

The history of St. Patrick's Church is truly the history of the Irish Catholics of Montreal. The tiny seed sown so long ago by the rugged exiles from the tiny green isle across the sea, has grown to vast proportions, spreading its influence and splendid example broadcast, and giving an impetus and inspiration down to our day.

In devoting a small space to the work accomplished, of the priests who have labored for the good of souls, some of whom have gone to their reward; others still toiling for the betterment of our people, we deem it a sacred duty and foresee the pleasure with which a short eulogy of the laborers as well as the grand edifice erected through their efforts will be perused.

Looking down the years we see a small gathering of English-speaking Catholics worshipping in the quaint little Bonsecours Church, being ministered to by Father Richards until the year of the dreadful ship fever, when he and several of the Seminary priests fell victims. The numbers



er sphere we know they keep watch over us and guide us; and we firmly trust that when for us the veil will have been lifted, will intercede for us before the Great White Throne, of God.

It is, then, with feelings of mingled pride and exultation that we enter into the spirit of this day's celebration, pride that we have lived to see the consummation of a long-cherished dream; and exultation at beholding so fitting an ending to an already glorious chapter of Irish Catholic history written deep in the hearts of the people.

A volume might be written of the devotedness and Christlike labor of the priests who gave the best years of their lives to the cause of building up St. Patrick's. Many changes have taken place

Mr. Felix Casey—1906—Chief Warden.

Mr. P. F. McCaffrey—1905.

Mr. Martin Eagan—1904.

Mr. Michael Burke—1903.

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The spirit of retrospect seizes the mind on this day of days, and glancing backward to the day when the corner-stone was laid we see but very small beginnings; we behold the heroic struggle of dear Father Dowd to obtain institutions for his parish which would be worthy of his people and serve as monuments to generations unborn of their forefathers' generosity and their Irish faith. Foremost among the institutions to which he devoted his time and energy was St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, which was opened on Nov. 21, 1851, and in whose interests he untiringly labored all during his exemplary pastorate. With Father Dowd to think was to act, and having in view the making of it independent, he organized ways and means known only too well to St. Patrick's parishioners, and years be-

in every respect, will be open in October. It has cost about \$55,000.

St. Patrick's Girls' School, on Alexander street, built by the Seminary of St. Sulpice, and opened in 1872, affords educational advantages second to none to some five hundred children, and annually great numbers are refused admittance owing to the overcrowded condition. The Superior is Rev. Sr. St. Aloysia, widely known and highly respected by all classes of the community. Her great mother heart always goes out to the little needy ones of the flock, and if she is forced to refuse admittance it is only after much straining of the heart strings. The hope is sincerely expressed that the day is not far distant when St. Patrick's Girls' School will have a home of its own

ticular pride in bringing his school to a very high standard. He is assisted by a very able staff of teachers.

Order of Consecration Ceremony

According to the order of the ritual the church had been got in readiness on the eve for the important ceremony of Consecration. All ornaments save the cross and statues had been removed, and the holy water fonts were emptied; and on Tuesday morning at seven o'clock, to the musical sound of the liturgical chant the consecration ceremony, proper commenced.

The officiant was His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, assisted by the Rev. W. O'Meara and Rev. J. P. Kiernan as deacon and sub-deacon respectively.

Five crosses had been traced, and on the wall twelve others bearing testimony of consecration. Just above the mural crosses were placed stands, which bore candles during the ceremony. The relics



REV. GERALD McSHANE, S.S. Formerly Attached.

increasing, it was necessary to think of obtaining a more commodious edifice, and the Recollet Church was secured, which after a few years also proved inadequate, opening the question to the necessity of building a church to be used entirely for the Irish Catholics of Montreal. It took some time to finally decide upon a building site, and with what success their efforts were crowned we have only to look at our present St. Patrick's, of which we are all so justly proud.

It is said that there is never a joy without its accompanying sadness, and very truly there is a sob in the heart as we look around the vast congregation present at the beautiful consecration ceremonies, and behold the vacant places and the broken ranks. Priests and people innumerable have answered the last summons, and though our lips refuse to frame the sentiments we would speak, we feign would offer a tribute of loving grateful hearts, for it is to those pioneers of dear old St. Patrick's that we owe what we have to-day. While almost all the departed priests who labored for the parish's welfare are sleeping in the loving bosom of their Alma Mater, yet to-day as we look over the names on the humble crosses marking their narrow beds there is one we do not see, and our mind reverts to the melancholy trip taken by Father Quinlivan, the last pastor of the Sulpician regime, to Paris in hope of regaining health, but only, as we know, to find a grave in a distant land. May sweet rest be theirs. It matters not where rests the mortal clay. Their work, unselfish and disinterested, was not relinquished until



REV. MARTIN CALLAGHAN. Pastor, Ordained Dec. 21, 1872, and for thirty-four years connected with St. Patrick's.

since the day the corner stone was laid. A generation has come and gone, important institutions have arisen when theory for education was urgent, and shelters for the unfortunate and the orphan. Priests and



ARCHBISHOP BRUCHESI. Consecrated August 8, 1897.

fore he was called to his rest he saw the dearest object of his affection self-supporting.

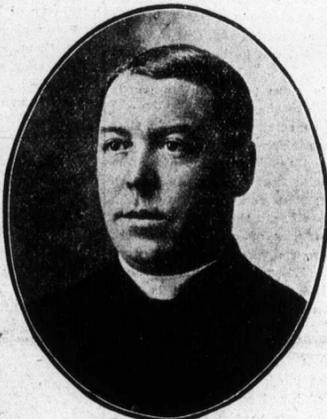
Rev. Sr. St. James, the superior, takes a true motherly interest in the little orphans, by whom she is much loved. The immediate direction of the Asylum is in the hands of the following board:

Rev. L. W. Leclair, Director; Sir William Hingston, M.D.; Hon. Judge C. J. Doherty, Hon. Judge J. D. Purcell; Mr. C. F. Smith; Mr. P. McCrory; Mr. M. Burke; Mr. C. A. McDonnell; Dr. J. A. McDonald; Mr. P. Mullins.

St. Bridget's Refuge also stands as evidence of untiring zeal of Father Dowd. Opened in 1865, it, like similar institutions, had obstacles to encounter, but indomitable will surmounted all difficulties, and to-day we see a kindly shelter for the indigent, whose welfare is looked after by the Grey Nuns. A very spacious building is occupied on Lagachetiere street, where nightly during the winter months shelter is given to the homeless ones, who throng in great numbers to its doors. There are also in this Home many old people who by some unfortunate circumstance are forced to seek the comfort it so generously offers. The superior is Rev. Sr. Monreau, and the board of control is as follows:

Rev. M. Callaghan, P.P., Director; Rev. P. Heffernan, Vice-Director; Hon. James McShane; Mr. B. Tansy; Dr. E. J. O. Kennedy; Mr. M. Fitzgibbon; Mr. John Barry; Mr. Robt. Warren.

The new-wing, which is up-to-date



REV. LUKE CALLAGHAN. Ordained Sept. 1, 1889. Formerly English secretary to His Grace and for three years has assisted the pastor at St. Patrick's.

adequate to the demands constantly made upon it. The Rev. Superior is ably assisted by fourteen Sisters on whom devolve the task of imparting to the hundreds of little ones such a splendid system of education.



REV. PETER HEFFERNAN. Ordained Dec. 22, 1900. At first in active ministry at St. Mary's, and for three years stationed at St. Patrick's.

St. Patrick's Boys' School on Lagachetiere street is another institution built by the Seminary of St. Sulpice. Three years ago, on the change of administration of affairs in the parish this school took up its quarters in what was then the High School. Great numbers of our most successful men to-day can thank the good Christian Brothers, who have had charge of it, for the positions they fill with honor to their teachers and credit to themselves. Bro. Prudent, who is an eminent educationist, is director.

The Catholic High School, on Durocher street, under the principalship of Mr. Hales-Sanders, is doing fine work along the most advanced lines of education. The Principal is an indefatigable worker and takes par-



LATE REV. J. B. OUELLET, S.S. Formerly Attached.

which were about to be placed in the altar were prepared by the Archbishop with incense and inscriptions. His Grace, with censer and holy water, went entirely round the exterior. Then coming inside he traced a large cross on the floor in the centre of the nave, on which was placed ashes mixed with salt, the Greek and Latin alphabet forming the arms of the Cross. After anointing the mural cross and the altar, after the aspersion and incensing, and after the closing of the holy table, a low Mass followed.

Present in the sanctuary were: Bishop Racicot, Auxiliary of Montreal; Archbishop Gauthier, of Kingston; Fathers Demers, Choquette, Fallon, Twomey, Singleton, St. Denis, LeCoq, McShane, Cullinan, Donnelly, Casey, Brady, Leonardo, Perrin, Elliott, Wulstan, O.F.M.; Ethelbert, O.F.M.; Christopher, O.F.M., O'Reilly, and the priests of the household.

The musical portion of the ceremony was rendered in finished style by the Seminarists of the Montreal College, introducing the Gregorian plain chant as authorized by Pius X. and sung for the first time in this city. The mass immediately after the consecration ceremony was celebrated by His Grace, assisted by the Rev. Fathers Perrin and Elliott, during which the boys of St. Patrick's School sang hymns prescribed by the ritual for such an occasion.

Letters of regret were received from His Excellency Mgr. Sbarretti, and His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, who were unavoidably prevented from attending.

The decorations of the church were simple but effective. Bunting in dainty shades fell gracefully from



PROFESSOR FOWLER. Organist St. Patrick's.

the centre of the nave to the pillars, being caught there and held with shields and small flags, the light streaming in through the handsome windows lending charm at once bright and festive.

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REV. L. W. LECLAIR, Director St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum.

it fell from their tired hands, those consecrated hands are folded now over pulseless hearts; their lips are forever sealed, no more to utter the dread consecrating words, nor the tender words of absolution; but in a bright-

people have come and passed away. The close of the Sulpician regime at St. Patrick's saw Fathers Leclair, Ouellet and McShane the sole survivors; but the unfortunate smallness of their numbers and the necessity always demanded of procuring secular help made it urgent upon the Superior of the Order that he withdraw his priests, which he did, handing over St. Patrick's Church to His Grace free of debt, proving again the unwritten-law that St. Sulpice never does things by halves. The secular administration was given into the hands of our present pastor, the Rev. Martin Callaghan, who is still a member of St. Sulpice, and who is assisted by Rev. Fathers Luke Callaghan, Peter Heffernan and James Killoran, all parish affairs being ably looked after by a board of wardens, a list of whom we give as follows: