

Wm. Doran, A. E. Corrigan, Gordon Grant, L. J. Kehoe, T. P. Foran. R. D. Gunn was appointed Chairman and D'Arcy Scott Secretary."

In order that all Parishioners and others interested may be fully aware of every action of the Committee, this report is prepared and delivered for their information and consideration.

The Committee procured an authentic copy of the contract made between Monseigneur De Mazenod, founder and first superior-general of the O.M.I. and Monseigneur Guigues, first Bishop of Bytown, bearing date the 17th day of August, A.D., 1856, which is set out in the appendix at page 7.

The Committee were made aware that His Grace, the Archbishop of Ottawa, had expressed the opinion that he had no control over the revenues or voice in the administration of St. Joseph's Church.

Having carefully reviewed the vastly changed conditions and noted the great increase in the attendance and revenues of St. Joseph's parish during the past sixty years, necessitating the erection of the Sacred Heart Church in the immediate vicinity, the failure of the Oblates to observe the conditions and fulfil the obligations undertaken by them and their indifference towards the rights of the English-speaking Catholic Laity generally, especially with regard to the educational side of the contract; your Committee deemed it prudent to seek advice of counsel learned in the law upon the term of the contract for their guidance and the opinion is set out in appendix at page 10.

After giving the facts and writings touching the agreement much consideration, your Committee prepared a Memorial outlining shortly the grievances, that exist in St. Joseph's Parish and sought to obtain a conference with the Provincial of the Quebec Council of the Oblates, within whose jurisdiction St. Joseph's Church has always been and now is, and submit the same to him, and this accordingly was done. The Memorial is set out in appendix at page 13.

According to appointment the Committee attended the Provincial at the Juniorate on Saturday, November 27th, A.D., 1915, at 2.30 p.m. and after some explanatory remarks the Memorial was read to him and the Provincial stated in reply substantially as follows:-

"I have felt very much aggrieved at seeing your grievance published, and seeing the reports of your meeting published in Non-Catholic papers. I was aggrieved also when I heard that there was a public meeting, because it seemed to me that it was not customary for parishioners to hold such meetings in Catholic parishes; for if the parishioners have such grievances they apply to the Archbishop and present them, but to hold such a public meeting without any warning seemed to me not in order or in keeping with a Catholic parish. I did not know officially that there were grievances and therefore I did not consider your meeting as being in order and I do not acknowledge the work of the Committee until approved by the Bishop."

Subsequently the Memorial was forwarded to His Grace, the Archbishop of Ottawa.