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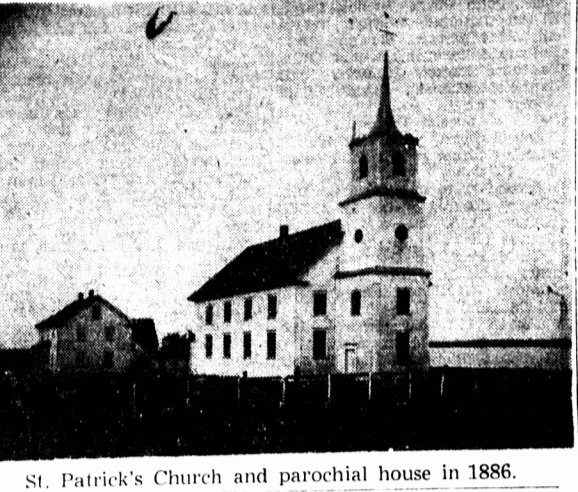
GRADE I (Mrs. Bethune's Dept.) Certificates of Promotion: Heather Beaton, Alice Beaton, Judith Buchanan, Dianne Burke, Patricia Cameron, Dorothy Campbell, Sally Dalziel, Gladys Dickson, Linda Dover, Barry Goss, Gary Gencheff, Leslie Graves, Gerald Harvey, David Howard, Leal Huggan, David Jardine, George MacArthur, Wayne Macdonald, Judith MacLauchlan, Angus MacLeod, Beverly MacNeil, Claud MacNimis, Helen Mobbs, Judith Murphy, Barry Paquette, Ronnie Peterson, Gordon Ranahan, Elaine Toombs, Harvey Trainor. Prizes for General Proficiency: Dorothy Campbell, Barry Paquette, Alice Beaton, Heather Beaton, Gary Gencheff, Elaine Toombs, Patricia Cameron, Judy MacLauchlan, Leslie Graves, Dianne Burke, Barry Goss, Leal Huggan. Certificates for Attendance: Patricia Cameron, 1 year; Helen Mobbs, 1 year.

Crapaud Theatre

Friday 8:30 Saturday 7:30 and 9:30 "THE LUSTY MEN" Robert Mitchum and Susan Hayward Rodeo life, thrills.

Grand River West Settlement And The Mission Of St. Patrick

This mission was first settled in 1790 by twenty-eight Highland families from Barra in the Hebrides or Western Islands of Scotland. The men were tenants of McNeil of Barra, who treated them in an arbitrary manner. An argument ensued which terminated in a decided quarrel. This was on the 9th March 1790, and on the following day all McNeil's Catholic tenants gave him notice that they had decided to give up their holdings and leave the country. They went to Tobernory in the Island of Mull and laid their case before Bishop McDonald who happened to be there at the time and who gave them a letter to Colonel Frazer in Edinburgh.



St. Patrick's Church and parochial house in 1886.

This officer was much interested in promoting emigration to Nova Scotia and promised a ship to convey them to that country if they could muster three hundred and fifty emigrants. The required number was made up by the addition of some families from Uist and from the mainland. They sailed from Tobernory in the "Queen of Greenock" early in July 1790. Their charter was for Louisbourg, Cape Breton, but a violent storm overtook them at Cape North, they were obliged to change their course. After being out eight weeks, the passengers became disheartened and taking counsel among themselves, drew up a petition which was signed by all the heads of families on board, begging the Captain to put them ashore on the first land of which he caught sight. This happened to be Pointe de Roche near Savage Harbour, Prince Edward Island, opposite which the "Queen of Greenock" anchored.

On the 20th September, 1790, the men of Barra landed in Charlottetown. The proprietors of part of Township Eighteen held out flattering inducements to them to settle upon their estate, but the terms not being satisfactory, they took up Royal lands at Primotown, where they made small clearings and planted wheat, potatoes, etc. After a while Father McEachern came down to see

Bishop Plessis left one of his attendant priests, the Rev. Jean Louis Beaubieu, to minister to the parishes of the Island. Father Beaubieu, although not supposed to attend the Scottish parishes, seems to have made an exception in favour of Grand River, for he frequently said Mass there and attended sick calls when it would be impossible for Father McEachern to reach the sufferer in time. Father Beaubieu was much beloved by the dwellers in the mission. Tradition among the old people is to the effect that he was a very handsome man and spoke excellent English.

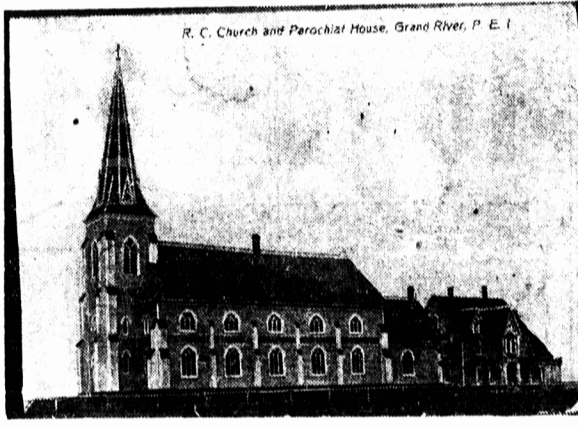
Alexander McKinnon of Barra, who had been the man to do battle with the laird for the rights of his fellow countrymen, and who had taken a leading part in the immigration, was almost the only man of the band who spoke English. He and one other, with

four of the ship's crew landed in order to search for a pilot who would take their ship to Charlottetown. They met four men walking upon the beach, these were the Rev. Aeneas McEachern, his brother and two McCormacks. Father McEachern's brother having agreed to act as pilot, the "Queen of Greenock" again spread her sails to the breeze and started for Charlottetown. The priest, who intended to visit the capital, laughingly told the emigrants that he would go on foot over land and be there as soon as they.

Alexander McKinnon, whose superior education and force of character made him a leading man in parochial matters, was a particular friend of Father Beaubieu. On the Sundays and holidays when there was no Mass in their own mission nor in any adjacent one, Mr. McKinnon was in the habit of assembling the people in the church where he would read the mass prayers to

Hogg-Rayner Wedding

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Wednesday, June 10 in North Bedoue United Church when Rev. J. K. Campbell united in holy bonds of matrimony Miss Erma Blanch Rayner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Rayner of Traveller's Rest, and Mr. Charles Ralph Hogg of Summerside. The bride wore a suit of grey with pink accessories and a corsage of pink roses. The bridesmaid, Mrs. Willard Hogg of Charlottetown, wore a suit of grey with red and white accessories and a corsage of red roses. Mr. Hazen Hogg, brother of the groom was best man and Mr. W. Hogg, also a brother, played the wedding march. Immediately after the wedding, the couple left on a honeymoon trip to Montreal, Niagara Falls and New York. They arrived home on Sunday evening last and took up residence in one of the Palmer Apartments on Central street. Their many friends wish them much happiness and prosperity in their life together.



Present church and parochial house. Enlarged and remodelled in 1890.

Enjoyable Banquet Held At S'side

Freetown Royals Hockey Club held a banquet on Wednesday, June 10 at the Birch Hill Tourist Home, Summerside East. Mr. Robert Hogg, a stalwart of the team, acted as master of ceremonies. After dinner, music was furnished by Mrs. Raymond Smith, and an enjoyable evening was spent with music and games, and many fine reminiscences of hockey lore were recalled. Highlight of the evening took place when Robert Jardine and Prowse Gardiner carried in a large parcel, containing pony hide jackets with crest, for each of the boys of the championship team. The crest is built around a crown emblematic of Coronation year, and gives the following inscription: "Freetown Royals South Shore League, Champions 1946-53. North and South Shore League winners, 1949-53."

"THE WILD BLUE YONDER" AT CAPITOL, SUMMERSIDE

The exciting story of Republic's "The Wild Blue Yonder," which covers the broad expanse of Air Force action in World War II, and is at the Capitol Theatre with Wendell Corey, Vera Ralston, Forrest Tucker and Phil Harris in the starring roles, was filmed both at the studio and at two Air Force locations, March Air Force Base in Southern California and the Davis-Monthan Base in Arizona, against an authentic background of hundreds of huge Forts which became the super-duper weapons in the air at the time they were needed the most. More than 50 sets were constructed by the studio's skilled artisans for the picture. Among the sets used were hospitals, barracks, briefing rooms, a general headquarters building, more than a score of hangars, military bases, air strips and various squadron offices. In addition, many actual B-29's were used, while the studio's technicians completely dismantled one of the Superfortresses on a Republic sound stage so that director Allan Dwan could film different scenes in the cabin, bomb bay and interior of the tremendous airship. When the scenes were completed the craftsmen reassembled the huge plane as it was originally constructed by the Boeing Airplane Company in Seattle.

them, and told them of the good lands to be had on Township Fourteen, from Mr. Cambridge, offering, should they decide upon removing there, to intercede with Mr. Cambridge on their behalf, and secure for them the titles of their farms. They did so, decide, and in the spring of 1792 removed to Grand River, where they built themselves little log houses all along the river's brink. Hither Father McEachern came once or twice a year to administer the Sacraments, and to say Mass in one or other of the humble dwellings. In the year 1810 the committee who superintended the building of Barra sent about building their first church, which was adapted to do duty both as church and presbytery, so that the priest could lodge there, when he visited Grand River. This building was made of logs. It was thirty-two feet in length by eighteen in width, boarded and battened and furnished with a few benches. The committee who superintended the building were Alexander McKinnon, (who had moved to Grand River from Casumpec) Laughlin McIntyre, John Gillis and Roderick McNeil. Mass was first offered in this church in February 1810.

In 1816, Bishop McEachern, during one of his visits to Grand River, addressed the parishioners, telling them that the time had come for them to make preparations for building a new church, and that although he put up with the existing one, his successors would not. A committee was accordingly formed, consisting of Laughlin McIntyre, John Gillis, and Roderick McNeil. These men went to Mr. Hill's saw mill at Casumpec and purchased boards for the church; these they lashed across two boats and brought to Grand River, where they lay piled on the shore until the next summer. They were then brought to the church site and work was commenced. Messrs. John Walsh, Patrick Malloy, Matthew Devereaux and Martin Walsh, from Miramichi, were the builders.

This church was thirty-six feet in length by twenty-six in width. Bishop McEachern offered the first mass at its altar and consecrated the burying ground on St. Patrick's day 1818. In the year 1812 Monsignor Plessis, Bishop of Quebec, having jurisdiction over all Catholic missions in the British North American Colonies, visited Prince Edward Island. In the course of his visit he remained two days at St. Eleanor's, administering baptism and confirmation, hearing confessions, etc. During these days the entire settlement of Grand River repaired to St. Eleanor's in boats and many of them were confirmed, some at a very tender and others at a very ripe age-

them. This pious practice gained for him the title of Saggarth Maide, or the Wooden priest. This good old gentleman bequeathed to his son Murdoch McKinnon of Big Marsh in the shape of a prayer book which was given to him by Father Beaubieu, and in which his name was written by that good missionary. In 1818 Father Beaubieu was succeeded by Father Cecile, who occasionally ministered to the faithful of Grand River. To him succeeded the Rev. Bernard Donald MacDonald, who took charge of the western parishes in 1823, and who came to Grand River three times a year. Father MacDonald built the first glebe house of the mission. In 1836 he commenced building the existing church but, being summoned to Charlottetown to receive the mire, he left the completion of St. Patrick's to the Rev. James McDonald who succeeded him in the western missions.

The new church of St. Patrick was opened in 1839, but not completed interiorly until 1844. It was sixty feet in length by forty in breadth, with a wall of twenty-four feet. In 1844 the presbytery was built by Father James MacDonald who attended the mission from his home at Indian River, a distance of over twenty miles. In 1869 Father McDonald was appointed Rector of St. Dunstan's College, Charlottetown, and St. Patrick's mission was attended from Miscouche by Rev. Ronald B. McDonald until 1876 when Rev. M. J. McMillan went to Grand River as the first resident priest. In 1878 he was removed to St. Theresa's mission, Baldwin's Road, and was succeeded in Grand River by Rev. Angus McDonald, who in 1880 was replaced by Rev. Laughlin McDonald.

The country around St. Patrick's church which was so wild when the first settlers built their little log cabins around the margin of the river, is now in a high state of cultivation and the descendants of the emigrants of 1790 are, many of them, in very comfortable circumstances. The older settlers retained a vivid impression of the hardships endured when the settlement was young, nor were the terrible journeys that fell to the lot of their missionaries forgotten. From the rocks of the North Cape to the low lands of Rustico, the priest went to and fro at all seasons and over all sorts of roads, sometimes on horseback, sometimes on snow-shoes, and frequently in canoe. Murdoch McKinnon used to recall, some at a very tender and others at a very ripe age-

dying person. The priest was at Tignish and he had thirty miles to travel in order to bring him to the bedside of his dying friend. He took a canoe from Grand River Ferry to Kildare Inlet, and completed the journey on foot. On the return voyage, while dragging their canoe across the portage from Port Hill to Grand River, Father Cecile, whose knowledge of English was very slight, took the boy's hand in his own and squeezed it hard asking him: "What is the English of that?" To this Mr. McKinnon, the son of that Alexander McKinnon who dauntlessly confronted the laird of Barra in defence of his rights we are indebted for most of the history of Grand River mission. He was the possessor of broad and fertile acres, and his family, when settled around him in comfort and prosperity, used to tell the story of the expatriation of his friends, referring with pardonable pride to the success which they have achieved in the new world.

First Settlers of The Mission of St. Patrick-Grand River West: Roderick Gillies, Donald Gillies, Laughlin McIntyre, John McLellan, John Gillies, Donald McLellan, Laughlin McKinnon, Donald McDonald, John Macdonald, Archibald Cameron, Widow Jane McNeil, Alexander Brown, Alexander McKinnon. Pastors and Missionaries of St. Patrick's: Rev. James MacDonald (1842-1869); Rev. Ronald B. MacDonald (1869-1876); Rev. M. J. MacMillan (1876-1878); Rev. Angus MacDonald (1878-1880); Rev. Laughlin J. MacDonald (1880-1904); Rev. John A. MacDonald (1904-1936); Rev. Bennett J. MacDonald (1936-1941); Rev. A. Oswald Murphy (1941-1947); Rev. J. C. Mathieu (administrator) (1947-1948); Rev. W. D. MacDonald (1948-).

At various dates the following priests have acted as assistants: Rev. John T. Murphy, Rev. Theodore Gallant, Rev. F. L. Connolly, Rev. William McCabe. According to the distinguished Irish historian, Rev. Paul Walsh, the church at Grand River has the distinction of being the first church in Canada to be dedicated to St. Patrick. To quote from the Sacred Heart Messenger of December 1947: (Rev. J. B. O'Reilly) "The honor belongs to Grand River, Prince Edward Island, where in 1790 a band of immigrants from the Highlands of Scotland, mainly from the Islands of Barra, erected a log church to accommodate twenty families, and dedicated it to the Apostle of Aire. The church built in 1836 was much enlarged and remodelled in 1880 under the direction of Rev. Laughlin J. MacDonald. The present parochial house, which has been much improved, was begun in 1844 under the direction of Rev. James MacDonald. The parish registers of St. Patrick's begin in 1836. The parish of St. Patrick's is composed of 65 families. The present pastor is Rev. William D. MacDonald. From 1728 to 1758, the French Acadians had a church dedicated to the Holy Family at Low Point, eight miles distant from the present church of St. Patrick. Old inhabitants remember vestiges of the old cemetery. The church stood on the point at the outer extremity of the Port Hill district in Malpeque Bay. The French called his point: "Pointe aux Vieux."

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