

APPENDIX A

CONTRACT between Monseigneur Charles Joseph Eugene De Mazenod, Bishop of Marseille, Founder and first Superior-General of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, acting in the name and in the interest of the corporation and Province of the Oblates of Canada, of the first part; and Monseigneur Joseph Eugene Bruno Guigue, Bishop of Bytown, Upper Canada, of the second part:

Monseigneur Guigue, Bishop of Bytown, wishing to perpetuate the fruits of salvation existing up till now in his Diocese and brought about by the Congregation of Oblate Missionaries of Mary Immaculate, after having consulted his principal colleagues in Canada, believes it his duty to submit the following conditions for the approval and acceptance of Monseigneur De Mazenod aforesaid.

It is publicly known throughout the whole of Canada that the Diocese of Bytown was created by the Oblates.

This Diocese did not yet exist when the evangelical workers of this congregation cultivated the soil, watered it with their sweat, in Bytown itself, in the shanties and following the savage tribes.

It is this congregation which furnished Bytown with its first Bishop; and that up till now has adapted the majority of its clergy to the erection of missions, the creation of most important works, the service of the Cathedral, of the hospital, and religious house it had founded, the direction of the Seminary and College and in general to the creation and conservation of the different works done in this Diocese; and, in the midst of its different works which often necessitate pecuniary sacrifices, the Oblates, forgetting their own interests, did not even think to this day of founding for themselves a permanent establishment. For this reason Monseigneur the Bishop of Bytown, for the greatest glory of God, in gratitude, in the interest of his Diocese, and also in the interests of the Oblates whose services he appreciates, desires to confer on them in perpetuity the direction of his Seminary and of his College, the parochial duties of his Cathedral, as well as the parochial duties and administration of St. Joseph's Church upon the following conditions:

ARTICLE 1. Monseigneur the Bishop of Bytown under this contract intrusts to the aforesaid Oblates, accepting for them Monseigneur De Mazenod, Bishop of Marseille, Founder and first Superior-General of the said congregation, acting under the title and in the quality hereinafter mentioned:

- 1st—The direction and administration of the College and Seminary of Bytown.
- 2nd—The parochial duties and administration of St. Joseph's Church, now in course of construction and almost adjacent to the College.
- 3rd—The parochial duties of his Cathedral.
- 4th—The Oblates will continue as before and under the same conditions, the spiritual services in the shanties and Indian missions of the Diocese.

ARTICLE 2. 1st—Monseigneur the Bishop of Bytown assigns and transfers to the Oblates the six lots of ground given by Mr. Besserer to the Episcopal Corporation for the purpose of building thereon a College, together with the building already erected thereon or in course of erection, for the said College, the Bishop of Bytown agrees that the same shall be completed before the end of September next; including also the framehouse built two years ago on the same ground; moreover the Bishop of Bytown agrees to pay one-half the cost of building a frame house to serve as two recreation halls which the College has not got and which are indispensable. The Bishop of Bytown also assigns to the Oblates the furniture and books of the College as well as ornaments of the Church, clothes and sacred vessels of the Chapel and Sacristy of the said college.