

i. e. about the 1st Sept. — his year of incumbency would have expired about a week before — on the 21st August.

The following is Father Cushing's telegram to me, which I copied and sent to Father Barry, Bathurst, asking his counsel; that same night also came in the train from Blackville, Father Crumley, stating that Father Cushing refused to give him charge of the mission, and that he left in the car on the side track his household furniture, until he would be advised where to put it.

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

BLACKVILLE, Sept 9th, 1897.—Father Crumley here. Is there any place for me? I will await reply from Archbishop, failing in which I will appeal to Rome. I want justice and eighteen hundred dollars, or an ecclesiastical trial, before I can give up my parish. J. H. CUSHING."

I advised Father Crumley to leave his goods in charge of the Railway authorities, on condition of his paying them rent or demurrage, for a time, until we could consult and decide what to do. The sudden death of the Hon. F. J. McManus at his home in Bathurst Village, and the obsequies in his parish church, at which Father Barry was invited by the Pastor, Father Varrily, to be the Celebrant of the Mass, delayed his visit to Blackville. On the morning following the obsequies, Father Barry accompanied by Father Crumley left Bathurst for Blackville, and on arriving in train that evening accepted Father Cushing's invitation to the hospitality of his residence. Meantime word was circulated in the neighborhood that the Vicar-General would like to meet and confer with the principal parishioners on the morrow morning after Mass, in the Church; which meeting took place, presided over by the Vicar-General, Father Barry, a report of which, signed by the Secretary, Mr. Fenton Brophy, was handed to me by Father Barry, on his return to Chatham, when he verbally explained to me that in first addressing said meeting he stated that he was not there to investigate any alleged fault on the part of Pastor or any other person, but to ask each one who would volunteer to do so, to state candidly what he thought best to do in the present crisis. Father Crumley, who had been appointed to succeed Father Cushing was here to undertake the duties of Pastor. But after his arrival, Father Cushing sent the aforementioned telegraphic message to the Bishop; and the Bishop, unwilling to act precipitately and without counsel, sent to confer with me. Now it is to know what counsel to give the Bishop that I seek your opinions.

The preponderance of the opinions expressed was that they esteemed Father Cushing; that if anything was due him he ought to be paid whenever there would be means to do so; but that first there should be a correct statement of all moneys received, whether at