

CHAPEL of OUR LADY of the SACRED HEART

INTRODUCTION

THIS chapel, situated at the apsis of the parochial church of Notre-Dame, is one of the most beautiful monuments in the city of Montreal : architecture, sculpture, paintings, decorations, there is nothing in it that is not worthy of remark and should not be studied in the minutest details.

When he crosses the entrance of the principal door, the visitor experiences a sense of amazement and admiration owing to the harmony of the lines, the splendour of the ornamentation, and the ampleness of the proportions.

The chapel is in the form of a latin cross, with 90 feet in length, 85 feet in the transept, and an altitude of 55 feet.

One is never tired of admiring the numerous statues distributed with perfect symmetry in the whole chapel and especially in the Sanctuary, the elegant galleries, the pannels adorned with mosaic, and chiefly the paintings, all of them executed by Canadian artists who have been in Paris, pupils of the most renowned masters.

It is especially for the explanation of those paintings that the following notes have been written,