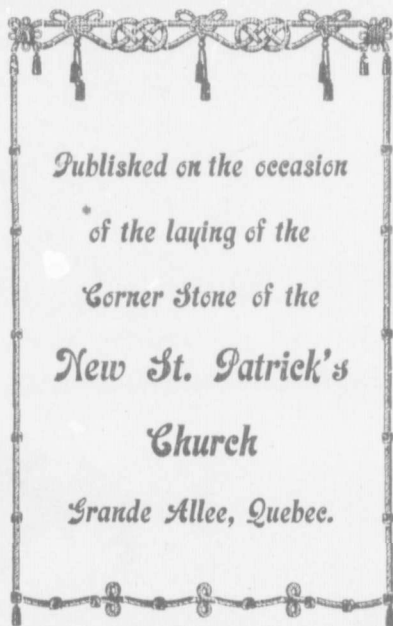


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Random Dates from the History of St. Patrick's Church

Sunday, September the twentieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, will ever be an eventful day in the annals of St. Patrick's Parish, being the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the New St. Patrick's Church on Grande Allee, which, when completed will be the pride of the parishioners, as it will rank second to none in Quebec.

ITS ORIGIN:—The credit of this enterprise is due to the zealous efforts of the very Rev. Father Woods, C.S.S.R., the present Rector.

Realizing the necessity of larger accommodation for the ever-increasing number of parishioners now attending St. Bridget's Chapel, Father Woods took the only practical means of having the matter rectified.

He had plans made for a large and beautiful Church, together with the estimated costs of same. These he submitted to the ecclesiastical superiors for approval. Permission having been obtained for building the basement of the new Church, Father Woods began the work immediately on the magnificent site chosen on Grande Allee.

This site, owing to the large number of parishioners residing in the vicinity, and many others moving in annually, is an ideal one.

Father Rector is to be congratulated on the splendid manner in which he has carried out his plans, as also upon the means he has taken to raise the funds necessary to meet the great expense of building.

The "New Church Fund" is the principal means he is employing. The conditions governing the fund are as follows:—

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The following "Random Dates," taken from the History of St. Patrick's Church, will no doubt prove very interesting.

The first meeting of the Irish Catholics of Quebec, for religious purposes was held in March, 1819, when it was resolved that efforts be made to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, by a High Mass. A subscription was taken up to defray the necessary expenses, and the festival was celebrated in the chapel of the Congregationists, on the Esplanade Hill.

A sermon was preached by the Reverend Michael Dufresne, vicar of Quebec.

This gentleman took a deep interest in the temporal and spiritual affairs of the Irish Catholic emigrants, then arriving in Quebec, where there were very few of their nationality, in a position to render them any assistance.

From this time the celebration of St. Patrick's Day has been con-



HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL BEGIN.

tinued, but there was no other distinct service for the Irish Catholics until 1822, when they were formed into

A SEPARATE CONGREGATION,

under the temporary charge of the Reverend Simon Lawlor. He was succeeded by the Reverend Henry McCaegney, who also remained for a short time, and was replaced by the Reverend Patrick McMahan in October, 1822.

As the latter was sent in 1825, as a missionary to St. John, N.B., at that time included in the Diocese of Quebec, the Reverend Hugh Paisley took charge.

From 1822, the Irish Catholics attended divine service in the

FRENCH BASILICA,

at 8 o'clock on Sundays. As the Canadians met in the same edifice at 9 o'clock, for the parochial Mass, there was hardly time for a low Mass, and a short instruction for the Irish.

Then the coming in of one congregation, before the other was dismissed, rendered the arrangement very inconvenient for all parties. This state of affairs was remedied to some extent, shortly after the return of the Reverend Mr. McMahan, in 1828, when he once more became pastor of the Irish congregation by the Church of

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

in the lower town, being placed at his disposal, but this building, even at that time, was too small for all who desired to attend, as hundreds were obliged to remain in the little market square, exposed at all seasons to all kinds of weather without the slightest shelter.

The Irish Catholics at this time numbered between 6,000 and 7,000.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

In October, 1831, ground was broken for a Church, 146 feet long, and 65 feet broad.

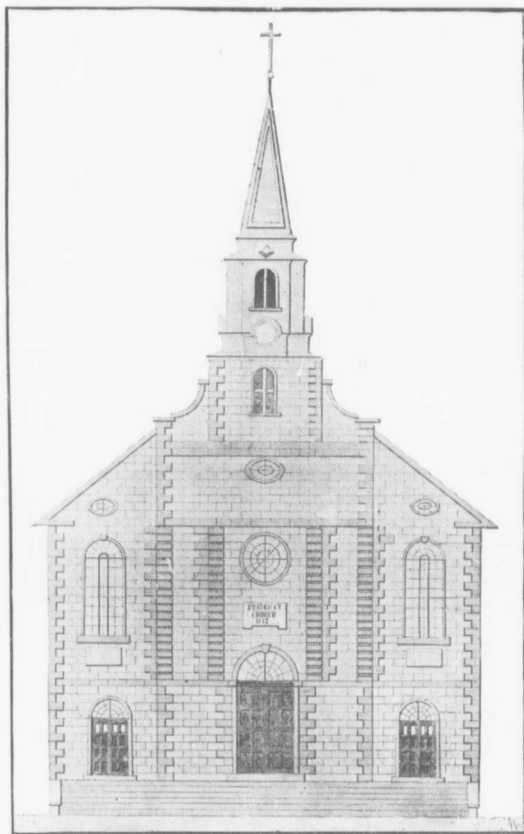
Work progressed so favorably, that preparations were made for the laying of the corner stone of the Church at 4 P.M. on Monday, 11th June, 1832, but as the cholera broke out on the eighth June, the ceremony was postponed.

During the reign of terror that existed during that summer, the stone was laid without any public display.

FIRST MASS IN ST. PATRICK'S,

The last Sunday service in the lower town Church was on the 30th of June, 1833, for at 9 o'clock on the 7th July, the ceremony of the dedication of St. Patrick's took place, the Very Reverend Jerome Demers, officiating, in the absence of His Lordship the Bishop, and his Coadjutor.

High Mass was sung by the Reverend C. F. Baillargeon, afterwards Archbishop of Quebec. In the sanctuary were the Reverends Thomas Maguire, chaplain of the Ursulines, Louis Joseph Demers, one of the many priests who were forced to leave France in the revolution of 1793, James Nelligan afterwards pastor of St. Patrick's, and Thomas L. Bras-



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH QUEBEC

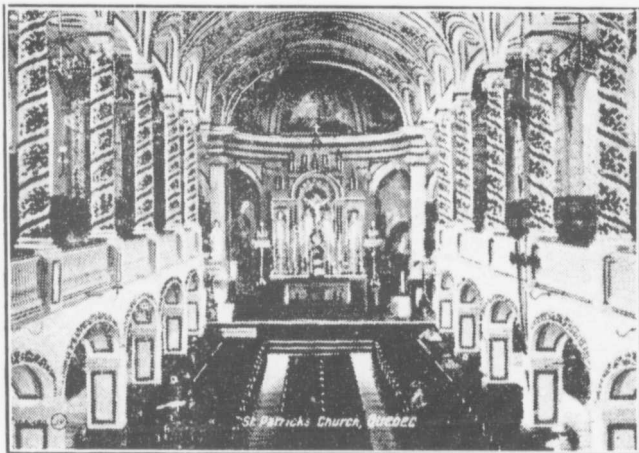
BUILT IN 1822

sard, vicar at Quebec. The sermon was preached by the Reverend Mr. McMahon.

DEATH OF THE REVEREND PATRICK McMAHON.

The Irish Catholics were now, thanks to their industry and perseverance holding an honorable position among their fellow-citizens in Quebec. In the trades, as in the learned professions, they were forging ahead.

From Point a Carcy to Sillery, in the merchants offices, as on the now deserted wharves and abandoned coves, the hum of Irish labor was heard from break of day to starlight, from May to November, while Irish footprints were becoming more plainly visible in the Canadian sanctuary and Canadian cloister.



INTERIOR OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

The leading thought of the Irish settlers was to give their children a good education, and one has only to refer to the records of the educational houses in Quebec, religious and lay, and there he will see that in the race after knowledge, the children of other creeds and origins found able competitors in the sons and daughters of the emigrants, who, on landing in Quebec, had only their physical strength and powers of endurance to depend on.

No wonder then the Reverend Mr. McMahon, felt "both pride and pleasure" on the 21st March, 1874, in addressing the St. Patrick's congregation as he could not help thinking of the great advancement made by them since his appointment as pastor. On this day from the altar steps he saw his flock united and zealous in the discharge of their religious duties, and from the steps of the Church the same union prevailed, each willing to help the other and all eager to show their affection for him at every turn.

From the far away coves, from the distant parts of the city, in all weathers, at all seasons the Irish Catholics assisted at the Divine offices in St. Patrick's Church,

"OUR OWN CHURCH"

as they fondly termed it. In this way they became acquainted with each other. A union was formed, and the strength of this union was shown on more than one occasion.

Priest and people were one. Priest—he was one of the people,—he had grown up among them, he had devoted the best years of this life in their services, he knew their manners, and customs, their faults and their failings. People, they felt that in him, they had at all times, in health or in sickness, in prosperity or adversity, a sincere friend and wise counsellor, whose constant aim was to advance their spiritual and temporal interests.

In doubt he advised them. In necessity he relieved them, and in affliction allayed their grief.

It was therefore, with the most poignant regret, the congregation of St. Patrick's learned that their esteemed pastor was ill beyond recovery. Too true was his words, that his shattered constitution and his fast declining health forbade him to look forward to any length of days, for at half past five o'clock on the morning of the third October, 1851, the tolling of the St. Patrick's Church bells announced that his life was ended.

At 10.30 A.M., on Monday, 6th October, the funeral took place amid the greatest concourse of people ever witnessed in Quebec on a like occasion.

His Lordship C. F. Baillargeon, Bishop of Tloa, and coadjutor to His Grace the Archbishop of Quebec, officiated.

The Reverend Mr. Kerrigan preached. In the course of his sermon, he stated that the Reverend Mr. McMahon was born at Abbeyleix, Queen's County, Ireland, on the twenty-fourth of August, 1796, that he completed his classical studies in Carlow College, and in 1818, arrived in Canada, and was appointed one of the professors in the College of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, where he prosecuted his theological studies until ordained priest, on the sixth of October, 1822, when he was for a short time attached to the parish of Notre Dame de Quebec, in charge of that portion of it speaking the English language.

The important mission of St. John, N.B., having become vacant in 1825, His Lordship Bishop Plessis, of Quebec, confided it to the charge of the Reverend Mr. McMahon, whose merit and capacity he had already appreciated.

The deep sorrow manifested by the inhabitants of St. John, N.B., when in 1828, their much esteemed pastor was recalled to resume the exercise of his ministry among his old parishioners in Quebec, sufficiently proved how much in the short space of three years he had won their confidence and esteem.

The Reverend Gentleman then alluded to the fact, that in 1828, the Irish Catholics, though numerous, possessed no Church, that on Father McMahon's arrival he resolved on procuring for his flock a suitable place wherein to assemble for their religious duties, and that by his energetic perseverance, secured by the good will and generosity of his people, assisted by their fellow citizens of other religious denominations, St. Pat-



THE LATE VERY REV. FATHER McMAHON
Founder of St. Patrick's Church.

rick's Church was erected, and in 1833 their zealous pastor had the happiness to see within its walls a numerous and flourishing congregation.

At the close of the service, the coffin was deposited under the central aisle of the church facing the pulpit, "in the midst of my people" as Father McMahan desired.

A brass tablet, bearing the following inscription was placed on his grave:—

Beneath this tablet
 Repose
 The Mortal remains of
 The Rev'd Patrick McMahan,
 Founder of
 St. Patrick's Church,
 Who departed this life on
 3rd of October, 1851,
 Aged 55 years.
 * * *

Distinguished by rare talents,
 Pre-eminent for Catholic virtue and
 charity
 Fervent in the discharge of his duties,
 He gained the respect and affection
 Of the flock over whom he presided
 for five and twenty years.
 * * *

The congregation of this Church
 In deep affliction for his loss, and in
 grateful
 Remembrance of his virtues,
 Have placed
 This tablet to his memory.
 May he rest in peace.

1874

Oct. 3rd.—The Rev. Redemptorist Fathers were invited to Quebec by His Grace the Archbishop of Quebec to take over the management of St. Patrick's Church and parish.

The first incumbents in charge were:

Very Rev. Michael S. Burke, C.S.S.R., Superior.
 " Michael Oates, C.S.S.R.
 " William O'Connor, C.S.S.R.
 " Andrew Wynn, C.S.S.R.
 " Matthew Bohn, C.S.S.R.

Rev. Father Burke had a very arduous task before him, but which he accomplished in every detail satisfactorily. He added a great many improvements to St. Patrick's Church, notably, the enlargement of the Church to its present size, taking in the old sacristies for that purpose; and building a new sacristy, the one we have at the present time. The heating of the Church by hot water instead of the stoves then in use, and a better system of lighting the edifice, etc.



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Rev. Father Burke established the Arch Confraternity of the Holy Family, the Devotion of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, The Total Abstinence Society and others. He paid special attention to the wants of St. Bridget's Asylum.

1877

On March 1st.—The Sisters of Charity took charge of the institution, needless to say long record of thirty-seven years is proof sufficient of their administration.



THE LATE VERY REV. FATHER OATES, C.S.S.R.

They have the gratitude, esteem and love of St. Patrick's parish. It would be impossible to enumerate the many acts of heroic self-sacrifice, devotion and love, Rev. Father Burke performed for his flock, blessings and benefits, for their spiritual and temporal welfare: in all of which he had the untiring labors and assistance of his holy colleagues.

1877

July 16th.—Rev. Father Burke was relieved of the burden of his pastoral care, and was replaced by the Very Rev. Joseph Henning.

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1877

July 18th.—Very Rev. Joseph Henning was installed as Rector of St. Patrick's Church and continued the work of his predecessor.

1877

Oct. 5th.—Rev. Father Henning announced in the Church his intention of opening a school for the Irish Catholic boys of Quebec.

1877

Dec. 5th.—The new school was opened in the Artillery Barracks, Arsenal Street. It was called St. Patrick's Select Commercial and Scientific Academy.

Mr. Charles O'Reilly was in charge of the school, but it was under the direct supervision of the Rev. Father Henning, who did much to raise



THE LATE VERY REV. FATHER HENNING, C.S.S.R.
Twice Rector of St. Patrick's Church.

the standard of the pupils by introducing higher branches of education, he assisted in conducting the classes, and gave many instructive lectures, thus helping along in their pursuit for knowledge.

After some time the Barracks were again required for Government use. The school was transferred to St. Patrick's Hall until a new school was built for the people.

Rev. Father Henning was called from Quebec to other fields of

labour, before that long cherished and much desired hope was accomplished "to build the school", but it might here be remarked; through the courtesy of Rev. Father Lowekamp, who succeeded him as Rector, he was invited to be present and preach at the laying of the corner stone of the new school.

1877

Dec. 30th.—The Woodfield property was purchased for the new St. Patrick's cemetery, from the estate of James Gibb. During the following year labourers were employed laying out lots, clearing the ground for walks, drives and other necessary purposes.

1879

May 18th.—Consecration of the New St. Patrick's Cemetery by his Grace Archbishop Taschereau.

A procession formed in the precincts of St. Patrick's Presbytery, in which the different societies connected with the parish joined, together with the Rev. Fathers of St. Patrick's proceeded to the grounds. A number of city clergymen were also present at the imposing ceremony.

A new organ was purchased by the Rev. Father Henning; it arrived here some months after his departure for Boston. During Father Henning's pastorate he laboured hard for the advancement of his people, especially the youth of the parish, he gave a number of most instructive lectures, all of which together with his preaching drew crowds to hear him, his gift of oratory was known, not only through Canada, but the United States, England and Ireland. He was known as the "silver tongued orator."

1880

July 16th.—He was transferred from Quebec to Boston as Rector of the Mission Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

1880

July 19th.—Installation of Very Rev. William Lowekamp, C.S.S.R., as our new Rector.

1880

Nov. 24th.—The new organ has arrived, it is expected to be ready for use at the midnight Mass, Christmas.

1880

Dec. 25th.—Although the organ is not entirely completed, still it was used, and Rev. Father Burke was the first to sing Mass to its tune.

1883

Oct. 21st.—Rev. Dominus Henry Smeulders, Papal Delegate, arrived in Quebec with his two secretaries. While here they will be the guests of the Rev. Father Lowekamp, at St. Patrick's Rectory.

1883

Sept.—The St. Patrick's new school was built this year, and as already stated was founded by the Rev. Father Henning, the work of building by the Rev. Father Lowekamp. The building is 80 feet long by 60 broad, is substantial, having a Gothic stone front, the remainder of the building is of red brick.

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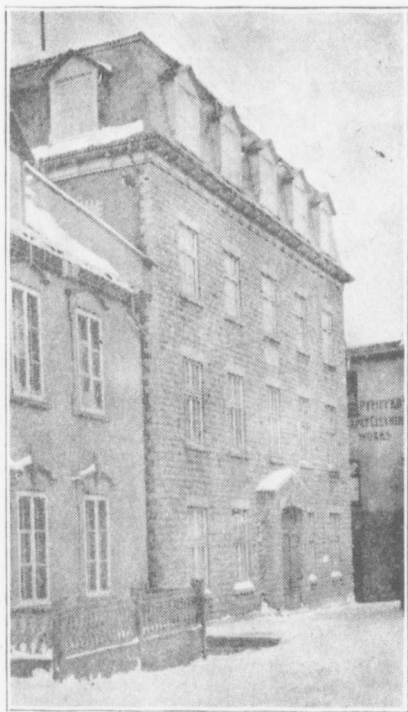
The class rooms are well ventilated, well lighted on all sides, high ceilings and a wide corridor in the center the entire length of the building.

1884

Sept. 1st.—The Brothers of the Christian Schools took charge of the school, and opened five classes with a registered number of 330 pupils.

1885

Sept. 1st.—At the opening of school six classes were opened and are still in operation.



ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL.

1884

May 10th.—Rev. Father Lowekamp left Quebec, having been appointed the Provincial of the Western Province.

1884

May 20th.—Very Rev. Michael Burke is again installed Rector of St. Patrick's and continues his labors unceasingly, although his health is greatly impaired.

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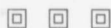
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1885

June 21st.—Dedication of the Chapel of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Diamond Harbour, took place today.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Legare, and a suitable sermon was preached by Rev. Father Burke, Rector.

1886

July 25th.—The Papal Ablegate, Mons. O'Brien, who came from Rome to confer the beretta on his Eminence Cardinal Taschereau, preached in St. Patrick's Church today at the High Mass, then dined with the Rev. Fathers in the Presbytery.

1887

June 18th.—Very Rev. John Hayden, C.S.S.R., was installed Rector of St. Patrick's church and parish.

1888

Aug. 12th.—Rev. Simon Grogan, C.S.S.R., celebrated his first Mass in St. Patrick's Church.

Rev. Father Grogan was the first Quebecer ordained in the Redemptorist Order. He was assisted at his Mass by Rev. Father Miller, C.S.S.R., as deacon, and Father O'Reilly, of Levis College, as sub-deacon. Rev. Father Rossbach, C.S.S.R., preached a beautiful sermon suitable to the occasion.

1889

March 15th.—Death of John Shields, C.S.S.R., who was a professed student of the Redemptorist Order, he had expected in a short time to be admitted to the holy priesthood, but in the decrees of an all-wise Providence, like St. Aloysius, he was called home to his reward, before the time he longed for, came. His funeral Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Fathers McCarthy and Miller, as deacon and sub-deacon. Rev. Father Rossbach, C.S.S.R., preached the funeral sermon.

Father Shields was the first to be buried in the Redemptorist lot in St. Patrick's new cemetery.

Sept. 20th.—A terrible landslide occurred from the face of Cape Diamond below the Citadel, crushing the houses beneath, and killing and imprisoning the inmates below. The debris was piled to a height of some twenty to thirty feet over where the habitations of happy families were standing a few minutes previously.

The Rev. Fathers of St. Patrick's were early on the scene, doing all in their power for the unfortunate sufferers.

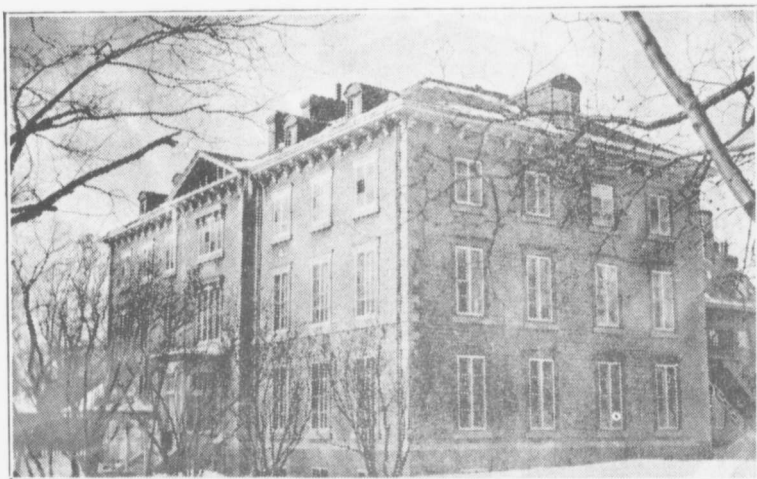
Sept. 23rd.—Some fifteen or more hearses were in procession to St. Patrick's Church where the sacred edifice was draped in the deepest mourning throughout. A platform for the reception of the bodies had been erected in front of the altar rails. Here, were placed the coffins containing the bodies of the victims. The scene in the church was heart-rending and beyond description. Rev. Father Walsh, as deacon and Rev. Father Miller, sub-deacon. A large number of priests occupied seats in the sanctuary. The church was packed to the doors. Rev. Father Walsh preached the sermon. After the Mass and Libera the mournful procession wended its way to St. Patrick's Cemetery where interment took place.

Sept. 29th.—By a decree of his Eminence Cardinal Taschereau, the church and parish of St. Patrick's was erected into a canonical parish.

1890

April 13th.—Rev. Father Feeney, C.S.S.R., celebrated his first Mass at St. Patrick's Church today. He was assisted at the Mass by Rev. Father Walsh, C.S.S.R., and Rev. Father White, C.S.S.R. The sermon on the occasion was preached by Rev. Father Linder, C.S.S.R.

Father Feeney's relatives and friends occupied seats near the altar rails.



ST. BRIDGET'S HOME.

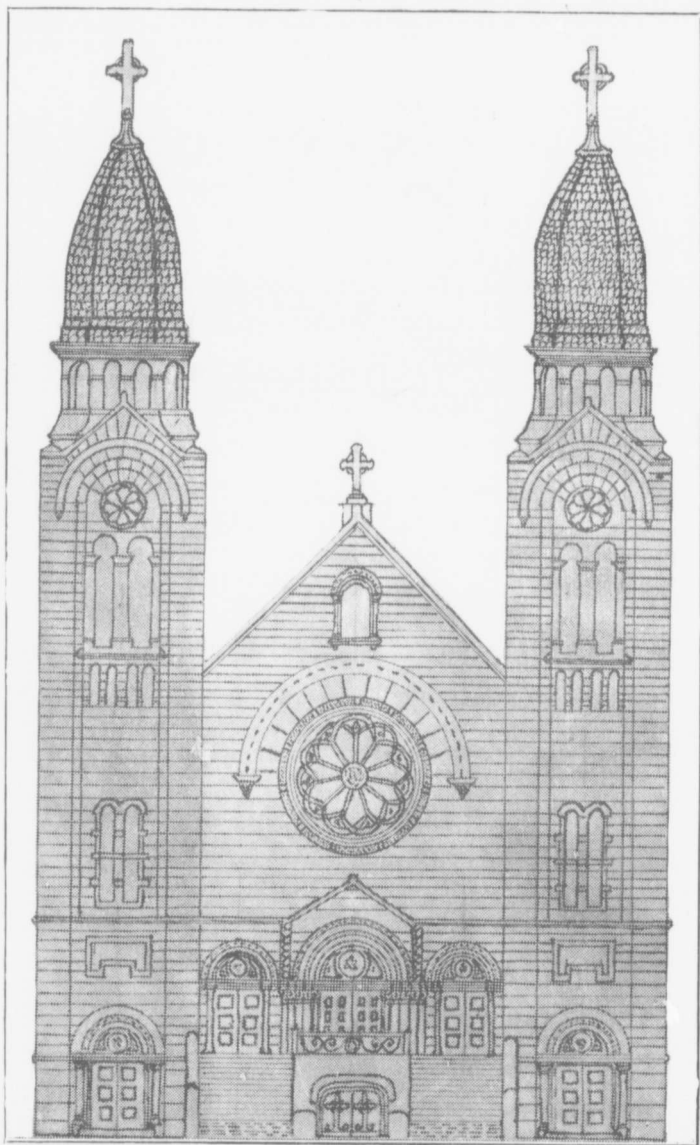
April 13th.—Rev. Nicholas Power, C.S.S.R., celebrated his first Mass in the Chapel of the Ursuline Convent, where his sister, Rev. Sister Bartholemew is a cloistered nun.

He gave benediction in the chapel of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, in the afternoon. He was assisted by Rev. Father McCarthy. Afterwards he solemnly blessed all present in the chapel. His family formerly belonged to Diamond Harbour, it was there he first saw the light.

Rev. Father Hayden has had a thorough repairing and renovation of St. Bridget's Home, introducing the most improved hot weather apparatus into the building.

During his rectorate the altar society was established in St. Patrick's. He purchased four beautiful statues from Munich—the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Sacred Heart of Mary which adorn the sanctuary at present; one on the epistle side and one on the gospel side—St. Joseph and St. Anne not required now, those on the new altars taking their place. Also the large candlesticks used on solemn occasions, besides several minor decorations for the Church.

June 27th.—Very Rev. Michael Oates, C.S.S.R., arrived in Quebec.

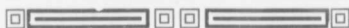


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our newly appointed rector. He came full of the zeal and charity he had shown in St. John, to work for the well-being of his people.

Nov. 16th.—Rev. Father Oates held a meeting to reorganize the total abstinence society. A number of prominent men of the parish were present, who agreed with Rev. Father Oates' view regarding a temperance society. Several meetings were held at later dates and the total abstinence society was duly established.

1891

April 12th.—Rev. William Hogan, C.S.S.R., celebrated his first Mass in St. Patrick's Church today. He was assisted by Rev. Father Miller as deacon, and Rev. Father Maloney sub-deacon. An appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. Father White, C.S.S.R. His parents and friends were provided with seats in front of the sanctuary. Rev. Father Hogan is another Quebecker.

April 19th.—Rev. Paul Carbray, C.S.S.R., Celebrates his first Mass today, in St. Patrick's Church. He was assisted by Rev. Father White, C.S.S.R., and Rev. Father Miller, C.S.S.R.. Rev. Father Maloney preached an appropriate sermon. Rev. Father Carbray is a son of the parish, his parents, relatives and friends occupied special seats provided for them in front of the sanctuary.

May 1st.—The League of the Sacred Heart was canonically established in St. Patrick's Church today.

May 3rd.—At a meeting of the ladies of the parish called by Rev. Father Oates, 40 ladies took lists to enrol members in the League.

Aug. 29th.—Rev. Louis Miller, C.S.S.R., died at St. Patrick's Presbytery today. His death was not unexpected, but a great cause of sorrow to his many friends who esteemed and respected him. He was a fine priest, a devoted friend whose loss will long be mourned.

Sept. 1st.—His impressive funeral service was held in St. Patrick's Church. A solemn requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. A. Klaunder, C.S.S.R., of Boston, Rev. E. Horning, C.S.S.R., deacon, Rev. H. Otterbein, C.S.S.R., sub-deacon. The absolution was pronounced over the corpse by the Right Rev. Mons. Marois, Vicar General. A very large number of Rev. Redemptorists were present, besides clergymen from all the city churches and vicinity. About 100 carriages followed to the cemetery.

Dec. 8th.—The first solemn reception of the promotors of the Sacred Heart League took place in St. Patrick's Church this evening. The ceremony was very impressive. Rev. Father Connolly, S.J., of Montreal, was invited by Rev. Father Oates to preach on the occasion, and be present at the first grand reception. Mons. Hamel, who represented His Eminence Cardinal Taschereau, who was in ill health, conferred the crosses and handed diplomas to 64 men promotors and 106 women promotors. The Church was packed to the doors, not even standing room available. Some of the men who had to come from the choir for their cross and diploma were obliged to pass through the sacristy, could not even push their way to the altar through the church. The benediction of the Blessed Sacrament closed one of the grandest functions ever held in St. Patrick's Church.

1892

Dec. 11th.—Rev. Stephen Connolly, C.S.S.R., of Sillery Parish celebrated his first Mass in St. Patrick's Church today and was assisted by two

of the Rev. Redemptorist Fathers at the altar as deacon and sub-deacon. The sermon by Rev. Father Anderson, C.S.S.R., was very fine. The parents and relatives were accommodated with special chairs near the altar.

1893

May 22nd.—The good, kind and humble Rev. Father Oates, C.S.S.R., has been ordered to Boston and leaves Quebec today. His loss will be particularly felt by the men of the parish. The total abstinence society and Sacred Heart League, whose interests he had at heart, and who were devoted to him.

June 16th.—Rev. Philip Rossbach, C.S.S.R., arrived in Quebec today. He returns to St. Patrick's Church as rector and will conduct the affairs of St. Patrick's parish for some years.

June 18th.—Rev. Father Rector preached his introductory sermon today, in which he proposed to aid in every way the interests of the parish, particularly in trying to reduce the debt on the church which he considered should be commenced as soon as possible.

1894

June 17th.—The Rev. Ernest Cooper, C.S.S.R., celebrated his first Mass in St. Patrick's Church. Rev. Father Rector assisted at the altar with Rev. Father Anderson. A beautiful sermon for the occasion was preached by Rev. Father McManus, C.S.S.R.

The parents, relatives and friends of Father Cooper occupied special places in front of the high altar.

Oct. 28th.—Rev. Father George Robinson, C.S.S.R., of the Western Province has arrived in his native city, Quebec. He celebrated his first Mass today in St. Patrick's Church. He was assisted at the altar by Rev. Father Maloney, C.S.S.R., and Rev. Father McManus, C.S.S.R., as deacon and sub-deacon. Rev. Father McCarthy preached a suitable sermon for the occasion.

The relatives and friends of Rev. Father Robinson were seated in front of the high altar.

Sept. 13th.—Rev. Father Rector established the church debt society composed of officers and collectors. The ladies' of the parish are to carry on the work.

1896

June 16th.—Rev. Bernard McManus died in St. Patrick's Presbytery.

June 18th.—His Funeral service took place in St. Patrick's Church, interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

June 26th.—A large granite pedestal surmounted by a statue of St. Alphonsus was erected on the lot of the Redemptorist Fathers in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

1897

Aug. 29th.—Excursion to Grosse Isle. The Steamer Canada was packed from bow to stern. A delightful trip, imposing ceremonies, no accident.

1897

Dec. 26th.—Rev. Father Edward Scully, C.S.S.R., another of Quebec's sons to join the Redemptorist Order sang his first Grand Mass. The sermon on the occasion was preached by the Rev. Father Gutberlet. On the evening he officiated at Solemn Vespers and Benediction.

1898

April 26th.—Very Rev. Father Rossbach, left Quebec today for Boston before going to his new home in Rochester.

During his term of office he has reduced the debt of the Church \$37,000.00. He was ably assisted in this laudable work by the untiring energy of the ladies' of the Church Debt Society.

1898

May 6th.—Arrival of Rev. Joseph Henning a much respected and former Rector.

1898

May 9th.—A large number of members from the different Irish Societies met in St. Patrick's Hall to pay their respects and extend a hearty welcome to Rev. Father Henning.

1898

July 25th.—The workmen have begun to put the new hard wood floor in the Church and general repairing is being done.

1898

Oct. 9th.—An announcement was made in St. Patrick's Church today that peal of bells is to be purchased 4 in number.

As it is customary to give names to bells so it is customary to have sponsors. Those who give \$50.00 will have the honor of being sponsors and will have their names cast on the bells as a perpetual memorial.

1898

Dec. 21st.—The tower of the Church was finished today, for some time men have been busy at the work and preparing for the new bells.

1899

March 6th.—Rev. Father Henning called a meeting today of all the women of the parish, married and single to reorganize the Sacred Heart League.

1899

March 12th.—The consecration of the four new bells took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon. His Grace Archbishop Begin officiated, assisted by the Rev. Father Allard, Rector of St. Anne de Beaupre, as deacon and Rev. Father Maguire as sub-deacon, Father Garneau, master of ceremonies.

The sponsors occupied pews near the bells, they were gentlemen and ladies' who contributed \$50.00 towards defraying the expenses incurred in procuring the bells.

The Church was crowded, many non-Catholics being present.

The names of the bells are:

First and largest	St. Patrick.
Second	Immaculate Conception. . .
Third	St. Alphonsus.
Fourth	St. Joseph.

The tones of the bells are Do. Mi. Sol. Do.

1899

May 5th.—This evening there was a reception of new promoters in St. Patrick's Church. Rev. Father Rector preached a beautiful sermon on the apostolate of prayer, he congratulated the new promoters on the step they had taken and he also read the act of consecration and conferred the crosses and diplomas on thirty new promoters.

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1899

Oct. 1st.—Today is a veritable religious *red letter day* at St. Patrick's Church.

The Rev. Fathers are celebrating the 25th anniversary of their taking charge of the Parish. The following description is taken from the Daily Telegraph.

"The commemorative function was purely religious and was an offering made in acknowledgement of the many favors, spiritual and otherwise enjoyed by the congregation during the past quarter of a century.

It was a special service in which every member of the congregation can heartily join, because a glance backwards shows the many good works, religious, educational and charitable that have been accomplished in the parish under the zealous and hard working redeemtorists, etc., etc."

A silver jubilee concert was given by St. Patrick's choir and an address by Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, who came from Montreal for the occasion.

1899

Dec. 26th.—This week two very fine stained glass windows were placed in the Church, the gift of generous friends, one represents the Sacred Heart, the other, the Immaculate Conception.

1900

March 17th.—Will be long remembered in Quebec and particularly by St. Patrick's congregation, because of the great calamity that by the Providence of God was averted from the community. The Academy of Music was destroyed by fire a few minutes after the last of the audience had left the building.

1900

March 26th.—Rev. Father Rector celebrated a Solemn Grand Mass of Thanksgiving for the special protection of the Sacred Heart for his parishioners on the 17th.

1900

March 27th.—The St. Patrick's Literary Institute had also a Solemn Grand Mass for the same intention.

1900

July 24th.—Two more stained glass windows have been placed in St. Patrick's Church, one representing St. Alphonsus the other St. Patrick, both gifts from generous donors.

1901

Sept. 4th.—During the week the two beautiful side altars corresponding in style and finish to the main altar have been completed.

The style of the altars is Roman, the woods used are Sycamore (yellow), Cotton wood (green), Bass wood (white).

The finishing is done in dull colors.

The statues were imported from Paris.

1901

Dec. 7th.—The Picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help was placed in its new frame this afternoon on Her own altar, new electric lights have been installed, which makes the shrine one of the most beautiful, because of its simplicity.

1902

March 31st.—The carpenters began work this morning taking out

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the old pews preparatory to putting in the new ones. The work is being done in sections beginning on the gospel side.

1902

Dec. 8th.—Rev. George Mylett, C.S.S.R., a son of St. Patrick's parish celebrated his first Mass today, Rev. Father Henning preached the sermon.

1903

March 25th.—The decorating of the sanctuary began this morning. The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin will be painted on canvas in the Cupola just above the grand altar. For this work a celebrated artist has been selected.

The Annunciation of our Blessed Lady and the death of St. Joseph will adorn the walls above either sacristy door.

1903

Sept.—The new windows in the Church along the galleries are being put in this week.



REV. FATHER DELARGY, C.S.S.R.

1903

Oct. 18th.—The painters have resumed work in the body of the Church today, they expect to finish the decoration of the Church by Christmas.

1904

June 19th.—Rev. John Kane, C.S.S.R., a child of the parish, celebrates his first Mass today. In the evening Father Kane sung Vespers and officiated at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

1905

Feb. 28th.—St. Patrick's school, which for some time has been in need of repairs is having another story added and all necessary repairs are being attended to.

1905

Dec. 10th.—Rev. Joseph Henning, C.S.S.R., the venerable Rector of

St. Patrick's Church, celebrated the golden jubilee of his religious profession today.

Solemn Grand Mass was sung by the jubilarian, at 10.30, and a sermon was preached by Rev. Philip Roszbach, of Baltimore. Telegrams and letters of congratulation were received from America and Europe, including one from the Holy Father imparting the Papal Blessing.

1905

June 11th.—Rev. Francis Xavier Delargy, C.S.S.R., celebrated the silver jubilee of his priesthood today, solemn Grand Mass was celebrated by the jubilarian, at 10.30 o'clock. A sermon was preached by the Rev. Eugene Mulheran, C.S.S.R., on the dignity of the priesthood.

In the afternoon the promoters of the Sacred Heart League tendered a reception to the Rev. jubilarian, an illuminated address, a purse of gold and flowers were presented him.

1907

May 27th.—Rev. Joseph Henning was tendered a reception this evening in Tara Hall, by the trustees and parishioners of St. Patrick's Church, on the occasion of his departure from Quebec.

May 31st.—He left Quebec for New York.

May 20th.—Very Rev. John Hanley, C.S.S.R., installed Rector of St. Patrick's Church today. His introductory sermon was very gratifying to his hearers. His desire to carry on the work of his zealous predecessors for the people of St. Patrick's Church.

Nov. 11th.—In response to an invitation from Rev. Father Rector, about 150 single ladies' assembled in St. Patrick's Hall to organize a new society under the title of "St. Anges Association."

The object of this Association is to band the young women of the parish together, for social advantages and benefits. No one can be a member of the society without being a member of the Holy Family. Rev. Father Rector has charge of this Association.

1908

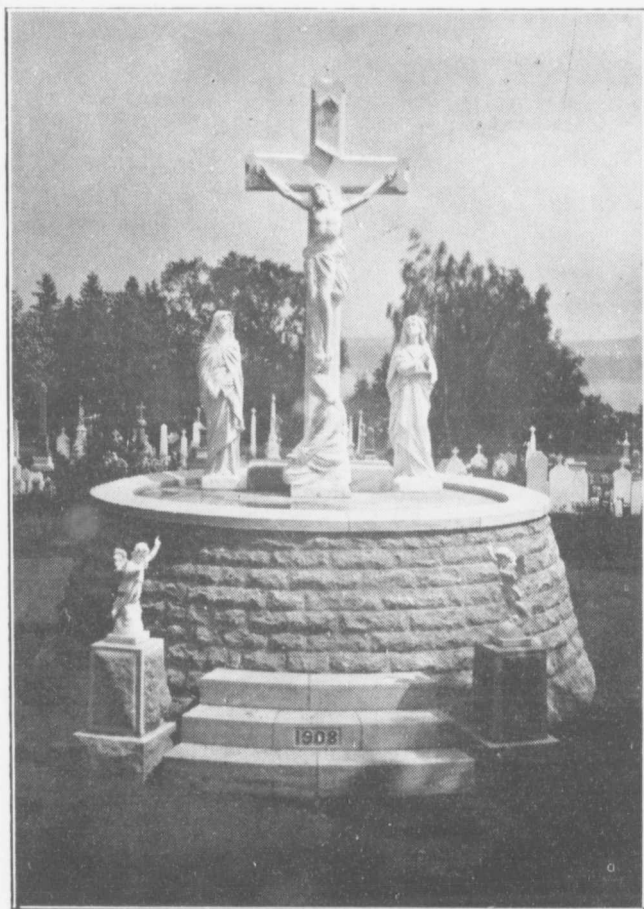
May 18th.—His Eminence Cardinal Logue, visited St. Patrick's Church today. The Church bells were rung, and all the altars illuminated in his honor.

Rev. Father Delargy, Rev. Father Woods and Rev. Father Ganon welcomed His Eminence to St. Patrick's. A number of parishioners were present in the Church, who received his blessing. He was accompanied to St. Bridget's Home by our Rev. Fathers where he was honored and entertained.

June 28th.—This afternoon at 3 o'clock the solemn blessing of the new Calvary Monument took place in St. Patrick's Cemetery. Very Rev. Father Licking, Provincial, was present and preached an appropriate sermon. A large gathering of the parish was present, a tth imposing ceremony.

Sept. 10th.—Rev. Brother Edward, C.S.S.R., died today in Carney Hospital. His demise will be greatly lamented by the community of St. Patrick's Rectory, and members of the parish, where he spent the past 22 years of his life. His intimate knowledge of the affairs of the parish rendered his services of the greatest value.

His amiable qualities and kindness of heart endeared him to all who knew him and who will miss him from his old post.



CALVARY
St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Sept. 11th.—His funeral service was held in St. Patrick's Church this morning. His Grace Archbishop Begin presided in the sanctuary surrounded by a number of priests.

Rev. Father Barrett was celebrant of the Mass. Rev. Father Woods, deacon, Rev. Father Krickser, sub-deacon. Rev. Father Delargy preached the funeral sermon.

1910

July 24th.—The Most Rev. Father General, Most Rev. Patrick Murray, C.S.S.R., arrived at St. Patrick's Church this morning, he was accompanied by very Rev. Father Speidal and Rev. Father Favre. He visited the Church in the evening made a short address and imparted the Apostolic Benediction to all present.

1912

August 20th.—Rev. Father Rector Woods was invited to the Ship Labourers' Hall where he was presented with a serviceable suit case containing suitable apparel for Fall and Winter use. A number of speeches were made by the prominent men of the parish, an da beautiful address in book form was also given to him.

August 27th.—Rev. Father Rector Woods called a meeting of all the men of the parish to arrange for a Committee of collectors for the different Masses on Sunday, and all the public services in the Church.

Sept. 1st.—It was announced at the Masses today that in future the Most Blessed Sacrament would be exposed all day on the First Friday's of each month.

It is the first time in the history of St. Patrick's Church that this privilege has been granted.

Therefore at every hour from 9 o'clock in the morning until 7 o'clock in the evening a band of adorers will take their place before the Blessed Sacrament, as well as all lovers of our dear Lord, and the children of the schools.

At 7.30 the congregation will assemble for devotions and Benediction.

1913

Jan'y 12th.—At the grand Mass today, Rev. Father Rector spoke of the necessity of the new Church in the near future; later a meeting was held in St. Patrick's Hall of all the men of the parish, in order to empower the trustees to form plans for the building of the new Church. All the prominent members of the congregation were present.

June 8th.—The Rev. Father Rector, the Rev. Fathers and parishioners of St. Patrick's Church honored their beloved and most Rev. Archbishop Begin.

The occasion being the silver jubilee of his Episcopacy and the golden jubilee of his Priesthood.

He was escorted to the Church quietly, in deference to his Grace's wishes, by some of the Rev. Fathers and trustees of the Church and Mons. Marois, V.G.

On arrival at the Church door he was received by Rev. Father Rector and others Rev. Fathers, who escorted him to a throne on the gospel side of the sanctuary, which had been previously prepared for him.

Rev. Father Rector was seated on his right and Rev. Father Lepage at his left. Four little pages suitably attired seated at his feet. Sir Charles

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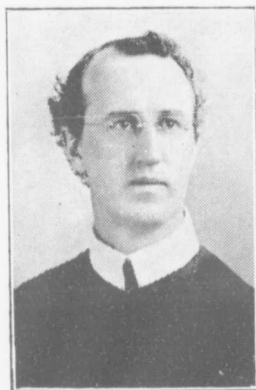
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by his Grace, assisted by Rev. Father Healey and Rev. Father Maguire.

Mons. Marois and a number of priests occupied seats in the sanctuary.

Rev. Father Costello prepared a beautiful programme of music.

A purse of gold was handed to his Grace on the occasion.

June 29th.—Rev. Father Smith, C.S.S.R., celebrated his first Mass in St. Patrick's Church. He was assisted at the altar by Rev. Father Costello



REV. FATHER COSTELLO, C.S.S.R.



REV. FATHER MOHAN, C.S.S.R.

as deacon and Rev. Father O'Hare as sub-deacon. Rev. Father Rector Woods preached the sermon.

In the afternoon he officiated at Solemn Benediction in Diamond Harbour, afterwards blessing all the people, relatives and friends.

He formerly belonged to Diamond Harbour.

1914

July 5th.—St. Patrick's Parish extends a cordial welcome home to His Eminence Cardinal Begin, and congratulates him on the honor conferred on him by our Holy Father Pius X. Very Rev. Father Rector with Rev. Father Mohan, Rev. Father O'Hare and the Trustees of the Church drove to the Palace and then conducted His Eminence to St. Patrick's Church where on entering the sight was truly most impressive and dazzling. A flood of light from dome to door streamed through the Church; the aisle through which His Eminence and attending clergy passed was lined with young girls dressed in white, the altar boys with their varied colored cassocks and white surplices, four pages dressed in Cardinal colors, made a beautiful and effective scene.

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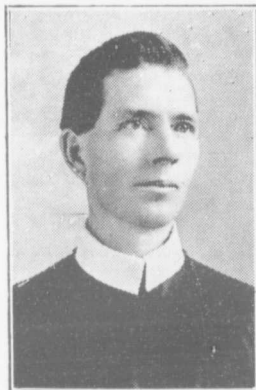
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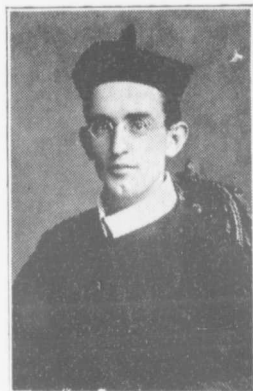
Quebec.

When His Eminence was seated on his throne, Mr. Edward Foley read an address in the name of the Rev. Rector, the Fathers of St. Patrick's and parishioners. The Cardinal's response was given in a clear and distinct voice. Thanking Rev. Father Rector and his people for their gratitude to him, their loyalty on all occasions. He bestowed the Apostolic Blessing to all present.

Mons. Marois officiated at Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, after which His Eminence was accompanied to the palace by the Rev. Fathers and trustees.



REV. FATHER O'HARE, C.S.S.R.



REV. FATHER HEALEY, C.S.S.R.

During Rev. Father Woods' term of office the electric light system of the Church was entirely renovated. In order to conform to the fire underwriters' laws, the wiring of the Church, which was declared defective, had to be entirely changed. At the same time it was deemed opportune to replace, with more modern fixtures those that had been put in the Church about twelve years before, during the Rectorship of Rev. Father Henning. This was done accordingly, and at present St. Patrick's Church can lay claim to a system of lighting equalled by no other Church in the city. The three altars of the Church were fitted with many small electric lights—two large chandeliers were placed in the centre of the Church, suspended from the ceiling—and along both sides of the Church, underneath and above the galleries—smaller clusters of lights were installed. In all, about 4,500 bulbs are used in the illuminating of the Church.

This signal improvement cost about \$5,000.

SUMMARY.

In reviewing the past forty years, since the Reverend Redemptorist Fathers were invited to take over the charge of St. Patrick's Church and Parish, one cannot fail to notice the immense field of labour these zealous self-sacrificing and devoted Rev. Fathers have passed through.

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The spiritual advantages that have accrued from their labours is far beyond us to say.

But who has failed to notice the religious fervour of our people, their great zeal in the case of charity; their temperance, and marolity generally.

The generations to come will feel its benefit. Besides these spiritual blessings; we have around us ample evidence of improvement and embellishment on every side. In our dear old St. Patrick's Church what a transformation has been effected! The beautiful altars with their superb artistic work with communion rails to match, comfortable pews, grand organ, and the magnificent electric lighting of altars and Church.

Our school house equipped with all modern improvements, and accommodation for about 300 pupils.

Our cemetery, one of the grandest on the continent.

The enlargement and usefulness of St. Bridget's Home.

St. Patrick's Hall so often in evidence when bazaar concerts, euchres and general entertainments are in the air.

The Chapel of our Lady of Perpetual Help in itself a little gem, and the school in Diamond Harbour.

The many societies that have been established for spiritual and temporal benefits. The numerous missions and retreats in our parish, all the work of our good Rev. Fathers.

Although their labours in Quebec have been crowned with fruitfulness, we would be wanting in our duty did we not congratulate them and offer our heartfelt thanks for the many blessings that have flown from their hands.

All the Fathers who came to Quebec forty years ago have been called to their reward, and five of the Rev. Fathers, three are still in the Master's Vineyard—Rev. Father Rossbach, Baltimore; Rev. Father Hanley, New York; and Rev. Father Woods our esteemed and beloved Rector who during the two years of his Rectorship has accomplished so much for the benefit of his flock, especially in holding out every means possible to save their immortal souls. His one desire seems to be, to lead to heaven by the surest route, namely, prayer and the Sacraments.

He introduced the evening devotions for the month of the Holy Rosary, a number of public novenas all the principal feasts of the Church with the grandest of ceremony in all of which our people join him showing thereby how much they appreciate his efforts and also truly they are anxious to do their part for the honor and glory of God, His Blessed Mother and Saints.

The first pages of this book are taken from the History of the Irish Catholics of Quebec, by Mr. James M. O'Leary.

Mayor Drouin's Message

To The Rev. Fathers and Members of
St. Patrick's Congregation.

Dear Fellow Citizens,---

Your parish, forming such an important and worthy element, besides winning so much distinction in every walk of life, it affords me great pleasure as Mayor of Quebec to take this opportunity of congratulating you on the occasion of the laying of the Corner Stone of the new St. Patrick's Church on Grande Allee.

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Provincial Employment Bureau

(FREE)

N. 246, St. Joseph Street, Quebec.

Office hours : 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Telephone 2933

It is in the interest of masters and servants, employers and employees to make known all their wants or demands of employment to the Employment Bureau.

It is by keeping in constant contact with the Employment Bureau that employees will find good places and that masters can obtain the best employees.

Don't forget that the work of the Employment Bureau extends to all branches of labour and industry without exception.

Therefore, let all masters or employers requiring employees apply to the Provincial Employment Bureau, where they will find a first class service to supply them immediately with employees, and that, without any cost.

A large number of unemployed people visit the Provincial Employment Bureau daily. That is to say that it is the best place for those who are looking for employees.

Masters and heads of manufactories who wish to make their own engagements are cordially invited to visit the Employment Bureau, where they will find a well installed office at their disposal, and where they can transact all their business free of charge.

FELIX MAROIS,
Superintendent.