

tinued, but there was no other distinct service for the Irish Catholics until 1822, when they were formed into

### A SEPARATE CONGREGATION,

under the temporary charge of the Reverend Simon Lawlor. He was succeeded by the Reverend Henry McCaigney, who also remained for a short time, and was replaced by the Reverend Patrick McMahon in October, 1822.

As the latter was sent in 1825, as a missionary to St. John, N.B., at that time included in the Diocese of Quebec, the Reverend Hugh Paisley took charge.

From 1822, the Irish Catholics attended divine service in the

### FRENCH BASILICA,

at 8 o'clock on Sundays. As the Canadians met in the same edifice at 9 o'clock, for the parochial Mass, there was hardly time for a low Mass, and a short instruction for the Irish.

Then the coming in of one congregation, before the other was dismissed, rendered the arrangement very inconvenient for all parties. This state of affairs was remedied to some extent, shortly after the return of the Reverend Mr. McMahon, in 1828, when he once more became pastor of the Irish congregation by the Church of

### OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

in the lower town, being placed at his disposal, but this building, even at that time, was too small for all who desired to attend, as hundreds were obliged to remain in the little market square, exposed at all seasons to all kinds of weather without the slightest shelter.

The Irish Catholics at this time numbered between 6,000 and 7,000.

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

In October, 1831, ground was broken for a Church, 146 feet long, and 65 feet broad.

Work progressed so favorably, that preparations were made for the laying of the corner stone of the Church at 4 P.M. on Monday, 11th June, 1832, but as the cholera broke out on the eighth June, the ceremony was postponed.

During the reign of terror that existed during that summer, the stone was laid without any public display.

### FIRST MASS IN ST. PATRICK'S,

The last Sunday service in the lower town Church was on the 30th of June, 1833, for at 9 o'clock on the 7th July, the ceremony of the dedication of St. Patrick's took place, the Very Reverend Jerome Demers, officiating, in the absence of His Lordship the Bishop, and his Coadjutor.

High Mass was sung by the Reverend C. F. Baillargeon, afterwards Archbishop of Quebec. In the sanctuary were the Reverends Thomas Maguire, chaplain of the Ursulines, Louis Joseph Demers, one of the many priests who were forced to leave France in the revolution of 1793, James Nelligan afterwards pastor of St. Patrick's, and Thomas L. Bras-