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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BERLIN.

**The December Bee, St. Jerome's College, 1903**

The beautiful church across the way whose erection we have all watched with great interest, is at length completed and the day of its opening has arrived. First, a word of congratulation must be given to the parishioners for the good will they have shown throughout in helping along this good and holy cause. Building such a grand church is certainly a noble work, but to bring about the desired effect, much time, much labor and close attention is required. Accordingly, our thanks must go to the priests in charge, Rev. William Kloepfer and Rev. Vincent Kloepfer, because close and careful management was required in order to make the different affairs connected with the work harmonize and adapt themselves to the end in view. In their efforts in this respect they were ably seconded by the Building and the Finance Committee. The members of the Building Committee are: Messrs. A. Lang, H. Krug, W. J. Motz, T. Tracy, J. Querin, J. Dorschell and C. Gross; the members of the Finance Committee are: Messrs. G. C. H. Lang, H. Krug, J. Winterhalt, John Stumpf, Rev. William Kloepfer and Rev. Vincent Kloepfer. To these gentlemen much credit is due for their untiring energy and zeal in this work, the cost of which is being met from day to day, according as each separate piece is set in place. The total cost of the church up to the present date is $85,000. To this will have to be added $6,000, which is the estimated cost of the towers when completed.

The first sod was turned in 1899, and on September 3rd 1900, the corner stone was laid by the Right Rev. Thomas Jos. Dowling, Bishop of Hamilton. On this occasion His Lordship expressed his pleasure at the prospect of this proving to be one of the finest churches built in his career and his prediction has come true.

A view unobstructed by other buildings discloses to us St. Mary's church standing like a mighty sentinel over the several Catholic institutions, which are but a short distance off. The church which is made of red brick rises from a spacious clearing which will under the influence of spring and summer become a beautiful park. The dimensions of the church are 191x61, and when it is taken into consideration that the towers when completed will be two hundred feet high, some idea of the size of this grand structure can be gained. The huge projecting buttresses and the bulky shape of the church give to the whole edifice an appearance of solidity and strength. The front of the church presents a particularly striking appearance on account of the many stone ornamentations which thus dispense with the monotony of the red brick work. Leading to the front entrances are a series of massive granolithic steps, and as one rises upon the other and eventually leads you into the magnificent church it reminds one of a pure soul's laborious ascent in this life, and finally its happy entrance into the Kingdom of Glory.

Our first impression on entering the church was one of awe, being totally unprepared for its immensity. The white general effect was one of immaculate whiteness, on account of the pure white walls and the wood work which is all finished in light colors. From the fact that such a large edifice is unsupported by pillars or columns, one is apt to conceive an inadequate idea of its magnitude. The body of the church is in the shape of a cross; at the foot of this cross is the entrance and over it the gallery; on either end of the transept stands a beautiful side altar, while at the top of this cross is the main, or high altar. The seats are of old oak finish and will hold fifteen hundred people. There are four rows of them, the two centre rows being double. All around the base of the walls runs a wainscoting of quarter cut oak, also with an old oak finish. The ceiling runs out straight from the walls for a distance of 15 feet and then curves gracefully upward into an immense nave. Between the windows on ward buttress takes its start, and gathering volume joins the end of the straight ceiling, and acts as an elegant support for it. There is a massive beauty about these heavy adornments which adds to that feeling of awe which we experienced on first entering. The architect, Mr. A. W. Homes, received a special prize at the Dominion Fair, Toronto, for his plan of the church. That he deserved it, we see as we gaze about us and observe once more the charming symmetry and the artistic beauty of design everywhere evident.

The sacristy runs in a half circle immediately behind the high altar, and thus forms a spacious and convenient room for the church property, while the baptistry adjoins the vestibule at the entrance. Below the church is a large basement conveniently lighted and well adapted for the various church purposes and functions which will be held there.

Like the church itself, all the inner embellishments are in the Gothic style; all the confessionals, all the altars and the communion railing proclaim the rare beauty of that Renaissance era. The pipe organ has been so thoroughly refitted and enlarged, that it is more appropriate to call it a new organ than an old one. As yet, the stained glass windows have not been put into the main body of the church but these will soon be supplied by donations from private families and the several Catholic Societies of the parish. Over the high altar, however, there are four beautiful stained glass windows with a superb blue as the predominating color. As we gaze at the altar, the noon day rays faintly tinted with royal blue fall in floods over the sanctuary of the King. In the right transept there is the Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes and also two confessionals. In the left transept there is an altar of St. Joseph, and above it a massive cross, thirteen and a half feet high, with the image of our Saviour in life size.

As things of beauty and masterpieces of art we at once placed the Stations of the Cross in the foremost rank. These stations came direct from Munich, Germany, at a cost of $1,600. The colors are soft and pleasing to the eye and in no case too elaborate. But what brought forth our expression of admiration was the perfection of the figures and the life like expression on the features. As we looked at one after the other, our souls were transported back into the dim past, and we seemed to follow our blessed Redeemer on His painful journey to Calvary. Now, bringing all the various details again before your mind, picture to yourself eight hundred and fifty electric lights shedding their soft lustre over the scene, and you will have some idea of this magnificent church.

The opening of the church was attended with all that pomp of ceremony, for which the Roman Catholic Church is so remarkable. Many prominent men of both the laity and the clergy from the surrounding country had come to witness and take part in this memorable event. The large church was filled to the utmost, as the news of the opening had travelled far and wide. The venerable cortege proceeded from the parish house, and as they arrived at the church they went through that grand and imposing ceremony which is part of the Rubrics, and which always fascinates the mind, from the fact that we witness and hear prayers and hymns which are a medium between earth and heaven. After all had entered the church a few preliminary ceremonies were gone through, and then the Mass began. The choir under their able director Rev. Vincent Kloepfer, did excellent justice to a masterpiece of symphony and heavenly harmony.

Since the year 1830, when the need of a church and a resident pastor was impressed so strongly upon the Catholics of Berlin, perhaps there has been no event in Catholic circles, at least, which excited such universal interest. And indeed the whole city has reason to be proud of this handsome edifice, the largest in the city. And the growth of Catholicity in this prosperous community is so steady, as even to justify our prediction that it will not be long before another church will be needed and another unit added to the already long list of edifices erected to the honor and glory of God in the diocese of Hamilton. In the career of our present Bishop Right Rev. Thos. Jos. Dowling many have shot upward towards the sky, but we think there is no one which so fully realizes our ideal in size, beauty and general excellence. Once again we join with the congregation of St. Mary's in congratulations upon their accomplished effort and in prayer for their future welfare.

M. A. S. '04.

THE DEDICATION.

Toronto Globe, Dec. 14.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—The opening and dedication of the new and magnificent St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church took place amid unusual pomp and splendor to-day. Never in the history of Berlin has there been a church opening which attracted larger crowds and keener interest than on this occasion. The fact that his Excellency Monsignor Sbarretti, the Papal delegate to Canada, attended and participated in their services, added more interest to the event. Besides this distinguished visitor Right Rev. Thomas J. Dowling, Bishop of Hamilton; Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough and Right Rev. Bishop McEvay of London assisted in the impressive ceremonies. A large number of priests from the United States and various parts of Canada and former students of St. Jerome College were in attendance. The members of the Catholic Order of Foresters, the St. Boniface Society and the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association met at their halls and at 9 o'clock marched to the church, where they formed a guard of honor from the presbytery to the church for the procession of priests in their Pontifical robes.

Right Rev. Bishop Dowling had charge of the exterior ceremony. Before entering the church His Lordship and his assistants walked around the church, blessing the foundation and walls. When this was completed the procession passed into the church and the interior blessings were performed. When the doors were thrown open nearly fifteen hundred people were comfortably seated in the edifice, and the Solemn Mass was impressively celebrated by his Excellency Monsignor Sbarretti, assisted by Rev. W. Scharen and J. Shawenzer.

The dedication sermon was preached by the Right Rev. Bishop McEvay, of London, and was eloquent and appropriate, the text being taken from Second Chronicles, Chap. vi. 19 20, 21, verses.

At the conclusion of the discourse an address of welcome was read by Mr. George C. H. Lang, to his Excellency on behalf of the congregation which was suitably responded to.

REV. WM KLOEPFER, C. R. DD

The Bee, St. Jerome's College, Berlin.

In connection with the opening of the new Roman Catholic church of Berlin, and that our description may be complete, it delights us to present to the public a short biographical sketch of one whose name is interwoven with every part of its erection, from the turning of the first sod to the placing of the altar-stone—one whose name is indelibly written upon every stone and one whose soul seems to be the foundation of the grand edifice. Such a one is Rev. Wm Kloepfer, C. R.

Father Kloepfer, present rector of St. Mary's congregation at Berlin, Ont., was born at New Germany, Ont., Oct. 8, 1849. He received his preliminary education at the parochial school of that town, and then entered St. Jerome's College which at that time was situated at Assumption. Father Kloepfer was a member of the first class established by Rev. L. Funcken C. R., which is to day looked upon as the most worthy class that ever left the maternal walls of St. Jerome's. Although they had not the conveniences of the present day, yet their lives were those of students. Father Funcken was their only professor and guardian, and to-day glancing over the list of the Canadian clergy, we find most of their names occupying prominent places. During their course at college, that institution was removed from its old location at St. Agatha, to its present site in Berlin.

After completing the course Father Kloepfer graduated with high honors. As a student he merited the esteem of all his class mates and the regard of his professors. To proceed in his clerical studies and applying his attentions to the Order of the Resurrectionist Fathers, he went to Rome, Italy. Here after nine years of continual study, he obtained the title of Doctor of Divinity and was ordained to the priesthood March 3 1878.

Now as a member of the Order of the Resurrection, he was called upon to enter his field of labor. St. Jerome's College was rapidly progressing, and was in need of able and energetic men of good and faithful teachers to see to its interests. Father Kloepfer from the day of his return from Rome, to the present day, has labored incessantly, and has always been an active member of the faculty of St. Jerome's College. He, through his untiring efforts, has done all in his power to promote its interests. As a professor Father Kloepfer is kind and eminent; as a friend, benevolent and sincere.

Not only was he based as a member of the teaching staff, but also a shepherd of a flock. In 1881 he was appointed pastor of the Preston congregation, where he labored for two years. Then at the death of Rev. L. Funcken which occurred Jan. 30, 1890, he was appointed rector of St. Mary's church at Berlin, which station he holds at the present day. The office of Provincial of the Order of the Resurrection in America was also made vacant by the death of Father Funcken, and Father Kloepfer was appointed his successor, which position he retained until two years ago. During his time as Provincial, he made two trips to Rome in the interests of the Order.

Notwithstanding his assistance rendered the college and the community, his labors in the parish have been untiring. He has continually striven to supply the wants of his parishioners spiritually, no efforts on his part. The great hope and desire with which he was insulled from the first day of his appointment as rector was the building of a new church. His parish was continually increasing and he saw the necessity of a new and larger house of worship, and for this he did not labor in vain. His prayers have been heard and answered. He now sees his hopes fulfilled, his desires gratified, and he beholds the fruits of his labors.

The 15th day of December, 1903, is a doubly joyous day for him. He sees his efforts crowned by the opening of the new temple of God, and also on this day he celebrates his twenty-fifth anniversary as priest. It is true it is not the exact day of the anniversary of his ordination, yet it is the same year, and it was his earnest desire to celebrate his silver jubilee on the same day as the opening of the new church.

The morning was spent in performing the opening ceremonies of the church, and in the afternoon the children of the parish school made him a presentation in honor of his jubilee at St. Mary's school hall. The spacious apartment was filled to the doors. Among the audience in attendance were the prominent officials at the morning service, all the eminent men of the town and his parish, and many of his class-mates and pupils. The smaller boys and girls performed very tasty drills and exercises, while the older girls gave a jubilee representation which was of a very high order. Singing and instrumental music also added greatly to the enjoyment of all present.

The gifts which were received by Father Kloepfer in remembrance of his jubilee were numerous and costly. His brothers and sisters presented him with a solid silver, gold-plated chalice of Roman style, beautifully ornamented with hand engraving. The gift of his nephews and nieces was an elegant set of silver, gold-plated cruets. One niece presented him with a beautiful sanctuary lamp of Gothic style. The tokens of the altar boys and school children were expressed in the presentation of a very expensive missal valued at $35. Some of his class-mates and pupils gave him three and some sanctuary chairs valued at $100. Several well disposed friends of the parish presented him with purses, while the donation of the parish in general is their generosity and liberality in reducing the church debt.

The remembrance of this day will always be cherished by the pastor of St. Mary's congregation. A bright future lays before him. He has merited for himself the good will and love of his parishioners and new happy in the new church, lives to reap the harvest of his life's toil.

"To draw folk to heaven by fairness,
By good example, this was his business;
But Christ's love, and His apostles twelve,
He taught, but first he followed it himself."

G. J. K. '06.

## MARKET REPORTS.

LONDON.

London, Dec. 24.—Grain, per cental—Wheat per cental, $1 26 to $1.28; oats 80 to 84c.; corn 90 to 1 00; barley, 85 to 88, peas, $1 00 to $1.50; buckwheat, 90c to $1.10; rye, 90 to 95c.

Meat—Pork, per cwt., $6 25 to $6 75, pork, by the lb. 9 to 10c.; beef, by the quarter $4.00 to $7 00; veal, $7.00 to $8; mutton, $5 to $6; lamb, per pound, 8 to 10c.

Poultry—Spring chickens, per pair, 55 to 75c; live chickens, per pair, 40 to 60; spring ducks, per pair, 75c to $1.15; turkeys, dressed, per lb, 13½ to 16c; turkeys, live per lb. 11½ to 12½; geese, per lb 9 to 10c.

Farm Produce.—Hay, $6.50 to $8 50; straw per ton, $5.00.

Live Stock—Live hogs, $4 75; pigs, pair, $3.00 to $5 00; stags, per cwt, $2.00 to $2 12½; sows, $3.50 to $3 75; fat cattle, $3.75 to $4 10.

Hides and Skins—Wool, washed, 16c to 17c; wool, unwashed, 8c to 9c; hides, No. 1, 7c; hides No 2, 6c; hides No. 3, 5c; tallow, rendered, per lb, 4½ to 4½c; tallow, rough per lb, 2½c to 3c; sheepskins, each, 90c to $1 00; calfskins No 1 9c; calfskins, No. 2, 7c to 9c.

Dairy produce. Eggs, per dozen, wholesale, 24 to 26c; eggs, per dozen, retail, 28 to 30c; butter best roll, 17 to 19c; butter best crock, 16 to 18c; butter, creamery, 21 to 23c; honey, strained 8 to 9c; honey, in comb, 10 to 12c.

TORONTO

Toronto Dec. 24.—Wheat—Ontario No. 2 red, white and mixed are unchanged; at 76c for milling; spring is quiet at 75c. For No. 1 east, and 72c for No. 2 east; goose unchanged at 70c for No. 2, east; Manitoba No. 1 hard is nominal at 88½c on track, lake ports; other grades are steady: No. 1 northern is quoted at 89½c to 86c; No 2 northern at 83½c to 84c and No, 3 northern at 79½c to 80c, on track, lake ports; milling in transit price for each grade is 6c more. Corn—Canadian is quoted at 40c for yellow and 39½ for mixed cars, west; old crop American is unchanged: No. 2 yellow is quoted at 51½c to 52c. No. 3 mixed at 53c, and No. 3 white at 52c, in car lots on the track, Toronto; new crop American is fairly steady No 3 yellow is offered at 50½c and No. 3 mixed at 49½ in car lots at buyers risk, on the track. Toronto; new crop American is fairly steady; No. 2 yellow is offered at 50½c and No 3 mixed at 49½c, in car lots, at buyers' risks, on the track here. Oats are steady; No, 1 white are quoted at 28½c low freights; 28c, middle freights, and 27c, high freights; No. 2 white are quoted as le less. Barley—Market is quiet and steady: No. 2 is quoted at 40c, middle freights; No. 3 extra is quoted at 38c, middle freights, and No. 3 at 36½, east or middle freights. Rye continues firm; No. 2 is quoted at 62c, low freights; 51c, middle freights, and 50c' high freights. Peas—No. 2 are quoted at 61c, low freights; 60c, middle freights, and 59c, high freights. Buckwheat—No. charge; No 2 is quoted at 45c, low freights; 42c, middle freights, and 41c, high freights. Flour — Market for 90 per cent. patents is dull at $3 to $3'02½, buyers' bags, f.o.b main line west; some holders are asking $3 05; Manitoba flour is steady; first patents are selling at $4.55 to $4 75; second patents at $4 25 to $4 45, and strong bakers at $4 45 to $4 35 bags included, on the track, Toronto, Millfeed—Ontario shorts are offering more freely, and prices are 50c lower at $19.50 to $17 in bulk cars west; bran is easy at $14 in bulk, cars west. Manitoba feed is unchanged at $20 for shorts and $18 for bran, in car lots bags included, on the track. Toronto. Oatmeal is steady at $3.50 for bags and $3 70 for barrels, in car lots, on the track here, and 25c more for broken lots.

### Live Stock Markets.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—The quotations for exporters were nominal at $4 25 to $4 90 per cwt. Owing to the Chicago market being lower than the Toronto one this week, several of the buyers purchased consignments there.

The demand for butchers' was slack. We quote:—Fair to good butchers' $3 90 to $4 10; medium to fair, $3 40 to $3 85; common to medium $2 95 to $3 35, and rough to common, $2 35 to $2.85 per cwt.

Cows were in fair demand at steady prices. We quote:—Export cows, 1,250 to 1,350 lbs, $3 to $3 50; butchers' cows, $2,50 to $3, and canners, $1.30 to $1.70 per cwt.

Trade in bulls was fairly good. Following are the quotations:—Export bulls, 1,350 to 2000 lbs, $3 90 to $4 30; butchers' $3 to $3 50, and stock bulls, 800 lbs up, $1.75 to $2.25 per cwt.

The light offerings of feeders and stockers induced but a small business. We quote as follows:—Feeders, 1,100lbs, $3 80 to $4; feeders, 900 to 1,100 lbs, $3.50 to $4; feeders, 800 to 900 lb, $3 25 to $3 35; stockers, 650 to 750 lbs, $2.50 to $3; stock calves 400 lbs up $2 50 to $2.75 per cwt.

Sheep and lambs were in good demand. We quote: Lambs, 3 90 to $4 60; export ewes, $3.50 up; bucks, $2 50 to $2.75; culls, $2 to $3 50 each; calves, $4 to $5.75 per cwt. and $2 to $10 each.

Hogs were unchanged. We quote:—Selects, 160 to 200 lbs. of prime bacon quality, off cars, $5 00; fats and lights, $4 50; sows, $3.50 stags $2 to $3 per cwt.

EAST BUFFALO.

East Buffalo Dec. 24. — Cattle — Receipts 125 head; nothings doing; prices unchanged. Veals—Receipts, 200 head; 75c lower; $5 to $7.75. Hogs—Receipts, 8700 head; active; 5c to 10c lower; heavy $4 60; mixed $4 50 to $4 55; Yorkers, $4 45 to $4 50; pigs, $4.50; roughs, $3.80 to $4; stags, $3 to $3 50. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 12,000 head; dull and lower; lambs $5 to $6.25 yearlings $4 50 to $4 75; wethers, $4 to $4 25; ewes, $3 50 to $3.75; sheep, mixed, $2 to $3 85.

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