



CARDINAL TASCHEREAU AT ST. PAUL'S

The corner-stone of the basement chapel of Bishop O'Mahony's new Church of St. Paul was placed by Cardinal Taschereau on Sunday last, with all the impressive splendour and ceremony of the Church.

The arrangements for receiving and seating the large attendance were perfect, and there was an absence of the hitches that generally attend such affairs. The foundation walls of the church are completed, and the people were seated between these. The entire ground floor had been covered with fine shavings, which made an excellent outdoor carpet. Two huge marquees, with open sides, had been erected for the protection of the people from rain, which did fall towards the close of the service. Two other marquees covered elevated platforms reserved for special guests.

Besides Archbishop Lynch, Bishop O'Mahony and Bishop Walsh, of London, there were present: Mgr. O'Bryen, Papal Alegate; Mgr. Marios, Chaplain to His Eminence; Vicar-General Laurent, Vicar-General Rooney, Rev. Father Cushing, Rev. Father Murray, Rev. Father Chalandard of St. Michael's College, Bro. Odo of De La Salle Institution, Father Egan, Thornhill; Rev. Fathers McBride, Morris, Hand, Lamarche, McCann, Dumouchelle.

Among the laity were Hon. Frank Smith, Hon. T. W. Anglin, Capt. Mason, Eugene O'Keefe, Commander F. C. Law, R. N., A.D.C. to the Lieut.-Governor; Ald. Frankland, Ald. Fleming, Ald. Morrison; W. J. Macdonell, French Vice-Consul and President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society; Patrick Boyle, Austin Smith, Joseph Connelly, R.C.A.; John Herbert, L. O. Byrne, John Taylor, Ed. McKeown, B. B. Hughes, W. J. Kennedy, Daniel Lambe.

It was a few minutes after three when the Cardinal and his party arrived at the main entrance, a gate on Queen Street, over which there was a high arch of evergreens. The procession, headed by cross bearer and acolytes, entered in this order: St. Paul's altar boys; students of St. Michael's College and priests, wearing soutanes and surplices; girls and boys of St. Paul's Parish, with banner, and wearing cardinal sashes; Sodality of the Children of Mary, young ladies, wearing the blue ribbon and medals of the order; His Eminence, clad in purple soutane, lace surplice, red cape and beretta, and attended by his chaplain and Bishop O'Mahony; and Fathers Egan and Dumouchelle as deacon and sub-deacon; and Father Hand as master of ceremonies; His Grace the Archbishop, at-

tended by Vicar-General Laurent and Chancellor McCann. Bishop Walsh arrived later.

On reaching the platform the Cardinal was seated in an arm chair in the centre, while his escort stood about. The ceremony was preceded by the robing of the Cardinal in a cape of gold cloth. He wore his mitre and carried the crozier in his hand. Then, proceeding to where a large wooden cross marked the proposed site of the high altar, he sprinkled it with holy water, while the priests and students, led by Father Chalandard, chanted a psalm. Thence he proceeded to the place where the stone lay, and after blessing and sprinkling it, he thrice made upon every side of it the sign of the cross with a chisel, after which the Litany of the Saints was sung, the Cardinal touched the stone with a trowel, placed it on the foundation, where he declared it laid. He again sprinkled it, and then proceeded, in processional order, around all the foundations, which he sprinkled, while the priests sung an antiphon and psalm. This terminated the proceedings, which were interspersed by many prayers.

The trowel used was a plain article of silver and ebony, bearing this interesting inscription in Latin.

This was the trowel used in laying the foundation stone of the Catholic Church of St. Michael, Toronto, by the first Bishop of Toronto, Michael Power, May 8, 1844.

In the cavity under the stone was placed a copper box, containing copies of the Toronto daily papers, the provincial Catholic papers and the current coins. It also contained a Latin document, of which this is a translation:

On the 9th October, 1887, being the festival of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Leo XIII. as sovereign pontiff governing the Church of God; and Victoria, Queen of England, Ireland and Scotland, happily reigning; the Illustrious Lord Lansdowne, Governor-General of Canada; Sir Alexander Campbell, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario; and Oliver Mowat, Premier of the Province, this, the first stone of a church to be built in the City of Toronto, to the glory of God and under the invocation of the blessed St. Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles, was laid by the Most Rev. and Illustrious Elzear Alexandre Taschereau, Cardinal, Priest of the Holy Church, in presence of the Most Rev. and Illustrious J. J. Lynch, Archbishop of Toronto; Most Rev. and Illustrious John Walsh, Bishop of London; and Most Rev. and Illustrious T. O'Mahony, Bishop of Eudocia, a large assemblage of the clergy and faithful of the Church beholding with great joy.

The Bishop of London preached the sermon of the occasion, taking as his text the second chapter of the Prophecies of Agar from the seventh to the tenth verses. He said that the ceremony which had brought them together, was one of considerable interest to all, more especially to the Catholic people of that parish. The people of St. Paul's, under their respected prelate, had undertaken a great and glorious work in the erection of a building to the glory of God, more spacious and more beautiful than the old edifice in which themselves and their fathers had worshipped. The work was a great one, because it was one not to man, but to the glory of God and for the future happiness of the immortal soul. The Pagans of Greece, Rome and further India had in their day raised magnificent buildings to their deities, and the Christian Church was ever willing to build houses in which to worship the true God. The first grand temple—that built by Solomon—was resplendent with the richest treasures of earth, but that temple was destroyed by the enemy, and the next, though not as magnificent or costly, afforded more joy to the people and more praise to God—God Himself was present in it, and “the glory of this house was greater than the last.” Every Catholic knew that God was present in His church, and this knowledge it was that gave them a delight in the building of churches. God was present in the sacrifices, present to forgive sins, and when the blessed bread and wine were administered, Christ was as very present as he was on the cross. The temple is a holy place, and therefore Catholics would ever make sacrifices to build it—it was to Him the gate of Heaven and the home of His soul when here below. Every stone in that building would stand a monument to those who contributed to the good work, long after they themselves had passed from earth to Heaven. The ceremonies then ended.