

*RT. REV. BISHOP DONTENVILLE, O.M.I.*

Only a comparatively short time ago we had the pleasing task of recording in these columns the promotion to the arch-episcopate of an old friend and professor, the present Archbishop of St. Boniface. And now we find similar subject-matter for our willing pen in the consecration of Right Rev. Bishop Dontenville, formerly for many years student and professor in Ottawa University.

The ceremony, which took place in the Cathedral of New Westminster on August 22nd, proved a very impressive one, especially as events of its kind are of unfrequent occurrence in that part of the continent. It is little wonder, then, that the stately edifice was crowded to the doors, long before the service commenced. The consecrating prelate was the Most Rev. Archbishop Langevin, O.M.I., while many other prominent members of the clergy occupied places in the chancel.

After Father Dontenville, with all the solemn grandeur of the Catholic ritual, had been raised to the sacred dignity of Bishop, the Right Rev. Bishop O'Dea, of Nesqually, Wash., ascended the pulpit and preached an eloquent sermon, taking for his text: "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." Afternoon service was held in St. Louis College, where hundreds of Indians had assembled to honor and offer their fealty to the newly consecrated Bishop.

In the evening the Archbishop of St. Boniface held the wrapt attention of all present in the again crowded cathedral, as, with his characteristic energy, and in clear tones, he discoursed on the words: "For this was I born, and for this

came I into the world, that I might bear testimony of the truth." Immediately after Divine service, addresses of welcome were presented to the Archbishop and other visiting prelates, and of congratulation to Bishop Dontenville; to all of which suitable replies were made. Congratulatory resolutions from different societies in the city were also tendered to the new Bishop, all of which go to show the high esteem in which he is held by the people of New Westminster. Nor can we easily see how it could be otherwise, for, while with us he was a general favorite; and our most fervent prayer is that for many years to come, his success in the episcopacy may be as great as that which ever crowned his efforts on the student's bench or professor's chair of Ottawa University.

*"OVERLAND TO CARIBOO."*

The tales of gold and its miners which at present attract the eyes of the world towards the western bounds of Canada, render very opportune the appearance of an interesting volume entitled "Overland to Cariboo." The agitation concerning Klondyke should give an especial zest to the reading of this book which details an eventful journey of Canadian pioneers to the gold-fields of British Columbia in 1862. Its authoress, Margaret McNaughton, wife of one of the pioneers, proves herself a clever pen-painter in graphically depicting the many toils and dangers encountered by the hundred and fifty intrepid young Canadians who were the first to cross overland from the East to British Columbia; and who well deserve to be honored in history among those who did most towards opening up and developing this fair land of ours.