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DOVER, England (GP)—An attraction for many Coronation visitors will be Dover Castle, perched on the white Kentish cliffs, which draws 100,000 tourists in a

normal year. A feature of the old castle is the wells hewn deep through stone and chalk, believed to contain thousands of pounds worth of coins tossed in for luck.

Historic Mission

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sovereignty over the clearings and through the forests that fringe the noble harbour of Three Rivers.

In 1805, a Scottish Catholic gentleman, Andrew MacDonald, of Eileen Shona and Arisaig, Invernesshire, having purchased a large area of property in the eastern part of Prince Edward Island, sent his family out to take possession of it, and followed them in 1806. Mr. MacDonald took up residence on Panmure Island at the mouth of the Harbour, where he erected a fine brick dwelling house and many other buildings and where he did an extensive business for many years. Besides his family, he brought with him a following of fifty persons, who settled in the adjoining district of Gaspereaux and who, it is probable, aided much in the erection of the church that shortly after their arrival was built upon Panmure Island.

Where the church was a cemetery beside Mr. MacDonald and his wife were buried and which was for many years a favorite place of sepulture, the dwellers in Gaspereaux bringing their dead there for interment long after the church was removed to Georgetown.

Some years before there was a house where Georgetown now stands. Burnt Point and what is called the Royalty, were settled by seven or eight Highland Catholic families from Uist, with a sprinkling of Presbyterians from the Isle of Skye. Those people formed part of the band of emigrants who came out with the Earl of Selkirk in 1803, in the good ship "Polly". The majority of Lord Selkirk's following settled in Belfast, but the Catholics of the band, with a few Protestants, hearing that there were free farms to be had at Launching in Township Fifty-Five, made their way thither.

They found that the lands which had been escheated by Governor Smith were all taken up and they decided to settle on what is now called Georgetown and upon land belonging to Lord Selkirk on the Cardigan River. Lord Selkirk gave to each family on his estate, one cow, one axe and a grubbing hoe; and to every two families, he gave a quern or handmill with which to grind their corn.

About the year 1837 the old church at Panmure Island was dismantled and the boards and large supply of fresh material, were used in the construction of a new church in Georgetown. This edifice was at first forty-six feet long by thirty-three wide, and the builder was Mr. Joseph McDonald, (Weasel). In the year 1844 a legacy of five hundred pounds was left to the church by a Mr. James McDonald, M.P., and it was then enlarged and improved. The building was seventy-six feet in length by thirty-three in width. The altar was a fine one and very richly

gilt. The Antependium which was presented by the Countess of Westmoreland to the late Rev. John MacDonald of Glenaladale, was extremely handsome. It was of a crimson velvet, with the sacred monogram richly embroidered, and although in use for half a century bore little evidence of the ravages of time. The aisles were carpeted with a matting, most ingeniously woven from rushes; this matting was a present to the Very Rev. Daniel McDonald from some of his former parishioners in the mission of St. Columba.

The Church of St. James was well supplied, and its altar, vestments, ornaments, hinges, etc., gave evidence of delicate taste and loving care on the part of the ladies of the congregation. The graveyard is beautifully situated and contains some very handsome monuments. A fine wooden cross commemorates a mission held here by the Redeemptorist Fathers in 1854.

Georgetown is a parish of mixed nationalities, the Scotch slightly predominating, notwithstanding the fact that an Irishman named John Kearney built the first house in its precincts, and another, named John Kirwan, filled the first graves in its cemetery.

The early settlers of the country surrounding Georgetown had rivers to bridge and roads to make before they could develop the resources of their farms. A story is told of the coming of the first carriage to these parts. Mr. Angus McDonald, son of Andrew McDonald, Esq., of Panmure Island, carried on an extensive shipbuilding business upon the point where de Roma hed away in the preceding century.

One summer having occasion to visit Charlottetown, Mr. McDonald and his wife proceeded there in one of his own vessels. While in the city he purchased a horse and gig and started for home. He got on pretty well until within a few miles of Georgetown when he came upon a cleared district where the road was only just surveyed and the men helping work upon it. Thanks to the help rendered by these men, the vehicle was lifted over the rugged track and conveyed to its destination. Mr. McDonald's gratitude to them was expressed by a donation of two gallons of Jamaica rum; this was the first carriage brought to Georgetown.

There is an interesting legend told in King's County, which explains how the early priests of Georgetown came to hold stations in the house of one Hugh McPhee of Burnt Point, who is registered as a Presbyterian emigrant from Skye. Many years ago this Hugh McPhee being detained on business in the settlement of old Launching, was obliged to pass the night there, at the residence of Mr. Angus Walker. Being a man of respectable appearance, to him was allotted the bedroom usually occupied by Father McEachern, when he held a station at Launching. Scarcely had Mr. McPhee closed his eyes, when he heard a voice saying: "Eirich o' leabaidh, a Chrìosdaidh beannachd, tha e anmoch." "Rise from the bed of the blessed Christian!"

He was much startled, but, being very tired, tried to imagine himself dreaming. However, the second time and even the third time, the invisible voice hissed the same words into his ear. He arose, dressed and went home. As soon as the day dawned he drove to St. Andrews, made his profession of faith and was received into the church by Bishop McEachern. His brother Angus became a Catholic shortly after. From that time, Bishop McEachern, Father McDonald, and Father Francis McDonald held stations at Hugh McPhee's house and it became the habitual stopping place of the priests long before there was a presbytery in Georgetown.

In common with the other Catholic missions of Prince Edward Island, St. James was first under the care of the Rev. Arneus McEachern; then it was attended by Rev. John MacDonald of Glenaladale, and afterwards, by Rev. Francis McDonald who served it for forty years. In 1873 he was replaced in Georgetown by Rev. Charles McDonald, who in 1884 was succeeded by the very Rev. Daniel McDonald. On the 3rd January 1886, Rev. Daniel McDonald breathed his last in the presbytery of St. James and was succeeded in the care of the mission by the Rev. William Grant, D.D., the present pastor.

There are several prosperous establishments doing business in Georgetown, many of them in the hands of descendants of the early Catholic settlers.

On Panmure Island, around which so many historic memories linger, a lobster canning establishment has usurped the place of a seigneurial chapel of the first owner, and in all directions modern industries are cautiously throwing out feelers that will in time, have a firm hold and effectually erase the remains of a picturesque past.

With its beauty of location and easy access to magnificent fishing grounds, Georgetown might, if properly advertised, become a favorite watering place. It may be that this will be brought about, and the rifle of the American tourist will ring over the country where de Roma held sway in the old regime.

First Catholic Settlers of St. James Mission, Georgetown and

Royalty: Hugh McPhee, Skye; Angus McPhee, Skye; Angus McLellan, South Uist; Roderick McDonald, South Uist; Hugh McDonald, South Uist; Donald Morrison, South Uist; John McDonald, South Uist; Donald McDonald, South Uist; Hugh McDonald, Eileen Shona; John Kearney, Ireland; John Kirwan, Ireland; Thomas Burke, Ireland; Martin Byrne, Ireland.

Pastors since 1885: Rev. W. H. Grant, 1886-1887; Rev. William Phelan, 1887-1889; Rev. Stephen T. Phelan, 1889-1913; Rev. D. P. Croken, 1913-1923; Rev. Owen Kiggins, 1923-.

New Church

The present church was erected in 1919. The interior was completed in 1930, and it was dedicated in 1950.

The present pastor is Rev. Owen Kiggins.

The parish is composed of 120 families.

The parish registers begin in 1855.

Centenary Celebration 1837-1937

The following record of the Centenary Celebration was left in the parish Register by His Excellency Bishop J. A. O'Sullivan: "On the 24th of August, 1937,

with all the solemnity of Holy Mother Church, we commemorated the hundredth anniversary of the founding of St. James Church, Georgetown, by the zealous Scottish Missionary, Reverend John MacDonald. We offered High Mass in thanksgiving for the blessings bestowed on this old parish. We were assisted by Rev. D. P. Croken, a former pastor, as High Priest. Very Reverend R. V. MacKenzie of St. Dunstan's University and Rev. M. J. Rooney, of Cardigan, were Deacon and Sub-Deacon of Honor. Rev. J. C. MacDonald, St. George's, and Rev. J. W. McCordie of St. Dunstan's Basilica were Deacon and Sub-Deacon of the Mass. Rev. Louis Dougan and Rev. Eric Robin of Charlottetown were Masters of Ceremonies. Mr. William Brown of Charlottetown was Censor Bearer. Our other assistants were Altar boys of the Basilica, Charlottetown. In the Sanctuary were Rev. Father Howard, C.S.S.R. of the Holy Redeemer parish, Charlottetown, Rev. James A. Murphy, St. Dunstan's University, Rev. Dr. Bernard Gillis, Charlottetown, Rev. Basil Croken, St. Teresa's, Rev. Finlay Mulally, Sturgeon, Rev. Clarence Pitre, Rustico, Rev. Dr. McMahon, Charlottetown. The Right Reverend G. J. MacLellan preached the sermon for this memorable celebration. Rev. Owen Kiggins, pastor, outlined briefly the religious history of the parish during the past hundred years.

After the religious ceremonies, a picnic was held on the church grounds. In the assembly we noticed Hon. H. F. MacPhee and Hon. S. S. Hession, speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Senator John A. MacDonald of Cardigan, Judge A. F. Fraser of Souris, Mayor Condon of Georgetown and Dr. David Scannell of Boston, Mass.

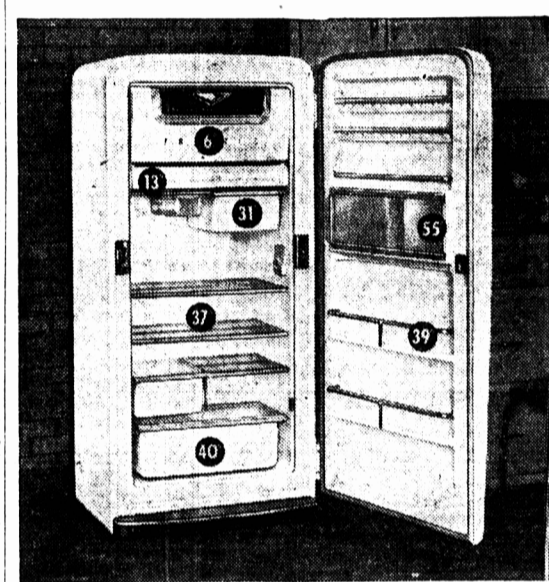
"At seven o'clock we went in solemn procession to the Church where we presided at a Holy Hour, preached by Rev. J. A. Sullivan of St. Dunstan's University, closing with Pontifical Benediction. We took occasion to congratulate the people on their faith and spirit of co-operation. We noted particularly the spirit of good fellowship that exists between the Catholic and non-Catholic of the town, thus carrying out the early traditions of the parish established by the generosity of the Catholics of the town—assisted by their non-Catholic friends.

(Signed) "J. A. O'Sullivan, "Bishop of Charlottetown."

According to the Geographic Board of Canada, Georgetown was named after George III (1738-1820). The name appears on Holland Map, 1765. Georgetown was incorporated in 1912.

ELDON W. I. The May meeting of the Eldon Women's Institute was held at Mrs. William Penny's, May 15th, with 12 members present. The meeting was opened by repeating the Creed in unison. Roll call was answered with an exchange of flower seeds. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. Report of the "Lads and Ladies" Scotch concert was then given, which was greatly enjoyed by a very large audience, and a goodly sum realized. The lucky ticket was drawn on the blanket, and won by Mr. John Ross, Eldon. The secretary reported the school had been scrubbed. Correspondence was read and discussed. \$5.00 was donated to the Salvation Army Drive. \$5.00 was to be sent for the handicraft van. \$10.00 to the Flood Relief Fund. \$10.30 was received for grant on books bought for the school. Mrs. Buchanan invited members to her home for the June meeting, when roll call will be an exchange of flower slips. The meeting closed by singing "God Save the Queen", followed by reading by Mrs. Wm Penny, and lunch was served by the hostesses.

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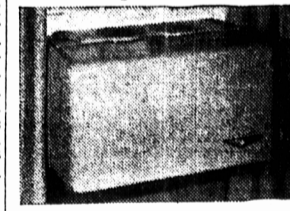
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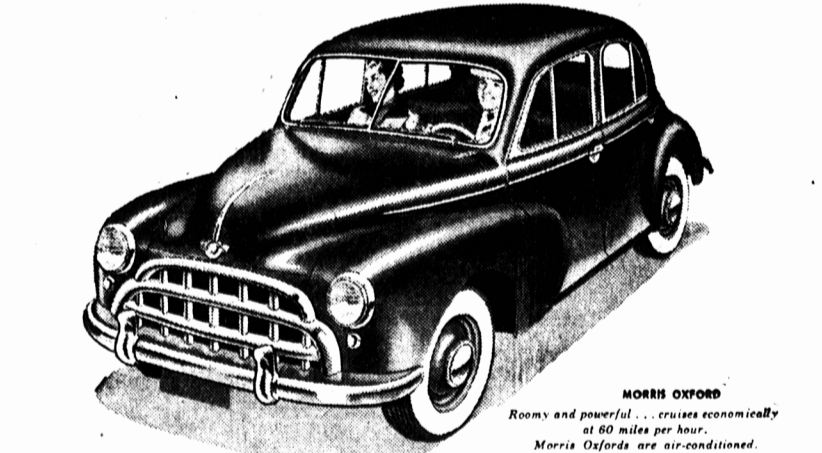
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