

and people of the Diocese of Antigonish unite in testifying their filial love and esteem for the pastor under whose spiritual guidance they rejoice to find themselves still on the completion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his episcopal consecration.

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

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HISTORY OF THE DIOCESE OF ANTIGONISH.

In the year 1817 Nova Scotia, which up to that date had formed part of the Diocese of Quebec, was erected into a Vicariate immediately subject to the Holy See. In that year the Rev. Edmund Burke, who for sixteen years previously had been ministering to the spiritual wants of the Catholics of Halifax, whilst fulfilling at the same time the functions of Vicar General of the Bishop of Quebec, was appointed Bishop of Zion and Vicar Apostolic of Nova Scotia. It was only, however, on July 5th of the following year that he received Episcopal consecration in Quebec at the hands of Bishop Plessis. After his death, which occurred on Nov. 29th, 1820, and for reasons which we shall not stop to consider here, a prolonged vacancy occurred in the Vicariate of Nova Scotia, as it was not till 1827 that his successor was appointed in the person of the Right Rev. William Fraser, who thus became the second Vicar Apostolic of Nova Scotia. His consecration as Bishop of Tanen *in*