

The Archbishop of Canterbury has promised to state the claims and wishes of the memorialist, who refers to Lord Dorchester, Governor of Canada, and General Clarke, Lieutenant Governor of Quebec, for his character.

Accompanying this memorial is a *Paper on the condition of the Church of England in Canada*,\* furnished by Mr. Toosey to the Bishop of Lincoln.

"There are," it states, "six clergymen of the Church of England in Lower Canada, one at Quebec, but not a single church; the members of the Church of England worship in a Roman Catholic church, before or after the service; there are three dissenting ministers, and many Roman Catholic clergy with a Bishop and coadjutor. The Bishop's salary is small." "In Upper Canada there is neither church nor are there clergy."† "The population is all Protestant, and the country already well settled." Mr. Toosey does not believe churches will be built except there is a Bishop in the country, but the people would contribute towards the support of the church were there a Bishop on the spot to recommend it with authority.

On the 20th of April, dated at London, the Bishop of Lincoln signed a strong recommendation of Mr. Toosey for the proposed Bishopric of Quebec.‡ In this paper the statement is repeated that Mr. Toosey had served for four years as Ecclesiastical Commissary of the Bishop of Nova Scotia, without salary.

The result of these efforts on behalf of the two candidates might easily be conjectured. When governors of Provinces recommend for a vacant office each his own choice, it is unlikely that either will be appointed. A compromise seems inevitable. The conclusion speedily arrived at by the home government was that the See of Quebec was offered to Dr. Jacob Mountain, chaplain of the Bishop of Lincoln, and, after due deliberation, accepted by him.

This appointment recalls the old story, repeated in a dozen different forms, but which the writer of this sketch first saw in *Punch in the Pulpit*. The King and his chaplain, the Bishop of Lincoln, were discussing the vexed subject of the Quebec Bishopric—"Had your Majesty faith as a grain of mustard seed," said the

\* Canadian Archives, Series Q, Vol. 66, p. 273.

† This statement is inexplicable.

‡ Canadian Archives, Series Q, Vol. 66, page 279.