

ARTHABASKA AND DISTRICT.

The scattered members of the Church in this county have long occupied Diocesan attention. Being along the line of travel before the railway was built, the second Bishop Mountain no doubt had this and other similar districts in his mind when he set apart the fund for Archdeacons Stanfold and St. Christophe were the points where he ministered. During the episcopate of his successor, Victoriaville, Bulstrode, St. Anne des Saults (now called Madington Falls) and St. Leonard, were added. Our good Bishop, in his zeal to become acquainted with every part of the Diocese, kindly offered to take a trip through, more particularly visiting points along the Drummond Co. Railway, now being constructed towards Point Levis. He reached Stanfold on the 8th. Holy Communion was celebrated with Mrs. Huston, who has been over forty years resident and speaks highly of services held by three successive Bishops. He was very hospitably entertained at the residence of G. F. Pacaud, Esq., who kindly offered to drive his Lordship across country to Forestdale, a distance of eighteen miles. It was thought in the state of the roads, better to follow the advice "stick to the mail bags." After breakfast at 5 o'clock, Bulstrode was reached early by Grand Trunk. Here a change was made to the courier's wagon, and the trip across to Madington Falls quite comfortably made. Finding no train on the Drummond County Railway, until 5 p.m., it was necessary either to take a seat on the Railway Velocipede or walk along the track, a distance of seven miles; as there is only a winter road for horses; the former plan was adopted and the trip made in a novel way and not uncomfortable.

Forestdale is a very substantially built and pretty village of a year's growth. There are about forty members and adherents to the Church resident. A very comfortable Hall has been fitted up for Church and school purposes. The Sunday and day School are both doing good work. A very hearty service was held and appreciated by all, and the wish expressed that his Lordship would soon favour them again.

In the evening, the Bishop and the Rev. F. G. Scott, returned on the construction train to Mitchell Station, when Evensong was said at seven o'clock, the Bishop being the preacher.

On the following morning there was a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 6.30, and after breakfast, the Bishop and Mr. Scott took the train for Drummondville. Here, Mattins was said at 10 o'clock, and afterwards one adult was confirmed—an engine-driver in the employ of the C. P. Ry.—who had been unable to present himself at the Confirmation last November. At 2 P.M., the Bishop left for Actonvale and Sherbrooke.

The Drummond County Railway is to be opened to Point Levis next autumn, and it is to be hoped that the Church Society will see its way to contributing towards the maintenance of a resident missionary in this new, and what bids fair to be an important district.

SHERBROOKE.

Sunday, 11th November, was a happy day in the parish. It was the day on which Mr. John N. Hunter, B.A., for the past nine months Lay Reader in the parish, was admitted by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese to the office of a Deacon in the Church of God.

The ordination took place in the parish Church, St. Peter's, which was crowded for the occasion by an unusually large and deeply interested congregation. The service began at 11 o'clock—Mattins having been said at 9.30. The opening Hymn was No. 271, "O Jesus I have promised." The Sermon was preached by the Bishop and was a very lucid and practical one, setting forth the position and responsibilities of a Deacon. After Hymn No. 323, "I am not worthy Holy Lord," the Rector of Sherbrooke, in the absence of the Archdeacon, presented the candidate in the usual form. The Litany was sung very heartily and impressively by the Bishop, the responses being well led by the choir. The Bishop's chair was placed at the entrance to the choir, that the Ordination might be the better seen and understood by the congregation. A solemn moment of silent prayer, followed by the singing of the *Veni Creator*, preceded the act of laying on of hands. The Rev. Dr. Adams, Principal of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, was present in the capacity of Bishop's Chaplain. A large number of people remained throughout the service, most of whom received the Holy Communion. The last Hymn 393, "O Thou who makest souls to shine," was sung immediately after the *Nicene Creed*. The Service was musical throughout and was very hearty and inspiring.

In the afternoon, the Bishop preached in the Church of the Advent, East Sherbrooke, to an overflowing congregation. He alluded in his sermon to the probable appointment of Mr. Hunter to the Magdalen Islands. The Service was one of the brightest ever held in this growing and important centre of missionary work. The Bishop's earnest and encouraging words can hardly be without effect.

A second large congregation assembled in the Parish Church, at 7 o'clock, when the Bishop preached again. The service, though not wholly choir, was bright and hearty. The Psalms, according to the now established custom in the evening, were sung, and well sung. The Bishop's sermon on "Paradise" was a masterly statement of the Church's belief and teaching on the subject of the future state and was thoroughly appreciated. It showed not only what the reasonable and comforting doctrine of the Church is, as to the condition of the departed in the unseen world, but where the Church stops short refusing to hold such medieval developments as the invocation of Saints and the Doctrine of Purgatory.

The day was indeed a helpful and blessed one, and will long be remembered by those who were privileged to take part in its proceedings.

Mr. Hunter, during his brief stay in Sherbrooke, has done excellent work, and made a