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## ST. JAMES' CATHEDRAL.

On the morning of the 20th inst., the sermon at this sanctuary was preached by the bishop of Toronto. Persons whose business it is to be pious are but too apt to fail in business; and although there is no absolute incompatibility between the existence of piety and the donning of lawn sleeves, it is to be feared that "fine linen" of that quality, when it takes the form of sleeves is prone to "lust against the spirit, and the spirit against the" sleeves; the tendency of men to become professionally religious is as natural as it is for courtiers to be courteous, and the Rev. Mr. Spurgeon, among others, long ago acknowledged this fact; the writer, however, will address himself to the mode in which the bishop discharged the duty devolving on him, while inducting Dean Dumoulin to the rectory of St. James.\* The usually unrelaxed service of the Episcopal Church, was in various ways modified in order to adapt it to this exceptional occasion, but the several

attempts at adaptation of Scripture to the induction of the Dean required the exercise of a lively imagination, if ludicrous contrasts were not to be provoked; the "proper psalms" for instance, were Psalms cxxii, cxxxii, and cxxxiii; we no sooner commenced the recitation of the first of these selected psalms than we found the institution with which we were temporarily connected, compared to "Jerusalem" and this Jerusalem is described as being "at unity in itself;" it would therefore appear that among the presumably manifold gifts of the Bishop, the gift "to see himself (and the establishment over which he presides) as 'ithers see him," is not included. There is however an unsuspected suitability of these psalms to the posi-

\*In Great Britain, the rector of the Church in which is the *Cathedra* of the Bishop of the diocese, is uniformly styled the Dean, and as Episcopacy transplants itself to this hemisphere, shorn only of its "palaces" and "thrones," the title of Dean has been assumed to attach to the newly appointed Rector of St. James'.