

aside : he still enjoys his right to the place, and continues in possession of the income ; and it is fit that it should be so ; for to use the expressions of the apostle, who, when he admonishes Timothy to 'labor as a good soldier of Jesus Christ,' tells him also, that 'no man being a soldier of God entangleth him with secular businesses, that he may please him to whom he hath engaged himself,' the Clergy are prohibited by the Canons of the Church from being engaged in traffic, that they may be wholly occupied in their ministerial duties. The emolument which they receive is comparatively moderate, sometimes wretchedly small ; they are liable to applications from the distressed, and to demands for the purposes of religion sufficient to deprive them of the power, even if they had the will, of laying up for themselves a provision for age or infirmity, and the canonical regulations, in such contingencies, provide for their support out of the benefice, and for the discharge of the duty by giving an assistant, to maintain whom both the incumbent and they who are served contribute. * * * Instances have occurred, where meritorious priests, after a long career and a faithful discharge of duty, have been left neglected and in utter destitution. We would appeal to your feelings of justice to say whether this was as it ought to be. To provide for a succession of the clergy, is also a general concern with us ; if no measures be adopted to educate and to form, by proper discipline, a body of clergy to supply vacancies as they occur, what must be the consequences ? Many of our most flourishing churches have had to undergo long destitution, to struggle through great difficulties, *to witness many scandals*, and to suffer heavy losses, because of the want of a clergy, sufficiently numerous and properly qualified for our missions. Many Catholics who came hither from other nations as well as many of our own citizens who have removed to the interior, have been condemned to wander in spiritual desolation, until becoming estranged from their religion they were indifferent to its concerns or its practices ; and they themselves and thousands of their children have been lost to the church. * * * * The body which is to be served has been accustomed to undertake that expense in most parts of Europe, and have been assisted by the donations and legacies of the wealthy and the pious."

How earnestly Dr. Fleming, the Catholic Bishop of Newfoundland, has been striving to obtain assistance from Government for the support of his clergy, his numerous and eloquent

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