

when completed, will be one of the finest in Canada.

New St. Joseph's was commenced in April 1892, and was roofed in by the following December. By the 12th of November next it is hoped that it will be ready for Divine worship. The style is composite, modelled after the early Christian Roman, but modified to meet modern requirements. The dimensions are, length 192 feet, breadth of front 75 feet, breadth of transept 105 feet, the height to the top of the cross is 192 feet, the interior height of the nave is 60 feet. The cut of the Church on the accompanying page is facing Wilbrod Street. The interior is finished in plaster, the ornamentation is simple but effective. The nave is supported by graceful pillars and at its intersection with the transept run four grand arches; the apse is roofed in by a semi-dome. The organ loft, which is very high is designed to throw the full effect of the music forward with best acoustic effect. The wood-work of the Church is all designed to add to the general effect. The painting so far done is in water colour but very simple and only serves as a groundwork for the more ornate coloring to be added when the walls are more susceptible of taking the colors. On the outside of the Church is the finest grove of trees to be found in the city, and the effect of the symmetrical foliage sets off the graceful looking Church to perfection. The cost of the new Church was in the

neighborhood of \$70,000; it has a seating capacity of about 1,100.

The organ, which is being supplied by the St. Hyacinthe Co., is a large and powerful instrument and combines most of the improvements which make the organs of our days so nearly perfect. It is supplied with three key boards, so that if in the future the parish sees fit to add two smaller organs in the sanctuary, as has been done in the Cathedral, the large organ will be ready to be connected by the necessary wires.

Too much credit cannot be given the genial and competent architect, Mr. W. E. Doran, of Montreal, for the able, speedy and finished manner in which the work on the Church has been carried on. To Father McGuckin, Rector of the University, also is due much praise for the interest he has always taken in the new edifice, its success is largely due to his endeavors. Both rector and architect with the faith characteristic of good Christians, attribute the success of the work more to the favor of Heaven, obtained through the intercession of the great saint, after whom the Church is named, than to any merit of theirs.

In conclusion our hope and prayer is, that the new St. Joseph's will uphold the prestige of the old, for the piety and devotion of the members of its congregation.

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