

The poet's protest could not save the old edifice: the exigencies of the congregation and the public requirements demanded that it should be sacrificed. In the month of October, 1885, the late Wm. Darling had obtained from G. B. Burland a written offer of the Wesley Congregational Church, the acceptance of which he deemed the wisest thing the St. Gabriel's congregation could do, provided they could dispose of their own edifice to advantage. No competent offer being made for the latter, however, no progress was made in the way of negotiating with Mr. Burland until July, 1886, when he agreed to take over the St. Gabriel Street Church for the sum of \$15,000 in part payment of his church, should we purchase it, if at the end of six months from the time of concluding the transaction with him, we were unable to dispose of our property at a higher figure. The congregation unanimously agreed to these terms at a meeting held July 15th, 1886; and evening services were commenced in the new church on August 22nd, following. Forenoon services were continued in the old edifice until September 18th, 1886. In the morning of that day, Rev. C. A. Doudiet, of St. John's Church, officiated, and immediately afterwards, the Lord's Supper was dispensed for the last time. Unfortunately the day was very wet, which hindered many from attending who desired to be present. The pastor delivered a farewell discourse in the evening, from the *Montreal Herald's* report of which the following passages were taken :—

Taking leave of the edifice where this congregation had worshipped so long, and which was endeared to them by many tender associations, could not fail being impressive. Many, particularly the elder members, were deeply touched. The thought that it was the last time they would ever worship there seemed to them to be a very sad one, and they bade farewell to the old church with evident regret. The last sermon was listened to with devout attention. The Text was—Ps. cii. 12-13.—“But thou, O Lord, shalt abide forever; and thy memorial unto all generations. Thou