

of Prince Edward Island as only straggling missionaries, wandering about from place to place, practically unable to fix their residence in any particular locality. The only mission in the whole Diocese which he considers able to furnish a decent living is the city of St. John, but it would appear from his description of its people that a Bishop would find it exceedingly irksome to live amongst them.

He next takes up the question of the probable candidates for the position. He refers to Reverend Mr. Manseau, whose name had been mentioned in connection therewith, and of whom he says: "He is a good man and of conciliatory manners."

To Father John Macdonald of Tracadie, whose name was also considered, he has no personal objection. He considers him a learned man and well qualified, if he were only separated from his family and freed from the entanglements of land affairs. Entering further into the subject he adds that the Coadjutor, whoever he may be, should be acquainted with the English, French and Gaelic languages, in order to treat successfully with the various nationalities that would fall under his jurisdiction; and the only candidate who possesses this knowledge, joined with all the other necessary qualifications, is the Reverend Bernard Donald Macdonald, "whose uniform regularity of deportment, and disengagement from everything but his duty," he says, "renders him dear and respected in the community."

The question of the coadjutorship proceeded no further, and so, to provide for the spiritual welfare of his flock, Bishop MacEachern created two Vicars General, the Reverend Father Gagnon for the Province of New Brunswick, and Reverend Bernard Donald Macdonald for Prince Edward Island, the latter of whom was appointed April 6th, 1835.

A few days later, the Bishop started on his Easter visit to the missions of King's County, and proceeded towards East Point by way of St. Peter's. At this latter place he put up at the house of Mr. Dugald MacIsaac, where he was accustomed to hold a station, as there was as yet no church in the settlement. When he arrived on this occasion, the people gathered in as usual, and he was kept busy hearing confessions throughout the afternoon. Next morning he again heard confessions,