

Of this incident Mr. Galt himself writes in a letter to a friend during the same year :—

"Hitherto we have had no adventure in Guelph, not even one Sabine scene ; but an incident in the clearing was magnificent. Desirous of seeing the effect of a rising ground, at the end of a street where a popish church, about twice the size of St. Peter's at Rome, is one day to be built (the site was chosen by the Bishop. and we have some expectation that his coadjutor, Mr. Weld, of Lulworth Castle, is coming here), I collected all the choppers in the settlement to open a vista, and exactly in two hours and ten minutes, 'by Shrewsbury clock,' or my own watch, an avenue was unfolded as large as the Long Walk in Windsor Park, and of trees that, by their stature, reduce to pigmies all the greatest barons of the English groves."—*Fraser's Magazine*, 1830.

It seems prophetic that, while the church now erected on this very spot, being the third on the same site, cannot be said to be "twice the size of St. Peter's, Rome" it is at least one of the largest and most beautiful in Ontario, as may be seen by the illustration given above.

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