

From "The Churchman."

CONSECRATION

or

THE CATHEDRAL AT FREDERICTON.

This most interesting and important event took place on Wednesday, August 31st. For several days previously the Clergy of the Diocese, and several from the neighboring provinces and the United States, had been assembling in Fredericton, so that on the morning of the Consecration "great was the company of the preachers" gathered around the eminent Prelate whom God in His providence has placed over this extensive Diocese, and whose labors have been so zealous and successful. Of his Lordship's Clergy all, with a very few exceptions, were in attendance to cheer him with their presence, to aid him by their prayers, and to assist in rendering the service in some small measure worthy of the greatness and solemnity of the occasion. From abroad the Rt. Rev. the Bishops of QUEBEC and TORONTO, the Rt. Rev. Bishop SOUTHGATE of the American Church, with several Presbyters from Nova Scotia, Canada and the United States, came, animated, as their words and deeds testified, by a spirit of true Catholic love, rejoicing in the prosperity of their Brethren, and anxious to mingle their prayers and praises with those of their fellow-members of CHRIST's Mystical Body on this high festival.

Early in the morning the Royal standard and other national flags were unfurled from the windows of the tower, and the sweet-toned bells rung out a merry peal. The apprehensions of unpleasant weather, with which the clouds and mist had agitated many breasts, were soon happily removed; and, long before the hour appointed for the commencement of the service, the spacious nave and aisles