## EARLY CHURCH HISTORY.

Birth of the Canadian Churches and their Dioceses.

the conquest of the country in 1759, and soon after the success and victory obtained by the umortal Wolfe over the arms of the King of e in its defence, the country and its population became a British Province subject to a Protestant conand government. The entire population of Province of Quebec, or Colony of Canada, was Canadian, but in the lapse of following years, from 1759 to 1784, a period of twenty-five years, there sprinkling of settlers by emigration from Great Britain, and the United States, to the number of about During that time the province was in a state of destitution, without clergy or churches, with the exception of the cities of Quebec and Mon-At the one a military chaplain resided, and in 1780 Nov. Mr. Delisle was sent out by the Home govnation to a Protestant congregation in the latter

la 1784 the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts appointed Rev. John Doty missionary at Sorel, in Lower Canada; and in 1875 the sionary at Sorel, in Lower Canada; and in 1875 the sionary at Stuart, the last missionary to the Mohawk Rev. John Stuart, the last missionary to the Mohawk Nation, was missionary from the society to a small and slender congregation which he gathered together, and slender congregation which he gathered together, and she assembled for public worship in an upper room in who assembled for public worship in an upper room in the French Fort Frontenac, at Cataraqui, now the city

irom 1785 to the decease of the Rev. John Stuart, irom 1785 to the decease of the Rev. John Stuart, in 1811, a period of twenty-six years, his ministerial services and missionary labours planted and reared the Church in Upper Canada. In 1803 the Church the Church in Upper Canada. In 1803 the Church minibered five clergymen under his care and supermission. With the aid and under the blessing of God, which character and services raised the Church to a remarkly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermistly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermistly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermistly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermistly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermistly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermistly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermistly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermistly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermistly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermistly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermistly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermistly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermistly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermistly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermistly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermistly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermistly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermistly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermistly be revered as the Father of the Church in Uppermission and th

ward of a good and faithful servant. The Right Rev. Jacob Mountain, consecrated Bishop 1793, was appointed to fill the See of Quebec, the second Bishop in number and precedence in British North America. An over-ruling Providence directed the civil and ecclesiastical authorities to the appointment of this dignitary of the Church who was every way qualified to meet the wants and to provide for the spiritual destitution of an increasing population. At hist there were under his supervision three clergymen. in Upper Canada, and two in Lower Canada. On arriving in the Diocese he was accompanied by Rev. Dr. Mountain (subsequently rector of Christ's Church, Montreal), and Rev. Mr. Mountain, his Chaplain. At the first visitation held by His Lordship in Montreal, in 1803, five clergymen attended. The remaining two, from distance and sickness, could not obey the citation. His Episcopal supervision for thirty-two years was crowned with success, in the increase of the number of clergymen and the establishment of congregations in this country. His Lordship died in the year 1826, 1 revered and honoured in his lifetime, and lamented at

For the next thirty years the Church grew slowly. For the next thirty years the Church grew slowly. The lamented Bishop Strachan, of Toronto, presided over the whole of Upper Canada. About the sixties a over the whole of Upper Canada. About the sixties a over the whole of Upper Canada. About the Diocese movement began for aggressive work and the Diocese of Huron was set apart. Ontario was considered strong enough also to go alone and in 1861 the Synod strong enough also to go alone and in 1861 the Synod of Toronto passed legislation for separation and for the formation of the Diocese of Ontario, allotting that

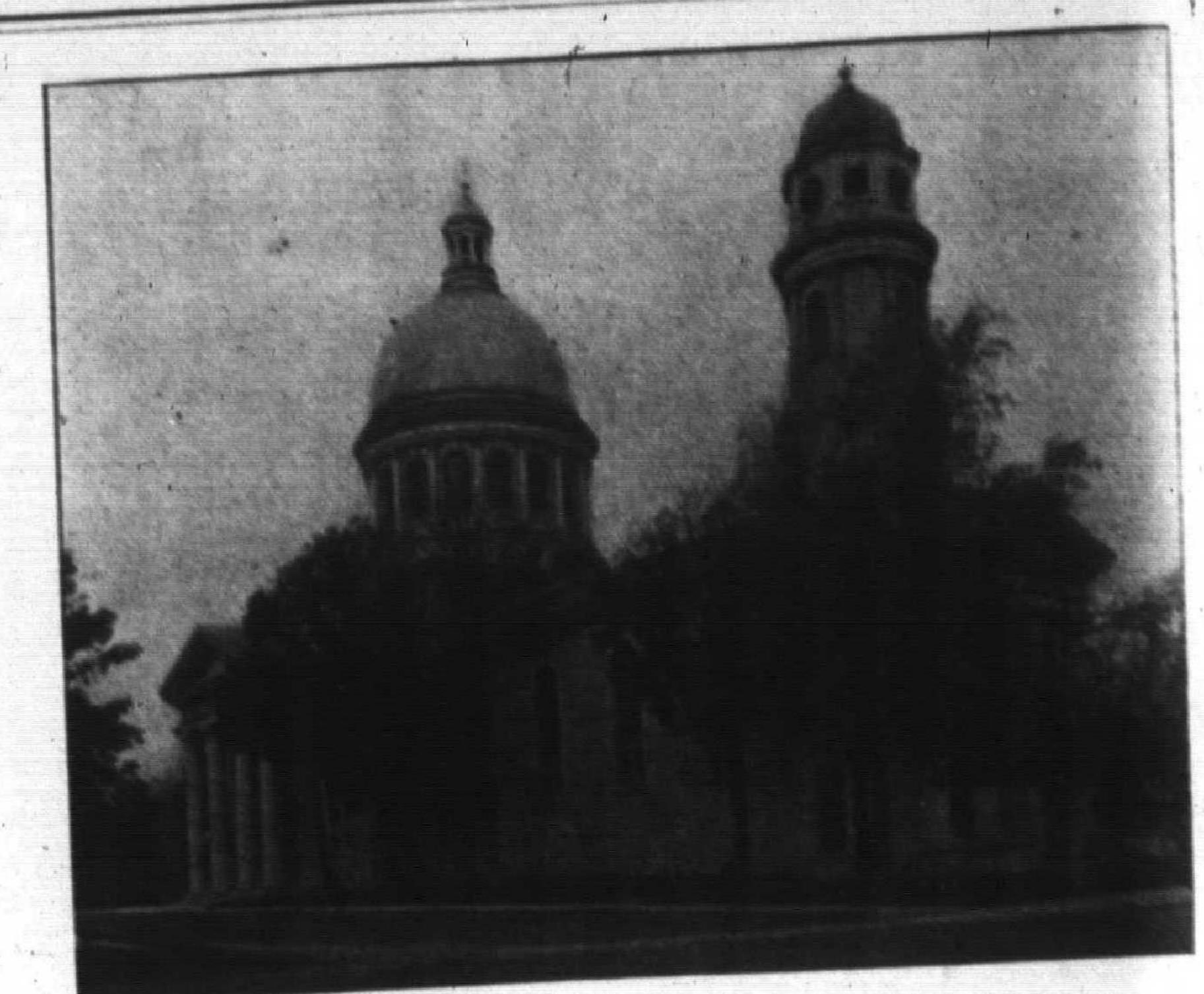
section its due proportion of the trust funds. On June 13th, 1861, a synod consisting of the clergy and lay delegates of the proposed new diocese met in the City Building, Kingston, now known as Ontario hall. There were only two names prominently mentioned for the honor of being first Bishop of Ontario-those of Rev. Dr. Lewis, rector of Brockville, and of Archdeacon Bethune, Toronto, alterwards Bishop of that Diocese. The young rector of Brockville had great popularity because of his great ability and fine presence, and he was elected by a large majority. At that time such elections had to be followed by the submission of the name to Her Majesty the Queen, as the Bishop Designate of the future eastern diocese. Owing to delays in the Colonial Office in preparing and forwarding the Letters Patent, the Consecration did not take place until the 25th of March, 1862, being the festival of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary.

Service was opened by morning prayer in St. George's Cathedral, in the presence of over 1,000 people. Rev. Dr. Lauder, afterwards Dean, read the portion of the service ending with the Apostles' Creed; Rev. T. H. M. Bartlett, Chaplain to the Forces, read the first lesson; Rev. H. Mulkins, Chaplain to the Provincial Penitentiary, read the second lesson. The prayers after the creed were read by the Rev. Dr. Bancroft, of Montreal. Then the Bishops assembled in the vestry, being Rev. Dr. Fulford, Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan of Canada; Bishop Mountain, of Quebec; Bishop Strachan, of Toronto; Bishop Cronyn, of Huron; Bishop McCoskry, of Michigan. The clergy and lay delegates assembled in the Sunday School room in large numbers, reinforced by visitors from the dioceses mentioned. A procession took place to the west door of the Church, where the Metropolitan was received by the Churchwardens, J. A. Henderson and Robert Sellars. The Bishops took their places within the chancel. On the outside at the rails were the Bishop-elect and his chaplain. In the stalls were Archdeacon Stuart, of Kingston, and the preacher, Rev. Dr. Patton. In - front of them were seated Strachan Bethune, Chancellor of the Metropolitan, and the Rev. A. Stewart, assistant minister at St. George's. A hymn was sung "O Spirit of the Living God," preceding the Com-munion Service. The Epistle and Gospel were read by the Bishops of Huron and Toronto. The Metropolitan read the Nicene Creed. Rev. H. Patton, afterwards Archdeacon, preached from the 'text Psalm 60, v. 4: "Thou hast given a banner to them that feared Thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth."

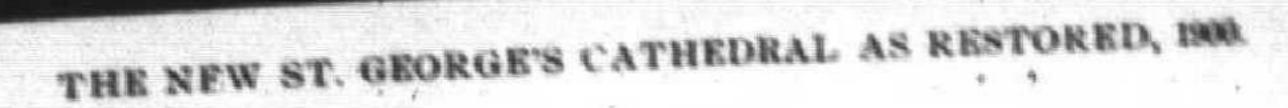
After the sermon the anthem by Mozart, "Glorious in Thy name, Almighty Lord," was sung, during which the Bishop elect with his chaplain retired and was vested with his rochet. The Bishops of Quebec and Toronto presented him at the chancel for consecration. The Queen's mandate was read by Chancellor Bethune and the oath of the Queen's supremacy administered, and also the oath of obedience to the Metropolitan, by the Chancellor. The Litany was read by the Bishop of Quebec and the solemn questions in the consecration service put to the Bishop-elect by the Metropoli-The former retired to be robed, accompanied by his chaplain. The choir sung the anthem from Handel's Messiah, "O, Thou that tellest good things to " Bishop Lewis returned and knelt at the rails, when the "Veni Creator Spiritus" was said responsively by the Metropolitan and Bishops. Prayer was offered and the Bishops centred around the kneeling candidate, laying their hands on the Bishopelect while the Metropolitan pronounced the solemn words of commission. He then delivered the Holy Scriptures with the exhortation contained in the service, and the new Bishop was conducted to his seat within the rails. The celebration of the Holy Communion followed, the Metropolitan and the Bishop of

Michigan being chief celebrants.

After the service clergy and laity proceeded to the altar rails and presented addresses of congratulation and welcome to Bishop Lewis, to which his Lordship and welcome to Bishop Lewis, to which his Lordship and welcome to Bishop Lewis, to which his Lordship and reply. To the laity he said he was sure he made reply. To the laity he said he was sure he would never regret having made the good and loyal would never regret having made the good and loyal city of Kingston the seat of the See; the great body of city of Kingston the seat of the See; the great body of city of Kingston the seat of the See; the great body of churchmen afforded material for labour and real in sus-



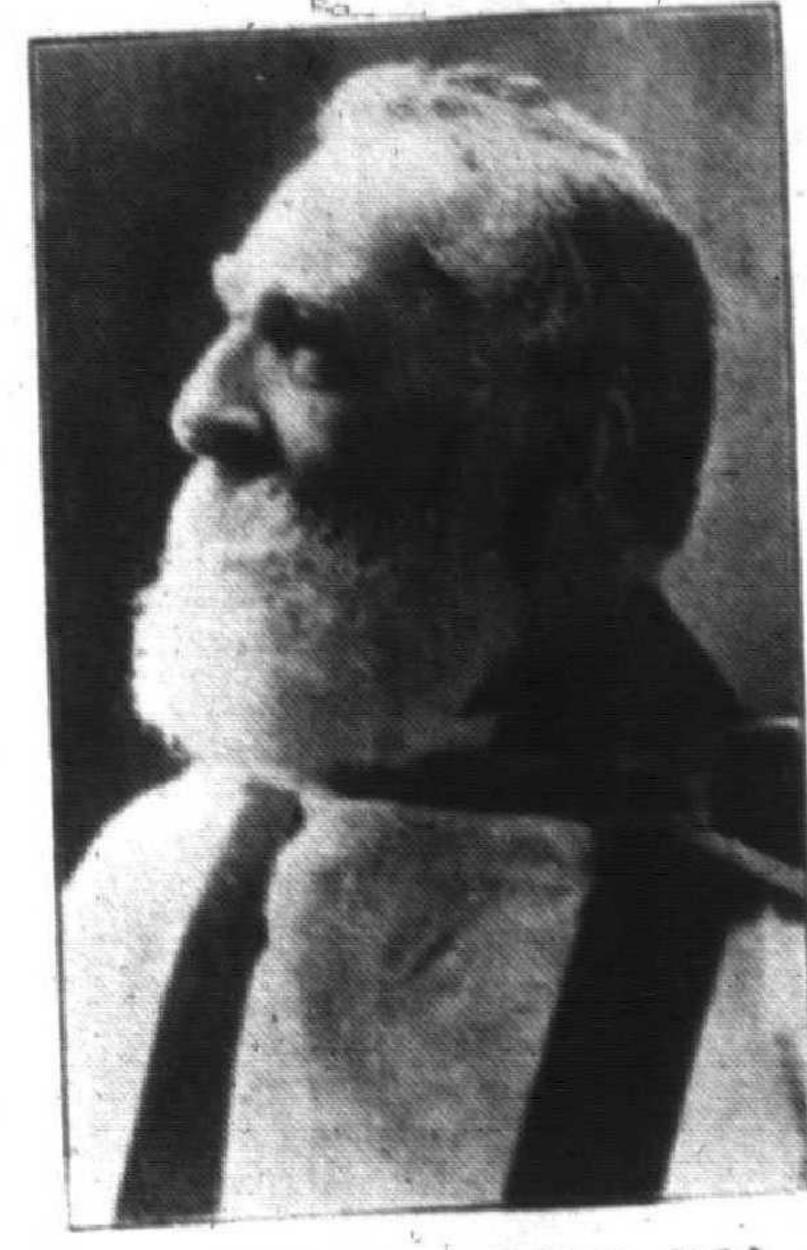
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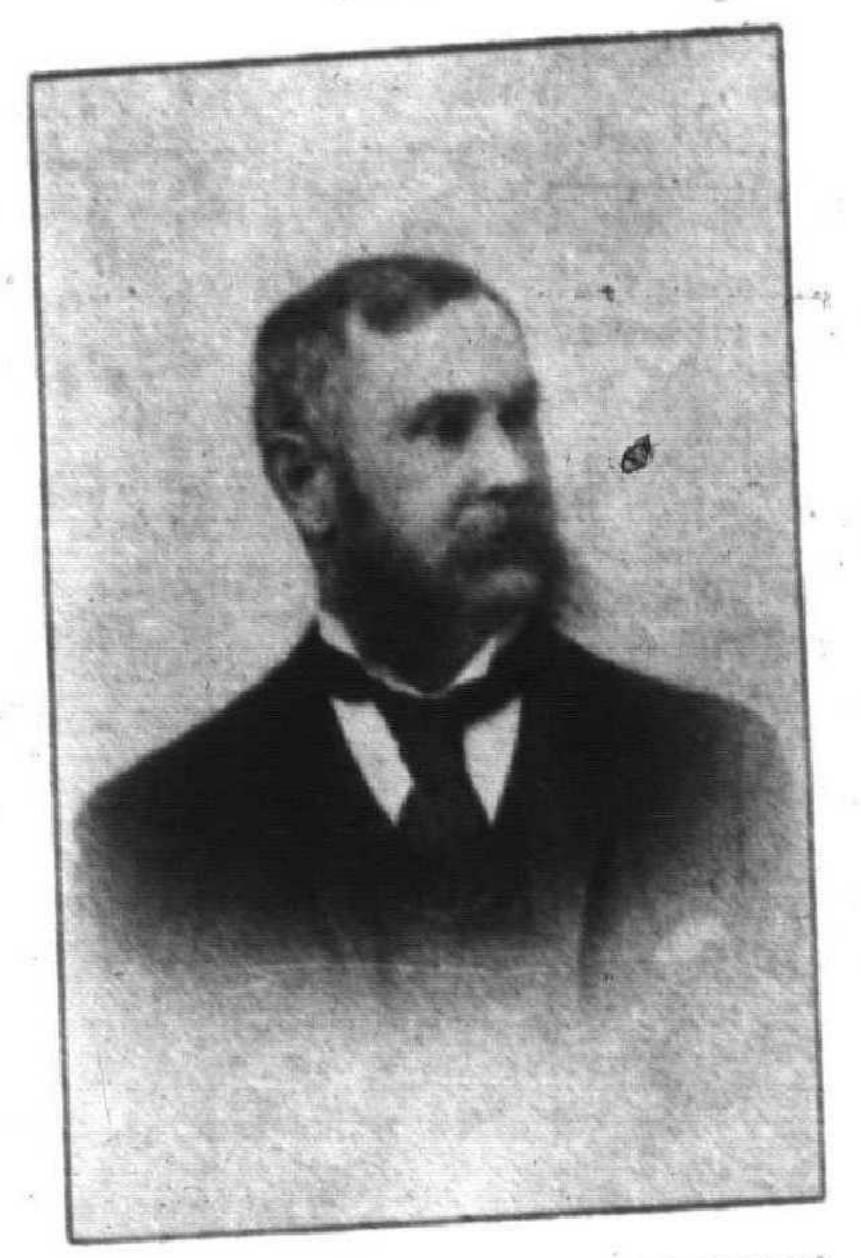


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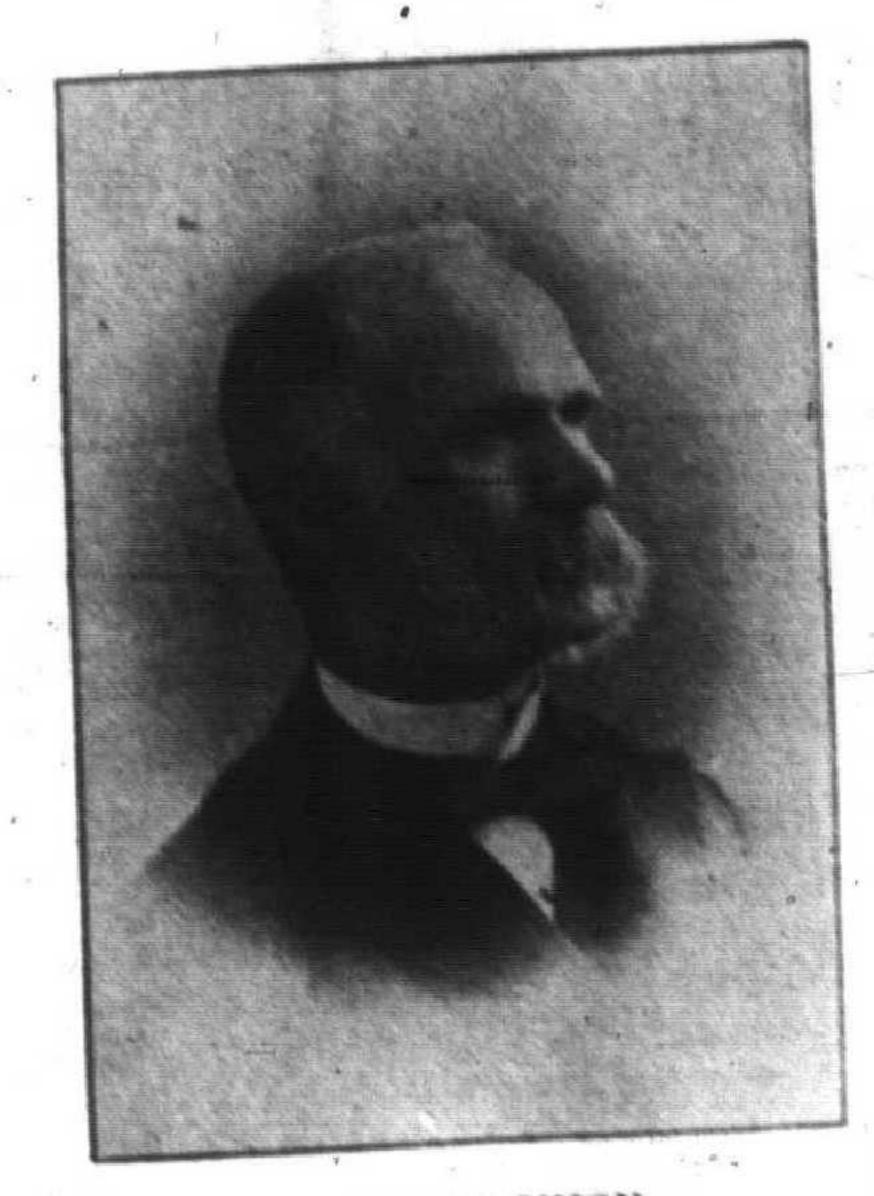
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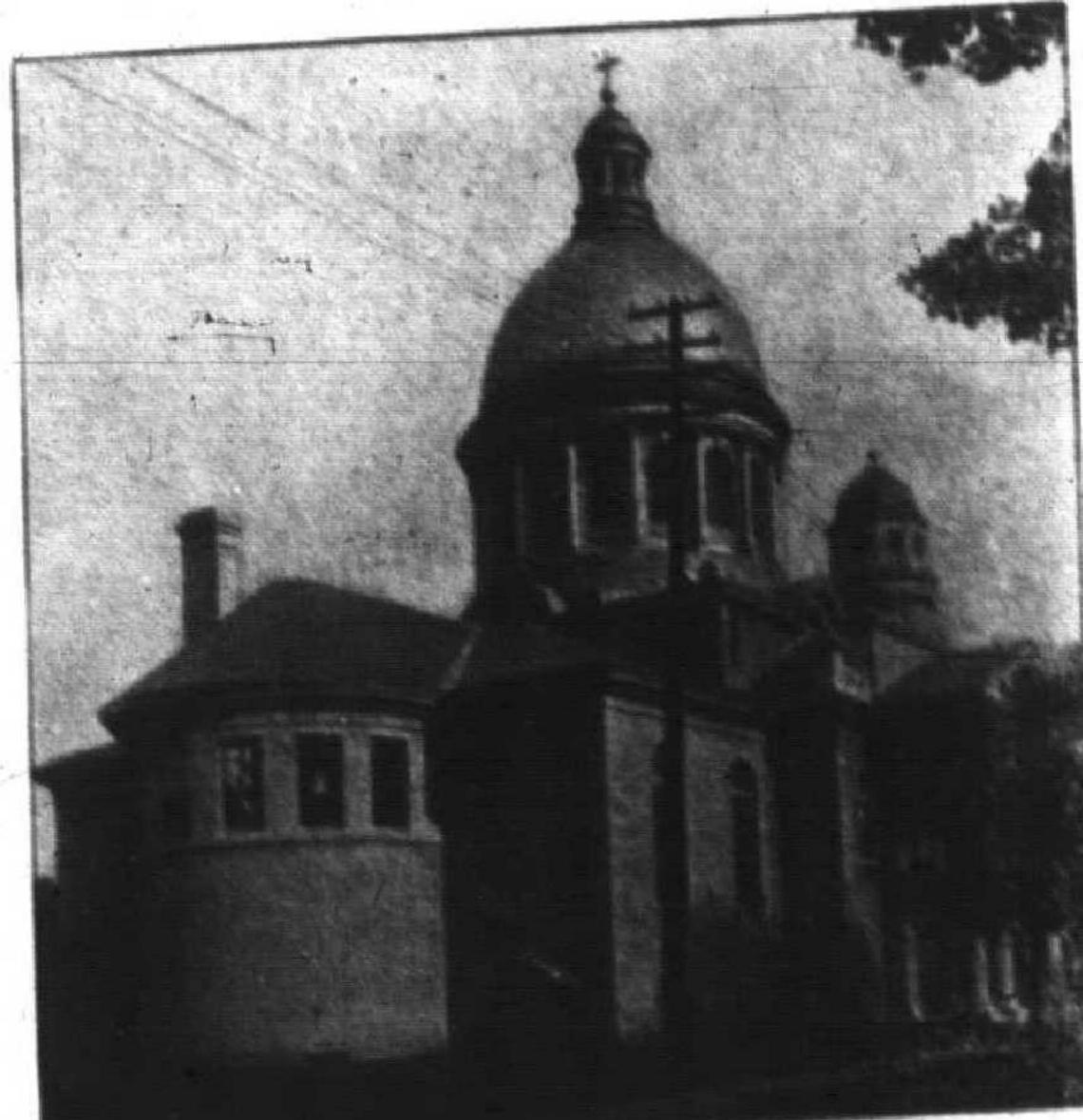
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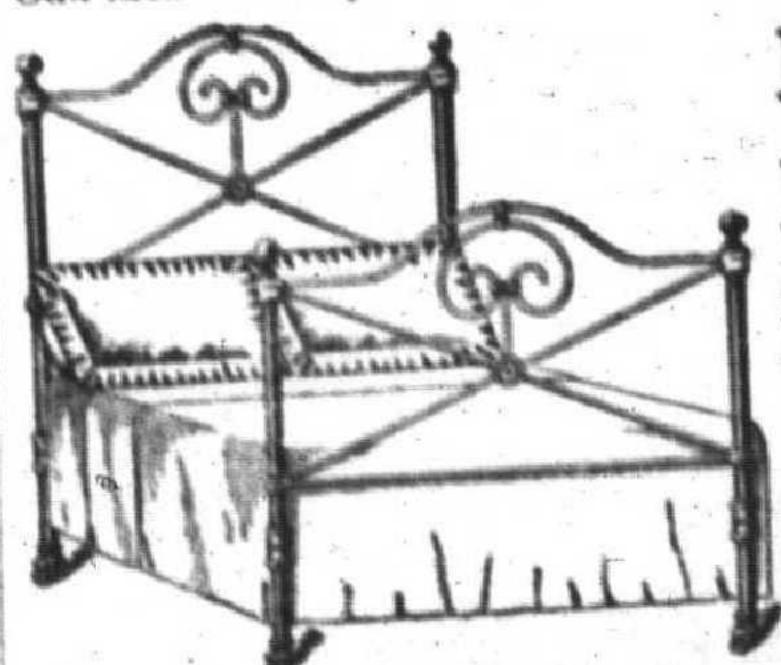
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