

A FORGOTTEN PHENOMENON.

HOW NIAGARA FALLS RAN DRY, MARCH 31st, 1848. THE
FACTS SUBSTANTIATED IN A LETTER FROM RT. REV.
DR. FULLER, BISHOP OF NIAGARA.



THE Right Rev. Bishop Fuller writes from
Hamilton, Ont., to the *Chicago Tribune* as
follows :—

In the month of March last I delivered, in the city of Hamilton, Ontario, a lecture entitled "Upper Canada as it was fifty years ago, and Ontario as it now is"; and in the course of my lecture I spoke of the great difficulty of constructing the International Bridge between Buffalo and the Canada side opposite to that city on account of the great current of water running at times down the Niagara river, where the waters are driven by strong westerly winds down Lake Erie, whereas the quantity of water running down the river is very much diminished when the winds drive up Lake Erie. I then remarked: "This fact caused an event thirty-two years ago this month of which, probably very few of you have ever heard. I refer to the time when the Falls of Niagara were dry for a whole day! That day was the 31st of March, 1848. I did not witness it myself, but I was told of it the next day by my late brother-in-law, Thos. C. Street, Esq., M. P. Happening to go out to his place the next day, he told me that his miller (for he has a grist mill on the rapids above the Falls) knocked at his bedroom door about five o'clock in the morning of that day and told him to get up, as there was no water in the mill-race, and no water in the great river outside of the race. He said that he was startled at the intelligence, and hurried out as soon as he could dress himself, and then saw the river, on the edge of which he