

of his subscription which Pew should be held by the party subscribing his property, in messuage or under the best tenure that could be procured agreeable to the Canon or common law. By this scheme a part of the funds were to be raised—but as it could not be expected that a sufficient amount would be procured in this way; and as there were many Protestants in Montreal who wished well to the cause, but whose finances would not admit of their contributing to the extent of the price of a Pew, it was further agreed to receive subscriptions and voluntary contributions from all who chose to give their mite to promote the undertaking. At the same time it was agreed to apply for pecuniary aid to His Majesty, through the Governor in Chief of this Province; to the Archbishop of Canterbury through the Lord Bishop of Quebec; and likewise to the merchants in London who were interested in the trade to this Country for the same purpose. From all these sources, it was confidently expected that the necessary sum for building and finishing the Church would be raised; but as some of them were at a remote distance and a considerable time must elapse before the result of the application could be known in Montreal; it became a matter of discussion whether they should commence *instantly* or wait until the funds should be realized. It was decided to adopt the former course; and that what amount could be raised within the City of Montreal should be with the least possible delay obtained.—D. Ross and S. Sewell, Esquires, were accordingly nominated to dispose of the Pews, agreeable to the scale of rates which had been fixed upon for the different classes—and to receive subscriptions and donations from such of the Protestant inhabitants as were desirous of promoting the work.

Having thus far decided upon the mode of raising the requisite funds; the attention of the Committee was in the next place directed to procure a suitable lot to erect the Church upon. There were two sites conveniently adapted for this; the one was that vacant piece of ground which adjoins the Gaol, and occupied as a garden for the Government House; the other, that lot in Notre-Dame Street, on which the old French Prison stood formerly; and whereon the Church is now erected, having been granted by the then Lieutenant Governor, Sir Robert Shore Milnes, for that purpose. In addition to this lot the Congregation purchased from Mr. Guy, for the sum of £500 currency, a strip of ground which ran along the rear of it, so as to admit of access to the Church from St. Jacques Street.

Every preparatory step of the proceeding being thus taken, Messrs. Ross and Sewell as before mentioned, proceeded to the sale of the Pews, and the collecting of subscriptions among the Protestant inhabitants of the City. By their unremitting exertions in a short time about £3000 was subscribed in this way, and a considerable portion of it so disposable as to justify the Committee in commencing the undertaking. Having procured a license from the Bishop in conformity with the ecclesiastical law, and the assurance from the Governor in Chief that the patent for the lot of ground would be issued with the least possible delay, no time was lost in preparing for the work. The Rev. Dr. Mountain,