

The reader is respectfully referred to the annexed letter from the Reverend Father Gagnon, the Pastor of these poor people, for an interesting description of the locality.

The population numbers about 525.

It is thus divided as to Religion and origin :

Roman Catholics—

Irish, natives or descendants of Irish, chiefly ..... 280

Protestants—

English, Scotch, and Irish ..... 245

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Total Population..... 525

The 245 English, Scotch, and Irish Protestants possess *two* Churches "consecrated," to use the words of Father Gagnon, "to their religious meetings, built with the help of their Protestant friends, more favored by temporal fortune." The 280 Roman Catholics, natives or descendants of Irish, possess only the *one* old, ruinous, and insufficient Chapel, threatening every day to fall down, described by their Reverend Pastor.

These simple facts appeal strongly to the thoughtful consideration of every pious Catholic.

In conclusion, it is earnestly hoped that those who have the good fortune to dwell within a few minutes walk of many spacious churches,—those whom God has blest with means which enable them to contribute, even a little, to so laudable an object, will not refuse their mite, to aid the struggling Catholic settlers about Lake Beauport.

Every such contributor will have the incalculable satisfaction of knowing that he has thereby assisted to establish one more outpost of the Faith, on the frontiers of population, and that thereby he has made the desert vocal, evening and morning, with the sacred song of Vespers, and the divine service of The Mass.

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