

properties of the church are also perfect—a speaker with an ordinary voice being well heard without any effort on his part or on the part of his audience. The groining of the dome offers lines of great beauty—the frame-work of the organ is also of elegant workmanship, and blends harmoniously with the rest of the building—and altogether the interior is an architectural poem.

The purchase of this edifice changed the face of things connected with the St. Gabriel Church very suddenly. The notion cherished in the congregation had been to signalize the centennial year by an effort to erect a new church, on some spot east of Bleury street, well up towards Sherbrooke Street. This idea of having a centennial church built to the liking of the congregation, was abandoned with reluctance. But the advantages of having an edifice already finished, the utmost cost of which was known, fairly well situated for the people of the congregation, without anxieties and labours entailed in the erection of a new church, were so great, that when the final offer of Mr. Burland was made, there was a ready disposition shown by the congregation to accept it. The problem of the church's future was thus solved by a stroke. The difficulties of the congregation vanished in a day. Fresh prosperity was at once guaranteed ; and the results, so far, have justified the highest hopes formed twelve months ago. The new church has proved far more satisfactory than any of those expected who had to do with its purchase.

The accompanying engraving of the church, it will be seen, has a tower on it, which has yet to be built. When erected, it will add very much to the external appearance of the edifice ; and the congregation hope to see this desirable improvement made before long. The church, as it stands, is burdened with a considerable debt, however, which they wish to see cleared off, before they attempt