

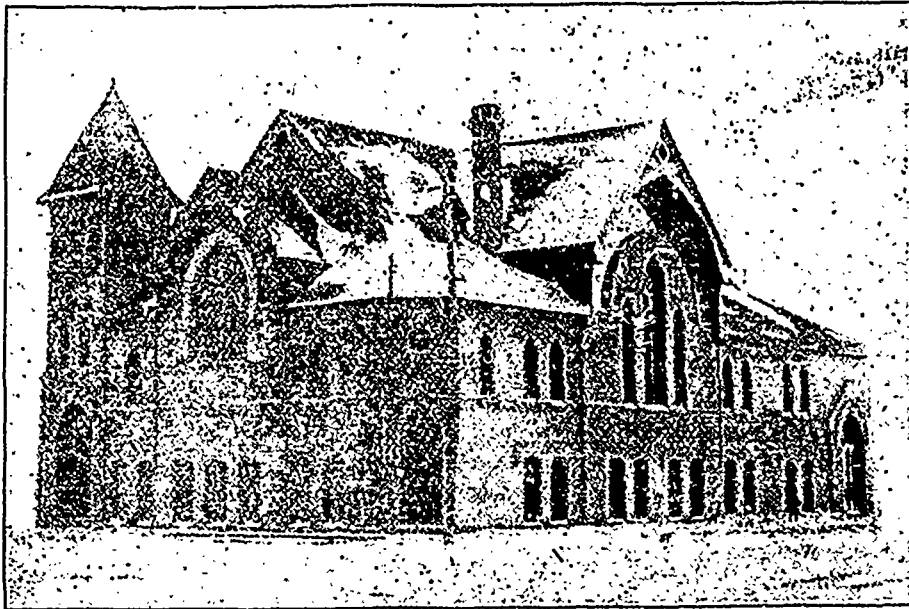
## Winnipeg Churches.

### ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, WINNIPEG.

The rapid growth of the west-central portion of Winnipeg in 1831-2 necessitated the formation of a new parish and in 1833 Canon O'Meara undertook the work of organization in addition to his College duties at St. John's and during the winter of that year services were held in a small public school building in the Central School grounds. In 1834 the work had progressed so favorably that the first St. George's church was built on the corner of William avenue and Lydia St. opened by the Most Rev. the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land, assisted by Dean Grisdale, Archdeacon Pinkham, Canon O'Meara and Canon Matheson on Advent Sunday. The building was an unassuming wooden structure, to which several additions were made as necessity demanded to meet the increasing congregations meeting within its walls.

time and thought. The school has about 350 scholars, 29 teachers and 7 officers and a large and increasing morning Sunday Training school.

All the other organizations are in a vigorous state—namely, The Young People's society of Christian Endeavor, Woman's Auxiliary, Gleaner's Union, Branch of Church of England Temperance society and Adult Bible class. For some years past the church was far too small for the needs of the congregation but difficulties stood in the way of obtaining a proper site until the year 1891. On the tenth anniversary of the opening of the first church the new building shown below was opened by Rev. Dr. Young, Bishop of Athabasca, acting for the Primate who was, unfortunately—indisposed.—The building is brick veneered and the interior which seats four hundred is very tastefully finished in white pine, while the basement is admirably adapted for Sunday school work and parish gatherings. The building was designed by Mr. George Brown and cost \$12,000.



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Notwithstanding its homely appearance it became the centre of active, self denying work which was attended with great blessing, the zeal and fidelity of the congregation testifying to their appreciation of the efforts of their pastor. Canon O'Meara found it impossible in 1836 to fulfil the duties of incumbent owing to the large growth of the new parish and on Oct. 3rd, the Rev. J. J. Roy, B.A., of Montreal, was inducted as incumbent by Dean Grisdale as Commissary for the Bishop who was then absent in England. St. George's is but one of the many parishes owing their origin to the vigilance and self-denial of the Dean and Chapter of St. John's Missionary force.

Mr. Roy has amply justified the wisdom of his selection as rector, for owing to his energy and perseverance and marked ability as a preacher and organizer the parish has rapidly advanced both in the number of worshippers and as a power for good in both city and diocese. Two hundred families are connected with the congregation which numbers over 150 communicants.

St. George's is noted throughout the city and province for its effective Sunday school and Young People's society work, to both of which the rector devotes much

The Rector, Rev. J. J. Roy, B.A., is by birth a French Lower Canadian and was educated at the Sabrevois School, Montreal. After visiting France he was for some years organizing secretary of the Sabrevois Mission in which work he was very successful. He was successively in charge of the French "Church of the Redeemer" in Montreal and of St. Hyacinthe near that city coming in 1836 to St. George's.

In the history of this parish there is much to stimulate faith and hope.

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### ST. LUKE'S MISSION.

St. Luke's Mission is an off-shoot of Holy Trinity, and is situated in Fort Rouge. The church is a tastefully decorated building, with sitting accommodation for about two hundred. The foundations of the present work were laid in the summer of 1839, when a Sunday School, under the management of the Rev. J. W. Page, then curate of Holy Trinity, was opened in a small and vacant store. By the fall the attendance was so far increased as to demand more commodious quarters, which were secured in the residence of Mrs. Gillet. In