

St. Columba and Vicinity

Mr. Daniel McDonald who has spent the winter months in Nova Scotia returned to his home at St. Columba on March 23. Mr. McDonald will now prepare for his annual lobster fishing at North Lake.

Mr. Pius McEachern was a business visitor to the city on March 23. He was accompanied by his son, Francis.

Mr. Phillip Holland, Charlottetown, is now spending a vacation at the home of his brother, Bernard in East Baltic.

Mr. George Robertson suffered a broken collar-bone when a car-jack which he was using slipped, causing the car to fall to the ground thus injuring the young man.

Sawing firewood is now the order of the day around these parts, the farmers wanting to busy themselves splitting and getting the wood out of the way before spring chores begin.

Friends of John S. Jarvis, St. Columba, are pleased to hear of his improvement in City Hospital, Charlottetown.

It is pleasing to see that Mr. Wm Doyle is back on the job again, having spent some time in City Hospital, Charlottetown.

The condition of a former pastor Rev. R. J. MacDonald is much improved in City Hospital, Charlottetown, and all look forward to seeing him pay a visit to St. Columba when roads and weather permit.

Rev. W. D. MacDonald, parish priest at St. Columba, a business visitor to Souris on March 23. Father MacDonald has had a busy winter attending to his parochial work and administering to and visiting the sick.

Miss Mary McPhee spent a few days in Souris where she visited friends.

Miss Flora McIsaac, bank employee, is now spending some time at her home due to sickness in the family.

Mrs. Harold Douglas who spent some time at the home of her daughter Mrs. Gus Whalen returned to her home at Canavoy on March 23. She was accompanied by Master Joseph Whalen.

Friends of Miss Annie Townshend are pleased to hear she is improving steadily in Souris Hospital.

Pisquid East And Vicinity

Mr. Alvin Burke, merchant at Pisquid, was in Charlottetown on business on March 16.

Mr. George W. Jay was a visitor in Charlottetown on March 16.

Among those from this vicinity to attend the hockey game at the Charlottetown Forum on Monday night between the Halifax Atlantics and the Charlottetown Islanders were Mr. Edward Jay, Mr. Alton Jay, Mr. Elwood Jay, Mr. Reaney Woolridge, Mr. Rossie Woolridge and Mr. George Dover.

Mr. Levi Jay was a business visitor in Charlottetown on March 16.

Mr. Milton Rodgeron honored to Charlottetown on March 16.

Miss Sally Leard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leard, arriving home from New York, having spent the past six months with her aunt, Mrs. Martin.

Mr. Bert Lannan of the Workmen's Compensation Board, Charlottetown, passed through Pisquid East on business on March 19, and spent a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jay.

Mr. Guy Jay spent the March 20 week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Jay.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Burke, Mr. Stanley Webster and Mr. Jack Webster were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Burke, Pisquid, on March 21.

Miss Georgie Dover, teacher at Mount Stewart, was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Dover.

Mr. Sammie Birt, C.N.R. section man at Vernon, spent the week-end at his home in Pisquid East.

TV REVEALS MISSING SON

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — A father helping install a television set suddenly saw a clear picture of his own three-year-old son. It wasn't clear to William Rose, the father, until he learned it was a special "showup" arranged by police in an effort to try to identify and locate the parents of the blond tot. Wayne, the father didn't even know the boy was missing.

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Mission of St. Columba At East Point

Towards the close of the 18th century several Catholic heads of families from the Highlands of Scotland settled on the North-eastern shore of Prince Edward Island. On their arrival they found the extreme East Point occupied by an old soldier from the Lowlands, named Peables; another Lowland settler named John Ford ultimately joined them, and they had the latter addition to their ranks in the person of John Broh, an Irishman from Dublin and uncle to Archbishop Hughes, then Archbishop of New York.

In the year 1806 these people set about building their first church which was a log structure 30 feet in length by 26 in width. The builder was called John Campbell, commonly called Ian Campbell, or Big John. As there were no saw mills accessible at the time, the boards for the church were all prepared by hand, and in lieu of shingles, the roof was covered with two tiers of boards. The first grave yard of the mission which was used some years before the church was built, was on the farm of Duncan Campbell about five chains from the beach.

The second church which was erected between the years of 1822 and 1825, was a frame building, 12 feet in length by thirty in width. It was also built by Ian Campbell.

The inside of this church was celled and painted and was furnished with a gallery. The painting was done by the father of Mr. George Thresher, at the time a resident of Charlottetown. In 1846 it was found necessary to build a larger church for the mission of St. Columba, and work was commenced during the pastorate of Rev. Pius McPhee. Ronald Ban MacDonald of Big Cape was the builder. The dimensions were 80 feet in length by 50 in breadth; height of post was 34 feet. The spire rose to an altitude of 120 feet. The greater part of the inside work of the church was done by the Messrs. Carrol of Charlottetown. The altar, which was very neat in design and execution was the work of Mr. Dempsey of Summerside. The pews, wainscoting and gallery frontal, were of imitation oak. The pulpit of solid oak and rosewood was a gem, the work of Mr. Bernard Leamy. The wood employed in its construction was taken from H.M.S. Phoenix which was wrecked on East Point reef in 1881.



Present Church of St. Columba Parish Hall in background.

Above the altar hung a valuable piece of tapestry, evidently employed by French ladies of bygone centuries. It represented the Resurrection of the Blessed Lord; in the foreground were the figures of several Roman soldiers in awe-stricken attitudes at the sight of the risen Christ. The coloring was delicate and the needlework exquisite. The stations of the Cross in this church were very handsome oleographs in black walnut frames. The organ of the Dominion make was a powerful and complete instrument. Perhaps the most distinctive feature of old St. Columba's was its bell which weighed 1345 pounds. Its sonorous tones could be heard within a radius of seven miles. The original architects of the church designed a vestry, but in course of time it was found to be too small to meet the requirements of the congregation. In the year 1885, it was replaced by a larger one, a fine building 40 feet in length by 36 feet in breadth and 15 feet post.

At the same time 22 new pews were added to those already in the church, a step rendered necessary by the increase in the congregation. These improvements were made during the pastorate of Rev. D. J. Gillis. The presbytery was very old and had been built by Bishop McEachern. In the year 1859 it was remodelled and enlarged by the late Rev. Daniel MacDonald, then pastor of St. Columba's. The cemetery contains some handsome monuments, among others, one to the Hon. Emanuel McEachern, who died in November 1875, aged 59 years. This eminent public man possessed strong sympathies. It is told of him that when he was requested to patronize a Highland dinner, given in Charlottetown in 1871, to celebrate the marriage of H.R.H. Princess Louise with the Marquis of Lorne, Mr. McEachern declined, and his wife was present, but that he would not be present at an entertainment given in honour of a Campbell, one of that house, who were the hereditary enemies of his clan. In the centre of the graveyard stood a mission cross marking the presence of the Redeemer's presence in 1849.

so that there is now a firm and level roadway where the merchant vessels of St. Malo come to anchor. This lake is the home of splendid specimens of the finny tribe, and here every summer many tourists come in search of the speckled trout. Three miles from the North Lake, lies the South Lake, which is three miles long and about half a mile broad; it runs parallel with the Gulf shore, from which it is separated only by a broad sand bar. Driving westward from the South Lake the North and West Rivers are crossed, both beautiful and picturesque little streams. The scenery in this district is really very fine. A pretty spot is Campbell's Cove where there is a breakwater, built in 1872, which forms a shelter for fishing boats and such small craft. Hither came two American artists in 1908, who made many sketches of sea, sky and sand beach in the vicinity.

Starting from St. Columba's church, a drive of seven miles eastward brings one to the very East Point, where resided Alexander B. Beaton, Esq., J. P. Mr. Beaton's family was among the first of those who settled at the East Point. They came from Lochaber, Scotland, and on their arrival in Prince Edward Island, rented the "Skuley" Farm at Morell. Later they moved to the East Point whence one branch of the family migrated to Cape Breton. Mr. Beaton was for many years in charge of the Lighthouse and an order from him would admit any one to the clean and well kept tower, the brightness of which did credit to the keeper, Mr. Burge. The light is white and revolving. It is visible 17 miles to sea. Here is also a fine fog alarm, built in 1885. It is double fitted, and the whistle can be heard at a distance of 16 miles. The lighthouse was built in 1867 but formerly stood further to the westward. It has been removed to the very edge of the Point. The terrible reef which extends out into the water for two and a half miles has been the cause of many shocking disasters. Here in 1822, was wrecked the emigrant ship "St. Domingo," a number of whose passengers landed and permanently settled upon the East Point. The last survivor of these was Mr. Moses Harris, who died in the summer of 1886, at the age of one hundred and four years. So lately as 1882, there was a costly wreck at the East Point, when on the night of the 12th November, H.M.S. "Phoenix" struck the cruel reef. The crew and officers, who all landed in safety, found shelter in a large canning establishment where for some time they remained making the solitudes of East Point gay with their presence.



Church of St. Columba Destroyed by fire in 1917

way of Bishop McEachern's road, now fallen into disuse. This road was cut through a beautiful grove which was carpeted with moss and wildflowers, the trees meeting overhead, so that on the most sultry summer day, this shaded green lane was always cool and pleasant—a regular fairy dell.

From the windows of Mr. Beaton's house could be seen Diligent Pond, famous in the time of the French occupation. Driving to St. Columba's by way of the South shore road, one passes what was formerly a place of importance—Black Point. Here very early in the century Morvory's grist mill was in operation and ground the grain of the first settlers. Near to St. Columba's church was a dense thicket, known as "Timothy's bush," a spot generally avoided by the timid in the gloaming, or after dark.

Long, long ago, when the U.E. Loyalists first came to East Point, there was an old soldier named Timothy living at Campbell's Cove. It was his custom to come up to the lake to fish for eels and trout, and at such times, he would usually stay all night at the house of Peter Rose, another disbanded soldier, somewhat better off than himself. One night however, Timothy refused to hearken to Mr. Rose's offers of hospitality and, although it was very dark and drear, he persisted in starting for home. He was long time afterwards, in a wood that lay on his homeward route, Peter Rose found some bones and the remains of fishing tackle, which caused him to conclude that poor Timothy had fallen a victim of those parts.

An old familiar figure with some of the earlier residents of St. Columba's was the schoolmaster of their day. There appeared in the mission about the year 1825, a little Irishman named John Barrett. He was a quaint figure with a long frock coat, decorated with large brass buttons, and he always wore a huge neckcloth and tall beaver hat. He was a very highly educated man, a good linguist and proficient in astronomy. He is said to have been rather bad tempered and spiteful, but he had a keen sense of honour. He would never tolerate a lie, and any boy whom he found guilty of any attempt

to deceive him, he would never forgive or think well of. Rev. John MacDonald of Glenadale was appointed to the charge of St. Columba's, which was then a dependency of the mission of St. Margaret, Bear River. He remained until 1844, when he was replaced by Rev. Pius McPhee who was in charge until 1853, when he was succeeded by Very Rev. Dannie MacDonald. Dr. MacDonald left St. Columba's for Charlottetown in 1861, and Rev. James Phelan took his place for two years. In 1863 Rev. Dugald MacDonald went to St. Columba's remaining until 1867. He was succeeded by Rev. William Phelan who, in 1872, gave place to Rev. D. J. Gillis. In 1880 St. Columba's was separated from St. Margaret's and was given in charge to Rev. D. J. Gillis.



Old Rectory, at East Pt. Built by Bishop McEachern

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It is said that he asked our Lord as a special favour that he might not outlive his beloved superior. Certain it is that he died the same day as Pere Vincent and was also buried on the same day. At the East Point one is always told that the first church was built on Bron's field, and

containing a full and accurate account of the several parts of the known world, as it is divided into continents, Islands, Oceans, and Seas, Rivers, Lakes, etc. The situation extent and boundaries of all the empires, kingdoms, states, etc., in Europe, Asia, Africa and America.

This ancient tome describes Canada as: "A colony of North America belonging to the French, whose claims on this country and encroachments thereon are very exorbitant. It is bounded on the north by Eskimau or New Britain and by the British Colonies lying on Hudson's Bay; to the east and south it has the river of St. Lawrence, the Iroquois or Five Nations, the Lakes Huron and Illquois, and on the west lies an unknown country reaching to the South Sea."

First Catholic settlers in the Mission of St. Columba were: Laughlin MacDonald, from Glenoe; Donald Beaton from Lochaber; Charles McEachern from South Uist; Neil MacDonald from South Uist; Angus MacDonald from Glenoe; John MacDonald from South Uist; John Broh from Westford; Angus Campbell from South Uist; John Campbell from Mainland of Scotland; Galeon McInnis from South Uist; John Ford from Lowlands of Scotland.

Pastors of St. Columba, since 1886, are: Rev. D. J. Gillis, 1880-1890; Rev. J. C. MacLean, 1890-1891; Rev. A. J. MacIntyre, 1891-1903; Rev. James Aeneas MacDonald, 1903-1911; Rev. Dr. Bernard Gillis, 1911-1917; Rev. Ronald J. MacDonald, 1917-1953; Rev. William D. MacDonald, 1953, present pastor.

The following priests, all deceased, were natives of the parish: Rev. Francis J. MacDonald, Rev. James Aeneas MacIntyre, Rev. Angus MacDonald, Rev. Leo J. MacDonald, Rev. Alexander MacDonald.

In the second volume of the "History of the Catholic Church in Prince Edward Island" by Rev. Dr. J. C. MacMillan, at page 17 is found the following reference to the fate of one of the students whom Bishop McEachern had sent to the College of Propaganda in Rome: "Among the candidates sent to Rome by the Bishop McEachern, there was one named Ronald MacIsaac, a native of Rock Barr, in the Parish of St. Columba, King's County, who entered the Propaganda College in the month of November, 1833. He was a young man of brilliant parts, remarkable for his piety, and in high favor with his superiors. During the autumn of the year 1836, he contracted a severe cold accompanied with fever, and though he had the best of medical care, it continued through the winter without any sign of improvement. Early in the following summer, his physician advised his return to Prince Edward Island, in the hope that the long sea voyage and the air of his native land might restore him once more to health and vigor. But it was not to be. He set out for home in good spirit, buoyed up by anticipations of the welcome that awaited him; but when a few days at sea, he grew worse, and died on the 26th of August, 1837, as the ship was near the Banks of Newfoundland. Amongst the passengers aboard the ship were two priests, Rev. Colin MacKinnon and Rev. Neil MacLeod, both on their way home to Antigonish. They were with him when he died, and comforted his last hour with their kindly ministrations. They then directed the preparation of his body for burial, and stood with heavy hearts by the ship's side, as his mortal remains were slowly lowered into the deep, there to remain till that final call when the sea shall give up its dead."

The following ladies of the parish have joined various religious orders: Genevieve Holland, Agnes McDonald, Mary A. Campbell, Josephine Campbell, Barbara A. Campbell, Margaret Mossey, Viola Mossey, Marguerite Mossey, Mary Murphy, and Leona Ellisworth.

On Tuesday, January 30, 1917, the church built in 1846, recently remodelled and renovated under the direction of Rev. Bernard Gillis, was completely destroyed by fire. New pews at a cost of \$1200.00 had been installed but they, and all the fine copies of paintings, statues, and vestments went up in flames. The loss was estimated at over \$35,000, with insurance of \$14,000. This loss was severely felt, but immediately a large parochial hall was built and was used as a place of worship during the building of the new brick church which was begun in 1918 under the direction of Rev. Ronald J. MacDonald. This church was dedicated in June 1920.

The present parochial house was built in 1888. It was completely remodelled and renovated by Rev. Ronald J. MacDonald in 1927. The parish registers begin in 1830. The parish of St. Columba is composed of 122 families.

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Georgetown Airmen in Florida



Touring the sightseeing spots of St. Augustine, Florida, these airmen from RCAF Station, Greenwood, N.S., pause to examine a plaque placed in the city's ancient Plaza in memory of war heroes. Flying Officer V. N. MacDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. MacDonald, Wainham, Alta.; F. O. H. W. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Parker, Georgetown, P.E.I.; and F. O. Harold Dells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wells, 268 Waverley Road, Toronto, visited St. Augustine while serving with the RCAF's 404 Maritime Reconnaissance Squadron during the recently concluded North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) sea-air training exercise called "New Broom". Lancaster aircraft of the squadron flew anti-submarine patrols in conjunction with the RCN and the US Navy while temporarily based at the US Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla. (Royal Canadian Air Force Photo)

Whim Road And Vicinity

Miss Ida Moore, Montague, spent a recent week-end at Whim Road, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Moore.

Miss Mary Munro, spent the recent week-end at her home at Whim Road, together with her guest, Miss Bonny Cameron, Charlottetown. Both are student nurses at the P. E. Island Hospital, Charlottetown.

On March 18, Whim Road Farm Forum group met at the home of Mr. Colin MacDonald in Kilmuir. The members listened to the broadcast, "Safety on the Farm." Following discussion on the subject the usual questionnaire was completed by the secretary, Mr. Miles MacKinnon. An enjoyable lunch was served by Mrs. MacDonald at the conclusion of the meeting. Mr. Robert Campbell invited all to his home the following Farm Forum night.

A number of residents of the district have been troubled with water seeping into their cellars, some finding it necessary to pump it out. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell and their daughters, Carolyn and Elizabeth, Whim Road, were visitors to Bellevue on Sunday, where they visited Mrs. Campbell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. MacPherson.

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Little Sands And Vicinity

It is reported that Mr. John MacDonald, Hopefield, is improving in health.

The Department of Education plan to make some changes in the Arithmetic curriculum for Grade V, VI, VII, VIII. Miss Ellen Munn, Little Sands, one of the teachers on this committee to assist in planning the above mentioned changes.

Mr. Hector MacDonald of Wood Islands, took his new boat home on March 22, through Little Sands by tractor and trailer. This boat was built by Mr. Carl Richards, Murray Harbour.

Friends here of Mrs. Archie MacLean, Murray River, will be glad to hear she has returned to her home in Murray River, after being a patient in the Montague Hospital. All hope she is improved in health and will continue to improve in health until she is real well.

Mr. Leonard MacLean, Murray River, was visiting friends and relatives in Little Sands on March 23.

Little Sands Hockey team played with Murray Harbour at Murray Harbour on March 20. This time the visiting team were the losers. It looks as though this will be the last game for the season unless there is much colder weather.

At noon on March 23, some wild geese were seen flying over the area and alighting at the shore. In the evening a large flock were seen flying inland. Since the first day of Spring, the snow is fast disappearing, and the fields are practically bare again. The men around here are busy sawing their wood into stove lengths and these are fine busy days. The Northumberland Strait is white with floating ice today.

ROLLO BAY WEST SCHOOL (March Report)

- Grade IX — 1. Louise Wood. Grade VIII — 1. Katherine MacKinnon. Grade VI — 1. Eleanor MacKinnon; 2. Douglas Wood; 3. Elaine MacPhee. Grade V — 1. Bobby Wood; 2. Billy McEwen. Grade IV — 1. Alva Townshend and Dwight McEwen, (equal). Grade II — 1. Isabel MacKinnon. Grade I — 1. David MacDonnald. Highest average in the senior grades — Katherine MacKinnon, 92%. Highest average in the intermediate grades — Bobby Wood, 92%. Highest average in the junior grades — Isabel MacKinnon, 82%. Perfect attendance for the month: Louise Wood, Elaine MacPhee, Douglas Wood, Bobby Wood. Elaine MacKinnon, Teacher.

PRINCESS ANN W. I.

Princess Ann Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Thomas Feehan, St. Margarets, with seven members and four visitors present. A cake is being offered for the C.W.L. Members decided to make individual articles for display at Rollo Bay convention next July. Money was given to teacher to buy needed articles for school. Next meeting will be held in the school on April 13, roll call to be answered by giving an article for card play.

NORTH RUSTICO C.W.L.

The monthly meeting of the North Rustico sub-division of the C.W.L., was held on March 7. Mrs. M. J. Doyle, presided and meeting opened with prayer by the pastor, Rev. Eric Robin. The following committees reported: School, Publicity, Social Service and Magazine. Mrs. George LeClair, Mrs. Wm. V. Gauthier, and Mrs. Jos. L. Galant were appointed as nominating committee to bring in slate of officers for annual meeting. Meeting closed with prayer.

"SKYSCRAPER" HOSPITAL TORONTO (CP)

Toronto (CP) — Toronto is to have a new "skyscraper" building for the Toronto General Hospital, Norman C. Urquhart, hospital president said Wednesday. Tenders will be called within the next three months and the completed structure will rise 12 to 15 stories over the site on downtown University avenue.

You can't go ALL-OUT! If you feel ALL-IN! These days most people work under pressure, worry more, sleep less. This strain on body and brain makes physical fitness easier to lose—harder to regain. Today's tense living, lowered resistance, overwork, worry—any of these may affect normal kidney action. When kidneys get out of order, excess acids and wastes remain in the system. Then backache, disturbed rest, that "tired-out" heavy-headed feeling often follow. That's the time to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. Dodd's stimulate the kidneys to normal action. Then you feel better—sleep better—work better. Ask for Dodd's Kidney Pills at any drug counter.

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