

ST. MARY'S PARISH.



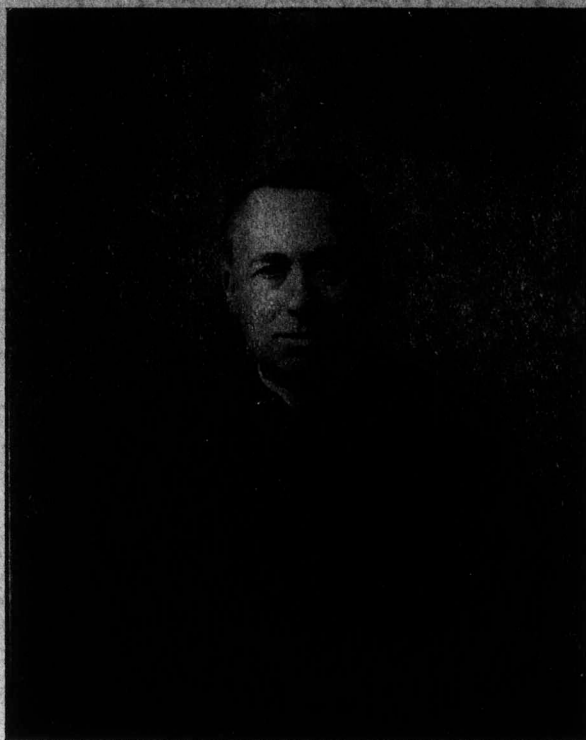
A Retrospective Glance.

We are certain that a short sketch of the progressive parish of St. Mary, which has just celebrated its silver jubilee, would be of much interest to our many readers, and we therefore take pleasure in giving the following authentic facts:

Canonically erected by decree dated Dec. 20, 1879, the certificate of said proclamation was placed in the hands of their parish priest, Rev. James Lonergan, on April 19, 1880. There had been heretofore a certain number of English-speaking families of the district who belonged to the parish of the Sacred Heart and were on the 2nd of April, 1880, formally handed over as members of the newly-formed parish.

The tenders for excavation and other work were given on April 29th, 1879, and on June 12th of the same year the corner-stone of the sacred edifice was solemnly blessed

by Rev. Fathers Brown and Auby, as deacon and sub-deacon respectively. Quite a large number of priests and invited guests occupied seats in the Sanctuary. The following are a few names which, through the kindness of the present pastor, Rev. Father Brady, we have been able to obtain, viz.:—His Worship Mayor Deaudry, Messrs. C. J. Coursoi and M. P. Ryan, M.P.'s. E. Carter, Q.C.; J. J. Curran, Q.C.; F. X. Archambault, Aldermen Allard, Jeanette, Donovan and Tansey, Messrs. J. Lonergan, N.P.; F. A. Quinn, J. O'Brien and J. Benoit; also J. Barry, first acting church-warden of the parish. Father Jas Lonergan was appointed parish priest on August 14th, 1879, with his brother, Rev. S. P. Lonergan, as special assistant. On the day of consecration of the main altar, Feb 19th, 1882: His Lordship promised to appoint Rev.



REV. P. J. BRADY, THE PRESENT PASTOR.

to the lamented pastor, and who is at present pastor of St. Michael's, acted as administrator awaiting the appointment of the new pastor. During the course of the month, Sept., 1886, Rev. J. J. Salmon, first pastor of St. Gabriel's, was appointed as new pastor to St. Mary's, with Rev. P. F. O'Donnell as assistant.

In the fall of 1892 the Rev. Father O'Donnell was appointed pastor, with Rev. Father Shea as assistant.

In the year 1897 the little gem which had cost so much time and labor, and so many acts of heroic sacrifice to behold in what might be called a finished condition, was, in a very short space of time, left a mass of crumbling, blackened ruins, to be mourned over by those to whom it had proven such a source of consolation and happiness. The spirit of both pastor and flock, far

tiring efforts which they put forth towards the furtherance of every good work which it falls to their lot to undertake.

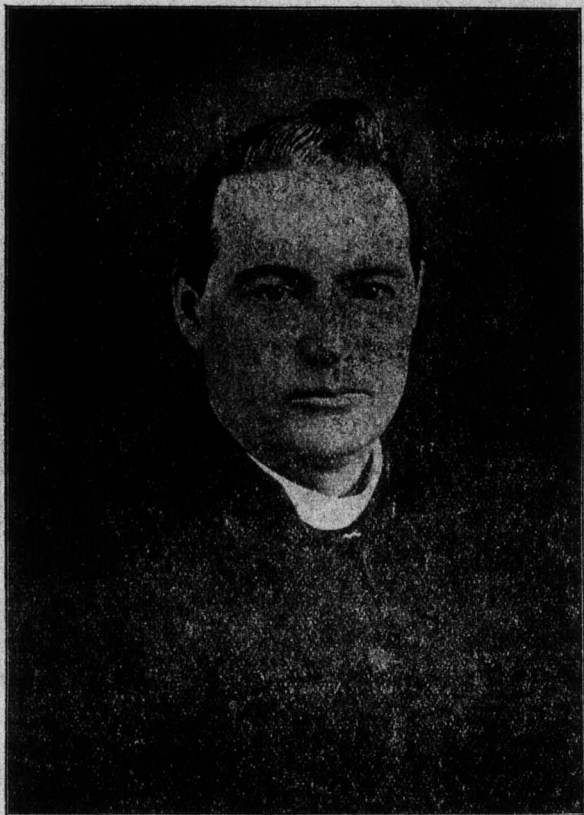
During the course of the week, among other events a banquet was held to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the erection of the parish. Nothing was left undone to make this equal to the occasion. It is, therefore, our pleasure to publish a few of the kind words expressed by the Rev. Martin Callaghan, P.P., of St. Patrick's, and Hon. Justice Curran. Father Callaghan said:

In the name of the parish over which I preside I bring a message of congratulation. St. Mary's parish may pride and rejoice in the silver jubilee it is celebrating. This jubilee reminds me of the days I spent in

every heart. It will always be a pride to associate the name of Father Brady with the names of Fathers O'Donnell, Salmon, and James and Simon Lonergan. Father Brady is a Canadian by birth. The maple leaf is dear to his heart. Of all the colors in the rainbow, the green has in his eyes a fascination to which he lovingly yields. He clings to all the traditions of his ancestors, and considers it his bounden duty to perpetuate them. May he see the golden jubilee of the parish with which he is entrusted by Divine Providence, and to which he is consecrating all his energies and resources with the happiest results.

Hon. Mr. Justice Curran said it was needless to assure them that he complied with no ordinary gratification with the invitation of the Rev. Chairman to say a few words. Yet the celebration of the silver jubilee

his first acquaintance with Father Brady. He had heard him, then a very young clergyman, one of the assistants in Ste. Cuneonde, puzzling the people as to whether he spoke more fluently in the French or the English language. At all events he had done good work there. Since that time Father Brady had filled many positions of importance, in each he had, to say the least, been equal to the duties imposed upon him. Speaking of Father Brady, he might say he had only one fault to find with him. Here he saw him surrounded by a vast gathering of his parishioners, whose hearts he had won, who were perfectly sincere in calling him "Father." This made the speaker feel that he himself must now be relegated amongst the more or less venerable relics. He had enjoyed the friendship of every pastor of St. Mary's. They were all

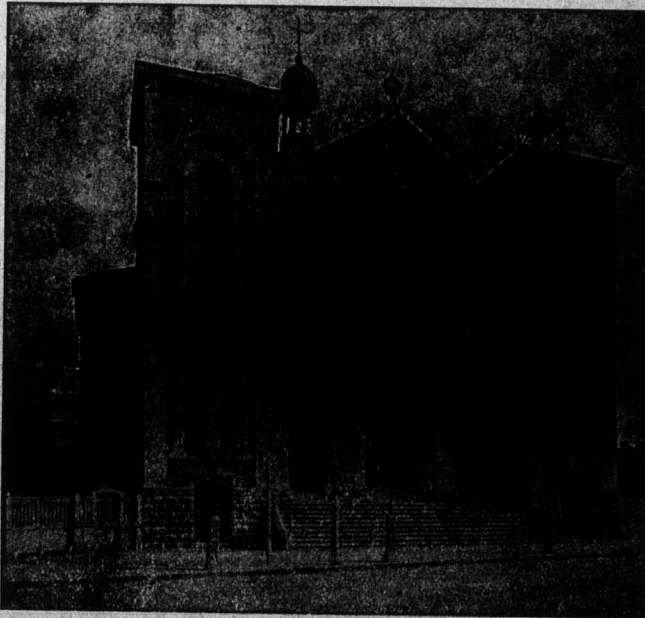


THE LATE REV. FATHER JAMES LONERGAN, ADMINISTRATOR.

by His Lordship the late Mgr. Fabre, who also dedicated it on June 10th. He was assisted at the Throne by the Rev. Canon Plamondon, of the Palace, and Rev. M. McAuley, P.P. of Stanstead as deacons of honor. The sermon of the occasion was preached by Rev. Father Lefebvre, then superior of the Oblates. Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Rev. A. Dugas, of St. Bridget's, assisted

S. P. Lonergan, regularly, as pastor of the then new parish; which he did on the following day, Feb. 20th, 1882. The new pastor had hardly been three years on the scene of his labors when death came to claim him as its own on Nov. 11th, 1885, he being still in the full flower and vigor of his manhood, only 37 years of age.

Rev. J. P. Kiernan, then assistant



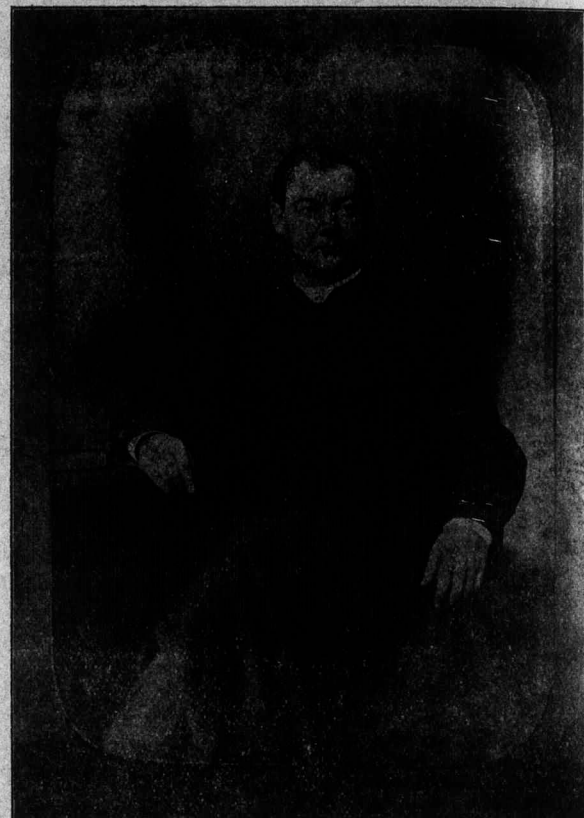
ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

from being broken by the disastrous event, seemed, on the contrary, only to have received a new impetus; for all set to work with heart and will and in a surprisingly short space of time a new edifice, even more grand and beautiful than the former one, had been, raised its head to the broad firmament, on the same site. The Rev. P. F. O'Donnell died on Dec 22, 1900, and the present pastor Rev. P. J. Brady, was appointed his successor on Dec. 24, 1900. This edifice, in 1902, was fully restored to all that can be desired in a building of its nature, and the priests and people of St. Mary's may feel justly proud of the spirit of unity that reigns in their midst and of the success which stands boldly forward as an evidence of what can be accomplished where all are working with one end in view.

Much credit is due to the respected pastor, Rev. P. J. Brady, and also to his able assistants, Fathers McDonnell and Cullinan, for the un-

this section of the city. I began my ministry under Father Campion, who was all kindness to myself and all devotedness to his flock. This priest was a native of France and an ex-Vicar General of the United States. It was he who received into the Catholic Church Rev. Father Bakewell. I taught catechism as a deacon in the old St. Bridget's Church. Occasionally I played improvised obbligatos on the violin when, during the services, Miss Reed sat at the harmonium and the Misses O'Neil did the singing.

The parish of St. Mary is held in great esteem by all the English-speaking Catholics of this city and of this island. The spirit of religion it displays is deserving of the most glowing admiration. The present pastor is truly a man of God. His rare talents and virtues are thoroughly appreciated. In the discharge of his functions he shows himself a worthy successor of pastors whose memory is treasured in



REV. FATHER J. J. SALMON, SECOND PASTOR.

and blessing of St. Mary's was the marking of an epoch in the history of the Irish race in Canada, and deserved an address epitomizing the decades of struggles, trials and triumphs. No spontaneous remarks, however fervent, could do justice to such an occasion. He must thank Father Brady for having honored him by an invitation to their really splendid banquet. He remembered

good priests. It would be invidious to particularize the virtues of each. On such an occasion, however, it would be unpardonable not to refer, in an especial manner, to the late lamented Father James Lonergan. Upon his shoulders had fallen the herculean task. He had never flinched before the most trying situations. His life had been one continuous sacrifice, during the many



THE LATE REV. P. F. O'DONNELL, THIRD PASTOR.



THE LATE REV. FATHER SIMON P. LONERGAN, FIRST PASTOR.

years he had been the serious illness of him before his death of the unceasing effort for their spiritual welfare. He had gone but he was not forgotten and his memory would long as a stone rest on the sacred earth. For his own witness the organs parish. He had kn sturdy, sterling bar the stalwarts of th they were styled. of them had mad generation. No mo zens of our fair Do where he found, ye love the land of the parish could never present position wi true to every noble history of St. Mary written in letters of struggles were simp think that when the almost reached the have been nearly sv devouring conflagrat renovated and en with a very large debt wiped off, was nument to the zeal Father Brady. In h only a model priest, would lead all the prises to a successfu young men and wom ly round him, as th mothers had flocked good Father Lonerg doubt, there was a store for their parisi ed, many years of ness for, the gene sacrificing priest to best interests had be

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