

### *The Episcopal Appointment.*

relate wholly to the Treasury Department, they need not be particularly referred to. The last of these letters was written from Pimlico, 13th April, 1796.

The next name mentioned in connection with the new Bishopric was that of the Rev. Philip Toosey, of Quebec, the Ecclesiastical Commissary of the Eastern District of Canada. He was strongly recommended for the position by Lord Dorchester, Governor-in-Chief, and his nomination was warmly urged by the Bishop of Nova Scotia. Thinking his success would be more certain were he in England, where his official position as Commissary would enable him to represent more fully the necessity for the establishment of the See, his friends advised him to proceed to London without delay.

So well did Mr. Toosey acquit himself in his mission, that when the matter was brought up for discussion, he not only numbered among his supporters many influential men, but even such renowned ecclesiastics as the Lord Bishop of Lincoln and His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The letters preserved among the State Papers, bearing on Mr. Toosey's visit to England, are as follows:

On the 18th of August, 1792, King wrote from Whitehall to Lieut. Governor Clarke, urgently requesting Mr. Toosey's leave of absence.\*

King was informed in return that Mr. Toosey's presence might be dispensed with for the winter, but that he must be in Canada as early as possible in the spring.†

On the 13th of March, 1793, we encounter the "Memorial of Revd. Philip Toosey, Rector of Quebec,"‡ This document states that Mr. Toosey has held the office of Bishop's Commissary since 1789, without salary. He has, the paper says, an intimate knowledge of both Upper and Lower Canada, but that he has neither the power nor ability to supply the clerical needs of the different Townships applying to him. He has come to England, on the suggestion of the Bishop of Nova Scotia, in the hope that a salary and certain powers might be attached to his office, or that he might be appointed Bishop of one of the Provinces of Upper or Lower Canada, where he could organize Church establishments in the new Townships.

\* Can. Arch., Series Q, Vol. 59-1, p. 593.

† Do., Vol. 61-1, p. 203.

‡ Do., Vol. 66, p. 273.