

THE ST. GABRIEL CHAIR.

Made from Wood of First Presbyterian Church in Montreal.

St. Gabriel Presbyterian Church, erected in 1792, was the first Protestant church in Montreal, and in fact the whole province of Quebec, other than the private chapel known as the Cuthbert Chapel. It stood on the north-east corner of St. Gabriel and St. James streets, the lot being purchased from Madame Hertel for £100. It was demolished in 1903, the site now (1913) being occupied by part of the Court House. In 1886 it ceased to be used as a place of worship and a new church was erected on St. Catherine street, near Phillips square.

When the old church was being demolished Mr. Robertson secured some ash beams, out of which were designed two chairs. One was presented to the University of Toronto, for the dais of Convocation Hall, in June 1903. The other was given to St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, King and Simcoe sts., Toronto, with which the donor's father and family have been connected for the past eighty years.