

The Centenary Celebration was brought to a close by the singing of "God Bless Our Native Land," the National Anthem, the pronouncing of the Benediction by Rev. Dr. Morton, a former pastor of the Church, and the playing of an Organ Postlude by Mr. G. Christian, L.R.A.M., Organist of George Street Church.

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One generous member of Gower Street congregation anonymously renewed the carpet of the Rostrum and presented a set of new seats for the Rostrum in honor of the occasion. The seats were richly upholstered in crimson plush.

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It should be mentioned here that when the four City Circuits met to decide upon the most suitable method of celebrating the Centennial, it was deemed wisest to carry it out on the most effective plan possible, without going to great expense. Hence the above services, which happily were so admirably carried out that they could hardly have been more hearty, more impressive, or more inspiring by any other method. Of course, the reason for this wise economy was the fact that one Circuit (Cochrane Street) was this year facing the burden of rebuilding its costly church, recently lost by fire, and also for the stronger reason that the whole Empire was involved in a terrible and probably lengthy war. Later events have fully justified the prudent action of the Committee.

However, still another way of marking the Centenary year was devised, when Cochrane Street Circuit arranged that its new church should be known as

COCHRANE STREET METHODIST CENTENNIAL CHURCH,

and accordingly the structure was so named when its Foundation stone was laid on the 29th June, A.D. 1915. Notwithstanding the cold and rain of that day, a large crowd gathered at 3 p.m. to witness the ceremony. Being Conference time, many of its members were present too. After the singing of selected hymns came prayer and reading of the Scriptures; brief addresses were delivered by Rev. T. A. Moore, D.D., Temperance Secretary, and Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church of Canada. Then followed a collection for the Church, and Hon. H. J. B. Woods presented Dr. Chown with a handsome silver trowel with which he "well and truly" laid the foundation stone. The glass jar placed under the stone in 1880 when Mrs. J. Shenton (wife of Rev. J. Shenton) laid the stone of the former edifice, was placed again in its receptacle along with the later one. One can only hope the Church of 1915 may be as successful as the one opened 100 years ago. We publish in these pages a photograph of the new Church as it will appear when completed.

