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A SKETCH OF CANADIAN CHURCH HISTORY.

(continued).

For these and other distinguished public services Dr. Strachan was appointed a member of the Legislative Council of Upper Canada in 1828, and thus was laid upon him quite unsought the responsibility of taking a leading part in the business of the Province, as the special representative of the church, there being at that time no Bishop in Upper Canada.

Meanwhile, to return to the Lower Province, the first Anglican Bishop of Quebec, Dr. Jacob Mountain was appointed in 1793. We are told that the aged Gallican Bishop of the City met him, on his disembarkation, and affectionately kissed him on each cheek, as a mark of brotherly amity and peace. The hope of Du Pin and Archbishop Wake for a closer union of the two national churches had not as yet been altogether forgotten, whilst the contrast between the Gallican Church at home, exposed to all the horrors of the French Revolution, and in Canada under the protection of British rule, must have been striking indeed. Alas that Papal and Jesuit influence have so completely changed all this. It is to be feared, that when the present Cardinal Archbishop of Quebec dies, the Gallican element in that Province, will be entirely controlled by the Ultramontane party, with what baneful results to the future of Canada it seems utterly impossible to forecast.

Bishop Mountain traversed both Provinces on Episcopal duty undeterred by the dangers of the American war, and notwithstanding the disastrous effect of that great struggle upon Canada for many years after, Bishop Mountain, on his death in 1826, left 30 clergy in the two Provinces.

Bishop Mountain was succeeded by Bishop Stewart; and, ten years later, the son of the first Bishop, Doctor George Jehoshaphat Mountain was consecrated coadjutor Bishop of Montreal to Bishop Stewart, who died in England a few months later. The new Bishop had formerly filled the position of Archdeacon of the lower Province, and, from 1823 to 1835, of Principal of McGill College, Montreal, then just founded. Of Bishop Mountain the younger, it may be truly said that the Canadian Church was indeed blessed in the gift of so great, so wise, and so saintly a Bishop.

ON PEALS IN GENERAL.

Peals are the tones in which a metal tells
The joyous news rung forth by marriage bells,
That Mary B. has married Henry A.,
And by her father has been given away.
Another kind of peals in laughter rings
From out the pretty mouths of giddy things,
I mean those school-girls, who in martial row
For promenades along the sidewalks go;
Who with cool gaze the modest youth distress,
Too conscious of the fitting of his dress,
He thinks an awkward poising of his hat
Is what those awful girls are smiling at,
With nervous hand he seeks to turn it round;
The hat twitched off goes twirling to the ground
The merry laugh discomfiture completes
Him, in the ditch a false step quickly seats.
One other kind will now complete my list,
Whose name when mentioned ever will be hissed.
Its active power is greatest when unseen.
Its nature treacherous, unfair and mean.
With equal ease it lays the mightiest low;
Wealth, power and poverty the same may go,
And fat pomposity is quickly floored
Upon the hard, unsympathetic board
This last, whose might the human race all feel,
Is the all-levelling banana-peel.

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