

After spending an hour or more at that exercise, the Indians were made to learn a question of Catechism or a portion of prayers by repeating the same over and over again, this lasted for an hour or so. Then a hymn in Indian or Chinook, and when you think the session is over there comes the cases to settle, disputes among some of the Indians, or some offenses which have to be punished, such as drinking, morals, etc. The missionary acts then as a judge, and tries to settle everything the best way he can. This takes a long time, and often the sitting lasts till very late at night. One night especially, it was past eleven o'clock, and it did not seem as if we were about to finish, I felt very tired and remarked it to the Bishop. Soon after he brought the meeting to a close, and asked the Indians to listen carefully to what he had to tell them. He said, "I do not want any of you to ring the bell to-morrow morning, I will do it myself." The Indians all retired, and we soon went to our room, and the Bishop said, "I am tired myself, but we are going now to take a good rest." Notwithstanding, the bell rang as usual at five in the morning. I began to move and complain. "Sleep away" said the Bishop, "let them ring their bell as much as they like." The bell rang again at half-past five, and at six. We got up then, and a few minutes after, coming to the Church, found it full. The Indians were all in waiting for us. After the Masses were over, when we came out, the Bishop began to inquire who had rung the bell. Nobody could say. When everybody had retired, the old chief Etienne came forward, and said to the Bishop, "I am an old man, and you are younger than me, yet I got up before you." It was he that had rung the bell. The evening before, while the case was going on, old Etienne was lying down on his mat in a corner of the

room, and sleeping soundly, so he had no difficulty in being the first awake in the morning.

The erection of the new Catholic Church of Our Lady of The Rosary at Vancouver, was commenced in the month of February, 1899. The laying of the corner-stone took place on the 16th day of July, 1899, and was the occasion of impressive ceremonies, performed by his Grace Archbishop Langevin, of St. Boniface. It is expected that the Church will be finished in the month of October in the present year. The completion of this magnificent edifice will mark an era in the history of Vancouver. It will be a lasting monument to the progress and prosperity of the city. It is no exaggeration to say that it will be the grandest and most magnificent Church in both outward appearance and inward finish on the Pacific Coast.

The Church is of Gothic design and built of granite and sandstone laid in cement, and covered with a slate roof. The total length is 161 ft., the nave is 64 ft., and the transept 104 ft. in w'th. It has two aisles, and the clear story wall is carried on arches, supported by massive polished marble stone columns, with capitals handsomely carved, with effigies of the Apostles and Evangelists and their distinctive insignia. From the capitals, triple engaged shafts rise to the full height of the clear story walls, terminating in carved sandstone corbels. From the corbels, the roof principles and groining ribs spring and together divide the ceiling into a series of sex-partite groined bays. The height from the floor to the apex of the groining is 62 feet. The windows are filled in with flowing and flamboyant tracery characteristic of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. Those in the transept and choir are exceptionally large and exceedingly effective.