

DEDICATION OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, REGINA.

On Thursday, January 24th, an event of unusual interest took place in this parish, when a new and permanent Church was dedicated to the glory of God and the use of His people by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. A new and suitable Church had for some few years before been felt by many of the parishioners as a real need, and at times various efforts were made towards supplying the want. Meetings were held, plans were drawn, and estimates provided, but owing to several causes the work was never started. Possibly the fluctuations which from time to time happen in these western towns may in some degree account for the delay, because every Church family that leaves the town makes a difference, especially from the financial point of view, and this view has to be taken into serious consideration when the important object of erecting a Church has to be undertaken. However, all felt that the temporary wooden structure which for twelve years had made a shelter for the Altar of God and the House of Prayer in this town, was unsuitable for these sacred purposes the very day it was possible to supply in its place a more substantial and fitting building to be set apart for the worship of God. Brave efforts towards this end were made by the Rev. Leonard Dawson a few years ago, while he was Rector of the parish, and although there has been a longer delay than at one time was expected would be, yet it must be stated that the substantial and ornamental edifice which was opened on the Dedication Day, was in a very great measure but the result of *his* labour; and the considerable sum of money he collected both in Canada and in England is now expended on an object so dear to himself; the initial attempt he made is now an accomplished fact, and success has really crowned the work he so earnestly began.

The Church is built of a yellow brick that is manufactured at Pilot Butte, eight miles east of this town. The length of the interior of the nave is about sixty two feet, the width thirty-two feet. The windows are Gothic in design. The roof is of a good pitch. A round window is in the west end. A tower and spire at the south-west corner form a porch, and also a really ornamental feature in the appearance of the building, and give it an unmistakable Church-like look. When the Chancel is built, a Church of which many will be proud will stand amongst the dwellings of men in Regina, and as many of those dwellings are now both commodious and handsome, it is a cause of thankfulness that the House of God is a building worthy of standing in the midst of other houses, silently witnessing to the Christian faith, as the cross on its eastern gable is seen from the neighbourhood around. One of the most pleasing features of the interior is the lofty roof, made of British Columbian cedar. It may be said this has its influence, for after the low and flat roof in the old temporary Church, the loftiness of the present building brings visions of Churches in other parishes wherein many have worshipped in days before they came to dwell in this western town.