

much anxious consultation, it was determined by the rector and congregation, not to attempt the repair or removal of an old building, but removing the bell and other articles of church furniture, to sell the building to the best advantage as it stood, and to proceed forthwith with the erection of a new church on a better site, granted by the Government, upon the Royal Square. And this accordingly was accomplished in 1790. The new building was of wood, filled in with clay and mortar, and upon a slight stone foundation, and surmounted with belfry and spire, but without the slightest pretensions to architectural beauty or design. There was originally no gallery, and the ground floor contained 34 pews, exclusive of a government pew and baptistery. But the space designated by this latter sounding name, was simply the vacant corner of the church nearest the door, in which stood a very small and common pine table, surmounted by an ordinary white crockery bowl. The whole structure appears to have been one of somewhat rude character, more so indeed than might have been anticipated from the amount expended upon it. The total cost was £215, raised partly by a loan of £100 on bond with interest, partly by the sale of the old church building and materials, and partly by local subscriptions, these last, however, amounting only to the small total of £27. This is the building designated as "Sorel Church, the first erected in Canada," an engraving of which appears in the Annals of the Diocese of Quebec, published by the Rev. Ernest Hawkins. It was in truth the first church erected, although the second used, since the former building, erected originally for other purposes, was merely fitted up and adapted for the performance of Divine Service. In 1793, Doctor Jacob Mountain, the first Bishop of Quebec, arrived, and in the following year visited his Diocese, but no record exists of any confirmation held by him in Sorel, earlier than 1799, when twenty-two persons were confirmed by him in this Parish.

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