

During his stay in New Brunswick he paid a visit to Fredericton, where he interviewed the Lieutenant Governor and some of the Members of the Legislature, and succeeded in impressing them so deeply with the wants of his flock in that Province, that he obtained from the Government a grant of one hundred pounds for a school which he proposed establishing at Shediac. The latter project he now deemed necessary for the future of religion in New Brunswick, because he had found that both the clergy and laity of that Province were little disposed to support the College of St. Andrew's.

It may be remembered that when there was question of buying the farm at St. Andrew's, the Acadians of Rollo Bay objected to the locality for the reason that it was too distant from their place of residence; and at the same time, they suggested that a site chosen somewhere in the vicinity of St. Peter's would be more suitable for the purpose intended. This objection, as we have seen, was overruled by the majority and St. Andrew's obtained the preference.

Since those days, however, considerable settlements had been formed along the shores of St. Peter's Bay, and Bishop MacEachern, who used to visit them as often as possible, thought the time had come when they should have a church of their own, and in the month of November, 1833, he obtained a grant of twenty acres of land situated at the Head of the Bay to serve as a site for a new church, when the people should find themselves able to build one.

About the same time two students, Ronald MacIsaac and James McIntyre, of East Point, left for Rome to enter the College of the Propaganda. They had been at St. Andrew's College from its beginning, and had consequently made considerable progress in their classical course. By their arrival in Rome, the Diocese of Charlottetown had four students at the Propaganda preparing for the priesthood; but in a short time, their number was diminished by the death of Norbert MacEachern, which occurred on the 13th of July, 1834. He had spent over five years in Rome, and had just completed his first year of philosophy. His death was a grievous disappointment to Bishop MacEachern. It threw back his hopes of assistance, and made him feel all the more keenly the want of priests in his extensive Diocese.