

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

(FOR 1886)



Melville Church,

COTE ST. ANTOINE.



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COTE ST. ANTOINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

At a meeting of the congregation, held on the 3rd inst., it was resolved to adopt the system of **Weekly** Contributions by envelopes, instead of Pew rents—a particular pew being assigned, however, to each family or individual.

A meeting of the congregation will be held on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., at the close of the Prayer meeting for the purpose of allocating pews. Each family will be allotted the number of sittings required, and members of other congregations and their families, who wish to connect themselves partially, or as adherents of the congregation, will also have sittings assigned to them.

All the expenses of the congregation—including Minister's stipend or pulpit supply, as well as salary of the caretaker, fuel, lighting, &c.—are to be defrayed from the weekly contributions.

You are requested to fill in, on the accompanying form, the amount you purpose to pay weekly, to enable the Managers to form an estimate of the revenue that will be available, and it is hoped that members and adherents will contribute as liberally as possible. The younger members of families also, may in many cases, be able to contribute and it is hoped they will do so as far as they are able.

Please to hand in the form, duly filled up, on the collection plate on Sabbath first.

A full attendance at the meeting for the allocation of pews is desired.

Cote St. Antoine, March 8, 1886.

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MELVILLE CHURCH,

COTE ST. ANTOINE.

PASTOR, - - - - (charge vacant.)

INTERIM SESSION:

REV. R. H. WARDEN, - - Moderator.

REV. PROFESSOR CAMPBELL, WILLIAM REID (St. Paul's Ch.)

JAMES GRAY, St. - WALTER PAUL (Knox-Ch.)

A. C. HUTCHISON, - Session Clerk.

TRUSTEES:

A. C. HUTCHISON, M. HUTCHISON, W. GREIG, D. RUTHERFORD.

J. K. MACDONALD.

BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR 1887:

* M. HUTCHINSON, - - - President.

* D. RUTHERFORD, - - Vice do.

* ROBT. HARVIE, - - Treasurer.

* H. C. RUSSEL, - - - Secretary.

* ALEX. WILLS, * W. MINTO.

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*A.*C. HUTCHISON, *N. MCLEOD.

*THOS. SAMUEL, W. S. THOMSON.

* These formed the Board of Managers for 1886.

AUDITORS:

JAS. F. MACFARLANE, JAS. W. HANNAH.

COMMITTEE ON PEWS AND SITTINGS:

D. RUTHERFORD, ROBT. HARVIE.

Members Enrolled on Communion Register.

REV. PROFESSOR CAMPBELL. Mrs. CAMPBELL. ABRAHAM CURRIE. Mrs. WM. DISTIN. JAS. GRAY, Sr. Mrs. GRAY. WM. GREIG. Mrs. GREIG. ROBERT GREIG. -A. C. HUTCHISON. -Mrs. HUTCHISON. ROBT. HARVIE. Mrs. HARVIE. · ROBERT HARROWER. 6 Mrs. HARROWER. M. HUTCHINSON. Mrs. T. H. HUDSON. -WM. HAWTHORNE. Mrs. HAWTHORNE. Mrs. D. Hoop. NELLIE HOOD. Louis Hobus. Mrs. M. HARDMAN. Mrs. GEO. HORSMAN. JOHN KERR. Mrs. KERR.

GEO. LITHGROW. Mrs. LITHGOW. WILLIAM MINTO. -Mrs. Minto. JESSIE MUNRO Mrs. L. MARTIN. Miss H. MARTIN. J. S. MURRAY. Mrs. MURRAY. J. K. MACDONALD. -Mrs. MACDONALD. -NORMAN MCLEOD. Mrs. OUTHET. RICHARD PAXTON. Mrs. R. PAXTON. MARY PORTER. -DUGLAS RUTHERFORD. -Mrs. RUTHERFORD. H. C. RUSSEL. -MRS. RUSSEL. JAMES SMITH. -Mrs. SMITH. -GEORGE WOOD. -Mrs. Wood.

ALEX. WILLS.

Annual Congregational Meeting.

The first Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held in the Church, on the evening of Wednesday, January 19th, 1887, Mr. M. Hutchinson, president, in the chair. The meeting having been opened by devotional exercises, after some introductory remarks by the President, the following reports and and statements were submitted and approved:—

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Report of the Building Committee.

At a meeting of Presbyterians resident in Cote St. Antoine, held on 3rd November, 1885, Messrs. A. C. Hutchison, Thomas Samuel, M. Hutchinson, J. K. Macdonald, and Robt. Harvie, were appointed a Building Committee, with power to choose one of four properties named as a site for the church to be erected, and to enter into contracts for the construction of the building on the plans adopted at that meeting. The Committee has also had the assistance of Mr. Rutherford. This Committee has now the pleasure of submitting a report of its work.

Meetings have been held by the Committee from time to time as circumstances required, but they do not consider it necessary to give a lengthy report of the proceedings, as the result of their labours is now apparent, the church having been erected and regular services held in it since February last and the congregation of Melville Church, Cote St. Antoine, regularly constituted at a meeting held on the 3rd March following. The financial portion of the work of the Committee is the only part that calls for explanation or comment.

Accompanying this report is a list of the contributors to the Building Fund and a statement showing the amount received and expended on that account. From the latter it will be observed that there is a deficit of \$536.62. The Committee has also considered it necessary to have a winter porch put up at the church door, the cost of which, and some other small matters connected with the choir seats and vestry, will increase the deficit to nearly \$700. Besides this floating debt of \$700. there is \$2000.00 still due on the land, making the total indebtedness of the congregation \$2700.00. A memorandum is also appended showing the value of the church property to be \$7,660, exclusive of the organ.

The Committee recommend that immediate steps be taken to clear off the whole of the floating debt, and that the reduction of the balance due on the land be also kept in view.

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was held in y 19th, 1887, The meeting r some introreports and to the work both by residents of the locality and friends in the city has been gratifying to the Committee. Very substantial assistance has been given by the ladies of the congregation who conducted a most successful Bazaar in February last, and members and adherents have responded cheerfully, while members of city churches also have given liberal contributions to the Building Fund, and towards the cost of the organ.

The success which has thus far attended the establishing of the church is evidence of it being a much needed work—the outward tabernacle having now been set up in our midst, let us pray that the Holy Spirit may be established in our hearts.

A. C. HUTCHISON, Convener. ROBT. HARVIE, Secretary.

The total value of the Church property (exclusive of the organ) is \$7.660,00, as follows:—

	Cost of land and deeds \$3226.30	
	Fencing and levelling grounds 416.13	
	Carpenter, plaster, painter and brickwork 2945.20	
	Windows, upholstering and furnishing 561.79	
	Sundries 59-75	
	Value of other contributions 300.00 Amount required for winter porch and	
	furnishing Vestry	\$7659.1 900.0
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Report of the Board of Managers.

The Board of Managers in presenting this, the first annual report of Melville Church, desire to record their gratitude to God for the measure of success and encouragement which has been youchsafed to this congregation.

The financial statements now presented are for the period from the opening of the church till December 31st, 1886, and show the amount received as ordinary revenue and the ordinary expenditure, and also collections for special objects. Owing to the circumstances in which the congregation has been placed (having no settled pastor) the expenditure has not been so great as it would otherwise have been, so that there is a surplus of revenue of \$622.40. The disposal of this sum lies with the congregation at this meeting, and in this connection the Board would recommend that the claims of the Building Fund be considered.

The number of contributors to ordinary revenue is now 59, the amount of the Weekly offerings being \$30.50, and the plate collections \$5 per Sabbath, thus giving an income at the rate of \$1,840 per annum. While the Board has every reason to be satisfied with the liberality of the members and adherents so far, they consider that an ordinary revenue of at least \$2000.00 is required to suitably provide for a pastor, and maintain the church in an efficient manner in all departments.

Of the 204 sittings in the church all have been allocated excepting 10 or 12, and these would also have been taken but that they are nearly all in single sittings in different pews. The Board has applications for sittings which they are unable to grant, and it may be necessary in the near future to ask pewholders to make a re-arrangement of sittings so as to obtain advantage of the full capacity of the building.

Referring to the attendance on the Sabbath services and the interest taken in congregational matters generally, your Board feels called upon to express their satisfaction therewith. Besides members and adherents of the congregation many brethren of other denominations attend more or less frequently on the services, some of them being seat-holders and regular contributors to the funds of the church. There are still some

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Many portions of the work of the Board have been made light by the ready assistance that has been given them by members and others. The thanks of the congregation are due to those who have assisted in the service of praise, many of whom do not belong to the congregation, and in particular to Mr. Greenshields who has so regularly and ably lent his aid in this department.

In conclusion your Board would congratulate the congregation on their now occupying their own place of worship and they hope that ere long a pastor will be sent among us who will faithfully break to us the bread of life.

On behalf of the Board of Managers,

M. HUTCHINSON, President. ROBT. HARVIE, Secretary.

Further Business of the Annual Meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the ladies, and to the friends who have contributed to the Building Fund and to the cost of the Organ, also to S. Greenshields, Esq. and others who have assisted in the musical part of the services.

It was resolved, in order to clear off the floating debt of \$700.00 due by the Building Fund, that \$500.00 be taken from the surplus of ordinary revenue, and that a list be opened for subscriptions to make up the other \$200.00 required; also, that \$50.00 be given to the Sabbath School, and \$20.00 to the General Assembly's Augmentation Scheme.

The Board of Managers for 1887 were elected. They were instructed to have all statements and reports printed and distributed; and it was recommended that they give immediate consideration to the matter of a re-arrangement of the sittings.

Notice was given of a motion to change the name of the Church and otherwise revise the constitution—the date of the meeting for that purpose to be fixed by the Board of Managers.

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Dec. 31. Weekly offerings by envelopes \$1201.20. Plate collections 251.24 Other contributions. 124.00	1886. Dec 31. Pulpit Supply \$555 00 Garetaker's salary \$555 00 Attendant to Organ 102 50 Fuel (2 seasons) \$84 82 Lighting \$19 86; Insurance, \$39.50. 59.36 Hymnals and Psalters. 16.93 Interest on balance due on land (6 mos.) 60.00 Advertising, Printing and Stationery \$60.00 Sundries
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1886.

Cote St. Antoine, Jan'y 12, 1887. ROBT. HARVIE,	Cote 8	Audited and found correct,
92.	\$ 70.33	•
Nov. 20. Treasurer of Montreal Hospital 23 Balance in hand 34	30.00	June 30. Rent of Vestry from School Com'nrs 30.00 Nov. 18. Thanksgiving coll. for Gen'l Hospital. 28.47
1886. April 27. Amount of S. S. collection paid to Sup't.\$ 11	11.86	1886. Feby. 22. Collection at S. S. Opening Service\$

MELVILLE CHURCH, COTE ST. ANTOINE.

CASH RECEIVED AND EXPENDED ON ACCOUNT OF BUILDING FUND TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1886.

RECEIVED.	EXPENDED.
1886.	1886.
Dec. 31. From members of Knox Church.\$ 80.00	Dec. 31. On account of land
" " Crescent St. " 125.00	C. Cushing, N. P., for deeds.
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" " St. Paul's " 584.00	
" " American " 35.00	J. Doull, plastering 162.00
" Sundries 50.00	. A. Craig, painting 438.50
91879.00	A. Cowan, brickwork 33.50
" residents of Cote St. Antoine 2080.00	Pew numbers 11.20
Collections at Opening Services 151.76	2945.20
Balance short 536.62	Filling and levelling grounds 196.13
	Fencing and Shed 220.00
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JAMES W. HANNAH.	
MEMORANDUM	F BALANCES.
Special collections on hand	\$622.40 30.00
	\$665.40

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Hy. Morton.. P. Nicholson. Jas. Slessor . . ERS Warden King Warden King G. A. Grier .. Rev. L. H. Jo Rev R. H. Wa A. McIntyre . Samuel Bell .. Wm. Robb .. W. Yuile ...

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Subscriptions to the Building Fund,

MELVILLE CHURCH, COTE ST. ANTOINE.

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KNOX CHURCH:		R. Forsyth	25.00
J. G. Davie\$	20.00	M. Mackenzie	25.00
Jas. Brown	10.00	J. A. Cantlie	25.00
Walter Paul 2 instal'ts	20.00	Alex. Ewan	25.00
W. D. McLaren2 "	20.00	Mrs. Hew Ramsay	10.00
A. R. Wightman 1 "	10.00	Jno. Lewis	2.00
11.8		A. F. Riddell	2.00
CRESCENT STREET CHURCH	t:	A. Grant	5.00
Hy. Morton 2 instal'ts	20.00	J. G. Bellhouse	5.00
P. Nicholson	80.00		
Jas. Slessor	25.00	AMERICAN CHURCH:	
	20100	G. A. Greene	25.00
ERSKINE CHURCH:		H. McLennan	10.00
Warden King	500.00		
G. A. Grier	100.00	Hugh Brodie	25.00
Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D	50.00	St. Marks Church	10.00
Rev R. H. Warden	50.00	Rev. R. W. Cruikshank	5.00
A. McIntyre	50.00	Rev. R. H. W	10.00
Samuel Bell	50.00	RESIDENTS OF COTE ST. ANTO	
Wm. Robb	10.00		
W. Yuile	25.00	Alex. Murrry	500.00
Jas. Gill	10.00	S. Greenshields	200.00
Jno. Cassils	50.00	A. C. Hutchison	400.00
Jas. Williamson	10.00	J. H. Hutchison	100.00
J. Hodgson	50.00	D. Rutherford	150.00
D. Yuile	50.00	M. Hutchinson	200.00
		Robt. Harvie	250.00
St. Paul's Church:		Jas. F. Macfarlane	100.00
R. B. Angus	100 00	Thos. Samuel	50.00
A. A. Allan	100.00	Capt. D. R. Kerr	25.00
Sir D. A. Smith	100.00	Wm. Paxton	20.00
Sir Geo. Stephen, Bt	50.00	W. Minto	20.00
Jas. Burnett	25.00	Rev. Prof. Campbell	30.00
Wm. Reid	25.00	Geo. McBean	25.00
Jas. Johnston	25.00	Mrs. Martin	10.00
R. A. Ramsay	10.00	-	
James Croil	25.00		3959.00

Amount of City Subscriptions, \$1879. Cote St. Antoine, \$2080.

MEMORANDUM OF BALANCES.
Surplus of ordinary revenue..........
Special collections on hand

Deficit of Building fund.

Cash in hand

The amount raised by the Ladies' Bazaar was \$561.79 which has been expended on the Stained Glass Windows and on the Upholstering and furnishing of the Church.

The following contributions from friends have also been received:—R. & W. Kerr, on behalf of the manufacturers, 2 large stoves; Alex. Walker, water cooler; J. R. McLaren, an oil cabinet; A Friend, pulpit bible, psalter and hymn books; A Friend, 4 collection salvers; J. R. Lowden, fittings for pews; Thos. Samuel, pulpit lamps; W. Minto, clock; Mrs. Martin, door lamps; J. W. Hannah, thermometers; J. K. Macdonald, lamp hooks. The Sabbath-School Scholars presented the communion service, and Mr. A. C. Hutchison has given his services as architect gratis.

Sketch of the History of the Sabbath School.

In the summer of 1869 the difficulty, owing to distance, of attending the City Sabbath Schools, led to the formation of a school in this vicinity.

A room was furnished first by Mr. Wm. Rutherford, and afterwards by the Managers of the Protestant Deaf Mute Institution, and therein the school met and continued to meet until 1872 when, owing to the spread of sickness in the neighborhood the room had to be given up.

The attendance having rapidly increased, the school was, about this time, incorporated into the Canada Presbyterian Church Sabbath School Association. The want of a meeting room having been laid before this Association, through the special kindness of the Hon. Judge Torrance the building situated at the corner of Clarke ave. and Cote St. Antoine road was procured and furnished for the use of the school.

Until April 1881 the school continued to meet in this building, when finding the room too small, the school was removed to the upper part of the Dissentient school.

In 1879 the Sabbath School Association having resigned all financial liability for the schools in connection with it, this school was placed under the care of Erskine Church. At this time the average attendance of scholars was about 50, and the Missionary Collections which were regularly taken up, about \$20.00 per annum. Until February 14th 1886, the school continued to meet regularly in the School Commissioners building, being still under the care of Erskine Church, the Missionary Society of that congregation paying the rent of the school room. During the last year's occupancy of this building, the accommodation was altogether inadequate to the necessity of the school. The number of scholars had increased greatly, but new classes could not be formed for want of room.

In February 1886 the new church being completed, the school removed into it, at the same time Erskine Church transferred their responsibility and care over it to the new congre-

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The gentlemen who have superintended the School since its origin are as follows: from 1869 to 1872 Mr. James Davison, 1872 to 1875 Mr. Jas. Moodie, and from 1875 to the present time Mr. A. C. Hutchison.

Report of Melville Church Sabbath-School.

In presenting this, the first annual report of Melville Church Sabbath-School, our first duty is to record our thankfulness to God for His continued goodness to us as a school, in bestowing upon us so many tokens of his love during the year.

No deaths have taken place to sadden our hearts, and but little sickness has invaded our homes.

Our lessons have been as usual, those prepared for so many years by the International Sunday-School Lesson Committee, and have been faithfully taught during ten months of the year—the school having been closed during the months of July and August.

On the 22nd February we had the great satisfaction of moving our scholars into the new church building, which gave greatly increased accommodation. This, however, we are happy to say, has already become too limited for our necessities—two more class-rooms are very much needed to give efficacy to the work being done.

Mr. A. C. Hutchison still continues to superintend the school. To enable him to devote more time to the duties of his office, he resigned charge of the Bible-class, and Mr. Greig was invited to succeed him, so since the first Sabbath in May this important class has been under his instruction.

We regret to record the resignation of Miss Alice Ramsay, whose well known abilities had been devoted in training the minds of the Infant class, and with good results as the several reviews have evidenced. We are glad to state that an able successor in Miss Janet Kerr, has been re-enlisted into the service, and is now presiding with acceptance over that large and very important class.

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r numbers now are	,					
Teachers and	offic	ers		 	17	
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The Missionary collections per class boxes this year, are more than double those of last year (when this school was simply a mission station.)

In 1885	were	collected	 	\$43.92
In 1886	"	"		00.53

being an increase of \$55.61, or nearly 126% of gain over last year. This increase has encouraged us to contribute for one year at least, to the support of a pupil at the Pointe-aux-Trembles Mission School, a young man named Alfred Seton has been assigned to us, regarding whom the Principal of the school has sent us a few particulars. The cost for maintaining a pupil for the year is \$50, which we have undertaken, and paid one half that amount in advance.

Sabbath-school papers have been provided for the scholars at considerable expense, and new Gall & Inglis hymn books re-introduced.

ROBT. GREIG, Secretary.

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OFFICERS:

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Superintendent,	 	Mr. A. C. HUTCHISON
Assistant do.	 	" WM. GREIG.
Treasurer,	 ••	Miss Jeannie Samuel
Secretary,		Mr. Robert Greig.
Organist,	 	Mrs. Wood.
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TEACHERS

Mr. JAS. PHYMISTER.	Mrs. Wood.
" J. K. MACDONALD.	Miss JANET KERR.
" N. McLEOD.	" LILY RAMSAY.
WM. GREIG.	" JEANNIE SAMUEL
" ROBT. GREIG,	" GRACE BROWN.
" ALEX. WILLS.	" HATTIE KERR.
	" JESSIE MUNROE.
	" McNaughton.

Ladies Aid Society.

The ladies of the congregation met early in November, 1885, and formed a society known as the Ladies Aid Society, the object of which is to interest as many ladies in Church work as possible as well as to assist in raising money for such various purposes as may come under their direct notice. Weekly meetings are held for sewing; at these meetings orders for work of various kinds are taken by the ladies from any who may desire and executed by them. Last year the ladies assisted by their friends raised the sum of \$561.79 which was expended in the upholstering and furnishing of the church as shown in the report of the Building Committee.

While the attendance at these meetings is fairly large it would be still more encouraging to see all of the ladies of the congregation taking more interest in the work.

The membership fee is 50 cents annually.

OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 1887.

President,		 Mrs. J. CAMPBELL,
Vice-President,	• •	 " A. C. HUTCHISON.
Treasurer,		 " G. Wood.
Secretary,		 Miss Hood.