

Matters were still more complicated on the 26th of June, for on that date, work having actually ceased on the building, the Contractor informed the Committee by letter, that he was prepared either to give up possession of the building, provided he was paid according to his own valuation of the work already done, or he would proceed with the work on terms to be settled between the Committee and himself. A Sub-Committee was appointed with power to make the best arrangements they could under the circumstance, and in any case to act under advice from the Solicitor; the Building Committee however, expressing its opinion that it would be advisable in the Sub-Committee to accept Mr. Bray's proposal to give up possession of the works. After lengthened deliberation, and having obtained legal advice, this Sub-Committee entered into a new contract, giving power to the Clerk of works to take immediate possession of the Church at any time, when in his estimation the building was not pushed on to completion, and promising the Contractor a bonus of \$2,750, to be paid on the completion of the building. By this agreement, which was entered upon with the double purpose of urging on the building to be ready for the carpenters on the 13th of September, and also of securing to the Committee more ample powers of dealing immediately with any stoppage that might occur, the Committee cherished the hope that all further difficulties might be avoided and the Building rapidly pushed on to completion. In this expectation we were bitterly disappointed, for when the Committee met on the 7th of October, we found that more money had, up to that date, been paid the Contractor than he could legitimately have claimed under the contract. The Clerk of Works was therefore requested to furnish a statement of the amounts granted on his certificates and the date of such certificates. From this statement it appears that the Clerk of Works granted Mr. Bray the following certificates :—

March 30th.....	\$ 1,000 00
April 26th	1,000 00
May 11th	500 00
July 12th	900 00
July 27th.....	1,375 00
August 9th.....	1,700 00
August 23rd.....	1,525 00
September 6th	2,200 00
September 20th.....	1,800 00

Making a Total of.....\$12,000 00

In addition to the \$12,000 on certificates of the Clerk of Works, Mr. Bray had also received \$407 on the order of the Chairman of the Building Committee, and also \$200 for orders for material, making the sum of \$12,607. Besides the above mentioned amount the sum of \$2,530 45 was paid over to him by a member of the Committee; so that before the building was taken out of his hands, Mr. Bray had received in all the sum of \$15,137 45. During the following week, further progress on the Church was stopped, the men refusing to work because the Contractor owed them two weeks wages. Mr. Hodgson was immediately authorized to demand possession of the Church Building, inasmuch as the work was not progressing in accordance with agreement and in terms of contract. As the result of the negotiations then entered on, the building came into our possession;

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