

*THE NEW BISHOP OF ALGOMA.*

Throughout Canada the greatest satisfaction has been felt in the choice which the Provincial Synod have made of Bishop Fauquier's successor. One of the best proofs of this, if proof were needed, is to be found in the fact that his selection has solved in a great measure the difficulty which had been felt, of providing the necessary funds for the support of the Bishopric. The knowledge that the office will be occupied by Dr. Sullivan has already, as our readers will have seen by the reports in the daily papers, removed all hesitation from the minds of the several dioceses to contribute worthily to the support of Algoma. Of the importance of the charge to which Dr. Sullivan has been called no one can doubt. The *Gazette* in speaking of the Bishopric of Algoma says:—

"Let any one take the map of the Dominion and find that vast waste region which is there set down as the District of Algoma, stretching away round the northern shores of Lakes Huron and Superior, and he will have some notion of the labor involved in the spiritual oversight of such a diocese. It includes communities as remote from each other as those of Muskoka and Thunder Bay. The great Manitoulin Island alone is more extensive than many European Kingdoms. The area under the charge of a single missionary is over 2,000 square miles. It is no uncommon thing for a settler to walk fifteen or twenty miles to hear the service of the church, and if the diocese had not been organized, administered and served by faithful men, the great bulk of the people would be wholly destitute of the ordinances of their religion. That, during the nine years of its existence it has been of ineffable benefit and solace to hundreds of souls, men, women and children, who must otherwise have been out of reach of the means of grace, and that



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it has brought many Indians, otherwise abandoned to idolatry, within the pale of Christian civilization—surely these facts alone justify its maintenance as a diocese. As the first born of the Canadian Church, moreover, until it has attained strength enough to be self-supporting, it has claims on the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada scarcely inferior to those which each diocese acknowledges towards its proper missions."

Nevertheless the sacrifice which Dr. Sullivan was called upon to make is no small one, and his readiness to accept the nomination has settled definitely the fate of the missionary bishopric which was indeed at Bishop Fauquier's death trembling in the scale.

What is Algoma's gain is Montreal's loss. More than half of Dr. Sullivan's career as a clergyman has been spent in this city, in connection with St. George's Church. Ordained by the late Bishop Cronyn in 1859, he passed the early years of his ministry in the Diocese of Huron, at no great distance from London. Upon the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Leach, and the succession to the Rectory of St. George's of the Rev. Dr. (now Bishop) Bond, he first came to Montreal as assistant minister of that church. After fulfilling the duties of that position for eight years, he accepted a pressing invitation to take charge of Trinity Church, Chicago, where he was to return nine years later as Dr. Bond's successor in the rectory. He now goes, still in the prime of life, to undertake the higher and most responsible duties of a chief pastor in the Church, and that, as he has acquitted himself with faithfulness and diligence in the pastorate, he will prove himself equally worthy of the higher office to which, with such pleasing unanimity, he has been called, all who know him must have the fullest conviction.



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