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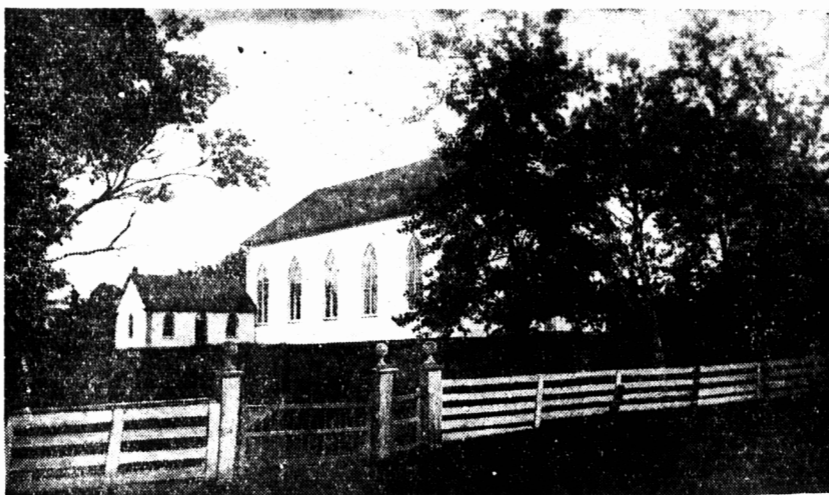
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History Of Catholic Mission Of St. Mary At Indian River



Second church at Indian River built in 1843. Burned in 1896

Tyne Valley Notes

—Deep sympathy is being extended to the family and husband of the late Mrs. Alex Chapman whose death occurred at her home on Sunday June 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. John MacCombe, Dalhousie, spent a few days recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ellis.

Mr. Leonard MacDonald, Monton, spent the June 6th weekend here with his wife and family who are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pickering, Summerside, were visitors on Sunday June 7th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Colwell.

The Tyne Valley United Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Ivan MacKay on June 4th.

A coronation Jamboree was held in Tyne Valley Hall on Tuesday June 2nd, when all enjoyed an evening of fun.

A large crowd of children were inoculated and vaccinated in the Tyne Valley School on Monday June 8th.

Mrs. Fred MacKinnon and family, Summerside, spent a few days recently at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred MacDougall.

Messrs Edward and Wilbur Woolridge visited friends in Tyne Valley on Sunday June 7th, and needless to say they saw many changes as it had been 29 years since Wilbur had last been here and 49 years since Ed had visited Tyne Valley.

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Towards the close of the 18th century the tide of emigration flowed steadily from the "misty shores of the north" to Prince Edward Island. The years 1790, 1792 and 1796, saw the arrival of many hardy clausomers of these several families, chiefly McLellans, Gillises, MacMillans, and Morrisons, settled in Malpeque in the Prince County, Malpeque, or as it was more usually spelt, Malpec.

Before the conquest by England this large district was supplied by a chief or parish church at Low Point, and possibly a smaller one at French River, New London, where the remains of the old cemeteries are still plainly discernible.

A few years later when the immigrants from the Western Highlands arrived in the district, they established themselves in localities which had been evacuated by the French. Many of them took up land

upon the northeastern side of Malpeque Bay on the shores of a small but beautiful stream called by the French "Riviere des Sauvages" or Indian River, from which the settlement derives its name.

In early days of this settlement the people had Mass but twice a year, that being as often as the Rev. Amias McEachern could visit that part of his vast field of labour. The station was held, and confessions heard usually at the house of Mr. John McLellan, Indian River, or that of Mr. Roderick Morrison of Darnley. It was the missionary's custom to drop in when passing the houses of members of his flock; he also visited the Protestant settlers with whom he lived on the most amicable terms.

When the first church at Indian River was built in 1843, those about twenty-seven Catholic families in the mission. The size of the church was forty feet by thirty. It was framed by Isaac Newton of Charlottetown, and finished chiefly by the parishioners themselves. It stood upon a high bay, on land given by John and Angus McLellan, where an old burying ground still marks its site. This church was afterwards hauled to the spot occupied by the later one, and subsequently was moved to Summerside to become the first church of that mission.

The second church which was built by Alexander McLellan, in 1843 was ninety feet in length by fifty in width. From its tower could be had a magnificent view of the surrounding country. The interior of the church was very delicately painted, the prevailing tint being a pale peach colour. The ceiling was frescoed fairly well. The former pastor, the Rev. Doctor O'Brien erected a handsome altar to the Blessed Virgin. It was carved in black walnut, and above it stood her statue richly crowned. At the gospel side of the altar was a bracket holding a statue of the Sacred Heart. This church of St. Mary at Indian River was well appointed and was one of the finest wooden sanctuaries of the diocese.

Until 1824 Indian River was served only by the occasional visits of Bishop McEachern. From 1824 to 1838 the Rev. B. D. MacDonald, afterwards the Bishop of Charlottetown, attended the mission. From 1838 to 1842 it was attended by various priests, then the Rev. James MacDonald took charge until 1869. He was followed by the Rev. James McKenna, who in 1874, was succeeded by the Rev. C. O'Brien. When Dr. O'Brien was called in 1882 to the Archbishopric of Halifax his place at Indian River was taken by Rev. Dr. Chaisson who entered upon his duties on the 18th January 1883.

"St. Mary of the Pines" "Sweet restful spot, embosomed in thy pines;

Earth holds no fairer in its boundless range; All hearts beneath its subtle magic change. Like rays through tinted glass o'er holy shrines, Or as a cloud when sun's last beam declines, So gently come transitions new and strange. Till weary souls their sombre hue exchange, And gird them with the light that round thee shines, Sweet restful spot by Mary's shrine endeared, I love thy lichens, mosses, sweet wild fern, Thy leaves by Autumn's loving touch now seared. And joyful pines whose words I try to learn; Thy thought, when severed, as I long have feared, Shall rest my soul 'mid duties high and stern."

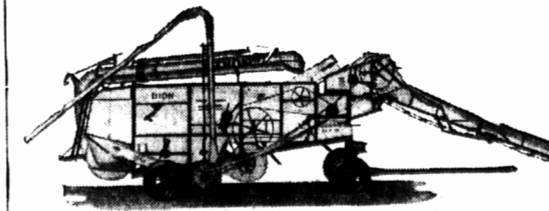
First Catholic settlers of St. Mary's, Indian River: John McLellan, from Uist, 1790; Angus McLellan from Uist, 1790; Roderick MacIsaac, from Uist, 1792; M. MacIsaac, (Tailor) from Uist, 1792; Roderick Morrison from Barra, 1796; Angus Gillis from Barra, 1796; James Gillis from Barra, 1796; Danile Delaney, John Hickey, ? Duggan, ? MacPhee, John Connolly, Bartholemew Brisbane, Thomas Walsh, James Breen, William Dunphy, Roderick MacNeill, Edward Larkin, Patrick MacCarthy, Patrick Walker, Charles Dunn.

St. Mary's Since 1886 Pastors:—The parish registers date back to 1838. For on these records was obtained the following list of pastors: Rev. L. O. De Ligney — 1838-1842; Rev. James MacDonald — 1842-1869; Rev. James McKenna — 1869-1874; Rev. Dr. Cornelius O'Brien — 1874-1882; Rev. Dr. Jean Chaisson — 1883-1889; Rev. John A. MacDonald — 1889-1890; Rev. Messrs D. J. Gillis — 1890-1892; Rev. R. F. MacDonald — 1892-1895; Rev. Dr. L. P. Callaghan — 1895-1930. The second church of the parish of St. Mary's was built in 1843. It was struck by lightning and burned to the ground in 1896. The present parochial house was built in 1889. The mission church at Kennington was built in 1839. The diocesan Eucharistic Congress was held in Indian River in 1939. The parish registers begin in 1838. The parish of St. Mary's is composed of 93 families.

Funeral Service For The Late Josephine Gallant —The funeral of the late Miss Josephine Gallant held in Mount Carmel on Saturday, May 16, at 9:30 a.m. was largely attended by relatives and friends. She leaves to mourn five sisters and two brothers: Rev. Sister Cecilia (Ursule), North Dakota; Rev. Sister Jean Marie (Louise), Washington; Rev. Sister Theodosie (Angelina), Summerside; Mrs. Felix Pineau, Julie (Anne), Rustico; Mrs. Alphee Richard (Edna), Wellington; Henry, Mount Carmel, and Alfred, New Jersey, U.S.A. Funeral mass was celebrated by Rev. F. J. Buote assisted by Rev. J. M. Poirier and Rev. Clarence Pitre as deacon and subdeacon. Rev. J. LeClair officiated as master of ceremonies. Service at grave was officiated by Rev. F. J. Buote, parish priest. Pall bearers were: Glorice Gallant, Benoit Gallant, Felix Pineau, Jean Benoit Gallant, Rene Richard and Martin Gallant.

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Thursday, June 18 — 9:30 A.M.—Egmont Bay. 10:30 A.M.—Abram's Village. 1:30 P.M.—Mt. Carmel. 2:30 P.M.—Wellington Stn.

KING'S Wednesday, June 17—10:30 A.M.—Murray River. 1:30 P.M.—Murray Harbour.

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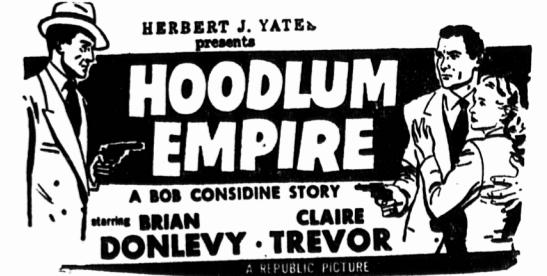
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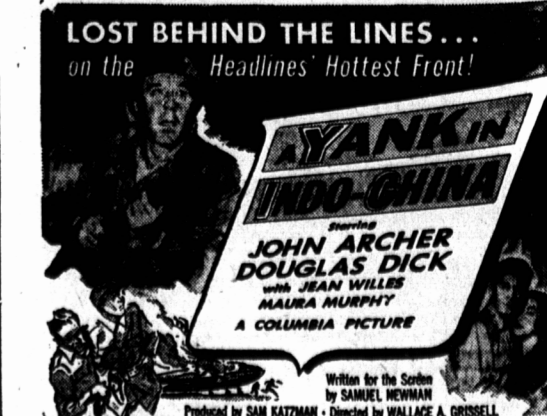
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