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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

ADOPTED

AT THE MEETING OF THE
SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF MONTREAL,
HELD FOR THE
ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

ON TUESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1868.

THIS MEETING WAS ADJOURNED TO MAY 11th, 1869.

Divine Service, Sermon, and Holy Communion in the Cathedral, at 10½ o'clock, A.M.

The Synod will then adjourn to meet for business at the Cathedral School-house, at 2 P.M.

PRAYER.

After the calling of the Roll of the Clerical and Lay Delegates, the Dean will deliver an Address.

Scrutineers shall be appointed, consisting of two Clergymen and one Layman, to take the Clerical vote; and of two Laymen and one Clergyman, to take the Lay vote, according to the regulations hereafter mentioned.

Committees will then be appointed, consisting of three Clergymen and two Laymen, to examine the list of the Clergy; and of three Laymen and two Clergymen, to examine the certificates of the Lay Delegates, such Committees shall proceed to frame complete lists of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, respectively entitled to vote, and shall report the same to the Synod, when appeals against the same, or any item thereof, shall be entered and recorded by the Secretary, and the Synod shall proceed to adjudicate thereon in the order in which they were entered; but no appeal shall be received after the House shall have begun to hear the appeals. After all appeals shall have been heard and determined, the Committee shall correct and complete the lists, and the same shall be finally read and regarded as the lists to govern the election of a Bishop.

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The Synod shall thereupon proceed to ballot for the election of a Bishop.

The Clergy being on the right of the Chair, and the Laity on the left, the Dean will request that a few moments may be devoted to private prayer, and that during the Balloting there shall be no manifestations of feeling, but that all, by quiet and orderly demeanor, shall pay the deepest respect to the solemnity of the sacred duty in which they are engaged.

The Balloting will then commence, and be conducted according to the following Regulations:—

I.—THE CLERICAL VOTE.

- (1.) The Scrutineers shall take their place at a table to be provided.
- (2.) The list of Clergy, revised and corrected as aforesaid, shall be delivered to them, and no vote shall be received which is not on such list.
- (3.) A Ballot-box shall be provided with a lock and a slit or groove in the top, through which the Ballot shall be dropped into the box, which shall in no case be unlocked or opened until the Scrutineers have retired with the same.
- (4.) The Chairman shall announce the names submitted by the House of Bishops, and each voter shall write on his ballot the name of the Person for whom he votes. But if he does not wish to vote for either of the names submitted by the House of Bishops, he will write on his ballot the word "No," which will be considered as declining to vote in favor of any of the Persons so nominated.
- (5.) During the process of taking the Ballot *all parties shall keep their seats* until the name of a Clergyman be called by the Secretary, when he shall approach the Scrutineers' table, and hand to the Scrutineers a folded paper containing his vote, *and return to his seat*, which folded paper shall be dropped into the Ballot-box, and the Person's name shall be marked off on the list as having voted; and the others shall be called in like manner until the list be exhausted.

- (6.) The Scrutineers shall see that the result of their scrutiny corresponds with the number of those voting, as ascertained from the list marked as aforesaid.
- (7.) The Secretary of the Synod shall receive the report of the Scrutineers, and proclaim the same to the Synod.

II.—THE LAY VOTE.

- (1.) The Scrutineers shall take their place at a table to be provided.
- (2.) The List of the Parishes or Missions entitled to vote, corrected and revised as aforesaid, shall be delivered to them; and no vote shall be received which is not on such list.
- (3.) A Ballot-box shall be provided with a lock and a slit or groove in the top, through which the Ballot shall be dropped into the box, which shall in no case be unlocked or opened until the Scrutineers have retired with the same.
- (4.) The Chairman shall announce the names submitted to the House of Bishops, and each voter shall write on his ballot the name of the Person for whom he votes. But if he does not wish to vote for either of the names submitted by the House of Bishops, he will write on his ballot the word "No," which will be considered as declining to vote in favor of any of the persons so nominated.
- (5.) During the process of taking the Ballot *all parties shall keep their seats* until the name of the Parish or Mission is called by the Secretary, when the representatives thereof shall approach the Scrutineers' table, and each representative (if there be more than one) shall severally hand to the Scrutineers a folded paper containing his vote, *and shall return to his seat*; the several folded papers thus received shall be then placed together in an envelope, which shall be sealed, and dropped into the Ballot-box, and the Parish or Mission shall be then marked off on the list as having voted; and the others shall be called in like manner until the list be exhausted. No name or endorsement

shall be placed on the envelope for reasons hereafter mentioned.

- (6.) The Scrutineers, having retired, shall record the vote according to the contents of each envelope. As more than two Delegates may represent several congregations within one and the same parish or cure, the vote of the majority of such Delegates shall be recorded as their vote; and in case of equality of votes, the vote will be recorded as lost.
- (7.) The Scrutineers will see that the result of their scrutiny corresponds with the number of envelopes representing the Parishes or Missions voting; say, for example, there be 120 envelopes, the vote (by way of example) may be returned as—

50 for.....A.
 30 for.....B.
 20 for.....C.
 10 for.....D.
 10 lost votes.

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N. B.—By these arrangements the principle of vote by Ballot will be fully enforced—the Scrutineers being as unable as any one else to know what parish each envelope represents, and consequently how its representatives severally or collectively vote.

- (8.) The Secretary of the Diocese shall receive the report of the Scrutineers, and proclaim the same to the Synod.

Not less than half-an-hour shall elapse between the announcement of the names submitted by the House of Bishops and the taking of Ballot.

During the order of proceedings, no discussion shall be allowed or point of order verbally raised; but any appeal shall be reduced to writing, and presented to the Dean, whose decision thereon, announced through the Secretary, shall be final.

When the Balloting is concluded, and the Election is made, the Dean will proclaim the result; and, having pronounced the Benediction, will declare the Synod adjourned.