

bishop of Ottawa and the Bishop of Pontiac were met at the Suspension Bridge by a select committee of citizens and by a turn-out of the societies of the city headed by the Hull band.

A procession, which was of gigantic proportion, but characterized throughout by great order, escorted the Prelates to the presbytery.

His Grace proceeded at once with the ceremony. Dressed in full pontificals, and attended by a procession of the clergy, he went through the ceremony of blessing the church, inside and out. When the doors were thrown open and the Archbishop proceeded with the inside ceremony, the thronging multitude filled its every corner in a few seconds. The solemn chanting of the large number of priests, too, added to the impressiveness of the ceremony. After the ceremony, Bishop Lorrain celebrated Pontifical High Mass, assisted by Rev. Canon McCarthy, of St. Bridger's. Farmer's Grand Mass was ably rendered by a chosen choir, whilst Madame St. Simon presided at the organ. The sermon of the day was delivered by Rev. Father Corbeil, Professor of Rhetoric in St. Therese College, and a native of Hull. The reverend gentleman took for his text, "Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi." "In domum Domini ibimus" (Ps. 121, vi.) and preached a sermon worthy of the occasion. He referred in feeling tones to the calamity that had befallen the city four years ago when its grand church was

destroyed. Few in Hull could forget that lamentable occasion. But to-day they had cause for great rejoicing on witnessing the magnificent structure that had arisen to take the place of the other. This day would long be remembered as one of exceeding joy, for the church was a standing monument to the religious zeal of the people of Hull and certainly one which was an ornament to the city. After the religious ceremonies were concluded Mayor Champagne arose and delivered an address to their Lordships, eminently befitting the occasion. Both their Lordships responded in feeling terms, in the course of which they referred to the great work done and being done by the Reverend Oblate Fathers and paid high tribute to their missionary zeal.

The crowd then slowly dispersed whilst the clergy and several of the principal citizens repaired to the Presbytery where a banquet had been provided.

Among those present at the ceremony, not already mentioned, were the Rev. Fathers Lefebvre, Provincial of the Oblates and McGuckin, President of the University of Ottawa.

The day shall be long remembered by the faithful of Hull as one of the happiest of their lives, in as much as after the many trials and tribulations of the past their piety and religious zeal is at last crowned by the possession of one of the finest churches in Canada.

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"Only a year!
To me how long—ah me!
But why repine? A few short years,
A few more sighs, a few more tears,
And we shall rejoicing go
To that fairer land—to Thee."