

the thirtieth of November, 1822, the dignity of the priesthood was conferred on the Abbé Bourget in the chapel of the Hotel Dieu. His Bishop, already won by his uprightness, and delighted with his knowledge and wisdom, chose him for his confessor. He also entrusted to him the care of his temporal concerns.

The new Levite, in loving consecration of self to the Lord, and in the full springtide of life and vigor, lay prostrate upon the floor of the sanctuary as if to attach himself irrevocably to the foundations of Holy Mother Church. He offered his whole being as a perpetual holocaust to the Most High, a true priest for time and eternity. Nor was he ever to falter in the attainment of his lofty ideal.

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The first movement of the Catholic people of Montreal was to provide a Cathedral and a residence for the Bishop. The supervision and construction of these new edifices gave the young secretary ample scope for useful effort. He received the gifts and superintended the works, giving to each one his due with a tactful discrimination that already revealed great breadth of mind, and perfect mastership in the treatment of men and things along business lines. Everything proceeded so harmoniously