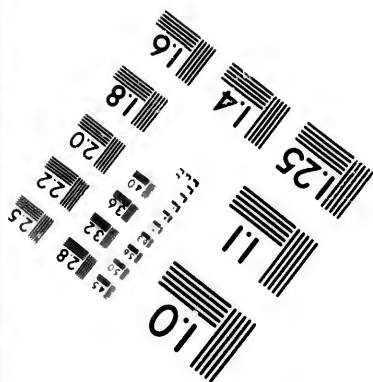
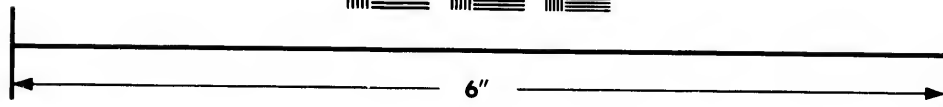
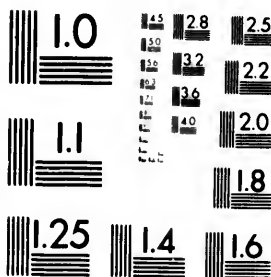
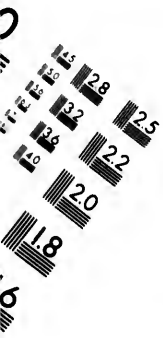


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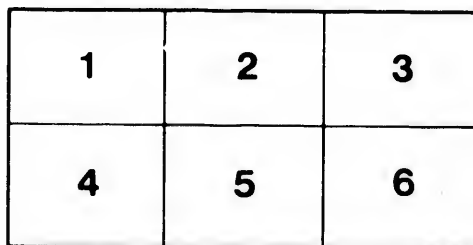
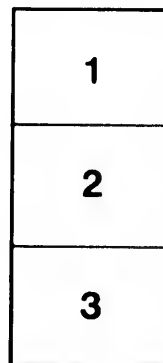
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# CONSTITUTION OF THE SYNOD

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## DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

ADOPTED AT THE CONFERENCE HELD ON APRIL 13th. A. D. 1882.

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*In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen :*

**W**HEREAS, It is desirable that the Members of the Church of England, in the Diocese of New Westminster, should be associated together as a branch of the said Church, and that a Synod should be constituted for the government of the same, for the ordering of the affairs, the arrangement of the property, the promotion of the discipline of the Members thereof, and for the inculcation and maintenance of sound doctrine and true religion in the Diocese, to the Glory of Almighty God, and the edifying and increase of the Church of Christ.

AND WHEREAS, The Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Church in the said Diocese have met in Conference to determine the principles upon which such association shall be based, and to decide on the Constitution, and to define the powers of the said Synod,

Now, therefore, we the said Bishop, Clergy, and Laity, in Conference assembled, do solemnly declare and resolve as follows :—

I.

That we hold and maintain the Doctrine and Sacraments of Christ as the Lord hath commanded in His Holy Word, and as the Church of England hath received and explained the same in the Book of Common Prayer, in the Form and Manner of Making, Ordaining, and Consecrating of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and in the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion. And the Synod hereinafter constituted shall hold and maintain the same, and shall have no power to make any alteration in the authorized version of Scripture, or in the above-named Formularies of the Church.

Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the Synod from accepting any alteration of the above-named Formularies and Version of the Bible, as may, from time to time, be adopted by the Church of England.

Provided also that it shall be lawful for the Synod to frame new and to modify existing rules (not affecting doctrine) with the view of meeting circumstances peculiar to this Diocese, and for the greater edifying of the native members of the Church.

Provided also that it shall be lawful for the Bishop, from time to time, to authorize, and order to be used, any Special Forms of Prayer or Thanksgiving as he shall deem expedient and edifying.

II.

That, forasmuch as in the present we deem it inexpedient to apply for State Recognition of the Synod, therefore the said Synod shall be formed upon the principle of Voluntary Compact.

III.

That the Synod shall be called "The Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster."

IV.

That the Synod shall consist of the Bishop, the Licensed Clergy of the Diocese, and Lay Delegates, qualified and elected as hereinafter provided.

V.

That the functions of the Synod shall include the following, viz : The passing of Canons concerning

A.—The appointment and maintenance of the Clergy.

B.—The tenure and management of Church property.

C.—The formation and constitution of Parishes.

D.—The establishment of a Tribunal for the trial of charges against Clergy and Office-bearers of the Church.

E.—The Regulation of Fees for Marriages and other Offices of the Church.

VI.

That the Lay Delegates shall be Communicants of at least one year's standing, and of the age of twenty-one years and upwards.

Provided that it shall be competent for the Synod to deal specially with cases where there have been insufficient opportunities of Communion during the year.

VII.

That the number of Lay Delegates from each Parish, where there is a resident Clergyman, shall be three, two of whom, at least, shall be residents in the Parish.

VIII.

That all male, baptized persons of the age of eighteen years and upwards, being accustomed attendants at the Church or one of the Churches of the Parish for which the Election is held, and

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having been resident in the Parish for a period of not less than three months previous to the election, shall be qualified to vote for Lay Delegates on making and subscribing the Declaration hereinafter provided

IX.

That the Election of Lay Delegates shall be held annually.

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That the first Election under the provisions of this Constitution shall be held at such time and in such manner as this Conference shall appoint, but that all subsequent elections shall be held on Monday in Easter Week, or within twenty-one days thereafter, at a Meeting to be summoned by the Incumbent or Churchwardens, or either of them, and of which notice has been given at least eight days previously upon the door of the Church or place where service is usually held.

XI.

That in case of a vacancy occurring in the representation of any Parish by death, resignation, refusal to act, or otherwise, such vacancy may be filled at a special Meeting called for the purpose according to the provisions of the preceding article.

XII.

That the Nomination of Delegates may be held in the place where the Annual Easter Meeting is usually held, but if a Poll is required it shall be held in some suitable place other than the Church, to be provided by the Churchwardens.

XIII.

That in case of a contested Election the voting shall be by Ballot, presided over by the Incumbent or some person chosen by the electors present from their own number.

XIV.

That the Lay Delegates shall be furnished with a Certificate (as hereinafter provided) of their due Election, signed by the person who presides, whose duty it shall also be to forward a copy of the Certificate to the Secretaries of the Synod.

XV.

That in the event of any person being elected to represent more than one Parish, he shall, on notification by the Secretaries of the Synod, declare in writing for which Parish he decides to vote, and the Secretaries shall notify the Incumbent and Church-

wardens of the other Parish or Parishes to proceed to a new Election.

## XVI.

That the Delegates' year of office, (except in case of bye Elections,) shall date from the first Meeting of Synod, subsequent to their Election.

## XVII.

That a Declaration of adhesion and submission to the Canons of the Synod, as hereinafter provided, shall be subscribed by all Clergy, Delegates, Office-bearers and Electors.

## XVIII.

That the Synod shall meet at least once a year, on a summons from the Bishop, or (in case of vacancy of the See) on the summons of the Secretaries, with the authority of the Executive Committee.

## XIX.

That the quorum for the transaction of business in the Synod shall consist of not less than one fourth of the whole number of the Clergy of the Diocese, and one fourth of duly elected Delegates, but any lesser number may adjourn from day to day until a quorum can be obtained, provided that the Bishop being prevented by sickness from attending the meeting of the Synod, an adjournment shall be made for any period not exceeding one month.

## XX.

That the Synod at its first meeting after each general Election shall appoint one Clerical and one Lay Secretary to hold office for a year, or during the pleasure of the Synod, and shall also elect, by ballot, three Clergymen and three Laymen, who, with one Clergyman and one Layman, to be nominated by the Bishop, shall, with him, be the Executive Committee, with power to act until the Election of their successors.

## XXI.

That the voting in Synod shall invariably be by orders, and the concurrence of the Bishop and a majority of the Clergy and a majority of the Laity shall be necessary to give validity to any act or Resolution of the Synod.

## XXII.

That any proposition for altering this Constitution, or for altering any Canon passed by the Synod, if approved by vote of the Synod, shall then lie over for one year; and, if then again ap-

proved by the Bishop and a two-thirds majority of the Clergy and Laity severally, it shall be adopted.

SCHEDULE.

DECLARATION OF SUBMISSION.

I, A. B., do willingly subscribe to and declare that I assent to and abide by the Constitution, Rules of Order, and Canons which have been, or shall be, from time to time, passed by the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster.

Date. (Signed.) Witness.

DECLARATION OF ELECTORS.

I, A. B., solemnly declare that I belong to the Church of England, and to no other religious denomination; that I am an accustomed attendant of ..... Church, and qualified to vote as an Elector, according to the provisions of the Constitution of the Synod of this Diocese.

Date. (Signed.) Witness.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION.

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Electors of the Parish or Mission District of ....., held on ....., A. D. 18—, the following persons, duly qualified, were elected Lay Delegates to the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster :

Names { \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Providing Officer at the Election.

NEW WESTMINSTER, October 3rd, 1882.

The Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster was this day duly constituted and established, after Divine Service and the administration of Holy Communion in Holy Trinity Church, with a Special Office for Synod meetings, by the Bishop.

The Bishop presented the following list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Synod :

*Rev. G. Ditcham*  
 ✕ Ven. Archdeacon WOODS, M. A.  
 Rev. C. R. BASKETT, A. K. C.  
 Rev. WM. BELL, B. A.  
 Rev. CHAS. BLANCHARD.  
 Rev. R. C. WHITEWAY.  
 Rev. T. H. GILBERT.  
 Rev. A. H. SHIELDON.  
 Rev. D. H. W. HORLOCK, M. A.  
 Rev. A. C. A. HALL.  
 Rev. GEORGE SHEPPARD.

and the following Members were certified to be entitled to seats as Lay Delegates to the Synod :

From the Parish of Holy Trinity, New Westminster—G. E. Corbould, W. H. Falding, C. N. Trew.

Parish of St. Mary's, Sapperton—W. Savory, J. Morey, \*E. Hume.

Parish of St. John's, Yale—\*Jno. Trutch, H. C. M. Ridley, \*E. P. Roberts.

Lay Delegate for Hope—\*E. A. Wilmot.

Parish of St. Thomas, Chilliwack—Samuel Cawley, A. Agassiz, Thomas E. Kitchen.

Parish of St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge—Jos. Stephens, \*W. Hammond, Thomas Culbert.

Parish of St. James, Granville—L. Thornber, \*W. Colbeck, \*T. Errington.

Parish of All Saints, Trenant—\*T. E. Ladner, W. B. Adair, J. Johnston.

Mission District of Lytton—\*C. F. Cornwall, \*H. P. Cornwall, \*H. A. F. McLeod.

The Parish of St. Saviour's, Cariboo—Sent no representatives.

Mr. Silas Nalee appeared as the representative of the Lytton Indians.

The names of members not present are marked \*

The following resolution was proposed by the Bishop, seconded, and carried :

"That this Synod records its acknowledgement of the earnest, eloquent, and brotherly counsel that has fallen from the lips of the Rev. Father Hall, in his sermon, and requests the Rev.



Father to furnish the notes of his sermon, that it may be printed and circulated."

The Synod then adjourned to the School Room of the Columbia College.

On motion the Rev. D. H. W. Horlock was elected Clerical Secretary and Dr. Trew Lay Secretary.

The Roll of Members was then called and a quorum reported present.

The "Order of Proceedings" was introduced by Report from the Standing Committee of the Conference, and, on motion, was taken into consideration, Clause by Clause, and adopted.

Rules for the Preservation of Order were reported by the Standing Committee.

Clauses I to XV were adopted.

On motion Clause XVI was amended to read: "All Committees shall be appointed by the Bishop, unless appointed by special vote of the Synod, and the names shall be publicly announced during a sitting of the Synod.

Clauses XVII to XXII, inclusive, were adopted.

On motion Clause XXIII was amended by adding thereto the words "saving only the preceding rule No. XXII."

On motion the "Rules of Order," as amended, were adopted.

The Synod then adjourned till 2 P.M.

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At 2 P.M. the Synod met pursuant to adjournment, a quorum being present.

The report of the Standing Committee appointed by the Conference on the 13th of April, 1882, was then presented, and, on motion, received.

On motion the "Canon for the Election of a Bishop" was taken into consideration.

Amendments to Clauses II, VI, IX, and X were adopted, and the Canon, as amended, was then adopted.

On motion the "Canon on Boundaries of Parishes" was taken into consideration, and was referred back to the Standing Committee for amendments.

On motion the "Canons on Definitions of Clergy and Parishes" was taken up.

Amendments to Clauses II and V were adopted, and the Canon, as a whole, was then adopted, as amended, and the Synod adjourned till 6.30 P.M.

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At 6.30 P.M. the Synod re-assembled, a quorum being present.

The Bishop announced that the Executive Committee for the

ensuing year should now be appointed, and nominated the Rev. D. H. W. Horlock and C. N. Trew as members. A Ballot was then taken for the remaining members, and the following having received a majority of votes cast, were declared duly elected members, viz :

CLERICAL—Revs. C. R. Baskett, G. Ditcham, and William Bell.

LAY—G. E. Corbould, Esq., W. H. Falding, Esq., and W. B. Adair, Esq.

The Standing Committee reported the "Canon on Boundaries of Parishes," with Amendments, and the Canon, as amended, was, on motion, adopted.

The "Canon on the Appointment and Duties of Churchwardens" was, on motion, introduced.

In Committee some verbal alterations were made, and an additional Clause was added, and the Canon, as amended, was adopted.

The "Canon on Finance" was, on motion, introduced, and adopted as read.

Moved and seconded—That Messrs. I. B. Fisher and F. Homer be requested to act as Auditors. Carried.

The "Canon on Parsonage Houses" was, on motion, read and adopted as read.

The "Canon on Patronage" was, on motion, read, and, after discussion, adopted as read.

The Bishop then delivered an address alluding to and dwelling upon the following points, as deserving of and requiring immediate and careful attention :

1st—The Endowment of the See.

2nd—Diocesan Property.

3rd—Education.

4th—The Nicola Valley School.

5th—The offer of the Sisterhood of All Hallows to maintain or supervise a school for Indians.

6th—The Railway Mission.

It was then moved by the Bishop, seconded by G. E. Corbould, Esq., "That a cordial vote of thanks be given to the Revs. Fathers Hall and Sheppard for their services in the Diocese, and that the Rev. D. H. W. Horlock, C. N. Trew, and G. E. Corbould be a Committee to draw up a letter conveying the same to them. Carried.

The first meeting of the Synod was then closed with prayer.

C. N. TREW, Lay Secretary.

D. H. W. HORLOCK, Clerical Secretary.

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ADOPTED AT THE MEETING OF THE SYNOD

HELD ON OCT. 3RD, 1882.

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## ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

1st—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.

2nd—After prayer, on the first day, the Clerical Secretary of the Synod shall call over the roll of the Licensed Clergy, which shall be furnished by the Bishop, and the Lay Secretary shall then call over the names of the Parishes entitled to send representatives, and the certificates of the representatives having been presented, shall be referred to a Committee appointed by the Bishop, and, on the satisfactory report of such Committee, their names shall be recorded, and they shall be entitled to take their places as members of the Synod.

3rd—The order of business on each day shall be as follows :

A—Calling the rolls.

B.—Reading and approving the minutes of the previous meeting.

C—Appointing Committees.

D—Presenting, receiving, and disposing of memorials, petitions and correspondence.

E—Presenting, receiving, and disposing of Reports of Committees.

F—Giving Notice of Motions.

G—Taking up unfinished business.

H—New Business and consideration of Motions.

Special Committees may be appointed at any time.

4th—An address from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

5th—Notice of Motions, if any, given by a member of the Synod, for proceeding at a subsequent meeting, shall be read over at such meeting, and may be taken up by any member present, in the same manner as if he himself had given the notice.

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## RULES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ORDER.

1st—When the Bishop or other person presiding has taken the chair, no member shall continue standing.

2nd—When any member is about to speak for the information of the Synod, he shall rise and address himself to the Chair.

3rd—No motion or amendment shall be considered as before the Synod (excepting such as may be proposed by the Bishop or Committees) unless seconded and reduced to writing.

4th—No member, save the mover of a motion, who is entitled to reply, shall speak more than once on the same question, "except in Committee of the Whole," without leave of the Synod, ex-

cept in explanation of a material part of his speech, which may have been misunderstood, and then he is not to introduce new matter.

5th—When a question is under consideration, no other motion shall be received, unless to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it up: and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order here named.

6th—Motions to adjourn, or to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

7th—When a motion shall be before the Synod it cannot be withdrawn by the mover, without the consent of the Synod.

8th—Each member shall have the right to require that a question in discussion be read for his information except when a member is speaking.

9th—A member called to order whilst speaking shall sit down until the point of order is settled.

10th—All Questions of Order shall be decided by the Chair, subject to an appeal to the Synod, on the request of three members.

11th—When a proposed amendment to a motion is under consideration a motion to amend the same may be made, but no after amendment to such second amendment shall be in order; yet a substitute to the whole matter may be proposed and received, provided it deals directly with the subject in hand.

12th—All amendments to any question or amendment shall be decided on before the question or motion on which they arise is proposed for decision.

13th—While any question is being put from the Chair, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse, and, when a motion is so put, no member shall retire until such motion is disposed of.

14th—In voting, those who vote in the affirmative shall first rise, and then those who vote in the negative; and, if required by three members, the yeas and nays shall be recorded.

15th—A question being once determined shall not again be brought into discussion in the same session without the special sanction of the Chair.

16th—All Committees shall be appointed by the Bishop, unless appointed by special vote of the Synod, and the names shall be publicly announced during a sitting of the Synod.

17th—The Reports of Committees shall be in writing, signed by the members of the Committee, or a majority thereof; and if such reports shall recommend any action or expression of opinion they shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the Synod thereon.

18th—No member of the Synod shall leave the room during a sitting of the Synod without permission from the Chair.

19th—Every Canon shall be introduced upon motion for leave specifying the title of the Canon, or upon motion to appoint a Committee to prepare and bring it in.

20th—No Canon may be introduced in blank or in an imperfect shape.

21st—When any Canon shall be presented by a member, pursuant to an order of the Synod, the question that this Canon be now read a first time shall be decided without amendment or debate.

22nd—Every Canon shall receive two readings at different sittings, and shall be committed between first and second readings, previous to being passed. Canons may, however, be passed through all stages, in one sitting, by unanimous vote of the Synod.

23rd—On a two-thirds vote of the Synod any one or more of the Rules of Order may be suspended for that sitting, saving only the preceding Rule No. 22.

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## CANONS.

### I.

#### CANON FOR THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

Whereas it is desirable to provide for the succession of the Episcopate in the Diocese of New Westminster; and whereas, in accordance with the ancient usages of the Church, the election should be made by the Synod of the Diocese; and whereas, the appointment of a Bishop is a matter of intimate concern to neighbouring Dioceses, whether united in one ecclesiastical Province or no; be it enacted that—

1 On the vacancy of the See, the Dean of the Diocese, or if there be no Dean, the Archdeacon, or if there be no Dean or Archdeacon, or if they shall refuse or neglect, for thirty days after the vacancy of the See shall have occurred, to act, any three Priests, being members of the Executive Committee of the Diocese, shall notify the same to the Metropolitan of the ecclesiastical Province, if any, or else to the senior Bishop of this Church, in the civil Province of British Columbia, who shall thereupon issue a mandate, according to the form in the schedule to this Canon, through the Dean or other person or persons who have notified him, authorizing a special meeting of the Diocesan Synod for the election of a Bishop.

2 On receiving the said mandate the Dean, or other person or persons as before provided, shall summon a meeting of the Synod on such day, and at such place within the Diocese as he (or they) shall see fit, provided that the day shall not be less than two, nor more than three calendar months from the date of receiving the said mandate.

3 The Dean, or the Archdeacon, or the senior (according to the date of his institution in the Diocese), of the three Priests at whose summons the meeting shall assemble, shall be chairman of the meeting.

4 On the day and at the place appointed, after the celebration of the Holy Communion, the chairman shall constitute the meeting and read the mandate.

5 A vote shall then be taken, without discussion, on the following question: "That this Synod delegates to the Bishops of the ecclesiastical Province (or Bishops of this Church in the civil Province of British Columbia), with three other Bishops to be appointed by this Synod, the selection of a Bishop;" provided that this question shall not be declared carried unless it receive the votes of at least two-thirds of the clergy and two-thirds of the lay delegates present at the meeting.

6 Should this question be lost the roll of clergy and lay delegates shall then be called, and if it shall be found that there are fewer than two-thirds of the members of either order present, the meeting shall adjourn to any day within one week, and from time to time until the required number shall assemble; provided that if no election shall have been made either at the first or any adjourned meeting within five calendar months next after the date of the mandate for the election, the right of election to the Bishopric shall lapse to the Bishops of the ecclesiastical Province or the civil Province of British Columbia, with three other Bishops to be nominated by them.

7 If, on the calling of the roll, it shall be found that there are at least two-thirds of the members of each order present, it shall be competent for the clerical members, collectively or individually, to nominate any eligible person or persons for the office of Bishop, after which nomination the lay delegates shall form themselves into a separate chamber for the purpose of voting.

8 No person shall be held to be duly elected Bishop unless he shall have obtained in each chamber a two-thirds majority of the votes actually given.

9 If, on a vote being taken, no person shall have a majority as aforesaid, the meeting may either proceed to take another vote for the same or other persons, or may adjourn from day to day, provided that no election shall take place until two-thirds of the members of each order be present.



10 In no case shall the person elected have jurisdiction in or over the Diocese until his election have been confirmed by the Bishops of the ecclesiastical Province or a majority of them (or by the Bishop of the civil Province of British Columbia, in conjunction with the Metropolitan of Canada); and if the election be not confirmed as aforesaid within two months, the same shall be held null and void, and a mandate shall be issued for a new election.

11 The person elected to the office of Bishop shall, previous to the confirmation of his election, promise obedience to the Canons by subscribing the Declaration of Submission provided in the constitution of the Synod.

#### FORM OF MANDATE FOR THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and goodness to take unto Himself the soul of our dear Brother, the Right Reverend \_\_\_\_\_ your late ordinary and Diocesan (or, Whereas the Right Reverend \_\_\_\_\_ your late ordinary and Diocesan has been translated to the Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_, or has resigned), we, the Metropolitan of this ecclesiastical Province (or Senior Bishop), do hereby authorize the clergy and lay delegates of the vacant Diocese to assemble in Synod for the purpose (and none other) of electing for your Bishop a man of blameless conduct, orthodox in the faith, apt to teach, fit to govern, and having a good report as well of those who are without as of those within the pale of the Church.

In the meantime we exhort you, individually and collectively, to consider well the sacred nature of the trust which we now commit to you, and the importance of the election you are to make; and having the fear of God perpetually in your view, to divest yourselves of all partiality and prejudice arising from any personal feeling, remembering that your choice will necessarily affect the interests, not of the Diocese of New Westminster only, but also of the whole Church in this Province.

You are to have in view, therefore, not only the peace and good government of the Diocese of New Westminster, with which you are most intimately connected, but likewise the peace and harmony and good government of the whole Church.

We earnestly pray that God may direct you by His Holy Spirit in all things, and especially in the discharge of this most important duty.

Given under our hand, &c., &c.

#### 11.

#### DEFINITIONS OF CLERGY AND PARISHES.

The word Parish shall be held to signify an Ecclesiastical District, wherein is a church, set apart by consecration or dedication, for the worship of Almighty God, and served by a resident clergyman, holding the license of the Bishop of New Westminster.

The boundaries and titles of Parishes shall be determined from time to time by the Synod of the Diocese.

A Missionary District is an Ecclesiastical District served by

a resident licensed clergyman, but without a consecrated or dedicated church.

A Parish which contributes the whole of the stipend of its clergyman, and provides him with a suitable residence, shall be classed as a Rectory, and its incumbent shall be entitled to be styled Rector.

In Parishes where the stipend is derived wholly or in part from the funds of the Diocese, the incumbent shall be styled the Bishop's Vicar, and the Parish shall be classed as a Vicarage.

The incumbent of a Missionary District shall be styled a Missionary.

All persons qualified as electors under Article VIII of the Constitution shall, with their families, be deemed and styled Parishioners.

In every Parish the persons qualified as electors under Article VIII of the Constitution, and none others, shall constitute the Vestry of the Parish.

The boundaries of every Parish shall be entered and registered in a book to be kept for the purpose, by the registrar, or other officer appointed for the purpose, and a copy of the boundaries of any Parish shall be supplied to any person on payment of a fee of twenty-five cents.

### III.

#### BOUNDARIES OF PARISHES.

The following shall be the boundaries of Parishes, until amended or altered by the Synod :

##### ALL SAINTS, TRENANT.

Commencing at the intersection of the boundary line with the S. W. corner of Section 3, Township 7; thence north to the Fraser River; thence following the middle of said river to Lulu Island; thence following a line drawn westerly to the sea coast and bisecting Lulu Island; thence southerly to the obelisk at the boundary line; thence easterly along the boundary line to the place of beginning.

##### ST. JAMES, GRANVILLE.

Commencing at a point on the Sea Coast on Lulu Island, thence following a line drawn easterly to the head of Lulu Island and bisecting it; thence following the Fraser River to the westerly limits of the suburban lots of the City of New Westminster; thence following the limits of said lots easterly and northerly to the intersection of a line running due north from the N. W. corner of the Penitentiary reserve; thence north along said line (including all north and west of said boundaries.)

HOLY TRINITY, NEW WESTMINSTER.

Commencing at the westerly line of the suburban lots of the City of New Westminster, where it intersects the north bank of the Fraser River; thence following the limits of said suburban lots to the intersection of a line running due north from the north-west corner of the Penitentiary reserve; thence following the said line southerly to the north-west corner of the said reserve; thence following the line of the Glen Creek southerly to the Fraser River; thence following the north bank of the Fraser River to the place of beginning.

ST. MARY'S, SAPPERTON.

Commencing at the head of Pitt Lake; thence following through the centre of Pitt Lake and River to the Fraser River; thence following the north bank of the Fraser River to the mouth of the Glen Creek; thence following the Glen Creek northerly to the northwest corner of the Penitentiary reserve; thence following a line drawn due north from that corner. Douglas Island to be included in this Parish.

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, MAPLE RIDGE.

Commencing at the head of Pitt Lake; thence following the centres of Pitt Lake and Pitt River to the Fraser River; thence following the channel of the Fraser River to the easterly boundary of the Parish of All Saints, Trent; thence south to the boundary line; thence east to the line between Townships 13 and 16; thence north along the line between Townships 13 and 16, 14 and 17, 15 and 13.

ST. THOMAS, CHILLIWHACK.

Commencing at the north-east corner of Township 13; thence south to the boundary line; thence east along said boundary line to a point six miles east of the south-east corner of Township No. 25; thence north.

ST. JOHN'S, VALE.

This Parish shall include all between a line drawn north from a point six miles east of the south-east corner of Township 25 on the west; the boundary line on the south; a line due north and south drawn through the eastern limit of Boston Bar on the east; and a line due west and east drawn through the northern limit of Boston Bar on the north.

LYTTON.

This Parish shall include all those places usually served from Lytton, including Kamloops.

## ST. SAVIOUR'S, BARKERVILLE, CARIBOO.

This Parish shall include all the places usually served from Barkerville, including Quesnellemouth and Soda Creek.

## IV.

## APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF CHURCHWARDENS.

At the Annual Easter meeting, after the election of Lay Delegates to the Synod, there shall be chosen two Churchwardens, either by the joint consent of the Incumbent and Vestry, or one shall be appointed by the Incumbent and the other chosen by the Vestry; and there shall also be elected by the Vestry two Sydesmen who, with the Churchwardens and the Incumbent, shall constitute the Church Committee of the Parish.

It shall be the duty of the Churchwardens to see that the church is furnished with the following articles, viz.:

- 1 A large Bible of the Authorized Version.
- 2 A large Book of Common Prayer.
- 3 A small Book of Services; or Prayer Book for the Holy Table.
- 4 A Baptismal Font.
- 5 A Holy Table.
- 6 A Cover to the Holy Table, of silk, or other decent stuff.
- 7 The usual Altar Linen, for the administration of the Holy Communion.
- 8 Proper Vessels for the due administration of the Holy Communion, and a decent Basin or Alms Dish to receive the alms.
9. A Reading Desk and Pulpit, Foldstool and Lectern.
- 10 A decent Surplice for the minister.

And besides these articles, they shall procure and keep for the use of the Parish:

- 1 Register Books for Baptisms, Confirmations, Banns, Marriages, and Burials.
- 2 A book for entering the Minutes, Resolutions, etc., of the Vestry.
- 3 Books for the Accounts of the Churchwardens.
- 4 A strong Box, with locks and keys, in which to keep the Parish Books, etc.; one key to be kept by the Incumbent and one by each of the Churchwardens.
- 5 A Book for registry of strange Preachers.
- 6 A Register of Communicants and Electors within the Parish.

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To see that the stipend of the Incumbent is properly collected and paid.

To provide fine white bread and wholesome wine for the Lord's Table.

To collect the alms of the congregation at the offertory, which alms are to be disposed of by the Incumbent and Churchwardens jointly, or, if they disagree, by the Bishop.

To see that the church and all things therein be in decent and orderly sort, and free from dust or anything unseemly.

To maintain order within the church during the times of divine service.

To present, at the visitation, all offences which may require the Bishop's notice.

To take charge of and look after the parsonage during the vacancy of a cure, and to insure the church and parsonage in insurance offices approved of by the Synod, and to produce policies and receipts for premiums at the visitation of the Bishop or his commissary.

To keep an account of all church goods and property, with additions as may, from time to time, be made to them, and to keep proper accounts of all funds of the Parish.

To make a statement of accounts and property at the annual Eastertide Vestry meeting, and to hand over to their successors in office any balance of cash, and all church property in their possession. All books of accounts shall be carefully preserved by them, and be open to inspection by any parishioner at any reasonable time.

Churchwardens and Committee shall continue in office until their successors are appointed.

Whether chosen by the Incumbent or Vestry, the duties of the Churchwardens shall be the same.

If any cure be vacant at the time fixed for the appointment or election of Churchwardens, one shall be appointed by the Bishop or his Commissary, and the other shall be chosen by the Vestry. The Churchwarden appointed by the Bishop shall remain in office until an Incumbent has been appointed to the cure, and has nominated a Churchwarden.

If the office of any Churchwarden or Sydesman chosen by the Vestry shall become vacant by death, resignation, removal, or otherwise, a meeting of the Vestry shall be called, as soon as conveniently may be, to elect a successor to the vacant office; and in like manner the Incumbent shall, at once, fill any vacancy so occurring in the office of the Churchwarden appointed by him.

It shall be competent for the congregation of any Chapel of Ease or place of worship other than the Mother Church of a Parish, to appoint annually, at Eastertide, two Churchwardens and two Sydesmen, whose duties shall be the same as in this Canon, but shall be confined to the Chapel or place of worship for which they are appointed.

#### RELATIVE POSITION OF INCUMBENT AND CHURCHWARDENS.

Divine service shall be performed at usual and convenient times. The Incumbent has the discretionary power of fixing these times, under the control of the Bishop, on being appealed to by the Churchwardens.

The Incumbent has the entire direction of the playing and singing in the church.

The Church Bells are not to be rung without good cause, nor without the joint consent of the Incumbent and the Churchwardens.

No Monuments or Mural Tablets are to be set up in the church without the joint consent of the Incumbent and Vestry.

### V.

#### CANON ON FINANCE.

For the proper management and administration of the funds of the Diocese, there shall be a Finance Committee appointed, which shall consist of the Executive Committee of the Synod.

The following principles shall, as far as possible, be kept in view, and be acted upon by the Finance Committee :

1 To apply the funds of the Diocese so as to elicit the greatest amount of local assistance, and to render each Parish, as soon as possible, self-supporting.

2 To raise the stipends of the clergy according to a certain scale.

3 To render the payment of stipends as certain and as regular as possible.

4 To relieve the Incumbents of Parishes, etc., of the unpleasant, invidious, and derogatory task of pleading for their own stipends.

The stipend, from all sources, of a clergyman in Deacon's orders, shall be, if possible, not less than \$800 per annum ; of a clergyman in Priest's orders, of three years' standing, or under, in the Diocese, not less than \$900 per annum ; of a Priest, of from three to five years' standing, not less than \$1,000 per annum ; and of a Priest of over five years' standing, at least \$1,200 per annum ;—if the funds of the Diocese will permit of such payments.

No grant shall be made from the funds of the Diocese to any Parish for the purpose of paying the stipend of the Incumbent, excepting to meet a certain proportion to be contributed by the Parish itself. The proportion to be contributed by any Parish shall be defined by the Executive Committee after consultation with the Delegates and Incumbent of the Parish. The contribution of the Parish shall be paid over quarterly to the Treasurer of the Synod, who will remit it, with the grant from the funds of the Diocese, to the Incumbent of the Parish.

All grants shall be subject to revision yearly, but no reduction of grant shall be made without twelve months' notice thereof; provided always that, when any Parish contributes, in any year, the sum of \$1,200, any grant previously made to any such Parish shall cease without twelve months' notice.

Grants to new Parishes may be made at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

No grant shall be made to any fund for building a church or parsonage, or for any other parochial purpose, except to meet a certain contribution to be raised by the Parish, applying for a grant, which contribution shall be defined by the Executive Committee, after consultation with the Delegates and Incumbent; and no grant in aid of the building of any church or parsonage shall be paid until the land upon which such church or parsonage is to be built has been conveyed, in fee simple, free from all encumbrance, to the Bishop of New Westminster, his successors and assigns.

The Finance Committee shall assess each Parish for the necessary expenses of the Synod, and each Parish shall pay its assessment on or before the first day of the meeting of the Synod.

Two Auditors shall be appointed annually by the Synod, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the Synod and of the Diocese, and to lay a report of the same before the Synod on the first day of the meeting of the same, such audit to be up to the 30th day of September of each year, and such Auditors may be paid a reasonable sum for their work.

The offertory of each Parish on Christmas Day shall be devoted to the funds of the Diocese, and, on Easterday, shall be given to the Incumbent for his own use.

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## VI.

### CANON ON PARSONAGE HOUSES.

It shall be the duty of every Parish to provide a suitable residence for the Incumbent.

On the appointment of a new Incumbent the parsonage

house, outbuildings, fences and gates shall be put in his possession, in good and substantial repair, as certified to by the Archdeacon or other Commissary of the Bishop.

During the occupancy of any parsonage house, it shall be the duty of the Incumbent to keep it and all outbuildings, fences and gates in efficient order and repair, ordinary wear and tear, and accidents by fire, flood or tempest, excepted; provided that the expense of any improvements or repairs, such as new roofing, external or internal painting, new fencing, and matters affecting the stability or safety of the building, rendered necessary by the lapse of time, and not arising from wilful negligence or any act of omission or commission on the part of the Incumbent, shall be borne by the Parish.

When there is more than one congregation in a Parish, it shall be the duty of each congregation to bear its proper share of the expense of repairs or improvements to the parsonage house, outbuildings, fences, etc.

All questions arising between an Incumbent and his Parishioners, with respect to the repairs of the parsonage house, etc., shall be determined by a Commission, to be appointed by the Bishop, on application of either party, and the expenses of the Commission shall be defrayed by the party against whom the decision shall be given, or otherwise, as the Commission may determine, subject to appeal to the Synod.

The word "Incumbent" in this Canon shall be held to signify the Rector, or Vicar, or Missionary, or other clergyman in charge of any Parish or Missionary District.

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## VII.

### CANON ON PATRONAGE.

On the vacancy of any Rectory, Incumbency, or Mission within the Diocese, with the exception of Parishes sustained wholly by grants from without the Diocese (the mode of appointment to which shall remain as heretofore), the appointment to the vacancy shall rest with the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, it being, however, provided that, before making such appointment, the Bishop shall consult with the Churchwardens and Lay Delegates of such Parish or Mission; provided also that the Parish or Mission may leave the Bishop to make such appointment without consultation.



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