

# CHURCH CHRONICLE

FOR THE

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

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“Men speak not with the instruments of writing, neither write with the instruments of speech, and yet things recorded with the one and uttered with the other may be preached well enough with both.”

HOOKER, Bk. V. c. 21.

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### AN ACCOUNT OF “CHRIST CHURCH” IN THE CITY OF MONTREAL.

*(Continued from No. 7.)*

On the 20th September a letter was received from the Governor in Chief's Secretary, intimating that the Congregation might have the use of the Jesuit's Church: as he had signified to the Bishop, but that his Lordship considering himself authorized to make a formal grant of the said Church and land, had forwarded the application of the Congregation to that effect to England to await His Majesty's decision. At the same time at which this information was communicated we find several resolutions in furtherance of the business were entered into; among others it was decided that the sum of £400 (which it was calculated would be required to finish the inside of the Church) should be raised by subscription, the money to be refunded from the sale of the pews; and that these in addition to the purchase money paid for them should be sold subject to a small annual rent to be applied to exonerate those who had become bound to pay the salary of the assistant and other necessary expenses.

During the time these matters and various other affairs were adjusting, the workmen, were proceeding rapidly in finishing the inside of the Church, and we find that the key was delivered to the Clergyman the Rev. Mr. Delisle, about the middle of November and divine service was first performed in it and a dedicatory sermon preached by him on the Sunday before Christmas being the 20th of December 1789.

In July 1791, Mr. Metchler was appointed organist of Christ's Church with the annual salary of £20 and in the month of April 1792, it was resolved at a meeting of the Congregation as follows, viz.

“1st. Resolved to apply to the Bishop to request that he will use his endeavours as soon as possible to obtain His Majesty's authority to the