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## PROSPECTUS.

IN issuing the first number of THE CANADIAN ECCLESIASTICAL GAZETTE, the Publisher begs respectfully to intimate to the Reverend the Clergy and the Laity of the Church, that the publication will be continued monthly, should the plan meet with sufficient encouragement.—It is under the direction of two Clergymen in this city, with whom it originated, and is intended to supply, as far as may be, a want which has been long felt of a journal which, at a moderate price, should furnish full and official intelligence respecting the proceedings of the Church, and be devoted *exclusively* to that purpose. It will offer the means of circulating information which cannot fail to be interesting to members of the church at large, and will be conducted very much upon the model of the *Ecclesiastical Gazette*, published in London. It will also be serviceable as an advertising medium. The sanction of the Bishop administering the Diocese has been obtained to the undertaking, and his Lordship will make use of the paper as an official channel of communication with the Clergy. The Church Society, also, it is expected, will make the GAZETTE its organ, the Central Board having permitted the publication of their proceedings in the present number. It may be proper here to observe that the *whole of the profits will be given to the Church Society*. The price will be 2s. 6d. per annum, payable in advance, and the second number will be issued in July, provided that in the meantime a sufficient number of subscribers shall have been obtained to warrant a continuance of the publication. The Reverend Clergy and other friends of the undertaking, are therefore earnestly solicited to obtain subscribers as speedily as possible. Mrs. WALTON has kindly consented to act as Agent in Montreal, and will receive subscriptions at the Church Society's Depository, Great St. James' Street.

Copies of this number (to a limited extent) may be obtained by early application at the publisher's in Quebec, or at Mrs. WALTON'S, Montreal.

Any intelligence of Missionary operations, or of any other kind, suited to the objects of the publication, will be readily received. All communications to be addressed (post paid) to the Publisher, GILBERT STANLEY, †, St. Anne Street, Quebec.

## DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

TO THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(Circular.)

Quebec, 5th June, 1850.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

It having appeared to me that the congregations of the Church of England in this Diocese should take advantage of the present conjuncture, when measures are about to be carried into effect for the management of the Post Office Department, to unite in representations to the Provincial Legislature, respecting the necessity of incorporating with those measures, some effectual

provision for preventing such an interference with the observance of the Lord's day as is caused by the operations of that Department, as they are now conducted, I beg to suggest for your adoption, the following form of Petition to the Governor General and, with the requisite adaptations, to the other two branches of the Provincial Parliament.

You will be pleased to regard this communication, and any others which may from time to time reach you through the columns of the "Canadian Ecclesiastical Gazette" as official.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Your affectionate brother,

G. J. MONTREAL.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL,  
(or, The Honorable the Legislative Council (or Legislative Assembly) of the Province of Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled,)

The Petition of the Minister, Church Wardens and other inhabitants of

Most humbly sheweth ;

That the arrangements at present subsisting in the Province for the transmission of Her Majesty's Mails, are such as of necessity involve the desecration of the Lord's day to a vast extent.

That it is understood by Your Excellency's petitioners, (of Your Honorable House) that the entire control of the Post Office Department has been transferred by the Imperial Government to the hands of the Provincial authorities.

That Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to recommend to the Legislature such measures as to Your Excellency's wisdom shall seem meet, which shall secure the Lord's day from any violation, either by the opening of post offices, or by the carriage of mails, in the new arrangements which will be made.

And Your Excellency's petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

N. B. A copy of the Petition will be for signature at the Publisher's, and all persons friendly to its object, are requested to call and append their names.

## CHURCH SOCIETY.

WEDNESDAY, 15th May, 1850.

The stated Meeting of the Central Board was held at the National School House, Montreal, at 2 o'clock, P. M., this day.

Present—THE LORD BISHOP OF MONTREAL, in the Chair.

Rev. Dr. Bethune, V. P., Hon. G. Moffatt, V. P., Revds. Dr. Leach, T. Johnson, C. Bancroft, J. P. White, J. Torrance, V. P., J. Irwin, J. Pyke, J. Flanagan, V. P., W. Morris, J. Fulton, J. Mountain, T. A. Young, A. Campbell, C. Rollit, A. W. Mountain, Secretary, W. Bond, and C. Morice, and T. B. Anderson, Treasurer, S. C. Bagg, A. F. Holmes, M. D., and Wm. McTavish, Esquires.

The Meeting having been opened with prayer, the Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Secretary then read, by desire of the Lord Bishop, the reply of the Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, to the Memorial of the Board on the subject of the Clergy Reserves. A letter of thanks was read from the Rev. John Torrance for the grant of £50 to the Church at Pointe Levi