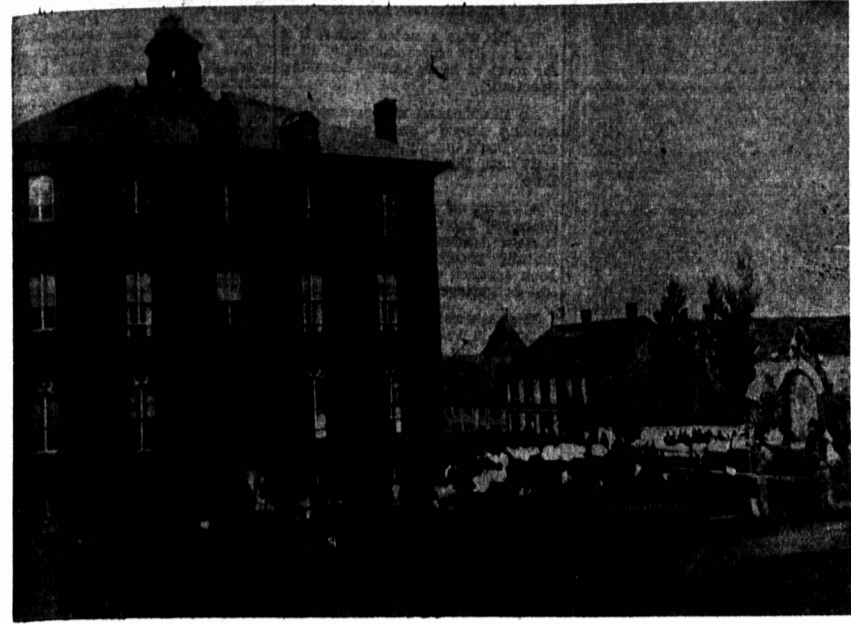
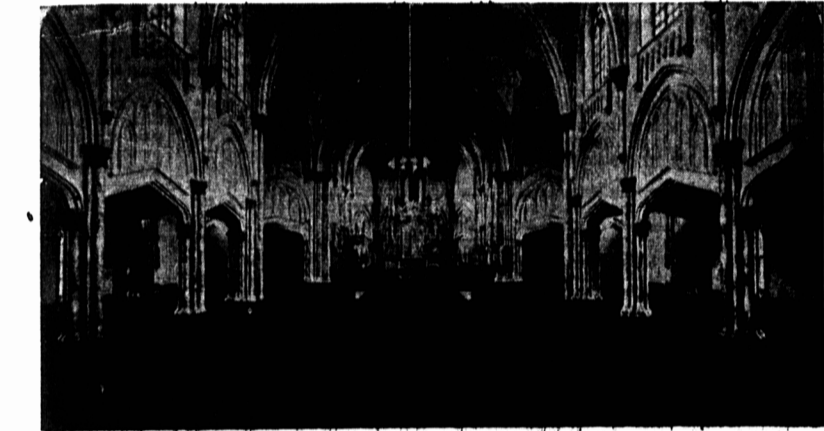


# CITY AND DISTRICT

## The Cathedral Parish Of St. Dunstan In Charlottetown



The Bishop's residence is pictured above as it stood on the day of Bishop MacIntyre's Silver Jubilee on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15, 1885. In the background is the First Charlottetown Hospital opened on October 9, 1879. This building had served as a residence for Bishop MacIntyre previous to the erection of the present imposing edifice. On the extreme right is the Jubilee Arch.



INTERIOR OF ST. DUNSTAN'S CATHEDRAL 1907

A subscription list was opened for the building of a Chapel, wherein the names of the prominent Catholics of the day were down for what was in those times a considerable sum of money. This list has not been preserved but tradition tells how Mr. Donald McDonald of West River gave \$5 — Mr. John Doyle gave \$5 — Mr. John McCarthy gave \$5 — Mr.

John Gainsford gave \$5 — and Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald gave \$2.10.0. Father Fitzgerald pushed on the work of the church as rapidly as possible and on St. Patrick's Day 1825, it was opened for service. A High Mass was sung and a sermon preached, and all the leading personages of the colony were invited to be present. The governor and other notables were provided with seats inside the sanctuary railing.

The Prince Edward Island Register of the 17th, of March 1825 contained the following announcement: — "At a meeting of the Roman Catholic inhabitants of Charlottetown, convened this day, the Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald in the chair, the following resolutions were agreed to:— Resolved: that we, the Roman Catholic inhabitants of Charlotte Parish, beg leave to return to his Excellency Colonel John Ready, Lieutenant Governor of this Island, our most sincere thanks for his polite letter and donation sent us.

That we feel ourselves in duty bound to return thanks to our brethren of every denomination who attended our sermon and contributed to increase our slender funds for building a parochial house for the residence of our clergy.

That we return our sincere thanks to John MacGregor Esq., and the other gentlemen who filled the office of collectors after the sermon this day.

That the above resolutions be inserted in the Prince Edward Island Register. Donations received by Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald or Mr. Donald McDonald. (Signed) A. T. Fitzgerald.

This is the first record that we find of any active measure having been taken towards the erection of a presbytery in Charlottetown. When Father Fitzgerald arrived he lodged at Mrs. McPhee's and, it is said, offered his first Mass in Charlottetown in the house of Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. McPhee's mother. Soon after he was appointed mission priest of Charlottetown, Father Fitzgerald, re-

ous event is involved in mystery." The same paper contains a Card of Thanks in which "The Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald returns his best thanks to Messrs. Mutch and Minchin and families for their active exertions in saving part of the property from the late fire." From Rosebank Father Fitzgerald removed to a house the property of Mr. Thresham on the corner of Grafton and Rochford Streets where he was living when the building of the parochial house of "Charlotte Parish" was commenced.

In a letter to the Archbishop of Quebec dated 9th, May 1825, he writes: — "Our church is greatly improved and we stand in need of a parochial house, which with slender means we commenced building this morning."

He further, begs that the Archbishop will allow him to absent himself from the diocese on a begging expedition, so that he might preach in Quebec and elsewhere, soliciting charity for his poor little new mission. There is no record of this permission having been granted, but Mr. Fitzgerald went on with the building of his presbytery which was situated on Dorchester Street upon the ground now occupied by the garden of the City Hospital.

In 1825 the Benevolent Irish Society was organized and the Register of the 5th of May of that year contains the following advertisement: — "Benevolent Irish Society" Notice is hereby given that the first quarterly meeting of this society (for the purpose of paying in the quarterly dues) will be held at the Roman Catholic Chapel on Sunday the 8th, instant at two o'clock.

By order, Charles DesBrisay, Secretary. 1826 was marked by the purchase of the church bell and its crissening at which ceremony, Mrs. Gainsford acted as a sponsor. This bell was first tolled on the demise of Mrs. Brennan, nee Fletcher on the 21st, of August 1827. The next article to be purchased for the church was the pulpit which was the one which was in use in old St. Dunstan's Cathedral. The stem was lengthened and some alterations made upon it in the time of Bishop McDonald but the pulpit was the one provided by Father Fitzgerald.

In June, 1830, Father Fitzgerald left Prince Edward Island. From the records extant, it would appear that Bishop McEachern wished to remove him to a country parish, and that he objected to leave the mission in which he had so successfully laboured for seven years. Whatever the cause, he certainly departed to another sphere of usefulness.

He appears to have been a man of much energy and force of character who had a happy knack of management, by which he induced his people to fall in with his ideas and assist in carrying out his plans. He was remarkably friendly with Protestants of all denominations and often received very substantial proof of their regard in the shape of subscriptions towards any parochial enterprise he might have on hand. As an instance of this, one of his subscription lists was headed by £10 a large sum in those days, which was given by Mr. Palmer, the father of Chief Justice Palmer. Father Fitzgerald was quick tempered and very ceremonious and peremptory in his dealings with his own flock, and many laughable stories are handed down to us, of scenes in the first St. Dunstan's when he reigned there as mission priest.

His modes of catechising were surprising if not systematic; for instance, in the middle of a sermon he would stop short, fix his piercing eye on some young girl who might chance to be kneeling near the pulpit and would insist on her repeating the Lord's Prayer aloud! He waged a violent warfare against curls, ornamental plaits etc., sometimes going so far as to paired to the spot, and a large part of the furniture, books etc., belonging to the Rev. Gentleman fell a prey to the devouring element. The origin of this calamity

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**BREADALBANE PASTORAL CHARGE**. The United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, May 23rd. Rose Valley 11 a. m. North Grandville 3 p. m. Pleasant Valley 7.30 p. m. Rose Valley Sunday School 10.30 a. m. Rev. W. B. MacPhail, Minister.

ther Fitzgerald espied a young damsel looked a fiery auburn, hung in bunches of cork-screw curls at each side of her rosy visage. At the close of the sermon the congregation started to hear the priest say: — Let Ellen Farmer come up to the sanctuary railing at the end of Mass." At the appointed time, poor Ellen, blushing and trembling, obeyed.

"What do you mean by wearing those curls?" said the priest. I mean to improve a very ordinary countenance your reverence." said the damsel. How do you know it improves your appearance?" asked the priest. I've tried both ways your reverence." Do you expect to get married Ellen? Faix, it won't be my fault if I don't your reverence."

Amused, and forced to laugh in spite of himself, the priest turned away saying, "you can go now" and Ellen Farmer wore her fiery tresses until she had fulfilled her destiny. All the old residents of Charlottetown who recalled Father Fitzgerald agree in saying that he exercised a very salutary influence upon the behaviour of his flock. Governor Ready created him a Justice of the Peace and he was active in the discharge of the duties which that office entailed upon him, doing his very best to put down drunkenness and disorders of all sorts. (To Be Continued Next Week)

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**ENGAGEMENT**. — Mr. and Mrs. William D. Colborne, Pugwash, N. S., wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Isabel Jean to LAG Bernard Hale Sproule, RCAF, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Sproule, York, P. E. I. Wedding to take place June 19th, 1954, at the United Baptist Church, Pugwash, N. S.

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**WINSLOE PASTORAL CHARGE**. — The United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, May 23rd, as follows: Highfield 11 a. m. Sunday School as announced. Winsloe North 3 p. m. Winsloe South 7.30 p. m. Sunday School 10.30 a. m. There will be special violin music at the evening service. All are welcome. Heber H. Hardy, Presby. Supply.

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