

# Thousands Flocked To Hear Dynamic MacDonaldite Chief

(Editor's note: Rev. Donald MacDonald, Old Church of Southwold, Massachusetts, a minister and evangelist and known as "father of the MacDonaldites," died Feb. 21, 1967, exactly 96 years ago today. Mr. MacDonald was born in 1871 in Perthshire, Scotland; was ordained in 1891; served in the Highlands and Cape Breton before coming to Prince Edward Island in 1918. The following story written by George F. MacDonald of Crapaud reviews Mr. MacDonald's colorful and interesting career on the island.)

Great Teacher. He was again brought low. He was at the house of a Mr. McLeod of Southport. He felt his end was near... that his life work was over; and a great work it was. He had built fourteen churches of 220 children and perhaps as many more not registered; he had prayed beside thousands of death beds; he had a parish extending from Bedeque to Murray River. He had 5,000 followers, more attached to their great spiritual leader than ever were Highland clansmen to their chief. He sank gradually, suffering no pain and on Feb. 21 in the 85th year of his age, and the 52nd year of his ministry. He was laid to rest in the place of interment was at Orwell Head churchyard. The funeral was the largest ever witnessed in the colony. The cortege numbered over 350 sleighs. So in the presence of a vast assemblage, near the church where his eloquent voice had so often melted listening thousands, and where he had so often celebrated at the yearly sacrament, the Saviour's death, the remains of

the Rev. Donald MacDonald were laid to rest. Two great revivals of religion took place under his ministry. One in 1828-1830, many being awakened and turned from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God. The second one was in 1860 when great numbers were awakened to a sense of their state by nature, and by the Holy spirit, made to see and feel themselves "Children of wrath even as others."

**BURTON**  
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dalton, Charlottetown, spent the past week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dalton, Burton and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Howard, Cape Wolfe. Mrs. Mae Heilly who was residing in Burton during the past year, recently returned to her home in Boston, Mass. She was accompanied by Miss Nadine Rogers, Burton, who will spend some time visiting relatives there. Arthur, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Clements, is recovering from an emergency appendectomy in Prince County Hospital. Patrick O'Connor, Cape Wolfe recently celebrated his 88th birthday. Joseph P. Clements, Burton recently celebrated his 84th birthday. Alvin Costain, Cape Wolfe returned home after undergoing surgery in Community Hospital, O'Leary. Mr. and Mrs. William Perry, Cape Wolfe spent the past week end visiting relatives in Saint John, N.B. Mrs. Thomas Howard, Cape Wolfe is visiting with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dalton, Charlottetown.

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