

ANNUAL REPORTS

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Charlottetown and Summerside and the Masons of Montague for their part in carrying out the program for our crippled children.

CANADIAN RED CROSS CORPS

The Hospital Committee, under the chairmanship of Miss Dorothea Stewart, made 3,851 visits to veterans in the two Charlottetown Hospitals and the Sanatorium, as well as the veterans sick at home, reported Mrs. G. L. Palmer, chairman of the Corps Committee.

Reference was made, by Mrs. Palmer, of the fine work carried on in the Arts and Crafts Room of the P. E. Island Hospital. Joint Chairman of the Handicraft Committee are Miss Alice Fraser and Miss Olga Tombs.

During the year Mrs. A. B. Cosh assumed chairmanship of the Clerical Committee from Miss Eleanor Bourke who was transferred to Halifax.

Mrs. Palmer, who is retiring as Corps Committee Chairman, will be succeeded by Miss Dorothea Stewart.

FIRST AID, SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY

Instructors' Schools conducted during the first year of the Red Cross First Aid programme have trained 36 people as qualified teachers in this branch of Red Cross work. Mrs. M. Bagnall, chairman of the committee, stated in her report.

In the matter of equipment ten small boats were obtained in connection with the swimming and water safety classes. One of these boats was instrumental in saving the life of a young boy at Brighton Shore.

Eighty Carley floats were donated by the Provincial Government and two large "H" floats were made available for use at Brighton and Kensington Beaches.

In closing, Mrs. Bagnall expressed her sincere appreciation for the cooperation given by the other members of the committee and on behalf of the committee assured Mrs. H. Cudmore that her work is truly appreciated.

NUTRITION SERVICES REPORT

The possibilities of Nutrition Services contributing to the humanitarian work of the Canadian Red Cross in Prince Edward Island are more than ever apparent at the conclusion of its second year.

Mrs. Jones reported that "interest in rural school lunches, camp feeding, cooking classes and demonstrations for teen-age girls, brides, and experienced homemakers is growing.

It was pointed out that much of the work of the Director, Miss Estelle Haines, was concerned with the promotion of school lunch programs in rural schools.

A demonstration project involving nine schools was completed. A number of teachers also attended a Red Cross Summer School where they received practical experience in preparing well-balanced noon lunches.

Classes in Nutrition were also provided teachers attending

the Summer School sponsored by the Department of Education. Work of this kind was demonstrated to the Women's Institute at their annual meeting and at district conventions. Over 60 schools were visited during the early fall months.

During the summer the Director was in charge of the food service at Joint Leadership Camp sponsored by the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and other organizations.

Girl Guides and Adult Homemakers were also included in the educational program of Nutrition Services carried on throughout the year.

Early in the summer the establishment of a Homemaker Service was authorized, reported Mrs. Jones. The homemaker is an experienced woman who can take the mother's place in the home, preparing meals for the family and caring for the children, in case of illness of the mother.

Tribute was paid Miss Haines for the outstanding manner in which she organized and conducted projects outlined by the Nutrition Committee.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Early this Spring the new Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service will be inaugurated in the Maritimes, with the main depot in Saint John, N. B.

A mobile unit will visit this Province at stated intervals," said the Commissioner, "and it is expected to have sufficient donors lined-up to meet our provincial needs."

Miss Arsenault announced that the Kiwanis Club have accepted the responsibility of sponsoring the transfusion service and that the Provincial Chairmanship of the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service has been accepted by Lt.-Col. Leo F. MacDonald.

The Commissioner gave a general review of the work accomplished by various committees of the Red Cross.

During the year, it was pointed out, a further service, which is financed by the National Red Cross, was the showing of movies in the different hospitals each week.

A Nursing Committee under the Chairmanship of Miss Katharine McLennan was organized during the past year.

The Commissioner's report also referred to the Disaster Relief Committee under Mr. R. H. Rogers which reviewed and renewed the former committees, and active chairmen are now in charge of each of the following divisions, Nursing, Housing, Clothing, Equipment, Food and Cooks and Clerical.

Miss Arsenault, in concluding her report, congratulated the President, Hon. Dr. MacMillan, on his recent honour conferred on him and expressed her thanks to him who has played a part in the Red Cross program.

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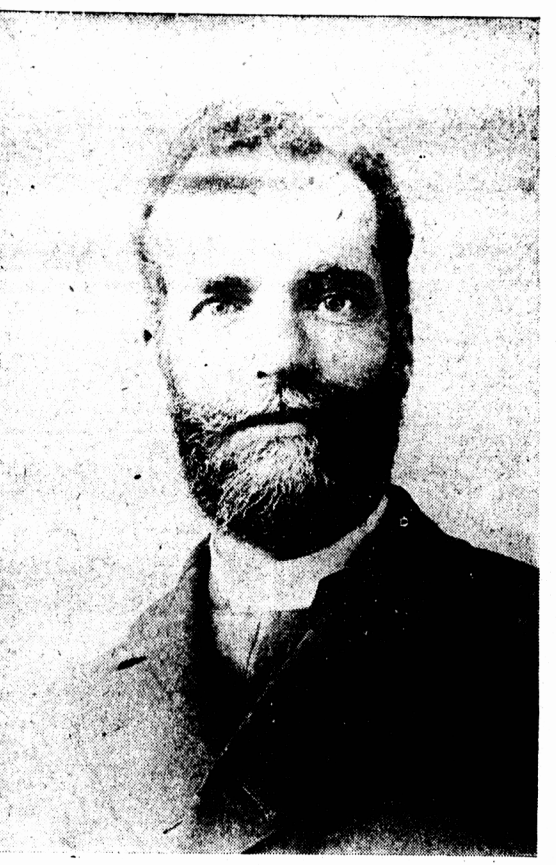
Bedeque United Church

The History of a Methodist Circuit in Prince Edward Island

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By E. S. D. CHAPTER NINE (Continued)

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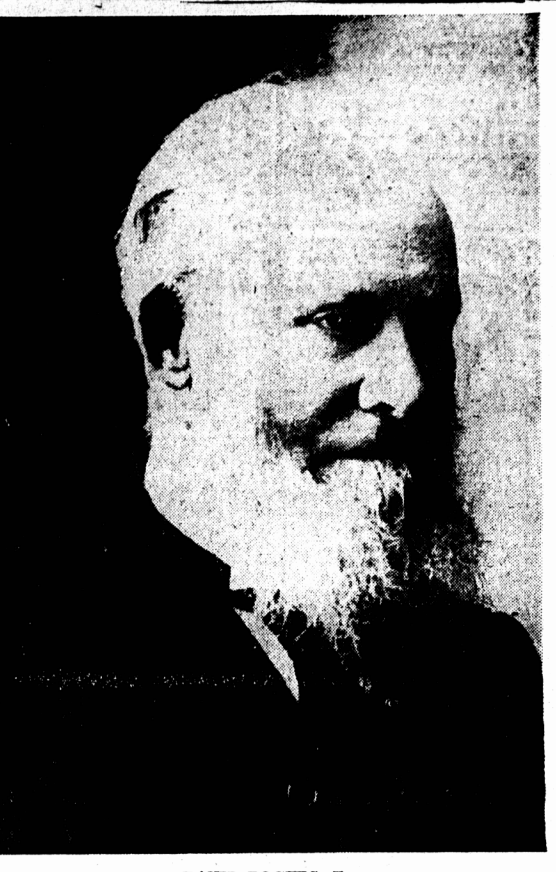
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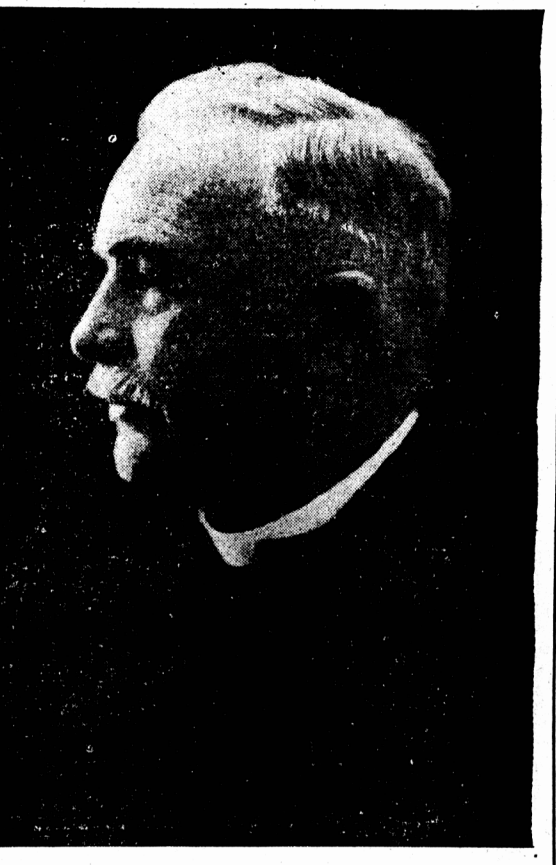


DAVID ROGERS, Esq., 1831 - 1908 Methodist Local Preacher on the Bedeque Circuit for many years.

ship had been greatly augmented in 1862 with a large number of young people, including Horace Wright, Nathaniel Pearson, Major Lowther, Grace Lowther, Emma Wright, Herma Myers, Fred Wright, Debbie Lowther, Leigh Lowther, James Arnet and many others who gave their lives to the Master at this time in special services held by Rev. Wm. Harrison and, whose contributions since then in personal dedication to the work of Bedeque and other churches have been truly magnificent.

New members meant replacements as the old ones dropped out. Quarterly Board in 1865 was composed of seven stewards (financial managers), five society representatives (representing the church membership) and delegates from the trustee boards. Three Wrights (Major, Dougald and A. T.), three Mutarts (Capt. Lewis, Herbert and William), two Leards, (Artie and Lewis), and David T. Lowther, Robert Price, John Craig and Christopher Smith made up the Board.

Jesse Wright at the mill, the last of the Nathaniel Wright family, died in 1894, leaving to those who took up his work in church and com-



REV. F. A. WIGHTMAN Superintendent of the Bedeque Circuit 1899 - 1903

munity notable examples of achievement. His home, Castalia Grove, bore one of the fanciest names of all Bedeque estates, with a classical allusion that only a few ever recognized. Castalia Street for Centreville folk who wish to be precise, may still be used as it was in 1863 and earlier for the road which runs from the parsonage corner to the mill.

All Bedeque farms had groves on them which for some owners in the middle of the last century seemed to suggest the name of their properties.

Besides Jesse Wright's Castalia Grove, there was at Lower Bedeque; Hon. J. R. Gardiner's Gordon Grove—now the Barrett farm. Holland Grove, Bedeque, was named by its owner, A. E. C. Holland, Esq., for the famous estate of the same name in Charlottetown, where his uncle, Colonel John Frederick Holland, had lived. Squire John Wright at Searletown called his home Birch Grove, while his cousin, John Wright of South West Bedeque, lived on Mill Grove Farm.

The naming of Bedeque residences apart from inns probably did not start till the eighteen hundred and thirties. The earliest record of such appears in a newspaper marriage-announcement in 1839 when Stephen Wright was listed as of Elm Vale. This house, probably built in the same decade still stands near the mills and is presently occupied by Wilfred Conolly.

Other farm-homes names included, Mapletorpe, the residence of Major Wright, afterwards owned by Louis Holland and now by Albert Weeks; Avondale Cottage where Joseph Schurman resided; Willow House at Searletown where Joseph Black lived; Fairview, home of Jabez Wright, and Riverside Farm, North Bedeque, where Jesse A. Wright farmed the ancestral holdings of his great grandfather, William Wright, the Loyalist.

Famous Names Centreville House and Bedeque House were famous names in their day. Centreville House, one of the oldest residences in the village, is now occupied by Vernon Craig. It was built, possibly as a farm home, by Thomas Hooper (son of Major Hooper) who later made it into an inn, which, by virtue of the table spread by Mrs. Hooper, had quite a reputation among travellers towards the middle of the last century.

A map of 1863 shows A. A. MacKenzie, the school master, as proprietor of Centreville House, with the 1880 atlas having A. E. C. Holland as owner. Its history since then has been a history of neglect and care woven on a warp of changing ownership. To most Bedequeers it was

Islanders I Have Met

By 'Islander Abroad'

WINNIPEG, Man.—In conversation, a few days ago, with a former Islander, about Islanders living in Winnipeg, I was given the names of Miss Ruby Curtis and Mrs. Kay Hawker.

This morning, I called at 797 Broadway, and met Miss Curtis who was formerly of Victoria and Charlottetown, P. E. I., the daughter of the late Paul and Emily (Snow) Curtis. In 1920, after the death of Mr. Curtis, Mrs. Curtis came west to live with her daughters, Miss Curtis, Mrs. Farrow and Mrs. Villet. She passed away in 1928.

After I was admitted to the suite by Miss Curtis, I said, "And you are from Prince Edward Island? From what part?" "Victoria" came the reply. "Oh, I know Victoria and many of her people," I answered. "Whom do you know in Victoria?" came the question. This began a lively chat about the Village-by-the-sea, and the folk found thereabout.

Miss Curtis before coming West in 1909, was employed at S. A. MacDonald's, and was a member of the choir of what is now the Trinity United Church, then referred to as the Brick Church.

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When Prof. Watts was the organist and choir leader and Dr. Dobson was the minister. Miss Curtis was for thirty-four years an accountant with the Northern Assurance Co., Winnipeg, and during those years, worked with the same manager. Miss Curtis is now on retirement and owns a beautiful summer cottage at Beachside, Lake Winnipeg, where she spends most of the summer months. During the winter, Miss Curtis lives at her suite on Broadway.

Miss Curtis has four sisters, Pearl, Mrs. W. H. Villet and Mae, Mrs. Harold Farrow, both of Winnipeg; Aldabert, Mrs. Jelly of Summerside, P. E. I.; Laura, and Mrs. Stone of Mass., U.S.; and three brothers, Arthur, Herbert and Harold, all of Mass., U. S.