

A NEW WEST END CHURCH

A BARRACKS ROMAN CATHOLIC
EDIFICE IN BATHURST STREET.The Twenty Thousand Dollar House of
Worship for the Parish of St. Mary's
—Procession of Sacred Architecture in the
route—Who the Builders are.

Church architecture in Toronto, like its sister arts, music, painting and sculpture, has of late years made steady progress. It has grown with the growth of the Queen City. This is indisputable. The proofs abound on all hands. And the reason for this growth are not far to seek. The people are being educated to the appreciation of high-class art and the supply follows the demand.

Torontonians are becoming nearly as creative thinkers as the cultured and cultured, and in a corresponding degree appreciative of the masterpiece of art in the older countries. Beyond a decade ago this architecture, from a high-art point of view, was of an inferior order. To a great extent this was owing to the prevailing opinion that buildings beautiful in proportion and artistic in detail must necessarily be costly.

An illustration that such is not the case may be seen in the beautiful Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, commonly known as St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, now nearing its completion on Bathurst-street.

The new edifice occupies the site of the old brick church, and forms the centre of McDougall-street. Since the demolition of the old building service has been held in a temporary wooden structure a short distance south of the new one. The latter consists of nave, aisles, transepts, apse, choir, tower and spire. There are also morning chapel, sacristy, library, etc. The extreme length of the edifice is 110 feet, the width across the transept is 75 feet, the height of the tower and spire is 185 feet. The interior height, from ground line to ridge of nave, is 105 feet. These are noble dimensions.

The church is built on solid stone foundation. The superstructure is of the best hard white brick, with blue Roman sandstone dressings, polished and polished granite. The front facade, which looks towards Bathurst-street, is a grand composition. The main entrance is reached by a wide flight of steps, supported by bold wings on either side, vaulted by masonry arches and polished granite pillars of various colors, rose windows with beautiful tracery, spacious and well-lighted vestibule, the whole surmounted by a dome and crosses of delicate design and color.

Passing through the spacious vestibule there are the nave, transepts, etc., divided from the aisle and side chapels by noble arches of polished granite springing from graceful pillars of polished granite, of rich sapphire blue color, and having molded bases of free-stone limestone very finely wrought, and moulded caps of polished granite. The nave is paved in Gothic foliage. The great organ, nave, choir, sacristy and chapel, springing from the same plan, are of polished granite, in general outline, form grand and varied perspective, the whole surmounted by a dome and crosses of delicate design and color.

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The architect, or plan of the design and arrangements with the highest credit, is Mr. Joseph Connelly, 124 St. Andrew-street. The cost of the church will be between \$60,000 and \$70,000.

Queen Mother Passion Award.

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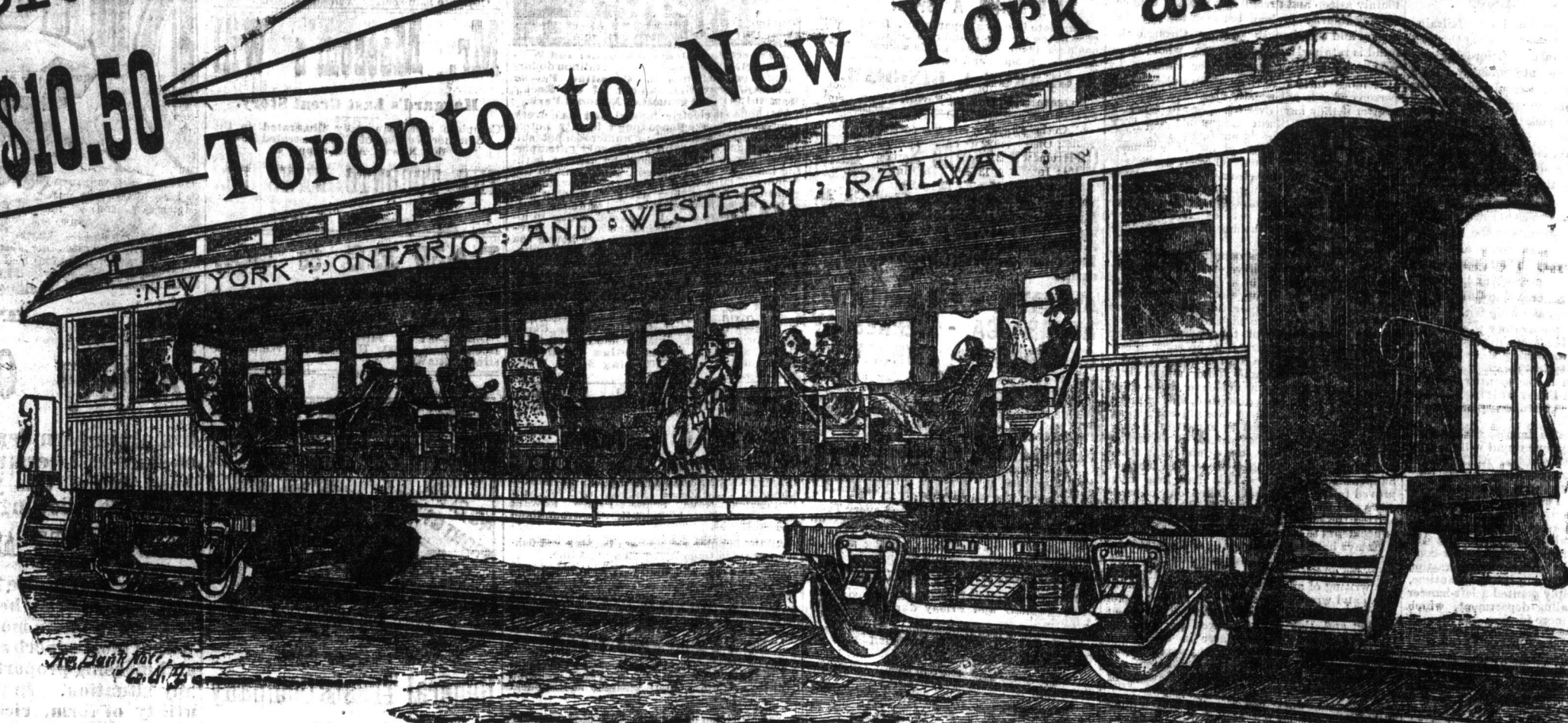
Edith Jernard, a leader of the New and Better House of Israel, died at her seat, the Woodlands, Chatham, on Saturday, after a long illness. She was known to her followers as "Queen Mother." This curious body held that they are an elect people, who are to be preserved from the grave and resurrection. It is their mission to collect together the "Chosen," "Invisible" parts of the world of the people of Israel, who are never to see death, and when they are resurrected in complete they are to live for 1000 years with Christ upon earth, which is to be converted into heaven. This strange sect was founded in 1875 by James White, a private in a foot regiment, who, according to his own account, was "inspired" by the "Holy Spirit" and "divine" messages. "James White," alias "The Stranger," alias "The Messenger," alias "The Man of God," he claimed to be a divine instrument, possessing supernatural gifts and powers. He claimed to be the founder of the "Christian Era," who died about forty years ago. Large numbers of his followers, many of the United States, Australia and various parts of England and Scotland, as well as the United States, followed him. In 1875, he founded the "House of Israel," which was founded in the accommodation of the "144,000 of the Apocalypse," as they were gathered together. Jernard died before the work of building the temple at Chatham Hill was commenced, but his low and successful work on the project with great energy, and building operations were suspended only a few weeks ago. When only eighteen she undertook a preaching tour in the United States. She was the daughter of poor but respectable parents, who still live at Chatham. Before her marriage with White, the ex-soldier, alias Jernard, her name was Clara Rogers; but after that she was known as "Edith" Jernard. She loved to call herself the "servant" of the "House of Israel" but those who saw "Queen Edith" on her home, or, equally attired, driving about in a handsomely appointed carriage, with a pair of spirited horses and liveried groom, hesitated to accept this description. Jernard had set up a printing press and began to edit some publications in the interest of her sect. The sudden feature in connection with this delusion is the ruin it has brought upon many families, many persons having poured their all into the treasury at Chatham, and having been compelled, on realizing the delusion, to begin life over again.

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