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MRS. DANIEL MACDONALD

At her home in Shamrock on January 5th, 1948, there passed peacefully to her eternal rest Mrs. Daniel MacDonald after a long illness.

Born in Brackley Point Road in 1852, she was the daughter of the late Martin Martin and was the youngest of a family of five, all who have predeceased her.

She was fully conscious to the last—just prior to her passing she called her daughter Ida to her bedside to bid her "farewell" and requested to see her two little grandchildren, Winston age 4 and Chester 2 1/2.

Mrs. MacDonald was an aged and respected citizen of the community. Her cordial welcome and unsurpassed hospitality endeared her to all who had the opportunity of making her acquaintance. The community has lost a beloved and respected neighbour and friend.

Most of all she will be missed in the home where she was always a loving and devoted parent.

Her pastor, Rev. Donald Nicholson visited her on different occasions and always was a source of inspiration and strength to her unflinching faith in God.

She leaves to mourn the loss of a devoted mother, two sons and two daughters, Katie, wife of Allan Dougherty, Clifford, P. E. I., Angus, Ida and Willie all of Shamrock. Two sons and one daughter predeceased her some years ago. There are also left to mourn her loss, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Her funeral which was largely attended was held on January 7th, 1948, from her late residence. It was conducted by her pastor Rev. Donald Nicholson. The hymns sung were: "All People That on Earth do Dwell", "The Lord is My Shepherd" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus". A solo was sung by the pastor "God Understands."

The pallbearers were: J. D. Matheson, Annes Hughes, Freeman Walsh, Floyd Cairns, Wilbur Waddell and Eldon Cairns.

Interment was in Springton cemetery beside her husband who predeceased her twenty-three years ago.

John Chisholm acted as undertaker. He was also undertaker for the deceased's mother who predeceased her 41 years ago. That being the first occasion that a hearse was used in Shamrock. Her burial took place in Brackley Point Road, a distance of thirty miles. Mr. Chisholm was accompanied on this long journey by the late Mr. Hugh Gillis.

CARD OF THANKS

The Family of the late Mrs. Dan MacDonald wish to thank their many neighbours and friends for their many acts of kindness during their recent sad bereavement. Also special thanks to the Dr. and her pastors.

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Bedeque United Church

The History of a Methodist Circuit
in Prince Edward Island

Tracing its Roots in the Cultural, Educational and
Commercial Fields of the Community.

By R. S. D.

The commercial history of Centreville and Lower Bedeque may be dated from the arrival of the Popes in 1818. The Popes of Plymouth, were merchants and ship-builders, but above all they were Methodists, and their arrival in Bedeque was perhaps one of the turning points in the history of the Methodist Church. Thomas Pope the elder, of Plymouth, had six sons, three of whom were famous preachers in the Wesleyan church and three merchants and shipbuilders who worked very successfully in a family partnership. One of the sons, John Pope, with his brother William, came to Bedeque in 1818 with a shipload of artisans and labourers to build ships and cut pine deal for the British market, both of which found a ready sale on the other side of the Atlantic. The Pope residence, later to become the Summerdale Kirk was built near the corner of the Lower Bedeque road and for many years served as a mariner's land mark for those sailing up the channel. Probably the same men who built the Pope home (one of them chalked the name "George Price 1818" on a beam) helped at the new church which was built under the direction of John Pope. It was built to the east of the then small cemetery which had been started at Lower Bedeque and its site is now covered with the graves of its first attendants.

Most Bedeque men remember the old church reduced at last to warehouse status behind Bowmester's store, where it burned to the ground in the fire of 1928. A plain low-posted building, 30 x 40, (a shade bigger than Tryon's 39 x 27 chapel) with Gothic windows and, in its day, galleries and porch, it made no pretensions to being a cathedral but for the Loyalists entering their first Methodist chapel in Bedeque, even for the minister but two years removed from a Montreal pastorate, and for the Plymouth Popes who knew the larger meeting-houses of the old country it was doubtless a considerable achievement in church building. The chapel, when completed with gallery and some crowding of fat folks, was officially reckoned as having three hundred and six sittings with forty of them free; but where they tucked them all in is just difficult to say.

Some would suggest that this was not the first church at Lower Bedeque. In "Bedeque and Its People", by L. U. Fowler, Prince Edward Island Magazine, page 118, it is stated that the Acadians had a church and cemetery at Lower Bedeque on the present Robert Waugh farm, and that the church bell is buried near the spring on an adjacent property. On the other hand we have it from Professor J. H. Blanchard, authoritative Acadian historian, that the nearest church for the Bedeque Acadians in pre-English days was at what is now called Barbara Welt, where later in early English days a large settlement of French formed a handy labour reserve for haying and harvest in Bedeque.

CHAPTER THREE

The Popes were not the only welcome additions to the population from the old country at this time. The Yorkshire people who came out in the Vallant in 1817 and gave their name to Little York settlement near Charlottetown, contributed their overflow to the Crapaud and Tryon section of the Bedeque circuit. William Barker and family, Richard Hudson, George Wigginton and wife, and Christopher Smith and family were rich additions to the Methodist population. Their names are still honoured and their influence, greatly broadened, can still be traced. Others who came around this time: Richard Lea and family settling in Tryon, and Captain Thomas Moys in Bedeque, were to be well known in Methodist circles by their descendants, particularly by grandsons who carried their names.

Early settlers who left no descendants were quickly forgotten in the collective memory of the community. The first resident doctor at Bedeque was a striking example of this. James Graham, a forty-two-year-old bachelor of Edinburgh, who began a thirty-five year practice at Bedeque in 1814 which ended only with his death, was entirely forgotten a hundred years later, though at least one man, James Graham Wright of Crapaud, (second son of William Wright and his wife Isabella Cole of South Shore), had the honour of carrying his name through life. Dr. Graham lived at Major Hooper's with a practice even larger than the Methodist missionary's circuit.

Last of the Loyalists

The doctor saw many weary eyes close for the last time. The Loyalist pioneers were going home. Thomas Hooper Sr., who had been appointed Bedeque's first justice of the peace thirty years previously, died in 1816 at the age of eighty-two. A Mr. North Bedeque William Wright, who heard the Word of God read from the Treasured Book with which he had furnished his home, finished out his days in February of 1819. Further along the shore at Wilnot Grove, William Schurman, who had sold the Book in Bedeque's first store, paid his debt to nature the same year when the leaves began to fall, leaving legacies totalling nearly a thousand pounds to his daughters, farm lands in excess of twenty-seven hundred acres to his sons and grandsons and three thousand acres of woodlands earmarked for sale on behalf of his estate.

William Schurman in his last will and testament directed his body to be buried near the church (Presbyterian) at Bedeque and from this it might be surmised that the first church stood in the middle of the present cemetery. His negro servant, Susannah Schurman, was to be provided for in the family as long as she lived, or if she wished to leave was to receive fifty pounds. Sook, as she was commonly known, has become a legend in Bedeque. Her beautiful voice, typical of her race's gifts to humanity, led the singing of the psalms in the old church at North Bedeque for well nigh a quarter of a century.

A Strong Rival

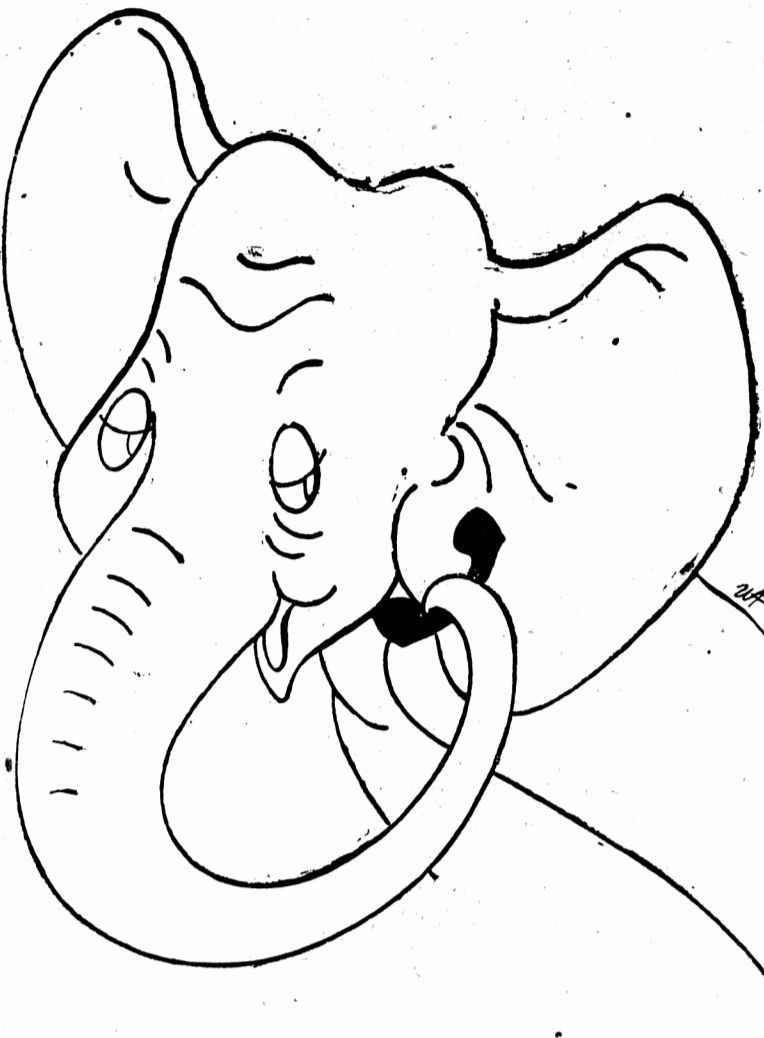
Across the river the Methodist meeting-house, so near by ice in winter time and so far away by road in summer, was soon a strong rival to the long-established Kirk. The Methodists had an urgency in their message and a popular appeal in their hymns of worship which the more staid service of the Scottish church lacked. The urgency of the Gospel preached by the Wesleyans could be no more clearly demonstrated than by the departure of John Pope from his prosperous Bedeque business in 1819, after only a short year's stay, to take his place with two of his brothers in the Methodist missionary ministry of North America. His work, commenced in Charlottetown as assistant pastor to Robert Alder, was to end many years later in the old country by way of the West Indies. One of his sons, Rev. Wm. B. Pope, D.D., was destined to rise to the highest position in the Methodist Church in England; another, Rev. Thos. J. Pope, to be friend and secretary to Cardinal Newman.

About the same time as John Pope left Bedeque, the youngest of the family, Joseph Pope, a lad of sixteen or so, arrived for a short visit which stretched on to a residence of forty years. Joseph Pope, his education completed in the shipyards of Bedeque, was not out of his teens before his older brother William left him in charge and moved to Charlottetown where for some years he was high sheriff for P.E.I., one of the leading merchants of the Capital and a prominent local preacher for the Methodists of Queen's County. Joseph Pope was not the enthusiastic churchman that his brothers were. A Methodist all his Bedeque days and generous in the support of the church, he gave to the field of politics the devotion which his brothers reserved for the preaching of the Word.

Johnstone's Account

Bedeque had its first adverse press notice in 1822. Walter Johnstone, one time shoe-maker of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, who came to the Island in 1820 selling straw bonnets and religious tracts, and organizing Sunday Schools, published an account of his visit to the Island in which he spoke of Bedeque as "truly an excellent, well-cleared settlement. The settlers, however, are both ignorant and indolent farmers and much of the land is running wild and barren under their management." The criticism sounds inconsistent as "indolent ignorant farmers" could hardly be creators of an "excellent well cleared settlement", so it is necessary to read between the lines of this rare volume of Prince Edward Islands, Johnstone's Travels in Prince Edward Island (Edinburgh and London 1824) to see what had prejudiced the author against Bedeque.

Walter Johnstone, though making a living in books and bonnets, found his chief delight in organizing Sabbath Schools. A Calvinist of broad sympathies he sought to bring the people together in this great work, making light of denominational differences and finding greatest co-operation not from his fellow Presbyterians but from the Baptists and Methodists. On his first trip to Prince County, Johnstone stopped at Tryon, but hearing that Mr. Keir was to preach in Bedeque on Sunday, July 16th, 1820, he set out on Saturday to walk the twelve miles through the woods of the Albany road to hear him. A few miles before reaching his destination he came to a tavern, the



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HAMPTON W. M. S.

The January meeting of the Hampton W. M. S. met at the Manse on Tuesday evening, January 6th. Before the meeting began there was a Memorial Service held in honor of the late president who was so faithful to the W. M. S. work. Mrs. Morrison told briefly the loss sustained by her faithfulness to all the various work, and now the members are left like lost sheep without a shepherd, hardly knowing how to carry on. Mrs. MacFarlane then led in prayer, after which the service was brought to a close by singing Hymn 187.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Morrison, followed by Hymn 483. Readings of scripture were read by Mrs. James Ferguson and Mrs. Earle Callbeck. A message, "Key-note for the Year," was read by Mrs. Erma Ings. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, followed by the roll call which was answered by twelve members and three visitors. One new member joined, and eight members paid their yearly fees. Christian Stewardship Secretary read an article, Community, Friendship Secretary reported 169 sick calls for the year. Letters of thanks from the Rogers family were read for flowers received, also a letter from Mrs. Lorne Ferguson thanking the W. M. S. for letters

and calls during her recent illness. It was decided that Mrs. T. G. Head and Mrs. Gordon Villett attend the meeting of the Presbytery to be held in Summerside this month.

Johnstone at Bedeque

After retracing his steps to Tryon and back to Charlottetown for more books, (evidently he found a ready sale for them in Prince County), Johnstone eventually reached Bedeque on Thursday evening, July 15th. He had heard a Bedeque local preacher speak the previous Sunday in the Methodist's "very decent meeting house" in Tryon and had the satisfaction of organizing Tryon's first Sabbath Schools (Methodist and Presbyterian); and expected that his efforts at Bedeque would meet with similar success. His own account (page 26, Travels in Prince Edward Island) gives some idea of his frustrated efforts and may explain the epithets of "indolent" and "ignorant" with which he smeared the community.

"On Thursday evening the 27th July I reached the settlement of Bedeque. On Friday and Saturday I travelled round it inviting the people to bring their children to the Methodist meeting house which I had procured between the preachings to hold the school in. I waited upon them at the appointed time but a very small number were presented for instruction. A meeting of heads of families was called on the Monday evening at six o'clock. Very few attended and these were men of no courage. The Methodist preacher here begged me to hold him excused, his labours being so great he could not take any hand in the school. The following week I traversed much of the settlement over again encouraging them all that I could to set their shoulders to the work.

"Next Sabbath I waited again upon the children, their number were increased but still no individual would take charge of them. Another meeting was called on Monday evening. It also was badly attended and every person wished his neighbor to do what he had neither zeal nor courage to do himself. Finding my labours all unavailing for this object at present, on Wednesday the 9th of August I crossed over to the settlement of Malpeque on the north shore."

The strangest thing about this account is that all of Johnstone's efforts seem to have been centred about Centreville with apparently no attempt being made at North Bedeque where the larger Presbyterian congregation would apparently offer the greater possibilities. Doubtless Johnstone would have been comforted to know that before his second volume on Prince Edward Island was off the press (1824) Bedeque's Methodist Sunday School was going strong with Baptist and Presbyterian following closely.

(To Be Continued)

Carnival At Bedeque

A very successful carnival was held in Bedeque rink on Friday evening, Jan. 23rd, with a record crowd of spectators in attendance; a large number of splendid costumes, with many gay and beautiful colors, made a difficult task for the judges to select the winners. The judges were: Mrs. Brewer Waugh, Wilnot Valley; Mrs. Mary Sullivan, Kinkora; Mrs. John Myers, Carleton; Mr. J. B. Lewis, Freetown, and Mr. Chas. McFarlane, Fernwood.

The skaters in costumes were divided into their respective classes and marshaled to different positions in front of the judges who were placed separate in various positions around the rink. These acting as marshals were: Brewer Johnson, John Myers, Leo Duvar, and Arnold Henderson. The prizes were awarded as follows:

Ladies—1st, Audrey Reeves; Easter; 2nd, Joyce Reeves; Daughter of the Regiment.

Gents—1st, Emmett McIsaac; Medicine Man; 2nd, Douglas McFarlane; Sir Walter Raleigh.

Most comical—1st, Jack Waugh; 2nd, Ted Poole; Clown.

Girls—1st, Shirley Jewell; Red Riding Hood; 2nd, Marion Schurman; Gypsy Girl.

Boys—1st, Waldron Heffell; Red Rooster; 2nd, Alfred Ballam; Superman.

Best Pair Adults—1st, Mrs. Arnold Henderson and Miss Aletha Noonan; Canadians Helping Europe; 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morrison; The Sultan and the Sultan's Daughter.

Best Pair Juniors—1st, Helen and Chas. Poland; Old Chum; 2nd, Ina DesRoche and Ruth Gallant; Old Fashioned Girls.

Other rigs worthy of mention were: Mrs. Earl Hamill; Snowflake; Agnes Heffell; Leap Year Bride; John Doull; Absent-minded Professor; Mrs. Bruce Johnson; Bride; Mrs. Harry Crossman; Bridegroom; Betty Magee; Pickaninny; Mrs. Roland Gay; Telegraph Messenger; Marion McNeill;

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After the judging was over many skaters went on the ice while others patronized the canteen which has recently been enlarged and redecorated, and is now operated by Mr. Chas. Green who with a very efficient staff of waiters, serve the patrons in a courteous and pleasing manner from the well stocked booth.

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