



AN ONTARIO FARM VIEW.

menced his new work, for which he proved himself to be pre-eminently qualified.

1845.—In the following year, 1845, the Province of New Brunswick was set off from the Diocese of Nova Scotia as a separate see. It is known as the Diocese of Fredericton, that being the see city. The Rev. John Medley, a clergyman of England, was selected to be its bishop, and in 1845 was installed in Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton. In 1879 he was elected by the House of Bishops Metropolitan of Canada, a position which he still occupies. This revered prelate is the only bishop hitherto mentioned that is still living. He has always been able to take his place as head of the Provincial Synod till this present year, when the lamented death of his son and an enfeebled state of health obliged him to remain at home. For forty-five years he has been Bishop of Fredericton (since 1879 with a co-adjutor), and has succeeded in doing a good and lasting work there. Through his exertions the Fredericton Cathedral, which has been called one of the finest specimens of gothic architecture in this country, was built and will ever remain a monument of his energy and zeal.

1849.—Meantime Dr. G. J. Mountain continued Bishop of Quebec. He had already seen the formation of the Dioceses of Toronto and Newfoundland and the Diocese of Fredericton in immediate prospect, when his missionary zeal was stirred further within him and he resolved (in 1844) to visit the distant North-west with a view to laying there the

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from Parliament, was formed into a diocese with the Rt. Rev. Aubrey George Spencer as Bishop. This was the same year in which Dr. Strachan was appointed Bishop of Toronto.

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This vast country, now penetrated by the Canadian Pacific Railway (one of the triumphs of the age), was then but a dreary waste, with here and there a post of the Hudson's Bay Company (organized for trading in furs), and here and there a wretched tribe of Indians, and here and there a few hardy European settlers. The chief settlement of the latter was on the banks of the Red River to