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Change in
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Canada.

Father Jerome Lallemand, who had not returned to America since his voyage to France to lay before the Canada Company the necessities of that country, was then rector of the college of la Flèche. The new prelate asked the general of the Society of Jesus for this missionary, as a man who was necessary to him, and that religious willingly devoted the rest of his days to the conversion of the Indians,¹ under the orders of a bishop worthy of the primitive church. Some secular clergymen² also came over with the bishop of Petræa; others joined him in the ensuing years,³ and, as they arrived, they were put in possession of parishes, of which the Jesuits had till then had charge, inasmuch as they were the only priests in New France.

Parishes in
Canada.

The new parochial clergy at first served the parishes only by commission; they were for a long time removable at the will of the bishop,⁴ and sometimes of the Superior of the Seminary of Quebec, who was himself, and still is, appointed by the directors of the Seminary of the Foreign Missions at Paris. Things have changed somewhat on this point, since the court ordered parish priests to be unremovable in Canada as in France; but they are far from being so in all cases yet, and the island of Montreal, with the parishes dependent on it, is still on the old foot-

1592. After completing his theological studies he was appointed Superior of the College of Dieppe. He came to Canada July 5, 1632, and was Superior of the mission till 1639. After laboring on the mission till 1649 he returned to France, and was Procurator of the Foreign Missions. He died August 7, 1664. Besides nine volumes of Relations, he wrote a Ten Days' Retreat and other spiritual works. His portrait, engraved apparently after his death, gives him high eulogium.

¹ He returned from France with Governor de Lauson in 1651, but

proceeded to France again, Sept. 2, 1656: De Quen, Journal, Oct. 1656; Martin, Relations des Jésuites, p. 23; Can. Doc., II, i., 333.

² Messrs. Torcapel and Pelerin: Esquisse de la Vie de Mgr. Laval, Quebec, 1845, p. 19; La Tour, Vie de Mgr. de Laval, p. 21. De Lauson Charni, previously acting governor, but now a priest, also came: Jesuit Journal.

³ Messrs. Louis Ango des Maize-rets, Hughes Paulmiers, Jean Dudoit.

⁴ Edict of April, 1663; Edits et Ordonnances, i., p. 36.