

is the best in the opinion of the dean and of the master in office. Jean Lemelin was the successful competitor and the contract was given to him on the 16th August 1660, for the sum of four hundred *livres tournois* besides the necessary wood. He was allowed ten months to complete his work.

The contract was given, but the task of the masters did not end there. They had to collect the four hundred *livres* needed ;

with a good and valid acquittance and discharge to the amount of three hundred *livres*, the same being payable on the 15th August 1661, and as regards the remainder, amounting to the sum of one hundred *livres tournois*, the said persons above mentioned bind themselves to pay the same to the said Lemelin whensoever he may require them to do so.

The said contractor binds himself to deliver the said altar-screen completely finished on next Whitsunday in the year 1661 ; the contractor shall be bound to erect it on the altar of the said St. Anne's chapel ; in consideration whereof the said dean and master both present and past, shall be obliged to supply him with the wood necessary for making the said altar-screen.

Thus it was stipulated and agreed at the meeting held in St. Anne's chapel, the said dean and master of the confraternity now in office, as well as the past masters, consenting to and accepting the said agreement after the same was duly read at the said meeting, and they have signed the original of these presents, promising &c, renouncing &c.

Done and passed at Quebec in the office of the undersigned notary on the sixteenth day of August 1660, in presence of Jacques Chouard and Noël Morin, witnesses who have signed the original with the parties.

And on the twenty eighth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, came and appeared before me, the secretary of the Council in New France and the undersigned witnesses, François Lemelin, abovementioned, who acknowledged and admitted having received from the dean and master brother of the confraternity of Madame Ste Anne erected in the parish church of Notre Dame de Québec, the sum of four hundred *livres tournois* with which sum the said Lemelin declared himself satisfied, and grants acquittance thereof to the said dean and master of the said confraternity and all others.

Done at Quebec in the study of the undersigned notary aforesaid in the year 1663 on the day abovementioned in presence of François Cantin and Jean Bourdon de Neuville, witnesses who have signed the original of these presents with the said Lemelin and Audouart, notary.

Compared with the original by me, royal notary in the Prevôté of Quebec, on the ninth day of May MDC eighty (1680), as I have purchased the original deeds and the practice of Master Guillaume Audouart, heretofore notary of the said place, as appears by his resignation.

(Signed) DUQUET.

(Archives of N. D. de Québec.)