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HISTORICAL SKETCHES.

No. 62.—THE PARISH OF ST. ARMAND EAST,
FRELIGHSBURG, QUEBEC.



ABOUT sixty miles from the city of Montreal, in the district known as the Eastern Townships, lies the village of Frelighsburg, with a population of between three and four hundred. It is

Anglican in character, with the usual French labouring class. The French element, however, as in nearly all cases in Quebec, is gradually increasing and encroaching on the English population.

Nature has endowed the parish with unrivalled attractions of scenery — hill and dale — successive eminences interchanged with romantic vales and glens. New views perpetually greet the eye of the traveller, giving panoramic vistas of the Green Mountains, nearer than a score of miles, of the Adirondacks more remote, with glimpses of the Missisquoi Bay, the Richelieu River, and other sheets of water which appear to nestle around the hills. Visitors express their admiration, by comparisons with the peculiar scenes of Switzerland.

The village of Frelighsburg lies at the northern base of the locally famed mountains, called "The Pinnacle," with Richford, Vt., nine miles distant at the southern base. The Pike River, a little stream giving an outlet to two sequestered sheets of water, respectively styled Durham and Franklin Ponds, passes through the village, and supplies a mill privilege, with many repetitions in neighbouring villages as it pursues its course with increased volume to Lake Champlain. The Montreal, Portland and Boston

Railroad has been constructed to the province line, but after being operated for three years to Frelighsburg, by peculiar railroad intrigues, has been closed for seven years past. It has now the prospect of being revived under control which will make this village the port of entry on a great railroad communication between Montreal and the Atlantic cities in the United States.

In a missionary point of view, we are told that a Rev. James Tunstall ministered in this part of Quebec in 1801, also of a Rev. Mr. Short,



HON. AND REV. CHARLES JAMES STEWART,
Missionary at St. Armand East, Afterwards Second Bishop of Quebec.

but references to them are very brief indeed. These, with the Rev. C. C. Cotton, for many years Rector of Durham, were missionaries in the western portion of the Seigniorship of St. Armand, but they do not seem to have paid any