

years that he was employed in these public works, he became disgusted with the misery and destitution which he witnessed, on all sides, and resolved to emigrate to this country, which he did on the 24th August, 1853. Upper Canada was to have been his destination, but immediately on his arrival he was engaged by the members of the Turnpike Trust to lay out macademized roads around Quebec, he therefore settled in Quebec and remained until 1858, when he was sent to lay out the Sills (*chemins des Trois-Rivières*) for the North Shore here, while surveying in the bush, he took cold which ultimately settled on his lungs and carried him off in 1859, leaving his family almost destitute. A few months previous to his death, he placed his young son in the model school, under the care of Rev. Mr. Langevin, Principal of the Laval Normal School. It does not always happen that the characteristic of the future man can be traced in the impulse of the child, but in the late Dr. McGrath this was not the case; from his very childhood, he showed a wonderful aptitude for learning. When old enough, he entered the Laval Normal School, where he made a solid and brilliant course of studies, under the watchful eye of his good protector, the Principal, who is now Bishop of Rimouski. His mother wished him to become a priest, but upon

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