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NO 121 - THE THIRD BISHOP OF NIAGARA

THE Rev. John Philip DuMoulin, M.A., D.C.L., elected third Bishop of Niagara, is by birth an Irishman. He was born in the city of Dublin in the year 1839, and was educated there. He was for a time a student of Trinity College, Dublin, but did not proceed to a degree.

He came out to this country through the influence of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Cronyn, first Bishop of Huron, who had previously brought out Edward Sullivan, now Bishop of Algoma, and James Carmichael, now Dean of Montreal. He was made a deacon in 1862 by Bishop Cronyn, and was appointed curate to the Venerable Archdeacon Brough, rector of St. John's, London Township. He was priested by Bishop Cronyn in 1863, and in the same year married Frances, fifth daughter of Archdeacon Brough. In 1865 he was curate to the Rev. Dr. Booner, rector of Galt, and in the following year was promoted to the metropolitan city of Montreal as curate to Rev. Dr. Bancroft, rector of Trinity

Church, and in 1870 was transferred to the Church of St. James' the Apostle, as assistant minister to Rev. Canon Ellegood. In the following year he was called to be rector of St. Thomas' Church, Hamilton.

Though Mr DuMoulin had served for nine years as curate or assistant minister, his preaching powers had brought him into prominent notice, and when the Provincial Synod in 1872 met to elect a first bishop for the diocese of

Algoma Mr DuMoulin, after long balloting, was finally chosen. The Synod separated, but, after some correspondence on the subject, the bishop-elect declined to accept the position. In 1875 Mr. DuMoulin returned to Montreal as rector of the newly built St. Martin's Church, and here he remained till he was called to be rector of St. James Cathedral, Toronto. This was in 1882. Mr. DuMoulin at the same time was made a canon of the cathedral.

By the wise foresight of Bishop Strachan several lots of land had been secured as an endowment for the parish of Toronto. In time this land became very valuable, and yielded a large income, the whole of which went to the Rev. Dr. Grasset, who for many years was the rector of St. James'. But as other churches were built and other parishes formed within the original parish participation in the endowment was claimed by each and all of them, and it was arranged in time by the Synod of Toronto that the income of the next and succeeding rectors of St. James' should be \$5,000 a year, and that the balance should be divided among the other churches as the synod might direct.

Thus Canon Du-

Moulin found himself in one of the best church positions in Canada. Besides the rector's income, St. James' has further emoluments, which enables the congregation to procure efficient clerical assistance for the work of the parish. Great changes were made in Canon DuMoulin's time. The huge galleries, which, though useful at times, darkened and to some extent disfigured an otherwise beautiful church, were taken down, and the organ was removed from the



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