

A Description of the Organ

L'église des Saints Martyrs Canadiens is a large building of Roman Architecture seating about one thousand persons. It is provided with a large West Gallery in which the new organ has been installed.

The organ itself is remarkable for its tonal structure, its architectural design and the remarkable quality of the ensemble as well as of the individual voices. It is largely inspired by French tradition and the treatment of the Principal stops, of the compound stops, and of the reeds, pays homage to the great French builders of past centuries.

Disposed in functional arrangement, the composition of the instrument is evident at a glance. The two enclosed divisions (Recit and Choral) are below, the Grand Orgue and Positif above. The large Pedale is at the sides. The case is of oak, finished with a light stain inside and out. All framing is of oak. The sound boxes around each division assist in blending and projecting the sound; all front pipes are Principal stops and are of spotted metal except for the three in the centre tower. Many of the stops in the organ are of spotted metal down to 8-foot C.

The design of the organ is along traditional lines. Individual stops have been treated to provide sounds of great beauty and to blend in innumerable combinations of remarkable brilliance and richness. There are no extremes of loud or soft in the organ. Power is obtained by the build-up of the ensemble, devoid of heaviness, yet majestic and grand.

The Grand Orgue has complete Principal, Flute and Reed Choruses. It has two compound stops and the Grand Cornet of five ranks which starts at low C and is mounted on a separate chest. Specially designed expansion chambers are provided for each pipe of the Principal stops throughout the organ.

The Recit also has Principal and Flute families, plus Strings and Chorus reeds, and a Voix Humaine. The reeds in this division are very bright, although voiced on relatively low pressure (31/4 ins.).

Much care has gone into the composition and scaling of the Positif to make it fulfill its role in French organ literature. It has a Principal chorus, based on the 8' Montre, a flute Chorus, mutations forming the traditional "Cornet décomposé", as well as a Cromorne and Chalumeau. This Cornet is smaller in Scale than the Grand Cornet, although both are based on flute tone.

The Choral is an additional division for accompaniment. It is under expression, and will play from the fourth, or topmost, keyboard.

All seventeen stops in the Pedale are complete, without extension or borrowing. There is only one 32-ft. stop, the Bombardon, which is complemented by 16-ft., 8-ft., and 4-ft. stops of the same family. There are four 16-ft. flute stops, graded down from the Principal to the Gemshorn, three independent 8-ft. stops, two 4-ft. stops and two mixtures. A 4-ft. Hautbois is provided for Solo use.

The Organ has, in all, 68 stops composed of 94 ranks and 5,046 pipes. There are 35 ranks of compound stops and 17 reeds. It is voiced on low pressures (Grand Orgue 23/4 ins., Recit 31/4 ins., Positif 21/4 ins.), without nicking.

The tonal design of the organ was by Claude Lavoie, organist at Sts. Martyrs, and Lawrence 1. Phelps, Tonal Director, Casavant Frères Limitée.

GRAND	ORGUE -		42 — Cymbale III	1/2		
	011002		43 — Cromorne	8		
	ft.	pipes	44 — Chalumeau	4		
1 - Montre	16	61				
2 – Montre	8	61	CHOPAI (overvesif)			
3 - Bourdon	8	61	- CHORAL (expressif)	_		
4 - Gemshorn	8	61	45 — Salicional	8		
5 - Prestant	4	61	46 – Cor de Nuit	8		
6 - Flûte à cheminée	4	61		8		
7 – Quinte	23/3	61	48 — Gemshorn	4		
8 - Doublette	2	61	49 - Nachthorn	4		
9 – Flûte à Bec	2	61	50 - Flûte des Bois	2		
10 – Cornet V	8	255	51 – Cor Anglais	8		
11 - Fourniture IV.	11/3	244	Trémolo			
12 – Cymbale IV	₹⁄3	244				
13 – Bombarde	16	61				
14 – Trompette	8	61	- PEDALE			
15 – Clairon	4	61				
			52 — Principal	16		
DECUT	(:6)		53 — Subbass	16		
- RECIT - (expressif)			54 — Quintaton	16		
	ft.	pipes	55 — Gemshorn	16		
14		_	56 — Octave	8		
16 – Bourdon	. 16	61	57 — Bourdon	8		
17 – Principal Etroit	. 8	61	58 — Gemshorn	8		
18 – Viole de Gambe		61	59 — Octave	4		
19 – Voix Céleste .	. 8	61	60 — Flûte Couverte	4		
20 – Flûte à cheminée		61	6! - Fourniture III	4		
21 – Octave	. 4	61	62 — Cymbale IV	11/3		
22 – Flûte Conique.	. 4	61	63 — Bombardon	32		
23 – Octavin	. 2	61	64 — Bombarde			
24 – Cymbale IV		244	65 – Rankette			
25 – Plein Jeu IV .	2	244	66 – Trompette			
26 – Basson	16	61	67 — Clairon			
27 – Trompette	8	61	68 – Hautbois	4		
28 – Hautbois	8	61				
29 – Clairon	4	61				
30 – Voix Humaine . Trémolo	8	61	- COUPLERS -			
			Grand Orgue à la Pédale 8			
			Récit à la Pédale 8			
POSITIF -			Positif à la Pédale 8			
	-		Choral à la Pédale 8			
	ft.	pipes	Choral à la Pédale 4			
31 – Quintaton	16	61	Récit au Grand Orgue 8			
32 – Montre	8	61	Positif au Grand Orgue 8			
33 - Flûte Bouchée .	8	61	Choral au Grand Orgue 8			
34 - Prestant	4	61	Grand Orgue muet			
35 – Flûte à Fuseau.	4	61	Récit au Positif 8			
36 - Nazard	23/3	61	Choral au Positif 8			
37 - Principal Italien		61	Positif muet			
38 – Tierce	1 3/	5 61	Choral au Récit 8			
39 - Larigot	11/3	61	Positif au Récit 8			
40 - Sifflet	, 0	61	Positif au Choral 8			
41 70 1 700			m. 1 1			

Pédale muette

41 - Fourniture IV.

- REVERSIBLE PISTONS -

Grand Orgue à la Pédale (toe and thumb)
Récit à la Pédale (thumb)
Positif à la Pédale (thumb)
Positif au Grand Orgue (thumb)
Récit au Grand Orgue (thumb)
Récit au Positif (thumb)
Grand Orgue muet (thumb)

Anches Grand Orgue et Pédale muettes (toe)

(toe)

Grand Jeu (toe)
Positif muet (thumb)

Special tablet to transpose the Grand Orgue and Positif Keyboards including Couplers and Pistons.

ADJUSTABLE COMBINATIONS --

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 to Grand Orgue

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 to Récit

Pédale muette

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 to Positif

1, 2, 3, 4, to Choral

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 to Pédale (thumb and toe)

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Generals (thumb and toe)

A, B Generals (toe only)

General Cancel

Adjuster

Cancels on each keyboard, placed near the appropriate jamb, on the key cheeks.

- BALANCED PEDALS -

Récit Expression Choral Expression Crescendo

INDICATORS -

Wind (light)
Full Organ (light)
Pédale Muette (light)
Crescendo (dial indicator)
Anches muettes (light)
Grand Orgue and Positif interchanged (light)

- KEYBOARD ARRANGEMENT -

Normal: Interchanged:

Lowest: Grand Orgue Lowest: Positif

Positif Grand Orgue

Récit Récit Choral Choral

Electro-pneumatic mechanism



