

Old church demolished

The old Church of the Immaculate Conception at Stratford crumbled yesterday after workmen had spent about four hours tugging at its foundations with a bulldozer.

The bulldozer hauled the structure away from the new church, which was built alongside the old church, without even a scratch on the new building. Any timber that is salvageable from the remains will be sold and the rest will be burnt.

A new Catholic Presbytery is to be built on the site but plans have not been completed.

Workmen anticipated it would take a few days to clear the site of the huge amounts of timber, most of which seemed to be in good condition despite the 77 years it had been standing.

