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MEETING OF THE NORTH AMERICAN BISHOPS.

The Bishops of Toronto, Newfoundland, and Fredericton arrived at Montreal on a visit to the Bishop of Montreal on Saturday 20th September. On Sunday 21st, their Lordships attended Divine Service in the Cathedral both morning and afternoon; the Bishop of Toronto preached in the morning and the Bishop of Newfoundland in the afternoon. In the evening the Bishop of Fredericton preached at St. George's Church, and the Bishop of Montreal at St. Anne's. On Tuesday the four prelates proceeded to Quebec, where they were met, on their arrival on Wednesday morning, by the Bishop of Quebec and some of the Clergy of the Parish. A peal of bells from the Cathedral welcomed their Lordships to the Rectory, where they became the guests of the Bishop of Quebec. During their stay of a week, the Bishops were engaged in deliberation upon different matters affecting the welfare of their several Dioceses. The Bishop of Nova Scotia was prevented from joining them on account of his very recent arrival in his Diocese, and the distance of the Red River from Quebec rendered it impossible to communicate with the Bishop of Ruperts Land (the only other North American Bishop who was absent) in time to admit of his being present.

On Sunday 25th their Lordships all took some part in the services of the Cathedral in the forenoon. The Bishop of Fredericton preached in behalf of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Church Society; and the sum of £41 1 0 was collected at the Offertory. The Bishop of Toronto preached at the Cathedral in the afternoon and in the evening at the Chapel of the Holy Trinity. The Bishop of Newfoundland preached at St. Matthew's, and the Bishop of Fredericton at All Saints' Chapel in the evening, both on behalf of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. At the latter Chapel the collection amounted to £2 18 1, and at the former to £12. The Bishop of Montreal preached at St. Peter's Chapel in the afternoon.

On Monday 29th (Feast of St. Michael and All Angels) Divine Service was again held in the Cathedral, the Bishops all officiating. The Bishop of Montreal preached the sermon, and the Holy Communion was afterwards administered by the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Bishop of Newfoundland. On every other day during their stay, their Lordships attended the daily prayers at All Saints' Chapel.

On Wednesday afternoon, previously to the departure of their Lordships, the clergy of the Parish of Quebec waited upon them with the following address, which was read by the Rev. Official Mackie, D. D.

To the Right Reverend Fathers in God the Bishops of Toronto, Newfoundland, Fredericton and Montreal.

May it please your Lordships;

We, the Clergy holding charge in the Parish of Quebec, beg permission to offer to your Lordships the assurance of our dutiful respect, on the occasion of this your visit to our esteemed Diocesan.

Your Lordships will feel that it cannot be to us other than matter of devout gratulation that so many as five Prelates should meet in friendly Council, where, within the memory of living man, scarce five Clergymen of any grade of our Church could have assembled together.

If we still long for the time when our Bishops may consult according to the due order of the Church, it is most certainly not because we attach little value to the rules which you may now suggest for our guidance and direction. We have not so learned Christ as lightly to esteem any admonition which proceeds from our Fathers in God.

The language of eulogy would ill become us as addressed to your Lordships; we will only therefore add that we regard with real and deep interest the labours in which you are respectively engaged, and that we earnestly pray that the God of all grace would pour down upon you, each and all, the abundance of His blessing.

GEORGE MACKIE, D. D.
E. W. SEWELL,
C. H. STEWART, B. A.
GEORGE COWELL, M. A.
GILBERT PERCY, B. A.
R. G. PLEES,
ARMINE W. MOUNTAIN, B. A.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto then read the following reply.
Reverend and Dear Brethren;

We receive with great satisfaction your kind and brotherly address, and are thankful for the interest which you take in our respective labours.

It has been a great comfort to us to communicate with you all, and with our esteemed Brother your Diocesan, at the Lord's Table, and to have the advantage of friendly conference on our mutual difficulties.

Although we do not yet find ourselves in a position to communicate to you the result of our deliberations, having thought it our duty to forward them in the first instance to his Grace the Archbishop of the Province, we look forward with hope to the period, when no bar shall be placed in the way of our meeting in Synod with the Clergy and Laity of the Church, to consult together on many matters of deep interest which affect the whole Body.

We affectionately commend all your pious labours to the Blessing of God, and trust that our dear Brother, your Bishop, may long be spared to be your Guide and Helper in holy things—and that you may cordially unite with him in promoting the objects nearest his heart,—the salvation of souls, and the unity and well being of the Church of God.

JOHN TORONTO.
EDWD. NEWFOUNDLAND.
JOHN FREDERICTON.
F. MONTREAL.

Quebec, 1st October, 1851.

The Lord Bishop of Newfoundland remained at Quebec till Thursday 2nd inst., when his Lordship proceeded to Bishop's College, Lennoxville, with the intention of going on from thence, through Montreal, to the Diocese of Toronto.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

The Lord Bishop of Quebec will, D. V., hold Confirmations during the ensuing year, in all those Cures of the Diocese in which the rite has not been administered since 1849; and, in the early part of the year, at Quebec, Nicolet, Drum-