

After the war of 1759, the Recollects restored their church which was used for public service until 1796 when on September 6, a terrible fire destroyed both Church and Convent.



The last Recollect Priest was Father Louis Demers. He died at Montreal, September 2, 1813, at the age of 81 years and 8 months.

The government had forbidden both Jesuits and Recollects to recruit new subjects for their missions in this country. In spite of the law, clearly an unjust one, the Recollects had received and professed several members. The Civil Authority at last raised its voice in protestation.

The destruction of the convent by fire in 1796 rendered the situation still more critical: so that Monsignor Hubert by faculties received from Rome allowed those Recollects who had made their

profession since 1784 to return to the world under certain conditions. The Bishop of Quebec allowed those who wished, to keep their religious habit, and many wore it with respect and joy until their death. Thanks to them the Franciscan robe did not disappear from Canada until the middle of the 19th Century. The people held them in profound veneration and, so to speak, concentrated upon them that sincere and constant esteem which they had shown to the good Recollect Fathers.

The last Recollect at Quebec, Brother Louis Martinet, was buried in the Church of St. Roch, Quebec, on the 12th of August 1848, aged 83 years and 8 months.

