

APPENDIX D; FRENCH MISSION SCHEME.

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RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand May 23, 1863...	280 56
Congregational collections...	576 32
Donations,	36 46

\$893 34

DISBURSEMENTS.

Postage and stationery,	\$ 8 19
Printing, Lovell's acc.	16 25
Travelling expenses of Messrs.	
Baridon and Tanner to Ottawa,	
and of Mr. Tanner to Bayfield, 66 34	
Rev. L. Baridon's salary to 1st	
June next,	500 00
Rev. J. E. Tanner, donation,	200 00
Balance on hand,	102 56

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ARCHD. FERGUSON,
Treasurer.

Montreal 23rd May, 1863

FRENCH MISSION CHURCH, MONTREAL.

In their last report your Committee proposed the erection of a Church upon the Mission lot in Dorchester Street, Montreal, according to a plan the estimates for which were at least \$4000. The amount required over and above the Reserve Fund then on hand was a little more than half the estimated cost, and it was suggested that it might be obtained by a subscription of small sums, averaging in amount \$24 for each of the hundred congregations on the Synod Roll, a sum which the Committee thought would not fall heavily upon the people, or interfere perceptibly with any of their ordinary obligations. In your deliverance upon this proposal you were pleased to remit to the Committee to proceed with it at their discretion, and you were further pleased, earnestly to commend it to the support of the congregations. As soon as arrangements could be completed, your Committee, having confidence in the success of the plan thus sanctioned, proceeded to issue circulars and subscription sheets, and shortly thereafter to commence building operations. Thinking that returns would be received in the course of a few months, the Treasurer kindly advanced what was necessary in addition to the reserve fund to forward the work, and it went rapidly on. To the regret of the Committee it soon became apparent, however, that the anticipated interest was not taken in the project either by the ministers or the people, or both, at least the few and tardy receipts indicated as much to them. Renewed appeals were made in vain, and the consequence was that the building ceased to advance so rapidly as at first, and the time of its expected completion went far past. The continued indulgence of the Treasurer, however, has enabled the Committee to see the enterprise all but finished, and it is now arranged that the Church will, (D.V.) be publicly opened next Sabbath, and it is thought that the opportunity, which the members of the Synod may embrace, of being present at the afternoon service, will have its advantage, by interesting them, and through them their people, in what remains to be accomplished in liquidating the debt. Only seventeen Congregations have as yet responded to the Committee's appeal and the Synod's recommendation, and for the prompt and liberal manner in which most of these transmitted their contributions the Committee desire to record their warmest thanks. The whole amount spent, as will be seen by reference to the appended statement, is very little above the minimum estimate, but as there are still some payments to be made, and as a little additional expenditure will have to be incurred before the building is suitably enclosed and thoroughly finished internally, it is believed that about \$700 more will be required. In the meantime it is submitted to the eighty congregations which have made no pecuniary investment in this important undertaking, that they might with scarcely an effort supply the balance reported as due to the Treasurer. A very little more than an

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