

COMPILER'S NOTICE

At the request of the Pastor, the Rev. Father Kelly, C.S.B., I have undertaken to write, or, rather, compile a History of the Parish of St. Basil. The task which he set me to do has been accomplished, so far as I could do it, with the meagre material to be procured.

It is to be regretted that absolutely no records have been kept of parish affairs, and on this account, incomplete as the present sketch is, it has exacted no little research and correspondence to unearth even the small amount of information which it affords.

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