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## Episcopal Tours in the Diocese.

### OUR BISHOP AMONG THE INDIANS.

One of the great charms of the work of a Bishop in the Colonies is its wonderful variety. For not only is there all the difference in the world between winter and summer travelling, there are also great differences of country and of people, which, of course, cannot be looked for in the more compact and densely populated Dioceses of the old country. In the Diocese of Quebec, for instance, there is work in towns and work in the country, work in Lake and Mountain Districts, work along the Coasts among the fishermen and work also in the Islands of the sea. And this work has to be done among all kinds of people—people of English, Scotch, Irish, French, German and Dutch extraction—people too, who out of loyalty to the British Crown, left the United States at the time of the war of American Independence, and there is also work among two different tribes of Indians, the original possessors of the soil.

Some idea of this latter portion of the Bishop's work will, it is hoped, be obtained from the following narrative :

Some years ago the Rev. H. C. Stuart, Rector of Three Rivers, who had been up to Lake St. John to baptize some English children, informed the late revered Bishop of Quebec (Dr. Williams), that while the majority of the Indians in the Reserve at Pointe Bleue, on the Lake St. John, about two hundred miles north of Quebec, were Roman Catholics, there were many who had received the principles of the Christian religion far away in the north or north-west, and had been baptised into the Anglican

Branch of the Holy Catholic Church, and that these poor people had lived on for a long time as sheep without a shepherd, refusing to leave the Church of their baptism and to join the communion of Rome, hoping that some day there would be sent to them in their new home the ministrations of their own Church. The Bishop having begged the Rev. H. C. Stuart to inquire into the matter, the result has been that Mr. Stuart has thenceforth paid periodical visits to the Reserve, and the work has progressed so well, that the Indians, with considerable help, procured for them by Mr. Stuart, have built themselves a Church. It was a grave disappointment to these poor people that, owing to the decease of Bishop Williams, their Church could not, for a long time, be duly consecrated. But after long waiting, and at the request of the Rev. H. C. Stuart, the present Bishop left Quebec on Tuesday, July 11th last, by the Lake St. John Railway, reaching the well appointed Roberval Hotel, on the borders of the beautiful Lake St. John, the same evening, and on the following day, there was quite a little procession of buggies, kindly supplied by B. A. Scott, Esq., and others, passing along in the direction of the Reserve. On reaching Pointe Bleue, all was alive in the Indian Camps, and on arriving at the point in the road where the side-way leads up to the Church, the Bishop was requested to descend from his carriage and to walk up through a long artificial avenue of trees and flags to the Church-yard, where a large body of Indians fired a grand salute, after which his Lordship shook hands with all—with the men first, the women in their picturesque costumes second, and the children