

Referring to the organization of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (which was convened at Quebec in 1787) it may be mentioned that the St. Gabriel Church now standing is the oldest in Montreal. It was built in 1792, partly on land given by the Government by Messrs, Telfer and McIntosh. Its dimensions are 60x48, and will seat 700 persons. It is surmounted by a small steeple, and contains a bell which first called persons to Protestant worship in Canada. As a land-mark the building is well worth a visit, although by contrast with modern churches of the same denomination it is plain and unpretentious. The Rev. John Young, of Schenectady, was its first minister, but the well known names of the Rev. J. Somerville who occupied its pulpit for 20 years, Henry Esson, E. Black, David Inglis, and A. F. Kemp have from time to time ably filled the pastorate.

THE MAGDALEN ISLANDS COINAGE.

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BOTH Sandham and LeRoux, in their works on Canadian coins, class the single representative of the Magdalen Islands under a separate division, although these Islands form part of the Province of Quebec. The coin is well known to collectors, as few if any collections do not contain one or more specimens generally in a worn condition. Many of us could see no valid reason for thus classifying it apart from the remaining coins of the Province. But there seems to be some kind of authority for this classification, as the Islands were once at least called a kingdom. Then they are so nearly equidistant from four other Provinces, while farthest from the mainland of their own, that others have laid claim to them. They were for many years considered part of Newfoundland. But eventually, from the French origin of the inhabitants, they were assigned to the Province of Quebec.