

CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN

LIST OF RATEPAYERS FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN in default for Assessment due on Real Property including Permanent Street and Permanent Sidewalk respectively and the property in respect of which the taxes are owing.

Table with columns: NAME, DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY AND LOCATION, Assessment For Real Estate, Assessment For Sidewalks, Total. Lists numerous property owners and their details.

History of the Murray Harbor Presbyterian Church

(Continued)

By Rev. P. Watson Currie

On January 24th, 1907, we find a committee consisting of the Pastor and Session Clerk appointed to revise the Communion Roll and provision made to dispense the Communion in the home of those unable to attend in Church.

We find also the good practice carried out of asking intending communicants the questions prescribed and giving their answers in the presence of the congregation and of giving them a suitable address by the Moderator before the dispensation of the sacrament, the duties and responsibilities of their profession being duly impressed upon them and the congregation to which they are attached. Also we find the practice followed of giving them the right hand of fellowship by the session. How earnestly many of us desire to see a return to this, no language can express. Had not our conduct a strong influence? A significant fact is that we received more of our young men than that we do now. On April 29th, 1908, we find the pastor asking that the hour of service at Peter's Road be changed from 2.30 p. m. till 10.30 a. m. on the last Sunday of every month during the summer season to enable him to be present at the Murray Harbor North Sunday School. Also that the children might be present at the regular services of the church. It might be a good idea to revive this practice during the coming summer season.

We find the names of ministers named McLeod, MacDonald, MacLellan and Stewart, etc., preaching the preparatory sermons at communion seasons which is a proof of the pleasant relations of the pastor to these brethren. And on the first Sabbath of November 1908 a sermon is preached by the pastor on "Good Citizenship" a very timely topic. It followed on November 9th by a real Thanksgiving Service in Cambridge Hall on November 9th showing the interest taken in these things that we regret to say are now too often neglected.

All these and many other necessary reconstructions having been made and the pastorate having now lasted the three years required by law of augmentation committee, the time came when these charges should make an effort to relieve the Fund of at least part of the grant. A great many congregations forget that the church has other children (like the old woman who lived in a shoe) and none of them can claim a permanent and continual grant from her resources. Those of us who have spent our ministry in self-sustaining churches and at one time or another have been designated by our Presbytery to visit assisted churches are fully aware of the reception we meet and the stories of poverty that we hear even though there has been increase in the membership and families. And so on

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Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the provisions of Statute 3, Edward VII, Cap. 17 as amended, after 30 days from the publication hereof and of the above list of ratepayers of the City of Charlottetown who have failed to pay within the time prescribed by law, the amount of the assessments severally levied upon their Real Property in said City, I will make application to His Honor the Judge of the City Court of the said City, so levied against each and all of the lands above described for the respective amounts will apply for a warrant for the sale of such lands.

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December 5th, 1908, the Rev. W. H. Spencer of Montague, an old neighbor and friend of the congregation met with the session and Board of managers to consider the matter of becoming self-sustaining. For 17 years the field had been augmented and in that time had drawn more than \$2,500.00 of assistance towards ministerial support and so after mature deliberation it was unanimously decided that a canvass of the congregation by Rev. W. H. Spencer accompanied by one of the elders or managers, that the situation as regards augmentation be explained to the congregation and that subscriptions be obtained with a view to the congregation becoming self-sustaining or as nearly so as possible. It would seem that a good response was made but as in many other cases the subscribers did not or could not make good and as the augmentation grant was reduced financial problems presented hard as there were still demands made for contribution to the schemes of the church which fell harder on those willing to bear more than their just share.

We find the membership increasing all the time and as assessments for work of the church are based on these a corresponding advance is expected. We find the pastor explaining the object and needs of the various schemes and urging their more liberal support by the members. Revision of the subscription lists are made yearly and attempts made to collect arrears. It is at this time the system known as the Budget was launched by the General Assembly in 1911 and we thought our troubles were all to end and financing to be an easy matter. One proof of the failure of the system is that in 20 years the average giving per communicant has increased by only 3 cents and in some parts of the church it has actually declined.

A few figures from the Assembly's Report for 1908 may be of interest: No. of preaching places ..... 3 No. of families ..... 115 No. of communicants ..... 161 No. of communicants received ..... 23 No. of communicants removed ..... 8 No. of baptisms ..... 24 No. of elders ..... 8 Class ..... 175 Amt. paid for stipend ..... \$800 Amt. paid for missions ..... 180 Mmt. paid for cong'l purposes 1,345 Amt. raised by S. School ..... 101 Amt. paid to College Fund ..... 36 Amt. paid Home Missions ..... 32 Amt. paid to Augmentation ..... 600 Amt. paid to Foreign Missions 58.00 Amt. paid to Widows and Orphans ..... 2.00 Amt. paid to Aged and Indirm Ministers ..... 5.00 Amt. paid to Assembly Fund ..... 5.00 Amt. paid to Pointe Aux Trembles ..... 11.00 Amt. paid to other objects ..... 3.00

The congregation here had made a strong effort to reach the point of being self-containing only to find that the minimum stipend was raised in 1911 from \$800 to \$900.00. If congregations were unable to make the grade they would have to apply for at least half of the amount of increase. The first vote on the question of Church Union was taken in March, 1911 and with all these vexed questions before us and in our congregations few pastors there were who were not perplexed as to the best course to pursue. The congregation was notified by Rev. W. H. Spencer and on July 10th, 1912 it was resolved to call a conference of the elders

and managers at the Peters Road Church on July 20th. At this meeting it was found that the maximum stipend possible in the congregation could not exceed \$800 at present. It was moved that the pastor be granted a vacation of six weeks in view of long and faithful services rendered. In the fall of the same year a Guild or Young Peoples Society was organized and a period of successful services in this department was begun.

The long and successful pastorate of Rev. Mr. Gray ended in the summer of 1913 due in part to the death of his esteemed partner in life who had contributed a large share. Mr. Gray took up his residence in Pictou the same year and for years gave supply in many needy congregations. The following minute of session speaks for itself. It was moved by Carney D. McClure seconded by George Reynolds that the following resolution be entered on the minutes of the Record: That whereas the Reverend Andrew Gray who has been minister of this congregation since November the eighth, one thousand nine hundred and five, has resigned his charge of this congregation and whereas Mr. Gray has during his pastorate rendered most faithful service to the cause of Christ and has been most faithful in all his duties: "Therefore, be it resolved that this session place on record its sincere appreciation of Mr. Gray as a man and a pastor, their tender regard for him and their deep appreciation of his faithfulness in all his duties. And also their prayer that he may long be spared to serve our Lord and Master and that the Lord's blessing may follow him wheresoever his lot may be cast."

Another chapter is thus closed and a vacancy created in which the Rev. A. J. MacNeill of Murray River was appointed Interim Moderator and arrangements for the hearing of such candidates as might be available. (To be continued)

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