

The following year the Rev. Dr. Mountain died, and was succeeded in his office of Rector of Christ's Church by the Rev. John Leeds who had hitherto acted as Curate.

At a meeting of the Committee appointed for managing the affairs of the Church held on the 23rd day of September 1817, they came to the resolution of applying to the Legislature for an act of Incorporation to empower the Rector, Churchwardens, and a certain number of members of the Church to manage the temporal affairs of it. This application was not attended with desired effect, the Legislature at their meeting having rejected the application. The Congregation then endeavoured to attain their wishes to be incorporated by application to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent. This after some time appears to have been attained, and during the administration of the Duke of Richmond, letters patent bearing date the 12th day of August 1818, constituting this Church a Parish Church and Rectory, and electing the Rector, Church Wardens, and other members for the time being, a body corporate for the managing its temporal affairs, were issued.

During this same year considerable progress appears to have been made towards finishing the outside work of the Church, various estimates were given in for completing the spire. This was in consequence of some Gentlemen connected with the Church coming forward and offering to contribute liberally towards this part of the undertaking. And in the course of the following year, we find the Congregation and the Committee, for managing the temporal affairs of the Church, actively employed in getting the side galleries erected : a measure which was become indispensibly necessary from the increased numbers of applicants for seats, owing to the great increase of the Protestant population of the City. Numerous proposals were given in to the Committee for performing this part of the work, and after mature deliberation that presented by Mr. Robert Drummond was accepted and agreed upon.

In March 1819, a letter was presented to the Commissioners for erecting the Spire from John Shuter, Esquire, formerly merchant in Montreal, offering to make a present of a Clock for the Spire of the Church as his donation to it, and which liberal offer was gratefully accepted.

Every care was taken that this part of the work should be done in the best and most substantial manner. Previous to their deciding on erecting the Spire, a jury of the best Mechanics and Engineers who could be got, were appointed to examine the foundation of the Spire and to report upon its being suitable to bear the weight of the superstructure intended to be raised upon it. The stone work of it was contracted for by Messrs. Surties and Muckle—and the wooden part by Messrs. Clarke and Appleton.

With this account of the completion of the building we close our summary of the early history of the Parish of Christ's Church. At some future time we hope to resume this narrative of the Mother Church of the Diocese of Montreal and to carry it on to the present day.