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DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

The following particulars, serving to shew the degree of progress which the Church has been permitted to make, form the substance of a Summary of some Ecclesiastical Statistics which have been officially communicated to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, by the Bishop of Quebec.

They are connected with his Lordship's episcopal administration from Oct. 1836, when Bishop Stewart went to England, in broken health, never to return, to Oct. 1850, when the charge of the new Diocese of Montreal had been delivered over to Bishop Fulford.

UPPER CANADA OR CANADA WEST.

Upper Canada, now constituting the Diocese of Toronto, erected in 1839, having been for about three years preceding, together with Lower Canada, under the charge of the present Bishop of Quebec, contained clergymen, when he assumed that charge, to the number of..... 51

Ordained for Upper Canada during that time,..... 15

Introduced or adopted,..... 4

Increase in the three years,..... 19

(Besides 3 theological students taken upon the list who were afterwards ordained by the Bishop of Toronto.)

One Visitation performed throughout Upper Canada in 1838, and Confirmations there held in places,..... 51

Churches consecrated,..... 9

Miles travelled on this Visitation, from Quebec & back, ..2500

LOWER CANADA, OR CANADA EAST.

ORDINATIONS, &c.

Number of clergymen ordained by the present Bishop of Quebec, for the service of Lower Canada, since his assumption of the charge in 1836,..... 77

Number adopted or introduced,..... 10

(Total number ordained for Canada,..... 92

Total number adopted or introduced,..... 14

One ordained at the Red River in the Hudson's Bay Territory in 1844.*)

NUMBER OF CLERGY.

Number of Clergy in what is now the Diocese of Quebec, when the present Bishop assumed his charge in 1836,.... 17

Do. Montreal, do. 17

Total number in Lower Canada at that date... 34

No. in the Diocese of Quebec at this date, (increase 19) 36

No. in the Diocese of Montreal at this date, (increase 29) 48

Total in Lower Canada at this date,..... 84

(Total increase in Lower Canada, 50)

CHURCHES.

Number of Churches in what is now the Diocese of Quebec, when the present Bishop assumed his charge in 1836,.... 21

Do. Montreal, do. 21

Total in Lower Canada at that date,..... 42

* One Deacon and one Priest—but the gentleman ordained Priest had previously been ordained Deacon by the same hands in Lower Canada. The statement given above does not comprehend gentlemen admitted to P. Orders who had previously been ordained Deacons by Bishop Stewart—but it does comprehend two gentlemen who had received Deacon's Orders in England, and were ordained Priests here by the present Bishop, for service in Canada, one in the Upper Canada, and one in the Lower Canada list. Those whom he ordained both Deacon and Priest, himself, are, of course, reckoned only once.

Number of Churches at the present date in the Diocese of Quebec,..... 56

Do. Montreal, do. 60

Total now in Lower Canada, (increase 74)... 116

Number of Churches built to replace the original buildings in the Diocese of Quebec, since the present Bishop's assumption of his charge in 1836,..... 6

Do. Montreal, do. 3

Total number of new Churches built in Lower Canada within the period,..... 83

CONSECRATION OF CHURCHES.

Number of Churches consecrated in what is now the Diocese of Quebec, by the present Bishop since his assumption of his charge,..... 14

Do. Montreal, do. 24

Total consecrated by him in Lower Canada,.. 38

The great number of unconsecrated Churches is an evidence of the difficulties of the Church in the country, and the poverty, very generally, of her people. In some instances, the obstacle arises from debt: in a great many, from the incomplete state of the building, although it may have been used for years. Some few of the 116 Churches on the list, are not yet so far advanced as to be fit for use at all.

The list includes the *Chapels* of the cities—and many country Churches upon a very small scale and of exceedingly humble pretensions.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Number of places visited for holding Confirmations, in what is now the Diocese of Quebec, when the present Bishop assumed his charge... 17

Do. Montreal do. 17

Two places not visited upon first Circuit on account of then recent Confirmations by Bishop Stewart..... 2

Total in Lower Canada at that date..... 36

Number of places visited upon last Circuit before the division of Lower Canada into two Dioceses,

In the present Diocese of Quebec.... 47

Montreal 48

Total in Lower Canada at the present date (Increase 59) 95

MISCELLANEOUS MEMORANDA.

Number of places at which Confirmations were held at the Red River Colony, in 1844 (848 individuals there confirmed,) 4

Episcopal Charges delivered in Canada in 1838, 1842, 1845, 1848.

Charter of Bishop's College obtained in December, 1843.

Corner stone laid in September, 1844.

College opened in September, 1845.

Number of Theological Students who have been admitted, 34.

Number thus far ordained, 18.

Charter of Diocesan Church Society obtained in June 1844.

Extreme points within the range of Episcopal labour performed—Red River Colony in Hudson's Bay Territory, two thousand miles N. W. of Quebec,—and Magdalen Islands, between five and six hundred miles below it, in the Gulph.

Three Sees now established within the regular charge attached to the See of Quebec when the present Bishop entered upon the administration of it in 1836.

Four Sees within the range of his Episcopal labours performed since that date.