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The Parish of Fredericton.

As early as the year 1602, a fort was built by the Frenchman, Villebon, at the mouth of the Nashwaak, opposite St. Anne's point, now the city of Fredericton. The capital of the new province of New Brunswick was removed from St. John to Fredericton, for strategic reasons, very soon after the separation of the province from Nova

was created in 1845, out of that of Nova Scotia, the letters patent appointing the first bishop gave him the title of Lord Bishop of Fredericton. The Rev. John Medley, M. A., of Wadham College, Oxford rector of St. Thomas, and prebendary of the cathedral, Exeter, was the clergyman selected for that important post. Previous to that time, the rector of Fredericton had usually been Archdeacon of New

Brunswick, and Commissary of the Bishop of Nova Scotia, Archdeacon George Coster occupying that position when the new bishop arrived. Bishop Medley immediately set about the erection of a cathedral, and had collected a considerable sum of money in England for that purpose before leaving for his distant See.

Events have fully justified the action which the Bishop thus took, and the Cathedral, from the year 1853, when it was consecrated, has had a great and abiding influence as a centre of church work and teaching, as well as in presenting a model of church architecture which has been instrumental in raising the standard of taste far beyond the limits of the diocese

itself. It is of the decorated style of architecture, and includes in its fine windows specimens both of early and late decorated. There is no finer window in the continent than its grand East window of seven lights, which is almost equalled by the six light west window, which is of late or flamboyant style. The building stands on the west bank of the St. John river, and is surrounded by beautiful trees, the whole forming a magnificent view on which the artistic eye loves to rest. While the cathedral was in course of erection, the Bishop built a small chapel of stone, which was called St. Anne's, and which his Lordship afterwards presented to the corporation of Fredericton as the parish church. It is designed in the style known as Early English, and though not large, is a perfect gem of architect-

ure. Bishop Medley's long, laborious and successful career is well known. His profound learning, accurate scholarship, firmness of character, skill in music and architecture, and wide experience made him one of the greatest prelates of the Church in modern days. Of him Mr. Gladstone once said, "I think his is the wisest head that wears a mitre." The cathedral will long constitute his enduring monument. His body lies at the east side of the chancel, and a very handsome effigy in Carrara marble has been placed in the south transept, which is at once a faithful likeness and a splendid work of art. It was provided by the offerings of the churchpeople of the province.

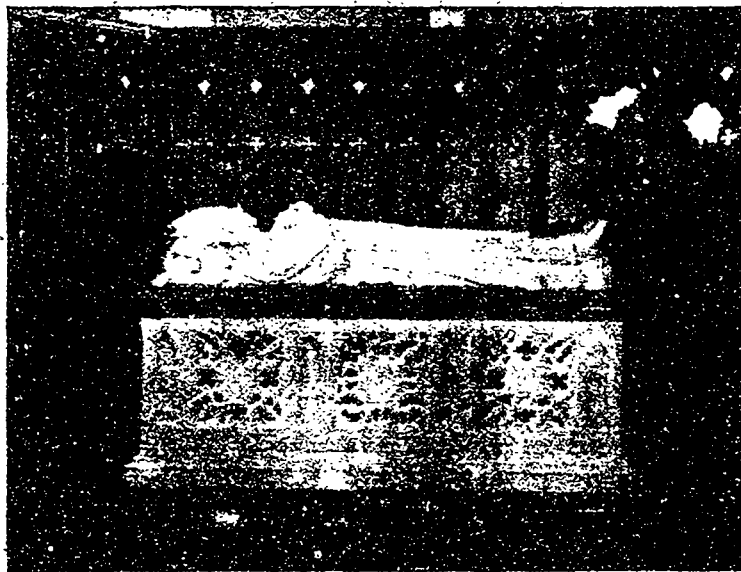
In 1881, the Bishop's health and strength beginning to fail, after 50 years of active service, the Rev. H. T. Kingdon, M. A., vicar of Good Easter, Essex, was consecrated in the Cathedral as coadjutor, and on the death of Bishop Medley in 1892, he succeeded to the See. The present staff consists of the Dean, Very Rev. Francis Partridge, D. D., D. C. L., who was for several years Rector of St. George's, Halifax, and canon of the Cathedral of St. Luke, in that city; and the sub Dean, (not a member of the chapter), Rev. H. F. E. Whalley. The other members of the chapter are, Ven. F. H. J. Brigstocke, D. D., rector of Trinity parish, St. John, Canon and Archdeacon of St. John; Ven. Thomas Neales, M. A., Rector of Woodstock. Canon and Archdeacon

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THE VERY REV. DEAN PARTRIDGE, D. D.
Dean of Fredericton.

Scotia, and the erection of Parliament buildings and court house made it a centre of attraction. The city now numbers about 8000 inhabitants. It is situated on the bank of the St. John river, and is about the centre of the province, being the terminus of three railways, and in the summer, easily accessible by water. Vessels of good size can reach Fredericton, and flat bottomed, stern-wheel steamers can ply between it and Woodstock when the water in the river is fairly high. It is the central point of a large agricultural district, and does a large trade in lumber. The city is beautifully situated, and from it fine sporting regions may be reached, to which in the proper season many tourists come in search of fishing and shooting. But what gives it its great importance from a churchman's point of view, is the fact that it is the see city of the diocese of Fredericton. When the diocese



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