

On behalf of Bank Street Church, Mr. Wm. Taylor made a generous use of his horse and cutter, and during the first three months of the year 1869, accompanied his minister wherever he went, thus proving himself a faithful fellow laborer in the gospel.

The labors of the winter had been severe, but they were more than repaid by the increased vigor of the spiritual life, the augmented numerical strength of the church, as well as by the confirmed loyalty of the people in both city and country. There were no more special services held in Bank Street Church until 1888, of which we shall hear later.

The building contracts did not include galleries, it being supposed that the main floor would be sufficient to accommodate the congregation for some time to come.

In other respects the work was so far advanced by the 10th Feby, 1869, that it was deemed safe to make arrangements for the opening services which it was agreed should be held on the 21st March, that being the third Sabbath of the month.

The Pastor immediately opened correspondence with the Rev. Alex. Topp of Knox Church, Toronto, and invited him to officiate, which he kindly consented to do. The Rev. Thos. Wardrope preached in the afternoon and Mr. Topp conducted all the other services except the dedicatory prayer, which he insisted should be offered by the Pastor.

All the services were markedly appropriate and edifying. The attendance was so large as to tax the capacity of the church to the utmost. Not only the members of the church, but the citizens generally were much pleased with the appearance of the building, it being, at the time, the only Protestant place of worship finished with a spire. It is worthy of remembrance that Mr. David Kennedy, the far-famed Scottish singer, then on his first visit to Ottawa, at the request of Mr. Donald Kennedy, a distant relative and member of Session, kindly acted as Precentor for the day.

When speaking of our benefactors we must not forget Mr. and Mrs. John Bradshaw who came to us from Quebec when the Government offices were transferred to this city. They were with us but a short time as, on the accomplishment of confederation, they with many others were sent to Toronto, where the widow still lives with some of the younger members of the family. During their brief stay here they presented to the church