

History of the Parish of Port Carling with Gregory and Port Sandfield.

Services were held occasionally in Port Carling about 1870 by clergymen travelling out from Bracebridge for the purpose, also by lay-readers in the vicinity. They were also held more regularly at Gregory House Lake Rosseau by Mr Gregory-Allen, who was licensed as lay-reader by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Faugnier, 1st. Bishop of Algoma.

The first clergyman to be appointed to the parish a whole was Rev. E. Stubbs, in whose memory the east window of the church in Port Carling is erected. At the time of writing this account, little more can be done in recording the history of the parish in its earlier years than to give a list of the clergy in chronological order, and to note in passing any points of interest which may be known to the writer.

After Mr Stubbs the order was
Rev. J. J. H. Pitcher - date uncertain.

" L. E. Knight M. A. Bcon, a native of Barbados W. I.,

" P. S. M. Podmore. 1887

" W. A. J. Burt B. A. September 1891 - Sept. 1897. About beginning of his incumbency the rectory at Carling was built.

" J. E. Chilcott M. A. Trin. Coll. Tor. ^{Oct. 1897 - June 1902} ^{Stubbs memorial} placed in Port Carling church.

" Wm. A. Howard - Dec 1902 - Oct. 1903

" L. A. Trotter B. A. July 1904 - Dec. 1907

" Wm. Evans L. Th. (St. As) May 1908 - Oct. 1911

" J. Bird Holland B. A. McGill, B. D. Oct. 1911 -

" Richard Haines June 1914 - July 1918.

Intervals between the departure of one clergyman and the arrival of another were filled in by students, visiting clergy, or local lay-readers and others. Among the abovementioned lay-readers and in-laymen to whom the church of Engle Mr Gregory district owes much may be mentioned Mr Allen of Gregory, and Mr Cornelius of Port Sandfield, who helped in the church.

but also built the Church of the Holy Cross on his own land, where services and Sunday School were held for many years. Mr. Enosh Cox of Port Sandfield, first owner of Prospect House, was largely instrumental in getting the church erected and in filling it with his guests during the summer season. Mr. F. D. Stills was Sunday School Superintendent and Churchwarden for about 30 years at Port Barling and had much to do with the erection and maintenance of both the old and new churches in that place.

It is now time to come to the order in which the churches were built.

1881

St. James the Apostle, Port Barling, was completed in 1881, and the five seats in it were given by the Governor-General of Canada at the time.

Christ Church, Gregory, was built in 1891, i.e. the bare shell, but it was some years before the interior was lined and the stained glass windows in the windows added. These were the gift of the summer visitors, Mr. & Mrs. Blackford of Toronto being foremost in organizing the work.

Port Sandfield followed Gregory about 1892 with St. George's Church, the East window being given in memory of a visitor from U. S. A.

In April 1912 it was decided at Port Barling to buy a new site and build a church on it when possible, as the old church was too dilapidated to be worth repairing and its position, only 20 feet from the Stratton House, was far too noisy for reverence in services. Various sites were suggested when it was unexpectedly found that Roman Catholics, who had held the best ^{church} site in the place for over 30 years, were willing to sell it! The Ladies provided the funds, and the Incumbent, Rev. J. Priest, negotiated the purchase. Less than two months later, towards the Stratton House caught fire, viz. June 13th to the top, and within two hours the old church was also burnt mean-while. This hastened the building of a new church, and of this while the local Orange Lodge kindly offered the use of their hall next year for a year. As the Hall adjoined this offer was gladly accepted. Funds for the new church were collected from both visitors and residents.

insurance helped to the extent of about \$1000.00, the old site was sold for \$10.00, and on Tuesday Aug. 26th 1911 a fine new church, the lower part of stone and the upper part of wood to be brick veneered, was opened by the Lord Bishop of Algoma in the presence of a number of clergy and a thankful congregation.

Plans for the church were presented by a rising young architect, Mr Donald Galt of Toronto. The stone foundation and basement were built by Allan Dixon of Port Carleton and the wooden superstructure by H. Rutherford of Bracebridge. All the new, stained glass was by McEwens of Toronto. The Building Committee who revised the plans, considered tenders, and supervised the whole matter from its inception to the opening day, consisted of the following members, elected by the vestry.

The Incumbent as chairman, Mr Thos. Goucher, Mr F. D. Stubbs, Mr R. C. Harris Jr., Mr Alec Harris, Mr John Cope, Mr F. D. Stubbs and Mrs J. B. Hollander.

Gifts for the new church flowed in from all sources. The Stubbs memorial East window, saved from the fire was now flanked by a double window from the Harris family in memory of their mother, Olivia Harris. The large West window was given by the Pearson family (Mrs F. D. Stubbs and others) in memory of their parents. The windows in the nave were subscribed for by as follows. Mr F. D. Stubbs and family, two. St. James's Sunday School, two; Mr Lawrence Baldwin Toronto, one; Miss Baldwin (sister) one. Miss Allen of Allenton gave the choir seats and chancel railing in memory of her brother. The Incumbent with his brothers and sisters gave the pulpit in memory of their father Mr Thomas Holland of London, England. Miss Gurney of England gave the reading desk with stall, Rev. Burt Sheratt of Toronto gave the lectern, St. James's Sunday School the Font, and Valley City Seating Co. the credence table. The church in so far as it was complete at the time of opening cost about \$4,200.00 and was nearly all then.

Mr Holland left on October 5th 1913 to enter the Diocese of Huron, and was succeeded by Rev. Rd. Harris the 16th of November 1914. Two months later

and church building was largely at a standstill. Paroid roofing was added to the upper walls pending the addition of their coating of brick. also the interior of the Rectory was greatly improved.

J. B. H. Sept

Rev. Richard Haines, (Trinity College, Toronto)

Incumbent June 1914 - July 31, 1918

During his Incumbency:

The balance of the debt on the Metropolitan Church was paid off.

New seats were placed in the nave, occupying a two-thirds of the floor space.

A considerable sum was spent on much needed improvements in the interior of the Parsonage. The war torn off the exterior of the house, and three thick building paper was put on to keep out the cold, and siding replaced. The sum of \$250 was given away for the installation of a new furnace.

Through the generosity of Toronto, and largely through the instrumentality of the Right Rev. Dr. Farling, Bishop of Montreal, who was spending the summer in the "Disappearing Propeller Boat" was procured for the use of the Incumbent. (The mission was a mission of a buggy, cutter, harness and robes about August 1917 for the use of the Incumbent. The re-stringing of the Church at Tregoy and the re of the Church at Port Sandfield were commenced shortly before the end of Mr. Haines' Incumbency.

Rev. C. F. Langton Gilbert (Trinity College, Toronto; T. H. S. T. Lent)

Incumbent Aug. 1, 1918 -

During his Incumbency:

Complete new sets of Altar & provided for all three Churches. Polished copper Altar placed in the Sanctuary at Port Carling. Basement Chapel at Port Carling re-arranged and improved for greater convenience of the rendering of services during cold weather. An efficient system of oil lamps arranged to replace the broken-down gas-plant. Chalice, Paten, Candles and

Account for the purchase of a disappearing propeller boat
for the Mission of Port Carling, Gregory and Sanfield, in the
Diocese of Algoma.

Subscriptions received by the Bishop of Montreal

Mrs C.A.B. Baldwin.....	15.00	
Miss Helen Cattanach.....	10.00	
Messrs H.P., A.W., and C.B. Blachford.....	15.00	
W.R. Brock.....	10.00	
J.C. Garoner.....	10.00	
E.V. Whitcomb.....	10.00	
R.A. Rounthwaite.....	10.00	
W.H. Adamson.....	10.00	
Elwood Myers.....	10.00	
James Gatto.....	10.00	
S.A. Minett.....	10.00	
Bishop of Montreal.....	11.39	
N.W. Hoyle K.C.....	5.00	
C.W. Youell.....	5.00	
Dr. W. Elliott.....	5.00	
Bishop of Ottawa.....	5.00	
H.J. Cashfield.....	5.00	
Rev. Dr. Cayley.....	5.00	
Rev. W.M. Davison.....	2.00	
Miss Barnston.....	2.00	1500
Collected by Miss Ridley.....		10 00
Collected by Miss Temple.....		16 00

Mrs. Wood, Hamilton
Mrs Burton, Toronto
Mrs Fred Jarvis, Toronto
Charles Temple, Toronto

Collected by Rev. C.C. Waller.....

Rev. Dr. Waller.....	10.00
Bishop of Toronto.....	10.00
Mr. Abel.....	2.00
Mr. Hart.....	1.00

Collected by Rev. R. Haines.....

Miss Kingston.....	10.00
Mrs Kingston.....	5.00
Mrs McKinley.....	5.00
Mr. Rodson.....	5.00
Mr. Jaffray.....	5.00

Bank interest.....

Received from Mr. Elwood Myers to pay for gasoline
for running the boat, in addition to his subscrip-
tion for the purchase of the boat.....

Expenditures

Paid Rev. R. Haines for purchase
and equipment of boat.....245.00
and of gasoline..... 15.00
Postage, Com. on Cheques..... 2.55

Minett 1st Aug 1917

Received from the Right Rev. J.C. Poirer, Bishop
Montreal the sum of two hundred and forty dollars for
purchase of a boat for the Mission of Port Carling, Gregory
Sanfield and fifteen dollars for the purchase of gasoline
for running the same.

1922
St James' PORT CARLING
JUNE 1st
& Oct. 1st
St Georges. PORT CARLING.
JUNE 1st
& Oct. 1st
CHRIST (WORTH)
GREENSB.
JUNE 1st
& Oct. 1st
SERVICES
HEAD OF THE
LAKE BRUFFS
SERVICES
HEAD OF
THE BRUFFS.
PRIVATE
(COMMUNIONS.)

Dr. James H. Georges and Christ Church.
Statistical Returns of Summer Works.

Returns of Summer Work.				Remarks.
Sunday	Monday	W.P.	W.P.	
36	732	21	145	<u>The Missionary Boat</u> This is maintained by the Services held at the (Clevelands, the Missionary having travelled some 1820 miles using 919 gallons Gasoline.
20	145	3	38	146 days with an average of 5 Cattle to each day gives 730 Parish Cattle during that period.
30	109	12	321	The Parish comprises nearly 17 miles long by 8 miles wide. in Lakes Muskegon, Rosseau and Stroph.
9	53			
12	21			
		11	37	
107	30	47	551	Collections at Menet. \$102 H _o " Bluffs. \$367

presented by the Girls' Auxiliary of Christ Church Cathedral
Ottawa. This made possible a redistribution of vessels in
the outstations; a better chalice ^{and a flagon} for Freznoy, and a pot
for Port Sandfield. Dossal and side-curtains placed
in Church at Port Carling. Altar from Basement Chapel
presented to Port Sandfield (This altar was made by
Mr Pearson, and stood in the old Church) - and old altar
from Port Sandfield made to serve in the Basement Chapel.
The Church's share in the Port Carling Water Company solely
proceeds to be devoted to payment of assessment on
and installation of electric light in the Parsonage. (See Vol. 10, p. 10)
May 1919. New fence placed around front half of
Parsonage property.

July, August, September 1919. About \$750 collected toward the \$1500 estimated as probable cost of bricklay the Church at Port Carling.

March 1920. Electric light installed in the Church and
Parsonage. The sum of \$76.50 was collected for the installation
the Church, by the W. A., largely from residents.

The residents of the mission gave or promised \$500⁰⁰, and one tourist \$100⁰⁰, making a total of \$600⁰⁰ towards the Anglican Forward Movement, the objective being \$453⁰⁰.

Nov. 1st 1921. Dr. S. Buckner & Decumbens came
Dr. Mary Richmond. Hib. Oct.

The Parsonage re-roofed, considerable work done on the inside. 3 Bedrooms papered, a Kitchen Port Sanicafide, and Gregory shared in the expense. The W.S. presented the Parsonage with a Cooking Range. The old wooden steps up to the Parsonage done away with and concrete steps replacing them. St. James (church), the approach to (church) was wood replaced by a concrete walk, two concrete (Electric light) pillars each side. The above work was distributed over the year of 1922.

Christ Church. Gregory A man 5'6" 150 lbs was
tried during the winter (any 1923) at
259. 52 ^{inches} ^{Hamm} 80 awarded a Re

The Visitors (outstanding to the (col. in fact. (as per collection in Service register).

The Dining Room of the Parsonage, Regent and Papered. During the Winter of 1922 (col being, destroyed by a visitor.

The Rev. J. W. Bucklee, B.D. left Port Carling, early in the morning of Sunday, December 9th, 1923, for Severn at Christ Church, Gregory. The weather had been fine and calm but very cold on the night previous, causing the formation of thin ice in the Joseph River. Mr Bucklee encountered this on entering the river, in the mission boat, which caused two large holes in the bow of the boat, which rapidly filled with water. Mr Bucklee became excited and rushed to the bow, then toppled over into the cold water and was drowned before help arrived. He was buried in the Church Cemetery at Gregory on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1923.

April 25, 1924 Cyril G. F. Stone, Student in Charge, came from Trinity College, Toronto.

The mission was without administration from the time of Rev. Mr Bucklee's death, on Dec. 9, 1923 until April 25th 1924.

Large debts had accumulated amounting to over eight hundred dollars (this amount includes a mortgage on the Parsonage of \$1,400⁰⁰ made during the incumbency of Rev. G. D. L. Gilbert to complete the Church). The Treasurer of the Church Mr J. R. Anderson held a cash balance of \$3⁸³ and a postage stamp, three cents, to offset the debt. On the arrival of someone to take charge, the annual vestry meeting was held, and the people promised to help as much as possible to clear up the debt. Various activities were engaged in during the summer, which were splendidly backed by the people. All debts were paid and the Mortgage was reduced by one hundred dollars.

In closing these remarks I cannot omit to mention the help received from the Young People's Association of St. Philip's Church, Toronto, who, at their own expense, came and assisted us in our work on several occasions. Their financial help was greatly appreciated by the Student and people, but more than anything else the Student remembers them is for their great kindness to himself and for the encouragement given to him from the very beginning of a task, which at no time