

tional profrance has been "the right man in the right place."
 We feel that the bonds of affection and sympathy which have united you in the past to the priests of the Archdiocese of Kingston will not be altogether severed by your elevation to episcopal rank, particularly as, as thanks to the grace of God, the command of our bishop for your venerable and beloved brother bishop of the Court of Rome, Kingston has been ever sojournly elevated to Metropolitan rank and dignity, and is to have as suffragan her youngest and fairest daughter, Alexandria.
 We wish: We must now bid you an adieu: We commend you to our prayers and best wishes: go with you our spiritual and eternal happiness; and as a token but inadequate token of the profound veneration and esteem in which we have ever held Your Lordship, we ask your acceptance of this complete set of Episcopal vestments, with the accompanying prayer book, meaning in them you may not be unmindful of our devotion and devoted and devoted conferrers of the Archdiocese of Kingston.
 The people of the parish of Alexandria then presented the following address, which was read by Mr. Fraser:
 To the Right Reverend Alexander Macdonell, Archbishop of Kingston:
 May it please Your Lordship—We, Your Lordship's late parishioners of the parish of St. Fnnan, desire respectfully to approach You Lordship, and to tender you our most sincere and heartfelt

Our congratulations upon the signal honor which has been conferred upon you by the Holy Synod in your appointment as the first Bishop of the lately formed diocese of Alexandria.

We necessarily and naturally rejoiced when we heard that this place had been selected as the See of the new diocese ; and for some time our minds were harassed with apprehension, and the fear that our gain in this respect might prove our loss in another, and that in the event of any change incidentally upon the creation of a new bishopric we might be obliged to part with one who, in an especial manner, had gained our hearts and earned our highest esteem and respect during the many years that he had as our priest ministered to us.

Our doubts disappeared, and our fears

were always, however, when the glad
 news of the Holy See, in its
 wisdom, had selected a priest from
 the many other eligible and distin-
 guished divines, and we learned that
 though we would be obliged to sever
 our relations with you as our parish
 priest, we would nevertheless retain
 you among us in the higher sphere to
 which you had been called, and thus
 continue to benefit by your ministra-
 tions.

We would be doing injustice to our-
 selves were we to omit to express in this
 connection our satisfaction that the ties
 which bind us to the diocese of Kingston
 are not totally to be severed, and that
 the union of the two dioceses will be
 effected from this day forth in a manner
 parted from, like, whether, and in

Prince, who so ably and in so manly a manner presides over the archdiocese of which we still form part, will not cease to manifest the warm interest he has ever evinced in all that concerns his material and spiritual well-being.

Permit us to notice a singular and happy coincidence in your appointment as first Bishop of Alexandria. This diocese, from which the diocese takes its name, was founded by your grandfather, a devoted servant of God, and a devoted subject of his sovereign, your name, as the Honorable and Right Reverend Alexander Macdonell, the first Bishop of Upper Canada, who, though "long since dead, still dwells in the hearts of his people," was also a devoted subject of his sovereign, and was most intimately associated with the county of Glengarry, and who was indeed the very father of his people—whom he loved so well and served so faithfully. For many years before his elevation to the bishopric of Upper Canada, he was the pastor of a parish, which parish then included the whole of the county of Glengarry, and we can thus

boat that we have given the first Bishop to the Province and the first to the diocese, which is so intimately associated with you, your great predecessor—who may justly be said to have been in his day the bulwark of Catholicity, if not its pioneer, in what now constitutes the great province of Ontario.

The Catholics of the counties of Glengarry and St. John, which constitutes your diocese, have a history of which they may well be proud.

The counties were originally largely, indeed principally, settled by a hardy band of Highland Catholic Loyalists, who came to this country in the year 1784, when they fled to the principles of monarchy. Settled in one of the most fertile parts of what now constitute the United States, where they had made homes for themselves, after leaving Scotland and a few emigrants to the United States, they were obeying the dictates of conscience, and the teachings of the Church, which inculcates firm obedience and unflinching loyalty.

to existing institutions—to sacrifice all earthly belongings in order to remain true to the principles of the British Crown. They fought the battles of that Crown through the revolutionary war, and on its termination were, through its bounty, awarded lands in this district, in recognition of their services; where they and their descendants have since continued to reside, protected and guaranteed in the rights of subjects and political freedom by the mighty nation of which we form an indissoluble part.

Friends and relatives from Scotland, including almost the whole of a Highland regiment—the first Catholic corps in the British service since the Reformation—disbanded, with many others, during the Peace of Amiens, passed from time to time followed them, the earlier of them also receiving their lands from the British Crown, to which we, the descendants of these men, are bound by all the ties which bind the political consciences of men.

Our neighbors from Lower Canada, the descendants of Acadians, planters of the Dominion, have recently joined in large numbers, satisfied that in the English-speaking Province of Ontario their liberties and rites are assured to them, and trusting to the spirit not only

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