

A Short History of My Neighbourhood

Part 9

Our Churches

Neighbourhood Churches



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Three groups of new workers moved in around 1850:

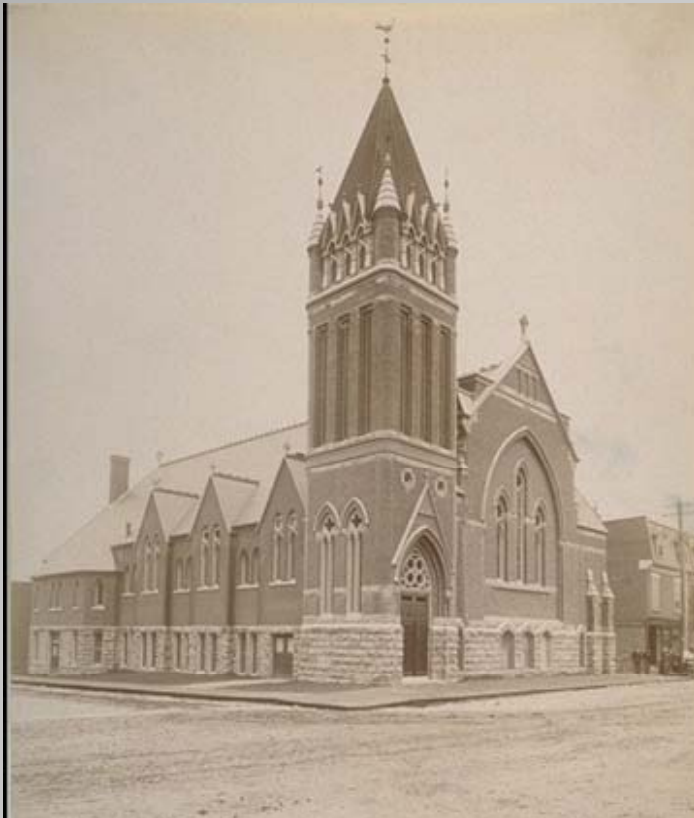
The Irish who were mostly catholic ;

The Scots, mostly protestant;

The French Canadians, catholics, and in the minority.

Here is a postcard from 1912 which shows two lovely catholic churches, one for the Irish, one for the French, before fires which damaged each of them.

Anglican Church



BaNQ

Each new group wanted its own church which is why there are so many here. In this photo, you see the Grace Church, built in 1892 to serve an important number of British immigrants.

Holy Ghost Church



- Later, at the beginning of the 20th century, the Ukrainians came and built their own church on Grand Trunk Street.

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More Churches



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- And the Polish came, too, and raised their church on Centre Street.
- Our neighbourhood was one of the first multicultural one in Montréal.
- From 1970 on, people came here from all over the world.