

Quebec Central Railway offices. The first building was erected in 1838 on the site occupied now by St. Andrew's Church. The present building was erected and dedicated to public worship in 1855. The selection of the site and the permanent character and dignity of its construction testify to the wisdom and faithfulness of those who became responsible for it.

The Church Hall was built in 1871 and proved a very valuable addition to the material assets of the church.

The organ alcove was constructed in 1880, having been necessitated by the installation of a new organ. Previous to this the church had been served by a smaller organ that occupied the gallery.

In 1893 the church was redecorated, a new carpet was laid and the present seats replaced the old style of colonial pew. At the same time two beautiful windows were installed in memory of the first two pastors of the church, and several memorial windows were subsequently placed therein by members of the church, to commemorate their loved ones who had joined the Church Triumphant.

In 1887, during the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Barnes the Parsonage was erected by a syndicate of enterprising men connected with the church, and was leased to the church at a rental that covered all charges. In 1904 the building was transferred to the church practically all the syndicate contributing their shares, and the balance of indebtedness thereon for its purchase being raised by the end of 1905.

In 1907 the present fine organ was built and installed by Casavant Bros. of St. Hyacinthe, and the total cost, which included new choir seats and platform, as well as many incidentals, was liquidated before the beginning of the present year.

During the seventy-five years of its life the church has sustained the trials and difficulties which are more or less incident to all churches, but it has continued on its way steadily, increasing in numerical strength and material prosperity, and bearing witness to the truth of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, in the endeavour to strengthen the life of the community, in which its lot is cast, in those things that can alone be the saving and purifying elements of society. From the record of the past we have every reason to thank God, for the men and women who have carried on the work so faithfully, and take courage to go forward in our work with unfailing faith in our mission as a church of the Congregational order.