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HISTORICAL SKETCHES.

No. 93.—THE FIRST PRIMATE OF ALL CANADA.

WE are glad to present our readers this month with a portrait of the Archbishop of Rupert's Land and Primate of all Canada, as he appears at the present time. In our issue

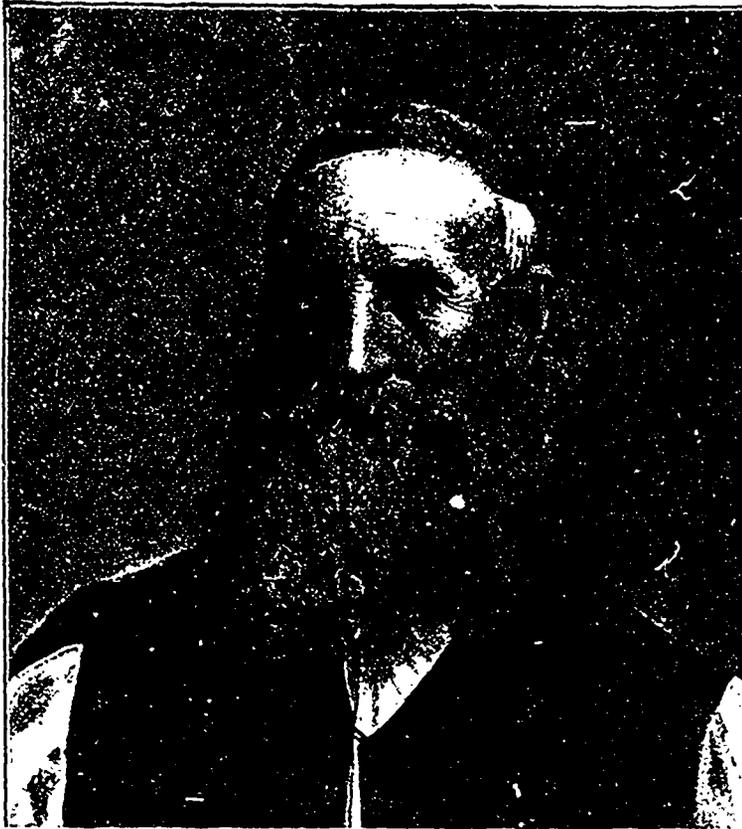
of November last year, we gave a portrait of his Grace as he appeared in the early days of his episcopate, when, as a missionary bishop, he was battling with the privations and rigorous duties of Rupert's Land, a term so indefinite as to embrace in those days the whole vast territory of the Northwest. Canada owes her first primate to Scotland; Robert Machray, the father of the archbishop, having been Advocate of Aberdeen. Though he has been nearly thirty years Bishop of Rupert's

Land, his Grace is only about sixty-two years of age; and, humanly speaking, with his powerful frame and rugged build, he will probably be Primate of all Canada for many years to come.

When he was appointed Bishop of Rupert's Land in 1865, he was monarch of all he sur-

veyed in the great Northwest. No other diocese but his own was to be found west of Toronto except Columbia, on the Pacific coast. In 1873 Saskatchewan, Moosonee, and Athabasca were formed; largely, no doubt, through his influence with the Church Missionary Society in England. Other dioceses were added, until there are now ten in the territory embraced by the two—including his own—when Dr. Machray arrived in this country to be Bishop of Ru-

pert's Land. Man's ordinary lifetime is short, yet Bishop Machray's career so far is an evidence that great changes may take place in the history of one person. With the fine city of Winnipeg where there was only a trading post; with the Canadian Pacific Railway where there were only trails for dog trains; with numerous mission posts and churches where all was a lone wilderness; with the whole Anglican Church in Canada



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united as one body in a General Synod where there were only scattered ecclesiastical provinces and dioceses, there is much at which the archbishop must needs feel gratified; and considering his own hard missionary work, and all that he has done for the Church of England