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ELM TREE, EAST RIVER

Under this tree Rev. Jas. McGregor preached the first sermon on the East River, Oct., 1786

# Pictonians at Home and Abroad

SKETCHES OF PROFESSIONAL MEN AND  
WOMEN OF PICTOU COUNTY—ITS  
HISTORY AND INSTITUTIONS

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## FOREWORD

THE preparation of this book has been a labor of love. Although the author has been called to spend most of his life in other and distant fields, he has never wavered in his devotion to the place of his birth and the friends of his youth. It has at times been his dearest hope to repay in some measure, by some serviceable deed, the debt of gratitude which he owes to his native land.

Hence the undertaking of this book, the aim of which is to rescue from oblivion the names, the deeds, the heroism of the pioneers of Pictou, and to show how notable a contribution, in men and women, the county has made to the intellectual life and growth of the country.

No fairer scenes than Pictou County presents can be found in the land. Merely as a piece of Mother Earth it is deserving of the most enthusiastic admiration and ardent attachment. Its beautiful elm-studded valleys, its clear, winding streams, its sunlit hills with their fertile fields gently sloping toward the sea, its bonnie, happy homes, its thriving towns, its peaceful villages, its infinitely varied forests and even its rugged glens present charms which never pall.

But the county's moral claim for its people's love and loyalty is stronger than the physical. No spot in our wide Dominion, of equal size and population, has contributed so much to all that is best in our national life. Nowhere else have religion and education so effectually joined hands for the uplift of the people and the promotion of good. Nowhere have righteousness and truth been more genuinely wedded, or produced finer fruitage.

In support of these statements the evidence in this book is confidently submitted. The gathering of the

evidence has been a difficult task. It is not claimed that it is either exhaustive or absolutely accurate, but the author has done his best, and he has had the hearty co-operation of many to whom he is sincerely grateful.

It has been said that Pictou is noted for coal and clergymen. Great as is the yield of coal, yet that which is Pictou's proudest product is her men and women. In less than a hundred years she has given to the church nearly three hundred clergymen. She has sent forth one hundred and ninety physicians, sixty-three lawyers, forty professors, fifteen men and eleven women missionaries, eight college presidents, four judges, two governors, two premiers and a chief justice for the Province, besides a host of journalists, politicians and business men of note and name.

There is inspiration in studying the lives of men and women. It stirs within us a deepening desire to imitate and achieve all that was best in their lives. If this book will help the youth of the land to do this, it will have accomplished the main purpose of the writer.

Our fathers have left us a precious heritage and a rare record. We owe them the debt of a grateful remembrance. "Happy are the people," says John Fiske, "that can look back upon the work of their fathers and in their heart of hearts pronounce it good."

June 1, 1914

J. P. MacPhie

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“A wise nation preserves its records, decorates the graves of its illustrious dead, repairs the great public structures, and fosters national pride and love of country by perpetual references to the sacrifices and glories of the past.”—*Joseph Howe*.

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## THE PIONEERS OF PICTOU

Our sires—brave hearts that crossed estranging seas,  
And broke the hush of the primeval wood,  
Who lit their candles in the solitude,  
And met the saffron morn upon their knees—  
What though their homes were void of luxuries,  
Learning ne'er begged, nor altars smokeless stood,  
Nor Cheer nor Friendship lacked the joys their rude,  
Kind, log-heaped hearths could give,—It is to these  
I bare my head! They wrought without the aid  
Invention brings, ere smoke of Industry  
Hung o'er these hills and vales; with care they made  
This place a garden of the mind; and we,  
Cradled in comfort, now bid Mem'ry hold  
The fragrance of their lives in jars of gold.

*Alexander L. Fraser.*

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## CHAPTER I

### THE "HOPE" PEOPLE

THE beginnings of history-making in Pictou were modest; but they were highly promising if there is aught of force in the adage which says that well begun is half done. There was good augury in the very name of the brig "Hope," the first immigrant vessel which dropped anchor in the Harbor. Yet the future importance of Pictou was probably not even dreamed of by those connected with the little brig. At that time the enterprise doubtless looked hopeful mainly from a land-speculator's point of view.

The "Hope," bearing officers of the Philadelphia Company, so-called, and the families of half a dozen intending settlers, arrived at Pictou from Philadelphia, on June 10, 1767. The Company had obtained a Royal grant of 180,000 acres of land in the district. To this grant were attached the usual stringent settlement conditions. It was in compliance with those conditions that the expedition had been sent out. The families who came by the "Hope," according to Dr. Patterson, were: Dr. John Harris, agent of the Company and his wife; Robert Patterson, the Company's surveyor, his wife and five children; James McCabe, his wife and six children; John Rogers, his wife and four children; Henry Cumming, his wife and four or five children; and a sixth family of unknown name—it may have been Hand. There is on record in the Pictou Registry, a deed to Recompense Hand of land adjoining that originally taken up by John Rogers.

Of these pioneers the only name which has remained continuously prominent in the County, is that of Harris. J. Sim. Harris, the High Sheriff, is a lineal descendant, in

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the fourth generation, of Dr. John Harris. He is the fourth Sheriff in succession in that family. None but a Harris has ever been Sheriff of Pictou County.

No descendant of Robert Patterson, bearing his name, is now resident within the County, although his blood runs in the veins of a number of well-known Pictou families. A few of McCabe's descendants bearing his name are to be found in the County. John Rogers gave his name to the district since known as Rogers Hill. His descendants are few, the most distinguished of them being Rev. Anderson Rogers of Halifax, late Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of the Maritime Provinces. The Cumminger name early disappeared from the County.

The courageous little band which came in the "Hope" had to encounter the usual trials and difficulties of pioneer settlers in a densely wooded country, remote from human neighborhood. But they had plentiful supplies; were busy making improvements, and were cheered from time to time by the arrival of other families and individuals to join their settlement. Of the early followers of the "Hope" from Philadelphia the most important were Rev. James Lyon, a large shareholder of the Company, and Matthew Harris, an elder brother of Dr. John, who settled on the Davidson farm at West River, above the Saw Mill bridge.

Additional settlers came from Truro. Of these the most noteworthy was William Kennedy, who located at the mouth of what has since been known as Saw Mill Brook, where he erected, in 1769, the mill from which the stream took its name. This mill was the first frame building erected in the County.

Up to the 1st of January 1770, there had been 67 arrivals and four births at Pictou. But 36 had removed or died, and the total population was 84. The first census, then taken, sets forth that the settlement possessed 6 horses, 16 oxen, 16 cows, 16 young cattle, 37 sheep and



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10 swine. Dr. Harris is credited with the ownership of a fishing boat and a small vessel, the pioneer of Pictou's subsequent extensive mercantile fleet. The settlers had that year harvested 64 bushels of wheat and 60 of oats.

The heads of families were: John Harris, Robert Patterson, Robert McFadden, Henry Cumming, James McCabe, Nathan Smith, Rev. James Lyon, Barnabas McGee, William Kennedy, Moses Blaisdell, William Aiken, George Oughterson, Thomas Skead, Matthew Harris, Barnett McNutt, James Archibald, Charles McKay and Robert Dickey.

The "town" or centre of the settlement, was located opposite Brown's Point, at the mouth of Haliburton Creek, since generally known as the "Town Gut." This most unsuitable site had to be accepted because when the Philadelphia settlers arrived, Colonel McNutt, that notorious Nova Scotia land-grabber, had secured a grant of all the shore lands from Brown's Point to the mouth of Pictou Harbor, and thence around the coast to Cariboo Harbor. It was not until the escheating of McNutt's grant that the Harbor front was made available for settlement. After that, a village sprang up at Norway House Point. But it was only at a considerably later date that the present Town site began to be occupied.

The nearest settlement to Pictou was at the head of Cobequid Bay, near what is now, the town of Truro. It was imperative that a safe means of access to this settlement, then known as Cobequid, should be immediately opened up. Accordingly, one of the first cares of the "Hope" settlers was to have a trail laid out between the two places. This path, known as the "Cobequid Road," was in no true sense of the word a road; but it served most useful purposes. It was free from dangerous obstructions; was clear-cut and direct, and could be easily traversed on foot or horseback.

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It seems rather singular that exact knowledge of the location of this most important land route should so soon have perished. Even Dr. Patterson appears to have been able to secure only vague information as to the location of parts of it. But it can be clearly traced through the land Registry office. The Cobequid Road followed the line of the present West River Road from the Town Gut to "Belmont," the Evans farm. Thence it ran along the West River "old road" to a point near Leithead's stone house. Thence it struck across the face of the hill back of Durham, following exactly the south-west line of James D. Maclellan's lands, and came out near the late Robert Patterson's house. Thence, following the same direction, it crossed Auchincairn to the Four Mile Brook Road, a short distance from the house of the late Thomas Rogers, Postmaster. Thence it followed the present Brook Roads to Mount Thom, over the top of which it passed, and thence down the Salmon River to Cobequid, now Lower Truro. The complete oblivion into which the very existence of this road had fallen, even among the grand-children of the settlers to whom it had been so important, was curiously illustrated some forty years ago when a rusted cannon ball was picked up in the woods at Auchincairn. There was much speculation in the district at the time, as to how this old round shot could possibly have come there. It was not until long afterwards that recovered knowledge of the actual course of the Cobequid Road suggested a partial, but only a partial, explanation of the mystery. By whom or for what purpose such a piece of property as a cannon ball was being transported through the woods between Truro and Pictou, over the Cobequid Road, and how it came to be dropped in such a spot, cannot even be guessed. The Cobequid Road is said to have been laid out by Thomas Archibald and John Otterson of Truro assisted by John Rogers.

The "Hope" pioneers with the exception of Rogers'



MAP OF PICTOU COUNTY



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family, and possibly one other family, were all located along the north side of the West River estuary, from the Town Gut to the "Harbor Head," when the ship "Hector" with her contingent arrived.

The Truro settlers had been advised of the coming of the "Hope," and had sent a delegation to meet and welcome those on board. The delegation consisted of Samuel Archibald, father of the afterwards famous S. G. W. Archibald, John Otterson, Thomas Troop and Ephraim Howard. Tradition says that the two last-mentioned bestowed their names as they passed on the outstanding hills still known as Mount Thom and Mount Ephraim.

The whole County was densely wooded at that time. On the shores of the Harbor, extending up the river valleys and clothing the hills were magnificent growths of pine, almost every tree a gigantic model of its kind. The grove which covered the present site of the town is said to have been notably fine. To the north, more particularly around the shores of Cariboo, there were splendid stretches of oakland. The coast-waters and streams were overflowing with fish, the woods with game. With shelter, fuel and food thus at hand in richest abundance, the original pioneer band and the succeeding parties of settlers can scarcely have suffered the harrowing experiences which later imaginations have conjured up. No doubt they endured certain trials, and privations, like all pioneers. But they were young and vigorous; and their healthy joys must have far more than counterbalanced their troubles. The physical delights of pioneering are too often overlooked in listening to the reminiscences of old men and women regarding their youthful days in the wilds.

One thing is certain—the children of the pioneers never ceased to regret the good old times, "the golden age" of their youth, when they and their neighbors' young folk gathered in the evenings, around blazing wood fires in wide, hospitable, log-cabin chimney places, and when

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social intercourse had a peculiar freedom and charm, which was sadly missed in later and supposedly more happy years, of greater seeming comfort.

The "Hope" settlers had completed the political organization of the Pictou district, and their members had been materially increased from other sources before the next large band of immigrants joined them, six years later. These are facts which should be duly kept in mind, because they suggest a very different idea of the relative importance of the two first bands of pioneers than that generally entertained. They also shed valuable light on the real condition of the Pictou settlement when the ship "Hector" arrived in 1773.

Effective municipal government had, at that date, been established. The following is a list of its officials in February, 1775:

John Harris.....	Clerk of District
Robert Meresom	
John Harris.....	Overseers of Poor
James Fulton	
Moses Blaisdale	
William Kennedy.....	Surveyors of Lumber
William Aiken.....	Constable
James Fulton.....	Clerk of Market
Abraham Slater.....	Culler of Fish

Before the "Hector" arrived, McNutt's grant had been, in 1770, escheated to the Crown. The whole Harbor front and Cariboo shore were thus thrown open to settlement. The "Hector" reached Pictou on September 15, 1773. Some forty or more years ago this date was arbitrarily selected as Pictou's "Natal Day," a selection made for purely temporary purposes, which has been largely responsible for the popular modern belief that the real history of Pictou began with the coming of the "Hector." But the truth is, that September 15 was chosen because

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June 10, the "Hope" day was past at the time when it became desirable to hold a public picnic for a charitable purpose.

### THE "HECTOR" PEOPLE

Those who reached Pictou by the "Hector," on September 15, 1773, numbered, according to one statement, 189; according to another, 179. On January 1, 1770, there were 84 in the Pictou settlement. Probably a good many others had arrived in the intervening three years; so that had the whole "Hector" contingent remained in the County they would scarcely have outnumbered those already in the settlement. But it appears from the list given by Dr. Patterson, which was compiled by William Mackenzie, who ultimately settled at Loch Broom, and was admittedly the only specially educated member of the party, that of 57 heads of families or single men who came by the "Hector," only 27 remained in Pictou. Thirty almost immediately left for other parts of the Province. Even of the 27 who found ultimate resting-place in Pictou several at first went elsewhere; and they or their children only returned at later dates, when the settlement had been very materially increased by immigration from various other sources. These facts indicate that the "Hope" settlement was far from being submerged or eclipsed by the "Hector" party. It seems unlikely that those from the "Hector" who actually settled in the County numbered as many as the "Hope" people whom they found in original possession. Moreover, the "Hector" element was much weakened in influence by two special causes.

With the exception of William MacKenzie, Alexander Cameron, George McConnell, Alexander Fraser and John Patterson, not many of its members could speak English at all fluently; and they scattered themselves over the County, while the "Hope" people were compactly settled together on the Harbor front. It was the descendants of the

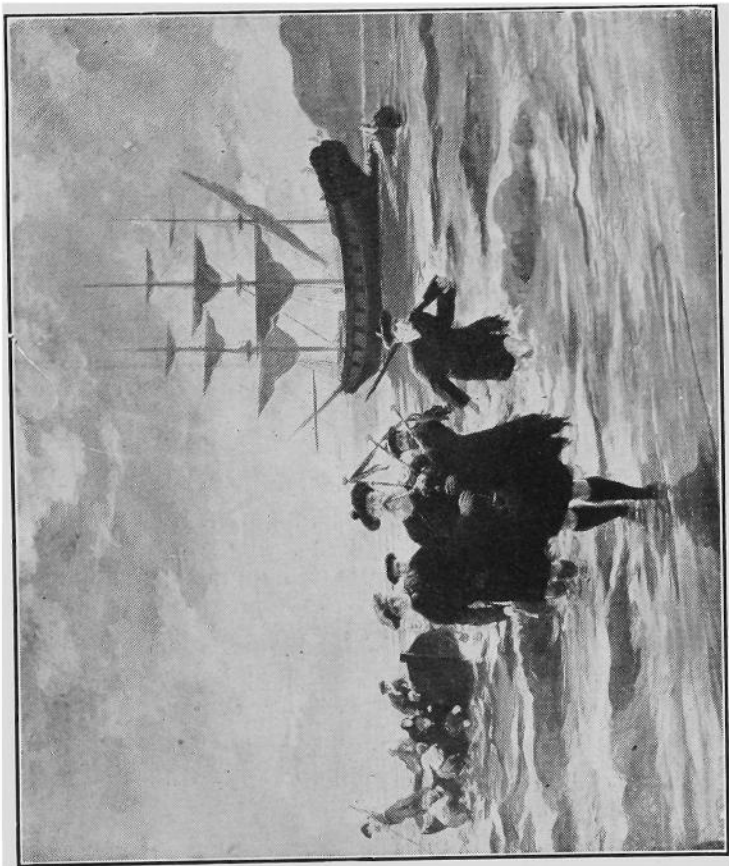
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“Hector” people rather than the first-comers of them who made their influence felt in the District. But there were certain marked exceptions to this which will be duly noted.

The party had been recruited from many parts of the North of Scotland. Of those who shipped at Glasgow, John Patterson settled at Pictou; and George McConnell, great-grandfather of the late Robert McConnell, the well-known journalist, at West River. Of those from Invernesshire, William McKay settled on the East River, near Stellarton along with Roderick McKay, Colin McKay, Donald Cameron and Donald McKay; Hugh Fraser settled at McLennan’s Brook; Donald McDonald at Middle River; Colin Douglas at Middle River; Hugh Fraser at Twelve Mile House, West River; Alexander Fraser, at Middle River; James Grant, settled first in King’s County but returned to upper East River; Alexander Cameron settled at Loch Broom; Alexander Ross, at Middle River; Colin McKenzie at East River, near New Glasgow; William MacKenzie at Loch Broom; John McLennan at the mouth of McLennan’s Brook; William McLennan, his relative on the east side of West River; above Durham; Alexander Falconer, near Hopewell. Of those from Southerlandshire, Kenneth Fraser, after first settling at Londonderry returned and settled at Middle River, back of Green Hill; Walter Murray settled at Merigomish; James McLeod, at Middle River; Hugh McLeod at West River; William Matheson settled first at Londonderry, but returned to Rogers Hill. Of those above-named, the following impressed themselves specially on the history of the County:—

William McKay, who settled at East River became a Justice of the Peace; and exercised much influence in his day. One of his sons, William, prepared a map of Nova Scotia, which was published in London and was regarded as authoritative for many years. Another son, Alexander, owned the town site of New Glasgow.





LANDING OF THE HECTOR



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Roderick McKay of Beauvy, Invernesshire, also settled at East River. One of his daughters was married to Rev. Dr. McGregor, the pioneer Presbyterian clergyman of the County, and was the grandmother of James D. McGregor the present Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia. Another of Roderick McKay's daughters was the mother of the late J. D. B. Fraser, of Pictou, who, besides being prominent in business, was a distinguished leader in the early temperance movement. R. P. Fraser, Esq., Collector of Customs at Pictou, is his son. Roderick McKay's son, the late Robert McKay, Esq., was long Keeper of the Rolls of the County. His grandson, John U. Ross, K. C., is Chairman of the Nova Scotia Public Utilities Commission.

Alexander Cameron settled at Loch Broom which was so named because of its resemblance, from the Harbor approaches, to Loch Broom in Invernesshire. He was of notable family, being a near relative of Cameron of Lochiel, who figured so prominently at the battle of Culloden, which young Alexander Cameron witnessed as a runaway boy of fifteen. Many distinguished Pictou County names are in his line of descent. Among them, Rev. Alexander Blaikie, D. D., long a leading clergyman of Boston; Thomas Fraser, a Californian Senator, and Alexander Fraser, his brother who constructed the first ship railway across the Isthmus of Panama; the late E. M. Macdonald, M.P., a prominent journalist and at the time of his death Collector of Customs at Halifax; his brother A. C. Macdonald of Pictou, barrister, at one time Speaker of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly and father of the late C. D. Macdonald, barrister, of Arthur C. Macdonald, a prominent Consulting Engineer and capitalist of London, England, and of Mrs. James Primrose of Pictou; John D. Macdonald, late Treasurer of the County of Pictou and his sons, E. M. Macdonald, K. C., M. P., barrister, at present representing the County in the Dominion Parliament, Rev. Peter M. Macdonald, a leading clergyman and

literary man of Toronto, and John D. Macdonald, editor and proprietor of the Pictou "Advocate"; the late Hon. W. D. R. Cameron, formerly of Durham, Member for Guysborough County of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia; William Cameron, ex-M. P. P., at present Municipal Treasurer of the County, and Mrs. W. E. Maclellan of Halifax. This partial list of Alexander Cameron's better-known descendants furnishes striking evidence of the possible value of one good settler to a new country.

Alexander Fraser, settled at Middle River. He also was of excellent birth. He was an immediate descendant of the Frasers, Lords Lovat. Along with the noble head of that House he was deeply involved in the "Forty-Five." Two of his brothers were slain at Culloden. His wife was Marion Campbell, youngest daughter of the Laird of Skreigh, Invernesshire, who had raised a troop for Prince Charlie, and was wounded at Culloden. A son of this couple was the first native-born Pictonian. From them descended the Rocklin Frasers, so prominent in the industrial life of the County. John Fraser of Hopewell, is a grandson. His son, Thomas, the "Beachcomber" of the Morning Chronicle and formerly editor of the Halifax "Daily Echo," is at present a leading citizen of Saskatoon. Mrs. J. P. Esdaile of Halifax is Alexander Fraser's great granddaughter. Dr. Patterson states that Fraser was in most "comfortable circumstances" when he left Scotland.

William MacKenzie ultimately settled at Loch Broom, beside his particular friend and associate, Alexander Cameron, after having spent some years at Liverpool, Nova Scotia, where he married a daughter of one of the pioneer settlers of that place, a lineal descendant of one of the "Pilgrim Fathers," who came to Massachusetts Bay in the "Mayflower," in 1621. William MacKenzie also was of good family. His father was a gentleman of title and a scion of the Seaforth MacKenzie family. Young MacKenzie was a student of eighteen, when he left Scot-

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land. He engaged himself as schoolmaster to the "Hector" party in a spirit of youthful adventure, but pressed also, no doubt, by the necessities of the times. The party broke up at Pictou, and he was never required to exercise his assumed vocation; but he became, which was of much more importance, the historian of the party. It was from his memoranda and diaries that Dr. Patterson obtained most of his definite authentic information concerning the "Hector" party. He had only one son, and nearly all of his grandchildren removed to the United States where, without exception, they prospered in business or industry. Only two of his lineal descendants are now in Nova Scotia—Mrs. W. E. Maclellan of Halifax and Mrs. John Carson of Pictou.

He was known in his day as the "Peacemaker." It was he who donated the site of the first church erected in Pictou County, which was situated at Loch Broom, close to the east shore of the West River estuary, on lands latterly owned by the late Duncan McCabe.

John Patterson, grandfather of the late Rev. Dr. Patterson, the painstaking and talented historian of the County, settled near the future town, where he became a prosperous business man, a Justice of the Peace and a leading citizen. Several of his descendants, besides the late Dr. Patterson have been prominent as public and business men in Colchester and other counties of the Province. His Honor, Judge Patterson, of the County Court, New Glasgow, is a son of Dr. Patterson and a great grandson of John Patterson of the "Hector".

Alexander Falconer, who settled near Hopewell, was the grandfather of the late Rev. Dr. Falconer, a few years ago Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, whose two talented and highly distinguished sons are Dr. R. A. Falconer, President of the University of Toronto, and Dr. James W. Falconer, of the Presbyterian College, Halifax,

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William Matheson who settled at Rogers Hill was the father of the late William Matheson, of Durham, grandfather of the late David Matheson, barrister of Pictou, and great grandfather of E. S. Matheson Town Engineer, Yarmouth.

Should it seem surprising to any that so many men of good birth came to Pictou among the pioneers, it is only necessary to point out that the same thing is now happening in the Northwest. Sons of some of the best families in the United Kingdom are at present homesteaders and working farmers on the Canadian prairies. A few years ago the titled head of one of the oldest Baronetcies in Ireland died as a billiard-marker in a Winnipeg Saloon; and he was no scapegrace. He had gone to the West in the hope of restoring the fallen family fortunes, and had accepted the first employment available. It was only after his death that his identity was disclosed, although without proclaiming his title he had not changed his name.

Speaking of the times when Pictou was first settled, in connection with the fact that a noble Lord, a member of the Scottish House of Peers and the representative of one of the oldest families in Scotland was a glover in Edinburgh, Burke, compiler of "Burke's Peerage" and "Landed Gentry", in his "Vicissitudes of Families" states that a Nobleman, one of whose family afterwards settled in Pictou County, "used to stand for years in the Old Town, Edinburgh, selling gloves to those present; for, according to the fashion of the time, a new pair was required for every dance. The only occasion in which he was absent from his post was at the ball following the election of a representative Peer, when he appeared in full dress, and joined with those present in the dance. It may be added that sons of the best families in Scotland are often found at trades in these times, arising from the difficulty of being provided for."

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The great disadvantage under which most of the "Hector" settlers labored was lack of means. The fact that they were able to emigrate at all, at their own charge in those days of "hard times" is proof positive that they were the most prosperous and enterprising of their contemporaries, and that they were much better off than the average of their countrymen at that time. Scotland was then in a state of extreme financial and industrial depression. With reference to that period the latter half of the eighteenth century—Lord Rosebery, in addressing the annual meeting of the Edinburgh Savings Bank, in 1909, stated that "there was not then more than two or three hundred thousand pounds of current money in all Scotland," whereas at the date of his speech there were "over fourteen million pounds of deposits in the two savings Banks of Edinburgh and Glasgow alone." Lord Rosebery said, and his words are well worth pondering by all who would form just conceptions of the character of the "Hector" settlers in Pictou,—“Our great grandfathers—my great grandfather, at any rate—was living at that time. Our great grandfathers did great things in those days on a mess of pottage—they had no more, but with it they helped to mould the Empire. They maintained their poor without legal compulsion. They sought nothing from external help; and they laid, in their nakedness, and barrenness, the foundations of the prosperity which reigns in Scotland at this moment. None of us would care to live as they did. Some of the poorest in our country at present would shrink from the manner of life which was endured by some of the noblest in those days. We should not care to share their privations; but we should not be unwilling to be convinced that we possess their independence, their self-reliance, their self-respect; and I regard that as the greatest blessing resulting out of thrift—independence of character. Whether Scottish pride arose out of Scottish thrift, or whether Scottish thrift arose out

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of Scottish pride, I really cannot decide; but they are closely intertwined so closely that you cannot perhaps separate them. But, at any rate, the combination produced a character which has governed the country."

These are striking facts, vouched for by a very great and reliable man. Dr. Patterson's invaluable history of Pictou County makes it clear beyond dispute that the "Hector" settlers possessed "the thrift" and "the pride" of their country in the highest degree. The subsequent lives of them and their descendants have demonstrated beyond question that they possessed also the "governing character."

At the close of 1773, there were thus in Pictou County, two very distinct pioneer strains, almost equal in numbers—the "Hope" settlers of mixed American, English, South of Scotland and North of Ireland origin, who had been some years in the country, and the "Hector" settlers, of north of Scotland extraction, newly arrived and, for the immediate time being, a charge rather than a help to the struggling settlement, although they contributed so materially to its development and progress in later years.

### THE SOUTH OF SCOTLAND PEOPLE

A year and a half after the arrival of the "Hector" came the third and last band of those who may properly be called the pioneers of Pictou. These were the south of Scotland people, sometimes erroneously spoken of as the "Dumfries Settlers."

Their party was organized to take up lands in Prince Edward Island. They chartered their own vessel; sailed from the port of Annan, in Dumfriesshire, and arrived at Georgetown in the spring of 1773. Although exceptionally well outfitted, they were immediately overtaken by bad luck.

A great plague of mice destroyed their first season's crop. The following spring they procured seed from Nova



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Scotia, and re-planted; but the mice ate the very seed in the ground. That autumn, to crown their misfortunes, supplies which they had brought from Scotland and stored at Georgetown Harbor were plundered by riotous New England sailors and fishermen, who were ashore on a drunken orgie on the eve of sailing for their homes. The settlers were left in dire straits for food; and suffered intensely during the succeeding winter. In the following spring, 1775, they removed in a body to Pictou. There were thirteen families and one single man in the party. With one exception they settled permanently in Pictou County.

Seven of the party located at West River. These were Anthony Maclellan, William Clark, David Stewart, William Smith, Joseph Richards, John McLean and Charles Blaikie. Four settled on the Middle River, namely, John Crockett, Robert Marshall, Robert Brydone and John Smith. Two, Thomas Turnbull and Anthony Culton, went to the East River. One, Wellwood Waugh, remained in Pictou for a time, but later removed to Colchester County where he gave his name to Waugh's River. His half brother, William Campbell, the bachelor of the party, settled at the Beaches, a mile below the present Town of Pictou.

The members of this party added a new and specially valuable element to the primitive Pictou settlement. They came from one of the best agricultural districts in Scotland. They had been closely associated with the land all their lives. Several of them were sons of land-owners; others had been tenant farmers. They knew how best to deal with the soil, and they had the means to enable them to put their knowledge into practice. They lost no time in getting to work. Most of them prospered from the beginning. This party, more than any of its predecessors, directly and indirectly influenced the future of Pictou. They seem to have been well satisfied with their new home; and at once, by means of letters to those

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whom they had left behind, became the most effective of immigration agents. Through their representations their relatives and acquaintances in the South of Scotland were directed to Pictou; and continued coming in increasing numbers, for many years.

The original members of the party were mostly from Galloway, that famous, old Principality in the extreme southwest of Scotland, made up of the Shires of Kirkcudbright and Wigton; but a few of them were from Dumfriesshire and Ayr, or had connections in those counties. A glance at the names of those most prominent in the early commercial, industrial and political life of Pictou will show that a large proportion of them were from one or other of the south Scottish counties above mentioned. The monuments in the old Cemetery of Pictou, and the still older Durham Cemetery reveal an overwhelming preponderance of Galloway, Dumfries and Ayrshire names.

These south of Scotland settlers imported live-stock, seeds and fruit-trees from the land of their birth. At West River traces of the famous black cattle of Galloway were distinctly discernible not many years ago; and quite possibly are yet to be found. The sturdy Galloway breed of horses, too, left its mark in the county. But the Galloway people made a far deeper and infinitely more valuable impress on the social life of the county. From them, to mention an outstanding name, came Rev. Thomas McCulloch, the founder of Pictou Academy, who, although himself a native of Renfrewshire, was the descendant of one of the oldest and most honorable of the baronial families of Kirkcudbrightshire, with a history dating back almost to the Norman invasion. The names of Thomas, Michael and William McCulloch, so familiar in Pictou history, are distinctly traceable through hundreds of years of the annals of Galloway. John Dawson, another of Pictou's worthy early settlers, who, following the southern pioneers, came

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to Pictou in 1791, and whose great grandson Mr. Bonar Law is now leader of the Conservative party in Great Britain, was also a Galloway man, a native of the Parish of Irongray in Kirkcudbrightshire.

Of the members of the south of Scotland party, Wellwood Waugh, as already stated, did not remain long in Pictou. He was of the Waughs, Lairds of Barnbarroch, Kirkcudbrightshire. His father had married a daughter of Dr. Wellwood, of London, hence the name "Wellwood." After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Waugh married a Mr. Campbell, and had a son, William Campbell, who came to Pictou with his half-brother Waugh, and settled at the Beaches. His sons, in after years, went to Tata-magouche where they entered into commercial and ship-building enterprises, and became prominently identified with the public life of Colchester County. Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. John S. Maclean of Halifax are William Campbell's granddaughters, as was also the late Mrs. Howard Primrose, Pictou.

Of the two members of this party, Thomas Turnbull, and Anthony Culton, who settled on the East River, there are few descendants bearing their names in the County. Dr. Albert Culton of Cumberland County is a great grandson of Anthony Culton.

Of the four who settled on the Middle River, John Smith early lost his life by drowning. His descendants if any are unknown. John Crockett's descendants are still to be found on the Middle River and a number of them in Upper Stewiacke, Colchester County, to which place one of his sons removed. Most of Robert Marshall's descendants bearing his name, have removed to the United States. David Marshall and Robert Brown, merchants of Pictou, are his great grandsons. There are few of the Brydone name now left in the County, but a large number of Robert Brydone's descendants remain; among them have been two clergymen, three lawyers and four physicians.

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Of those who went to the West River, Anthony Maclellan settled at Durham where he purchased a large block of land on the west side of the River. In addition, he owned lands purchased from one of the Blaikies on the east-side of the River opposite Durham, which were reconveyed by his son Anthony Maclellan, junior, to James Blaikie by deed dated February 23, 1800. It was out of this lot that Anthony Maclellan set aside the site of the old West River Church and of the older part of the West River Cemetery in which he was the first man buried, in the year 1786. A Mrs. Gerard was interred there a year earlier. With this exception, Anthony Maclellan's is the oldest marked grave in Pictou County.

His eldest son James, was killed in 1793, by falling from a building which was being erected near the Ten Mile bridge. His remaining son, Anthony, succeeded to his property. Of his three daughters, Ann, was married first to William Smith and after his death to Donald McLeod; Catherine, to Joseph Richards, grandfather of the late Rev. John Richards; and Janet to John Collie, whose grandson is Dr. J. R. Collie, of River John and great grandson Dr. J. R. M. Collie of London, England. A somewhat striking incident, in this connection, was the marriage, at the same place and date, of the widowed Mrs. Smith and her daughter to Donald McLeod and his son, who by these marriages became respectively the forefathers of Judge John D. McLeod of Pictou and Rev. John M. McLeod, formerly of Charlottetown, and later of Vancouver, B. C.

Anthony Maclellan was of the Maclellans of Bombie, Hereditary Sheriffs of Galloway. He was born in 1720 and was fifty-three years of age when he left Scotland. In the list of his descendants are to be found the names of thirteen clergymen, six barristers, seven physicians, one member of the Dominion Parliament, many successful business men, among them the late John S. Maclean of

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Halifax, the late Daniel Macdonald, Collector of Customs, Pictou, the late Robert McConnell of the Finance Department, Ottawa, W. E. Maclellan of Halifax, Post Office Inspector for Nova Scotia, and, last but not least, Robert Maclellan, LL.D., the present honored Principal of Pictou Academy.

On the east side of the River, opposite to Anthony Maclellan settled Charles Blaikie. His lands were extensive, including at one time or another all those now or lately occupied by his descendants on Green Hill, and all of the David Matheson farm, opposite Durham, now owned by Mr. Hamblin. Charles Blaikie, too, was in very comfortable circumstances on his arrival. He was a skillful farmer, and the family have always been prosperous. One of his early descendants was the late Rev. Alexander Blaikie, D.D., long a prominent Clergyman in Boston. Another is Mr. Blaikie of Londonderry, a wealthy retired merchant, at one time a business partner of the late A. W. McLellan, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

Next above Anthony Maclellan, on the west side of the River, settled William Clark on lands all of which have ever since been continuously held by his descendants. No farmers in the County have been more enterprising and successful than they. Among the descendants of William Clark have been three clergymen of the Presbyterian Church.

Next above William Clark settled David Stewart on lands which are now in the possession of his great grandson, Robert Stewart. The Stewart name has at all times been synonymous with integrity. Among Robert Stewart's descendants are the two Drs. Collie above named.

Next above Robert Stewart settled William Smith, where his grandson Wilson Smith, now resides. He was descended from a Dumfriesshire land-owning family, members of which had borne titles of honor. He too was possessed of considerable means. A milling industry was

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early established at his place, which proved highly successful and was of great benefit to the surrounding country. His son, the late Anthony Smith, father of Wilson Smith and grandfather of James W. Smith of Pictou, head of the Atlantic Milling Company, was long a prominent and active member of the old Court of Sessions for Pictou County. This family too, has contributed most generously to the professional as well as to the business life of the Province. Among William Smith's descendants have been one member of the Dominion Parliament, six clergymen and three prominent barristers.

Next above William Smith settled Joseph Richards, on the lands occupied by his descendants until Robert Richards removed some thirty years ago to Manitoba, where he and his family now reside. A brother of his, Rev. John Richards, a Presbyterian clergyman, was called to Ontario, where he passed his life.

Above Joseph Richards settled John Maclean, the farthest south of the members of this party. He was of Dumfriesshire family. Rev. John Maclean of Richibucto, N. B., the father of the late John S. Maclean of Halifax, was his grandson. John Maclean, arriving in July, 1775, was one of the first-chosen elders of the first Presbyterian congregation organized in Pictou County, to which Rev. Dr. McGregor was called to minister in the autumn of 1786. The family have ever since been prominent in Church work. The late Howard Maclean, of Halifax, one of the most promising young barristers in Nova Scotia when his untimely death occurred was a great grandson of John Maclean, as was also the late J. J. Maclean of Hopewell. Mrs. George Arthur Bayne of Winnipeg is a great granddaughter.

With such settlers on its banks it is not surprising that the West River should so long have been the ecclesiastical and educational centre of the County. To Durham was early moved the first Presbyterian Church, located origi-

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nally at Loch Broom. Durham did not receive its present name until the time of the late Lord Durham in Canada. The name was the suggestion of the late William Graham, merchant, and was confirmed at a public meeting held for the purpose. The late Miss Margaret Cameron of Durham distinctly remembered the meeting, and that it was on Mr. Graham's motion that the name Durham was chosen. At the West River church all those settled around the Harbor, including the people of the Town, continued to worship until Rev. Thomas McCulloch arrived in 1803 when a separate congregation was organized in Pictou. In Durham Cemetery most of the pioneer settlers of West Pictou are buried. To Durham, at a later date, the Presbyterian Theological Seminary for Nova Scotia was removed, and there established and conducted for a number of years.

But Durham, as a village, did not start until 1822. The first lot was sold on March 19, of that year, by Anthony Maclellan, junior, to John Henderson, shoemaker. It was the half-acre lot, at the lower end of the village, on which Waller's blacksmith shop stands. The price paid was 14 pounds, 10 shillings—not a bad price for a beginning. But on April 13, 1824, two years later, Henderson bought the adjacent half-acre lot, for which he paid 25 pounds. Henderson must have been prospering, for on June 14, 1826, he bought 30 acres of land in the rear of his first two purchases for which he paid 100 pounds. Durham seems to have been experiencing a "boom" at this time. On May 16, 1830, Alexander MacDonald blacksmith, bought an acre lot adjoining Henderson's lots,—price 50 pounds. Two years later, on August 15, 1832, a large lot, in the southern angle of the Rogers Hill road was sold for 125 pounds. The following day it was resold to J. R. Ritchie for 175 pounds.

From this time on, during a number of years, Durham grew and prospered greatly, owing to the development of

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the timber trade of which it was a large purchasing centre. At one time it had four inns—three of them “licensed,” and many places of general business. It had mechanical establishments of almost every kind; two churches, and the Presbyterian Seminary. In 1849, Durham Post Office ranked fifth in the Province in revenue collected, being, in this respect, at that time ahead of New Glasgow. The Post Offices, with a larger revenue than that of Durham were Halifax, Yarmouth, Truro and Pictou. With the decay of the timber trade Durham fell into rapid decline. But the surrounding country has lost none of its solid and long-established prosperity.

### THE EARLY SETTLERS OF THE EAST RIVER

The East River is well known for the variety and the beauty of its scenery. On its banks are Springville, Bridgeville, and Sunny Brae, villages of abundant peace and plenty. It is well known for its rich deposits of iron and lime; its vales and hills, its towering elms and winding river, but it is still more famous for the men and women it has produced; for the district from Churchville to Kerrowgare, a distance of about fifteen miles, has given thirty-five clergymen to the Presbyterian Church, a Governor, a Chief Justice and a Premier to the Province.

What a community produces along educational and religious lines depends not a little upon its antecedents. The early settlers of the East River were a sturdy stock, a sober, stalwart worshipping set of men and women, with iron in their blood, and a burning love in their hearts for the Church and the School. They yoked education and religion together, and the combination produced a fine type of men and moralities. The writer, thirty years ago, taught the Shorter Catechism in the public school at Sunny Brae.

As far as can be ascertained the first settler in Churchville was John Robertson. He emigrated from the High-



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lands of Scotland and arrived in 1784, in Pictou. He was a brother-in-law of Roderick McKay, who was one of the first settlers on the East River. The first clearing Robertson made in Churchville was where John Robertson, miller, once resided.

John Fraser was among the first settlers of Springville. To distinguish him from others of the same clan he was called Iain Ruaidh, or Red John. He settled about 140 years ago on the place now known as the Holmes Farm, where he built the first frame house in Springville. It is still standing. Later, the property was bought by Senator Holmes and here he always lived and ended his days. The house is low, but comfortable, reminding one of "the lowroofed house of Socrates." Here the Hon. Simon H. Holmes, once Premier of the Province, was born and bred.

John Fraser, Red, had three sons James, Donald and William who settled in the community. One of his daughters married Simon Fraser, Basin: she was the mother of Thomas Fraser, Foreman, and consequently, grandmother of Graham Fraser, the Iron King of New Glasgow. Another daughter, married Mr. Fraser of McLennans Mountain and was the mother of William Fraser, Postmaster, New Glasgow.

James, his eldest son, always called Seumas Iain Ruaidh, was a devout man and well known for his honesty. He raised a large family, who were all of an intellectual turn. It was James Fraser who gave the name Springville to the place from the many sparkling streams in the vicinity.

John Fraser, eldest son of James Fraser, who went always by the name of "Catach" was quite a celebrity in his day. His second son, Donald was the geologist of the East River. His second daughter was mother of James A. Fraser, Editor of the Eastern Chronicle.

James Iain Ruaidh and David McLean were near neighbors and each had an inexhaustible lime quarry on his farm. In 1836, three thousand bushels of lime were manu-

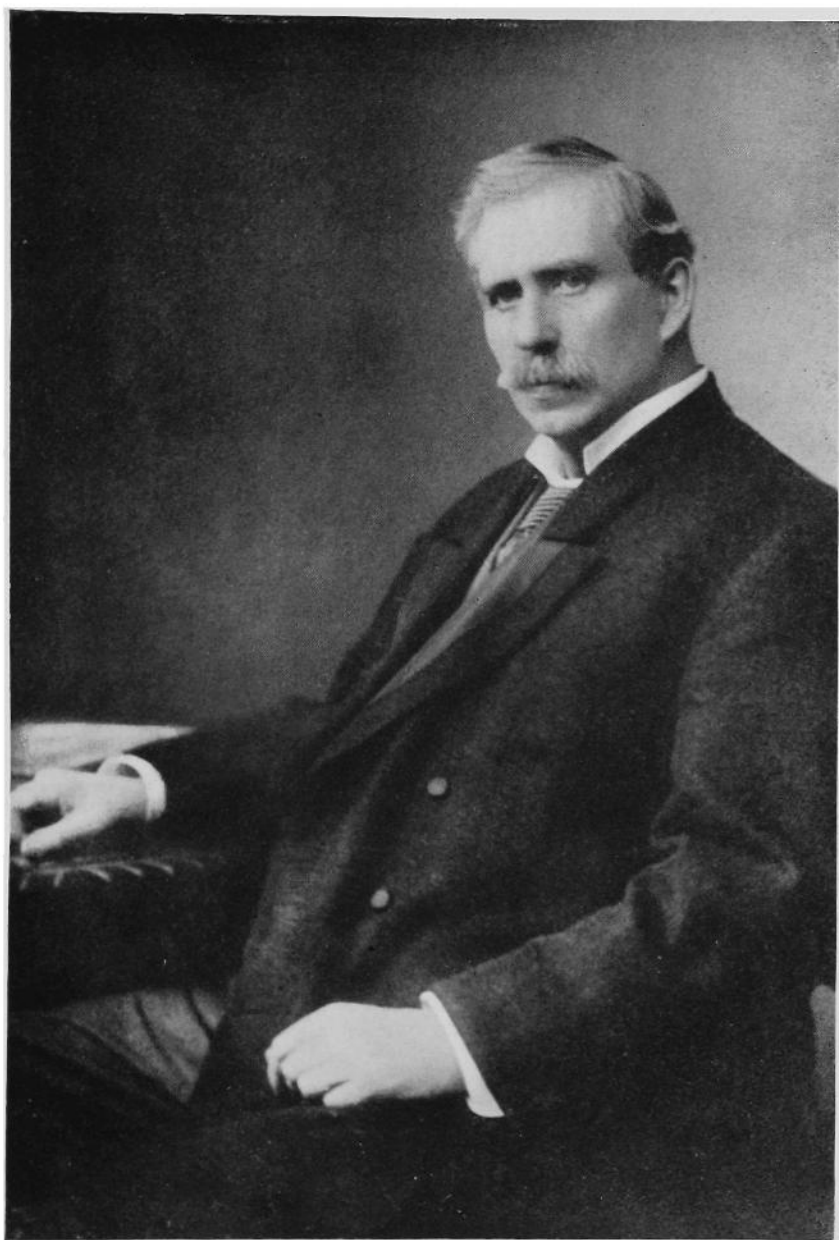
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factured and sold at the Albion Mines. In the same year twenty-five hundred tons of square timber were rafted down the river by the athletic sons of Sunny Brae—the Chisholms, Kennedys, Thomsons, McDonalds and McIntoshes. David McLean was the father of the Rev. James Maclean D. D., and Dr. Duncan Maclean, both settled for a long time in Shubenacadie, N. S.

James Grant, one of the passengers on the Hector settled first in King's Co., N. S. He came from Glen Urquhart, Scotland. He was married and some of his children were born in the old country. He moved from King's Co. to Cariboo, Pictou Co., and lived there for some years. Before coming to this country he gained some knowledge of milling. By this time the Upper Settlement people began to raise considerable quantities of grain, especially wheat, but they had no mill to convert it into flour. So they persuaded James Grant to leave Cariboo and move to the East River. This he did, and settled at Millstream in 1790. He erected a mill on a stream issuing from Grant's Lake, on a site some twenty rods further down than the one now occupied by Grant's Mill. This was the first regular gristmill on the East River.

James Grant died in February, 1822, age ninety-seven. He is described as a quiet, peaceful man. He lived for some years before his death on a farm subsequently owned by Duncan McPhie. When James Grant died, there were twelve families in Millstream and Lime Brook: Duncan Grant, James Grant, dyer, Alexander Grant, miller, Robert Grant, elder, John Fraser, James Fraser, David McLean, Donald Fraser, Duncan McPhie, Donald Mor Fraser, David McIntosh, and Donald Cameron.

James Grant had four sons and two or three daughters. One of his sons, Duncan, died in 1847 and was buried at Springville Bridge, and was either the first or one of the first buried there. He once owned the farm on which the Rev. Angus McGillivray lived and died.



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LATE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE



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His sons, Alexander and Robert were men of influence and note and had much to do with the making of the life and the growth of the community. They succeeded their father in the milling business and were leaders in the Church and the State. Alexander Grant was married to Nellie McKay. The Rev. Robert Grant, the historian of the East River was their son. James, eldest son of Alexander Grant and Nellie McKay, was known as the Dyer. He owned woolen mills near Springville. His sons Alexander, John Walter, Hugh and Robert succeeded him.

Robert Grant was married to Mary, daughter of James Robertson. He had three sons; James, who owned a saw mill at the head of Grant's Lake and was for many years an elder under the Rev. Mr. McGillivray; Alexander Robert, who owned a gristmill on Millstream; and Dr. William R. Grant, a distinguished professor in Pennsylvania Medical College. One of his daughters, married John Fraser, Basin. Another was the wife of Colin Robertson, Churchville.

In 1784, a settlement of disbanded soldiers was made further up the river. They came to Pictou at the close of the American War. They were, originally, from the Highlands of Scotland.

The first who came was James Fraser, Big James, who in company with Donald McKay, elder, settled on the intervale a little below where St. Paul's Church now stands. He and fifteen others took up a tract of over three thousand acres, extending up to Samuel Cameron's on the east side of the river, and to James Fraser's, Culloden, on the west side. They were a sober and industrious class of people and endured great hardship. But they endured it with characteristic Scottish tenacity and in the belief that the future had much in store for them. A few years rolled by and they had made homes for their families and laid the foundations for a God-fearing and prosperous community. To ponder over the hazards and hardships

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they faced with such optimistic heroism, is but to admire and pay them a justly earned tribute.

The names of these first settlers were: Donald Cameron, his brothers Samuel and Finlay, Alexander Cameron, Robert Clark, Peter Grant, first elder in the settlement, James McDonald, Hugh McDonald on the east side of the river. James Fraser, Duncan McDonald, John McDonald, brother of James, John Chisholm, drowned at the Narrows with Finlay Cameron, John McDonald, 2d, John Chisholm, Jr.

John McDonald was born at Glen Urquhart and belonged to the Glencoe McDonalds. At the time of the Glencoe Massacre, 1692, one of the McDonalds fled to Glen Urquhart and settled there. John McDonald was a grandson or great grandson of that man. He was about eight years in the Royal Highland Emigrant Regiment, and three of his sons fought with him in the Revolutionary War on the Loyalists' side. He was married twice. By his first wife he had Duncan, Alexander, Mary and Christy. By his second wife, Margaret Grant, he had James, Ewen, Ann and Ellen. Ann was married to Thomas Fraser, Basin. Ellen was married to James Robertson. The well known Deacon Robertson, Churchville, was their son. Duncan, eldest son of John McDonald, was married to Catherine Fraser. James, their third son, was born about 1759. He was a Corporal in the 84th regiment. He married about 1782, Mary Forbes, by whom he had Alexander, Edward and other sons.

He left East River about 1834, and settled in Upper Canada where he died in 1857. He was an elder under Dr. McGregor and a very prominent man on the East River in his day. Alexander McDonald, his fifth son, settled near Bridgeville and was the father of Hon. James McDonald, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia.

Edward, second son of James McDonald, had a son John A. McDonald, who left the East River and settled

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in Ontario. John A. was the father of James A. Macdonald, LL.D., editor of the Toronto Globe and one of the ablest political writers in Canada. He is a Presbyterian minister and still preaches occasionally. Ontario claims the honor of being his birthplace, but the East River is entitled to some recognition in any reference to his parentage for both his parents were born there.

James Fraser, Culloden, married Ann Robertson, Churchville, and had John, Catherine, Margaret, Alexander and James. Alexander married Catherine Rankine, of Merigomish. The late Rev. James W. Fraser, of Scotsburn, was their son.

Alexander Cameron settled on the first lot above Culloden. Donald Cameron with his brother Samuel were natives of Glen Urquhart. Donald served eight years in the army. He was settled on the saddle lot. It is said that the price given for it was a saddle. Thomas Fraser, who lived in Springville, purchased it from Donald Cameron and settled on it about 1815. He married Janet Fraser, widow of Hector Thompson. He left the lot to Simon and Donald Thompson, sons of his wife by her first husband. Duncan, son of Donald Cameron, was an elder in Dr. McGregor's time.

John Campbell, son of James and Elizabeth Campbell was born at Garabeg, Glen Urquhart, July 24, 1790. He entered the army in 1812. He married Janet, daughter of Archibald Fraser, in 1812. He came to Pictou in October 1818. Peter G. was his eldest son. He married Elizabeth Kennedy, a sister of Donald Kennedy, Sunny Brae. His son, Donald K., is a minister in Illinois. One of his sons is a physician in Illinois.

Donald, son of Charles McIntosh, settled on the lot above Donald McDonald, Roy. He lived there for a few years and then sold to William Ciuin McDonald and removed to Fox Brook. William Ciuin was a teacher but gave it up for other pursuits. In the course of

time he started a store in New Glasgow. He put up a frame house on his lot, boarded it, but never shingled it. Donald McDonald, Roy, bought a piece of land near New Glasgow from Dr. Skinner. He exchanged it with William Ciuin for the lot in the Upper Settlement and gave it to his son, John McDonald, Roy. John finished the frame house which William Ciuin had begun and lived in it. It is a question who had the honor of living in the first frame house above Springville. It may have been an honor, but what of it? Were not the men who were born in log houses as strong, as wise and good as the men born in frame houses?

David McIntosh, son of Charles McIntosh, settled a short distance above his brother, Donald McIntosh. David was born in Inverness, Scotland, and married Christie Chisholm. James McIntosh, his son, Island, East River, married Catherine Grant. Two of their sons David C. and Finlay G., entered the ministry. Hugh, another son of David McIntosh, married Isabel Polson and gave that man of weight and wisdom, Rev. Charles D. McIntosh to the ministry. Two other sons entered the medical profession.

Alexander McDonald, Roy, was a native of Glen Urquhart, came to Pictou in 1803, and settled at Sunny Brae. He married Christy Fraser and had four sons and four daughters. Squire McDonald of Springville was his second son. Alexander, his third son, was well known in Sunny Brae for many years. The Rev. Finlay R. McDonald, a minister in Scotland, was the youngest son of Squire McDonald.

John Thompson and his son Alexander settled at Sunny Brae in 1801. Alexander married Bella McIntosh by whom he had John, Andrew, Alexander, William, James, Finlay, Christy, Janet and Mary. John Thompson had a brother Donald who settled at Nine Mile River. Rev. James Thomson of the West River was his grandson.



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Angus McPhie, in Glen Urquhart married Christy, daughter of John Thompson and had Duncan, Christy, John, Ewen, Alexander, Mary and James. He came to Pictou in the ship Aurora in 1803. Duncan, his eldest son, settled at Springville and was an elder in Rev. Angus McGillivray's day. His son, John McPhie, was one of the old Pictou magistrates. He died in May 1912 in the ninety-sixth year of his age.

The first settlers in Sunny Brae were: Robert McIntosh, Donald Kennedy, James Chisholm, John Grant, Duncan McDonald, John Thompson, John McDonald, Peter Cruikshank and John McGregor. They came to Pictou in 1801 and settled in Sunny Brae in 1802.

Peter Cruikshank was a native of Strathspey, and came to Pictou in 1789. In 1792 he had two hundred acres of land and a cow. He was married and had Elizabeth, William, John, Alexander, Marjorie and Peter.

Robert McIntosh married Jessie, daughter of John Thompson, and had John, William, Jessie and others. Finlay, his son settled on Blanchard Road. He married Catherine Fraser. John Robert McIntosh, his son, married Margaret, daughter of Donald McDonald, blacksmith. Their son Finlay H., is pastor in Sydney, C. B.

John McGregor was a man of great strength. When they were making the Big Miller's dam, he stood before a log that was rolling down the bank to stop it, but the log went over him and killed him. The Big Miller's dam was built about the year 1807.

Donald McDonald, Breac, came from Kerrowgare, Scotland, in 1802. He was an intelligent man, and was an elder under Dr. McGregor. In 1811 he had four hundred acres of land, two cows and eight sheep. He had eight children. Finlay settled in Caledonia; Donald, his eldest son, settled in Sherbrooke, and was a tailor.

His son, James McDonald, was born in Scotland in 1801. He was a tailor but gave up the tailoring business

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for farming. He married Catherine, daughter of Alexander Fraser, Downie. He was ordained to the Eldership by the Rev. D. B. Blair and fully adorned his office. He was succeeded on his farm by his son, the late John A. McDonald, Kerrowgare. James A., his son, is a minister in the United States.

Donald Ross, was born in Eddrachillis, in Sutherlandshire. He came to Nova Scotia in 1816. He lived for one year on Irish Mountain, but removed to Iron Ore, and settled back of Alexander McDonald's place. He lived there twenty-two years. He then purchased the farm of James McIntosh and occupied it. He had eight children. Jessie was married to Kenneth McKenzie, elder, Churchville.

Jane, who was born at Irish Mountain was married to James Cumming, elder, of Sunny Brae. William, his eldest son married Mary, daughter of William Cumming, and had by her, Donald, William, Peter, Hugh and John who settled in Ontario. Donald, his eldest son, has lived in New Glasgow for many years where he is greatly beloved. He has been an honored elder in St. Andrew's Church for nearly half a century.

Hugh Ross was an elder in the United Church, New Glasgow, and died some years ago. William Ross was an elder in Sunny Brae Church. He was married to Christy, daughter of Robert Grant, Finlay's brother. He had a large family, who were all actively identified with the church. Two of his sons, William and Robert D., entered the ministry.

John Grant was born in Glen Urquhart and came to Pictou in 1801 and settled at Sunny Brae. He married Margaret McIntosh, and had by her Peter, William, Robert, Catherine, and Finlay. Robert was three years old when he came to Pictou. He married Mary McDonald, and had five sons, John, Alexander, Peter, William and Duncan.

A son of Duncan Grant, William M., is a minister in

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Ontario. William, who settled in Providence, R. I., married Jessie McDougall, a sister of Roderick McDougall of Westville. One of his sons became a physician, another a lawyer, and two daughters are teachers in the Grammar schools, Providence. Marjorie, daughter, of Robert Grant, married Joseph McKay; two of their sons William R. and Robert G., are clergymen. Catherine, a sister of Finlay Grant, married Duncan McPhie, Springville. They had John, Christy, Alexander, Jessie, Margaret, Mary, Angus and Peter. Their youngest son, Peter McPhie, married Isabella Cruikshank. Their two sons, John P. and Duncan A., entered the ministry.

Finlay Grant was born in 1800 and was one year old when he came to Pictou. He married in 1827, Ann, daughter of Alexander Fraser, Downie, and had Alexander, a merchant in New Glasgow and elder in the United Church. John, an elder in Sunny Brae church who gave two sons Robert J. and William P., to the ministry; William, who entered the ministry, gave two of his sons to the church, Melville and Clarence. The latter died while a catechist. Finlay Grant was ordained to the eldership by the Rev. John Macrae in 1834. He was a clear-headed, well-read and useful man.

The descendants of John Grant who came to Sunny Brae in 1801 were numerous and took a leading part in the activities of the Church. Fifteen of them entered the Christian ministry and fourteen were regularly ordained elders in the church. This is perhaps as many or more than was given by any other family in the county.



## CHAPTER II

### THE RELIGIOUS HISTORY OF THE COUNTY

**P**ICTOU County is probably the strongest Presbyterian community in Canada. Presbyterianism was first on the ground, and has continued in possession. So far as known, all who came in the "Hope" and "Hector" were Presbyterians, with the exception of one man on the "Hope" and one family on the "Hector" who were Roman Catholics. The South of Scotland settlers were, without exception, Presbyterians.

The first settled minister, Rev. James McGregor, D.D., was an ardent Presbyterian, as was also his coadjutor, Rev. D. Ross. These two, with Dr. McCulloch who came later, for over forty years upheld the blue banner of Presbyterianism, and planted the seed out of which grew many of the leading churches, not only in the County but in the Maritime Provinces.

The early settlers in Pictou were almost exclusively Scottish. They and their descendants have proved themselves worthy of their nationality. They believed profoundly in the Word of God and in the blessings of education. They were ardent lovers of the Sabbath and the Sanctuary. The great truths and principles of Presbyterianism they brought with them to their new home, where they had much to do with the making and moulding of Pictou's religious life and history. No group of Scotsmen could long be content without the ordinances of religion; and hardly had the first ground been cleared and the first seeds planted in Pictou before its pioneers began to ask for the ministrations of their Church.

One hundred and fifty years ago, there was not so far as known, a single Presbyterian minister in Nova Scotia.

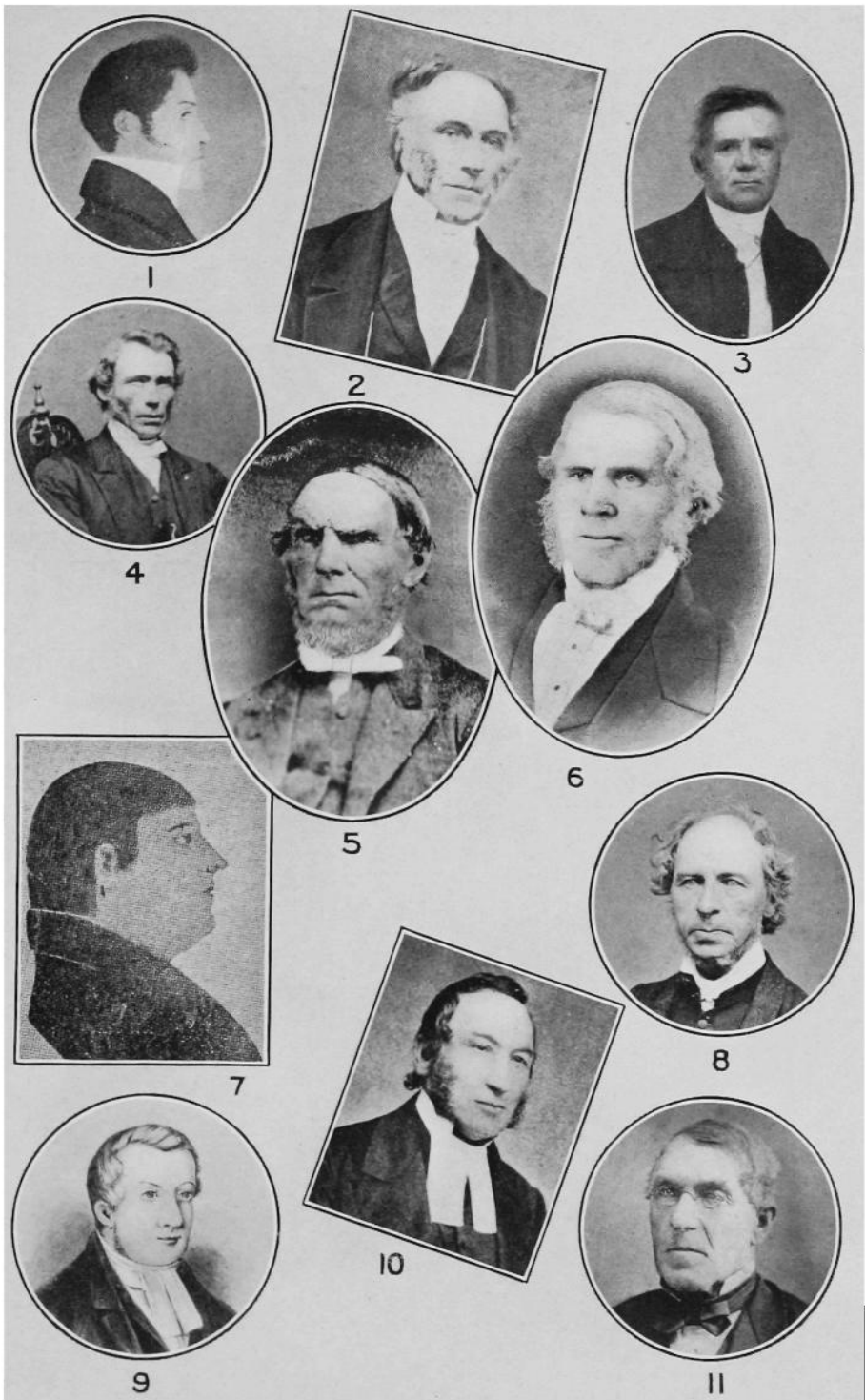
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One hundred years ago there were but eight or nine, and none at all in any of the other Maritime Provinces. Indeed, there were then only three other Presbyterian ministers in all Canada; Revs. George Henry and Alexander Spark of Quebec, and Rev. John Bethune of Montreal, the latter of whom held the first Presbyterian service in that city, on March 12, 1786. West of Montreal there were at that time no Presbyterian ministers. Ontario was an almost uninhabited wilderness, and the Great North West was unknown.

The first minister who labored in Nova Scotia was Rev. James Lyon who was an Ulster Scotsman. He arrived here in 1764 or 1765 and remained about seven years. He was a graduate of Princeton, N. J., and was ordained to the ministry in 1764. He was a member of the Philadelphia Land Company which sent the pioneer settlers to Pictou in the "Hope"; and in all probability it was arranged that he should be the minister for the new settlement. But it is found that for several years he ministered to the people of Halifax, Onslow and Truro. In 1769, he removed to Pictou with his family, remaining only about two years, after which he went to Maine. The only memorial of his visit to Pictou is that he gave his name to Lyon's Brook.

A few years after Mr. Lyon's departure, James Davidson, a schoolmaster, established a Sabbath School at Lyon's Brook for the religious instruction of the young. Mr. Davidson came from Scotland to Truro with Rev. Mr. Cock in 1772. Soon afterwards he removed to Pictou with his family; secured a lot at Lyon's Brook, and made his home there. On week days he taught the children reading, writing and arithmetic; on the Sabbath he gathered them together in his house to teach them the Shorter Catechism and the Word of God.

It is said that his was the first Sabbath School in the County, and probably in the Province. If this is true,



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| 1 JOHN MACLEAN                | 5 ROBERT S. PATTERSON | 9 DONALD A. FRASER    |
| 2 DAVID ROY, D.D.             | 6 ANGUS MCGILLIVRAY   | 10 JOHN L. MURDOCH    |
| 3 ALEXANDER MCGILLIVRAY, D.D. | 7 DUNCAN ROSS         | 11 JOHN STEWART, D.D. |
| 4 ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND        | 8 GEORGE WALKER       |                       |





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then to an old-time school master belongs the honor of originating the Sabbath School idea, and Mr. Davidson was the first in line of a noble band of teachers, to whom, the county of Pictou owes much of its fame. This was many years before Robert Raikes began his world-wide Sabbath School movement. Mr. Davidson returned in 1776, to Truro, where he ended his days.

In April, 1818, a Sabbath School was organized in Prince St. Church, Pictou. Its promoters were Robert Dawson and John Geddie. Rev. Thomas McCulloch was pastor when the school started. It began with about eighty scholars. Ten years later the school had increased to 260. The first superintendents were Robert and James Dawson. The first teachers were John Geddie, F. Ross, David Fraser and R. S. Patterson.

In 1823 a Sabbath School Society was formed for the purpose of organizing schools in the outlying districts. In four years the number had increased to 75, chiefly through the agency of this society. The first Sabbath School in New Glasgow was organized about 1838, in St. Andrew's Church, by Rev. John Stewart who was then pastor. He taught the Bible Class, which was held in the church during the summer months, and in the winter months in the manse. Among the first teachers were John McKay, Alexander McKay, Dr. Forrest and the wife of Rev. John Stewart.

From the time of the arrival of the "Hope" and "Hector" the colony increased in numbers and influence. A steady stream of immigrants continued to pour into the county till, in 1786, the total population was about five hundred. These were settled principally along the three rivers, East, Middle and West with a few families scattered around the shore, from Pictou to Merigomish. Rev. Mr. Cock of Truro frequently visited the people and preached to them. Indeed, many considered him their minister, and traveled thirty miles on foot to Truro to

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observe the Lord's Supper — sometimes carrying their children there for baptism. But the time had come for them to have a minister of their own.

Accordingly, a committee was appointed, consisting of Robert and John Patterson of Pictou, William Smith of the West River, Robert Marshall, Middle River, and Donald McKay of East River, to secure a minister. They agreed to pay eighty pounds for the first and second years. The call was sent to Scotland. It came before the General Associate Synod of Scotland at its meeting on May 3, 1786, when it was accepted by Rev. James McGregor who accordingly sailed for Halifax, from Greenock, in the brig *Lily*, on the fourth day of June, 1786.

Dr. McGregor was born in Perthshire, Scotland in 1759. He arrived in Nova Scotia in July 11, 1786, when he was 27 years of age. He had had some experience in ministerial work in Scotland. He was a good scholar and a sound theologian. His knowledge of Gaelic was accurate and his mastery of the language complete, as may be seen from his "Gaelic Poems and Hymns," which are still in demand among Highlanders.

He landed in Halifax, after a voyage of 37 days, and at once proceeded to Pictou, where he arrived on Saturday, the twenty-first day of July, 1786. His welcome was cordial. His first sermon was preached in Squire Patterson's barn about a mile west of the present town. He preached in English in the forenoon from the text, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners", and in Gaelic in the afternoon on "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

The second Sabbath after his arrival, July 30th, he preached at the East River, a little below what was afterwards Albion Mines. The third Sabbath's preaching took place at the lower end of the Middle River, at what was then Alexander Fraser's homestead. It was at this

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time he first met Robert Marshall, who was afterwards his life-long friend and helper. Early in October he visited the upper settlement of the East River. His first sermon in that section was preached at James McDonald's interval, (now Cameron's) under the shade of a large elm tree, which forms the frontispiece of this book. The tree is still standing and flourishing vigorously. Occasionally, he preached at Mr. Charles McIntosh's, about six miles farther up the River in a grove of trees, and at West Branch at Mr. Donald Chisholm's or at James Cameron's. Late in the Autumn, he paid his first visit to Merigomish, where for thirty years he continued at intervals to give supply. During the summer he preached in the open air, then during the winter, in private dwellings.

For nine years, Dr. McGregor was the sole minister in Pictou County, preaching, visiting, traveling on snowshoes in winter, and in summer literally paddling his own canoe. His congregation was widely scattered, and his mission field extensive.

Among the settlers who came to Pictou in 1783, were three Frasers, who all settled on the East River. Their names were; Thomas, Simon and Alexander Fraser. They are noteworthy because they were the first elders chosen to that office. Having been previously ordained as elders before leaving Scotland, they were elected by the people, and these three men, with Dr. McGregor, as Moderator, formed the first session in Pictou, Sept. 17, 1786, thus completing the organization of the congregation which at that time comprised the whole county.

The next year the session was increased by the addition of Donald McKay and Peter Grant of the East River. Robert Marshall and Kenneth Fraser of the Middle River, John McLean and Hugh Fraser of the West River and John Patterson of the Harbor. They were ordained on May 6, 1787.

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During the summer, the people built two log churches, the first in the county. The one was situated near the site of the old Duff Cemetery, a short distance above New Glasgow; the other on the Loch Broom side of the West River, beside a brook, on land, owned at that time, by William MacKenzie, who gave the site. Dr. McGregor describes the building of these churches. During the month of July 1787, the men were chiefly engaged in building the two meeting houses. Instead of having contractors, to build them, they agreed to divide the work among themselves. One party cut the logs and hauled them to the site; another hewed and laid them; another provided the shingles; those who had knowledge of carpentering made the doors and the windows; the glass and nails were bought. Moss was stuffed between the logs to keep out the wind and rain. The churches at first had no pulpits, and, when they were provided at a later date, they were not of mahogany, but of the white pine of Pictou. The buildings were some thirty-five or forty feet long, by twenty-five to thirty feet wide. The only seats in them were logs of wood with the upper side hewed. It is unnecessary to state that they were without cushions. There was a gallery, or rather, an upper story, with a floor seated with logs and slabs to which the young went up by ladders.

Such were the first two churches of Pictou. They had no modern improvements. Even the luxury of a fire in winter was unknown. There were no carriages and no roads at that date. Our dear mothers in Israel walked to church, or went by boat or horseback, in bonnet and shawl and gingham dress. The music was far from pretentious. The preacher and his sermon would now be considered antiquated. But the writer of this volume is old fashioned enough to think that no sweeter praise and prayers ever ascended to God than these devout pioneers offered in glen and glade and primitive building.

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With all our knowledge and progress, we have not got beyond them in essentials.

In 1803, the old log church near New Glasgow was replaced by a frame-building at Irishtown, (now called Plymouth). Here Dr. McGregor built a house made of brick, the first of its kind in the Eastern part of the Province. He employed a man from the old country to make the brick. Here he lived till near the close of his life. The fact that Dr. McGregor received no salary until he had been over a year at work did not prevent him from doing his whole duty as a minister. His salary was to be eighty pounds for the first two years, ninety for the third and fourth and one hundred pounds currency per year thereafter, which was a very generous allowance for that time, more particularly in a new and struggling settlement. The salary at first was raised by an assessment on lands and cattle. With certain changes this was continued till 1815, when the method of obtaining the salary was changed to voluntary subscription.

On the 27th day of July, 1788, the first Sacrament was held at Middle River, in the open air. It was dispensed on a beautiful green plot, on the left bank of the river, sheltered by a lofty wood. Here one hundred and thirty sat down in Nature's great cathedral, for the first time in this new land, to own a Saviour's dying love. There the sacred Supper was dispensed annually till 1795. At the first communion thirty-eight new communicants joined. Each year there were a few additions till, in 1793, the number had reached two hundred and forty. At the same time five hundred persons were under training with a view to becoming communicants.

In 1793 a census of the County was taken. In 1769, there had been 18 families and a total population of 120. In 1786, there were 90 families and about 500 people. In 1793, there were 178 families, a gain of one hundred per cent in seven years.

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For nine years Dr. McGregor labored alone. At the end of that time two young ministers arrived from Scotland, Revs. Duncan Ross and John Brown. They reached Pictou in the summer of 1795, and remained there for a little time to rest. Meantime the sacrament of the Supper was dispensed at Middle River. Messrs. Ross and Brown assisted in preaching and serving the tables.

The next step was for those three to organize a Presbytery. Accordingly, at the close of the sacrament, on Monday, July 7, 1795, Messrs. McGregor, Ross and Brown held a meeting in Robert Marshall's barn, and formed themselves into "The Associate Presbytery of Nova Scotia." On this occasion Dr. McGregor preached on Neh. 2:20, "The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build." The meetings of Presbytery were occasions of rich enjoyment. Business was apparently a secondary matter, at all events, for five years, they kept no minutes of their proceedings. But their meetings were scenes of hearty Christian fellowship and conference about the trials or successes of their work; intelligence from friends in the dear homeland, the new movement in Missions, the meaning of some particular text, or sometimes an hour of harmless mirth and merriment, these engaged their attention and made their meetings times of fraternal enjoyment.

Dr. McGregor and Mr. Ross were associate ministers for the county till July 14, 1801, when a division was made. Thereafter West and Middle Rivers formed one congregation, with Mr. Ross as minister. East River, another, with Dr. McGregor in charge; and the Harbor a third, to be supplied by these two till another minister could be secured.

In Nov. 1803, Rev. Dr. Thos. McCulloch, with his wife and three children, arrived at Pictou from Scotland. His coming was a great event in the ecclesiastical and



HON. JAMES D. MCGREGOR  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE





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educational history of the County, as well as in that of the Province. He had been assigned to Prince Edward Island, but owing to the lateness of the season, he was unable to secure passage. He was engaged to supply the Harbor congregation till spring. Before winter was over, the people gave him a call, and he was inducted as their minister, June 6, 1804. The town of Pictou, at this time, consisted of something over a dozen houses, a few barns, a blacksmith shop and the Court House. There was no church, and the people met in private dwellings and other places. Until that time the people of the Harbor had worshipped in the log church at Loch Broom, but they now set about the erection of a church of their own, and a frame building was built on the lot at present occupied by Prince St. Church. That building served the congregation till 1848, when the existing church was erected. Dr. McCulloch resigned in 1824 to give his whole time to educational work. He was succeeded by Rev. John McKinlay who continued in charge till his death, 1850. He in turn was succeeded by Rev. James Bayne, D.D. Mr. McKinlay was a native of Scotland, and came to this country in 1817. For several years he was a teacher in Pictou Academy before he became pastor of the Harbor church.

River John was organized into a congregation in 1808, with Rev. John Mitchell as its first settled minister. There were about fifty families at this time in the community. Mr. Mitchell, who came from England, was in early life a rope-maker, but being anxious to preach the Gospel, he prepared himself for the work when about thirty years of age.

He made several missionary tours in Canada before settling in River John. Though originally a Congregationalist, he united with the Presbytery of Pictou. His labors extended over a district now served by five or six ministers. Here he labored with great diligence and

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faithfulness, giving special attention to the training of the young and the superintendence of prayer meetings. He died in 1841, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. He is described as a man of great cheerfulness.

Rev. William Patrick was the first minister at Merigomish, and the fifth in the county. He came to Merigomish in 1815 and was inducted pastor. In early life he was brought up in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, but connected himself with the Anti-Burgher Church. Mr. Patrick labored with great fidelity, preaching on week days as well as Sabbaths, and faithfully attending to family visitation, prayer services and catechising. On May 7, 1844, the Rev. A. P. Miller was ordained as his colleague. On the 25th of Nov., 1844, he died, greatly beloved by his people, aged 73 years.

An event of much importance to the Presbyterian Church took place on the third of May, 1817, when a union between the Burgher and Anti-Burgher Churches was consummated. The united body assumed the name of The Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and a Synod was formed and divided into three Presbyteries. Rev. James McGregor was chosen as first Moderator. Of the nineteen ministers of the Synod of Nova Scotia, fourteen had been connected with the Anti-Burgher Church, three with the Church of Scotland and two were Congregationalists. This union was productive of much good. The hearts of ministers and people were greatly encouraged. Now they were one body, ready to establish and build up the Kingdom.

Hitherto the Church had been dependent upon Scotland for its ministers; but it had long been evident that they must look elsewhere for their supply. Accordingly, in 1820, the Synod established a Theological Hall in Pictou for the training and education of a native ministry.

Pictou claims the honor of being the birthplace of the first Presbyterian Theological School in Canada. The

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moving spirit in the enterprise was the Rev. Thomas McCulloch, D. D., an enthusiastic educationist and a man of wonderful foresight. As early as 1805, two years after his arrival from Scotland, we find him planning a school for the education of young men which resulted in 1816 in the establishment of Pictou Academy, where several young men who had the ministry in view were prepared for entering upon a theological course.

In the autumn of 1820 the Divinity Hall was opened with Dr. McCulloch as the first Professor of Theology. The classes were taught in one of the rooms at Pictou Academy. Twelve students entered upon the study of theology the first term. The young men supported themselves by teaching and met the professor at intervals of a fortnight to receive instruction in their theological studies. In 1824, the first fruits of the church's educational efforts were realized in the licensing, ordaining and settlement of six of the students. These were Messrs. R. S. Patterson, John L. Murdoch, John McLean, Angus McGillivray, Hugh Ross and Hugh Dunbar. The first four were licensed on June 8, 1824 by the Presbytery of Pictou. Three of these, Messrs. Patterson, Murdoch and McLean before accepting calls, proceeded to Scotland, where after passing a creditable examination they received the degree of Master of Arts from the University of Glasgow.

One of the first of the graduates to be settled was Angus McGillivray. He became the worthy successor of Dr. McGregor in the Upper Settlement of the East River. He was inducted Sept. 1, 1824. For the long period of 40 years he continued to labor, amidst great discouragements, but with great fidelity. In 1864 he tendered his resignation and on the 20th of July, 1869 he died in the 77th year of his age and the 45th of his ministry. His congregation included both the East and West Branch, a district now supporting five Presbyterian ministers. The

first meeting house on the East River was at Grant's Lake, on the farm now occupied by Joseph H. Grant. It was a log house, built in 1790, and served the East and West Branches.

Having visited London and Edinburgh, Messrs. McLean, Murdoch and Patterson returned to Nova Scotia reaching Pictou after a passage of forty five days. They were soon settled in pastoral charges. Mr. McLean was ordained in 1825 and in 1826 accepted a call to Richibucto, N. B. In a short time he was compelled to resign his charge on account of ill health. For two years he conducted a private academy in Halifax with success. He died in 1837, in the 37th year of age. During his brief ministry he was distinguished as an able preacher, and a zealous missionary; he took a deep interest in Sunday school work and was one of the first advocates of the cause of temperance.

Mr. Murdoch was settled at Windsor and died there in 1873, in the 74th year of his age. His congregation extended all over western Hants and for nearly fifty years he preached there with ability and success. He was greatly beloved by his people and was the spiritual father of many children. He was a valuable member of the courts of the church. One of the ecclesiastical measures which he brought before the Synod in 1840 was, that this Synod do form itself into a society to be called "The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in the Lower Provinces." Dr. Keir and Mr. Murdoch drafted the rules which were adopted. The successor of that domestic Missionary Society is the Board of Home Missions of the church of today of which Mr. Murdoch was a member as long as he lived.

Bedeque, in Prince Edward Island was the scene of Mr. Patterson's ministry. At the time of his settlement in 1825 it is said there was not a wagon in the parish or a mile of road in which to run one. The country was almost an unbroken forest. The congregation at first was

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small and during the greater part of his ministry he did not receive more than \$300 per year and only half in money. He labored without interruption till a few years before his death in 1882, having been 56 years and a half in the ministry. Mr. Patterson was a distinguished student and a true friend of popular education. His zeal for missions is well known and second only in fervor to Dr. Geddie's.

In 1827 Mr. Ross accepted a call to Tatamagouche and New Annan. Here he continued until 1840 when he accepted a charge in Prince Edward Island, where he died suddenly in 1858.

Mr. Dunbar was an English and Gaelic preacher. He settled at Cavendish, Prince Edward Island in 1827. Resigning in 1840 he engaged in teaching but also preached regularly where he resided. He died in 1857. These six men have this prominence and honor in common that they were the pioneer native ministers of British North America, at all events of the Presbyterian Church.

From this time forward the Church made rapid growth and progress. Congregations were formed, and suitable pastors settled over them. Home missions were established to aid the weaker churches. It was a time of strengthening and enlargement.

On April 16, 1813, over a hundred years ago, a Bible Society was organized at Durham, N. S., the first in the County and the second in the Province, that in Truro being first. The first contribution received for the Bible Society, London, from any place outside of England, came from Pictou County. Money was a rare commodity in those days, but, in 1807, two hundred and fifty-six dollars, and, in 1808, three hundred and twenty dollars were collected in the county and sent to the London Society. In 1825, the Society was reorganized, with headquarters in Pictou. In 1840 the New Glasgow district was organized into a branch of its own.

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For forty-four years Dr. McGregor labored in the County. He died on the third day of March, 1830. He had lived to see the congregation of which he was originally the sole Pastor grow and develop into six congregations with settled pastors, a Presbytery and a Synod organized to conduct the business of the church, an Academy and Seminary founded to educate and train ministers, and the cause of Presbyterianism firmly established in the Maritime Provinces.

Dr. McGregor was twice married, first to Ann, daughter of Roderick McKay, by whom he had James, Christina (Mrs. Abram Patterson, Pictou), Roderick, Jessie (Mrs. Charles Fraser, Green Hill), Sarah (Mrs. George McKenzie, New Glasgow), and Robert.

In 1812 he married Mrs. Gordon, widow of Rev. Peter Gordon, by whom he had Mary (Mrs. (Rev.) John Cameron, Nine Mile River), Annabel (Mrs. (Rev.) John Campbell), Sherbrooke, and Peter Gordon.

His successor in the New Glasgow congregation was Rev. David Roy, who was inducted, April 13, 1831.

Four years after Dr. McGregor's death, Mr. Ross died, in the sixty-fifth year of his age. For thirty nine years he wrought with great faithfulness and diligence. Besides pulpit and pastoral duties, he gave considerable time to public affairs. He took a deep interest in education, being a trustee of Pictou Academy from its beginning, till his death. He was a pioneer in the organization of temperance work. The idea of a total abstinence Society originated at the West River, and the honor of forming the first Society on this basis in Nova Scotia, and the second in Canada, belongs to its founders. It was organized in January 1828, and Rev. Duncan Ross, George McDonald and Donald McLeod were the prime movers.

Mr. Ross' last public act was assisting at a Communion service in Pictou, town, and taking a leading part in the ordination of Alexander McKenzie, a young student

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from the Seminary. He married Miss Elizabeth Creelman of Stewiacke, and had a family of fifteen children. Two of the sons were Rev. James Ross, D.D., afterwards Principal of Dalhousie College, who succeeded him, and Rev. E. Ross of Truro. A daughter who was married to Mr. Miller, Rogers Hill, gave three sons to the ministry, and another married to Mr. Crockett, gave two sons.

We now come to the story of the Kirk in the County of Pictou. For many years, a large number of the immigrants, chiefly from the Highlands of Scotland, who had settled in Pictou, belonged to the Church of Scotland or the Kirk. They naturally had great affection for the church of their fathers, but continued to attend the Anti-Burgher Church, which was the only Presbyterian Church within their reach. From time to time, many of them were appointed elders and office bearers in Dr. McGregor's and Mr. Ross' congregations. A spirit of harmony and co-operation prevailed. But, alas! a root of bitterness sprung up. Upon this unfortunate story it would be vain to dwell.

At that time Rev. Donald Allan Fraser came from Scotland and landed at Pictou in 1817. Sometime afterwards a large number of the Kirk people withdrew from the connection altogether, and formed themselves into the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia with Rev. Mr. Fraser as their leader. Mr. Fraser was a man eminently qualified to gain the hearts and affections of the Highlanders— young and handsome, an accomplished scholar and a powerful Gaelic preacher. The first congregation organized was at McLennan's Brook. There were about forty families settled there at that time, all Highlanders. They extended to him a call which he accepted.

They erected a frame church capable of seating about five hundred persons. This was the first church in the County erected in connection with the Church of Scotland. Beside it, they built a log house for himself and his wife.

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Next year a church was built at Fraser's mountain, about six miles from McLennan's Brook and two miles from New Glasgow. There were some twenty-five families connected with it, and it became in course of time, the nucleus from which St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow was formed. Here Mr. Fraser continued to labor with great acceptance and success until 1837, when, to the regret of his congregation, he removed to Lunenburg. Thence he went to St. Johns, Newfoundland, and founded St. Andrew's Church. He died, Feb. 7, 1845, greatly honored as a preacher and as a man. He was the first Presbyterian minister settled in Newfoundland. His son, late Hon. J. O. Fraser, St. Johns, Nfd., spent his early manhood at McLennan's Brook.

The next Kirk congregation organized was St. Andrew's Church in the town of Pictou. It first met for worship, in the old Court House, in 1822. In 1823, a wooden building was erected. Their first minister was Rev. K. J. McKenzie, a native of Stornoway, Scotland, who came to Pictou in 1824. He was a man of fine ability and a good preacher in Gaelic and English. His labors were chiefly confined to the Town where he took a prominent part in the educational and political questions of the day. He died in 1838, in the 39th year of his age. He was succeeded by Rev. Mr. Williamson. In 1849, Rev. Andrew Herdman became pastor and ministered for thirty years. In 1866, a brick and stone building was erected. It was burnt in 1893, but rebuilt shortly afterwards.

The next organization after Pictou town was West Branch and East River formed into one congregation. The two districts were nearly equally divided in the number of families, between the Kirk and the Anti-Burghers. For many years Dr. McGregor supplied the one section, and Mr. Fraser the other.

Rev. Angus McGillivray succeeded Dr. McGregor in 1824. The Kirk people were without a settled minister



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until 1832 when Rev. John Macrae came from Inverness, Scotland to be their pastor. Both parties now had regular services, but there was only one church in each district occupied by Kirk and Anti-Burghers on alternate Sabbaths. In 1815 framed buildings were erected at St. Paul's, East River, on the hill above the present church, and at the West Branch, on a hill near Cameron's Brook, not far from St. Columba's Church. Mr. Macrae entered upon his work with great zeal and continued to labor most acceptably to the people for 16 years, when he returned to Scotland.

In the Western part of the County, a congregation was organized at Gairloch and Saltsprings. These two districts contained about four hundred families, nearly all from the Highlands of Scotland. Their first minister was Rev. Hugh McLeod who settled there in 1822. He was succeeded by Rev. Donald McIntosh who remained until the disruption.

Rogers Hill, now Scotsburn, was formed into a congregation about the same time as Gairloch and Saltsprings. The community was settled by Highlanders from Sutherlandshire, who nearly all belonged to the Kirk. The first church (St. John's) was built in 1823, and is the oldest church building in the County. Rev. Roderick Macaulay was the first minister. In a few years he went to Prince Edward Island, where he entered into politics and became speaker of House of Assembly. The next minister was the Rev. Donald McConnichie. He was a powerful Gaelic preacher, and the Highlanders considered him very eloquent in the first and best of all tongues. He left for Scotland in 1844.

In 1827 Barney's River was organized into a congregation, with Rev. Donald McKichan as its first minister. He was a man of some ability and a faithful pastor. After a few years he removed to Cape Breton. At a later date he returned to his first charge, and remained there

till 1844. The people of Barney's River were nearly all Kirk men. For ten years the people were dependent on Home Mission supply part of which was given by Rev. Dr. McGillivray of McLennan's Mountain. The next pastor of the Kirk congregation was Rev. James Mair, in 1857.

The Kirk grew and prospered. The grain of mustard seed had grown into a stately tree. During the period of twenty-six years, the Kirk had become strong and influential. Then, suddenly, her progress was arrested by an unfortunate division.

During all those years, a memorable conflict had been going on in the Kirk, in the Old Land, which resulted in the disruption of 1843 and the formation of the Free Church of Scotland, led by Rev. Dr. Chalmers.

The ecclesiastical disturbance took a year to cross the sea, but it arrived in due time, and the Free Church in Nova Scotia was formed. It was a time of excitement and confusion. Old-time ties were severed; venerable associations were broken up. There were painful misgivings and divisions and hard feelings were engendered. But it is not necessary to dwell on this unhappy story. It is a thing of the past; there let it rest. That year, seven of the Kirk ministers in Pictou returned to Scotland to fill pulpits made vacant by Free Church ministers. A majority of the people remained in the Kirk but they were, for most part, as sheep without a shepherd.

Rev. John Stewart, New Glasgow, was of the first to join the Free Church movement. He became pastor of St. Andrew's Church immediately after Mr. Fraser's resignation, in 1837. In 1819 a frame church was built at Fraser's Mountain. It was originally a part of McLennan's Mountain congregation, but was separated in 1830, when the church was moved down to New Glasgow and placed on a site near the present St. Andrew's Church. This was the first church building in New Glasgow.

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When Mr. Stewart left the Kirk, about one hundred and forty-five families, and all the elders, save one, went with him, and they formed Knox Church, of which he became pastor. Mr. Stewart was born in Scotland, in 1800, and came to Nova Scotia in 1833. He was a man of fine natural gifts, enriched by a superior education. He spent himself most lavishly in the best interests of the Church and education. He rendered valuable service in establishing the Free Church College in Halifax and was highly successful in raising funds for it, and in encouraging young men to enter the ministry. He died, May 4, 1880, having completed his four score years in April.

In 1844, a delegation from the Free Church in the Old Country visited the Maritime Provinces. At that time, about one third of the people of the Kirk at Scotsburn joined the Free Church. They worshipped in St. John's Church until 1862, when Bethel Church was built. Rev. Alexander Sutherland became their pastor. He was a stirring and energetic preacher. In 1859 he became a minister of the Scotsburn and Saltsprings Churches, and in both charges gave full and fruitful proof of his ministry. He died in Nebraska, in 1897, in the 80th year of his age.

Knox Church, Pictou, was organized in Jan. 1846, by a handful of mechanics and farmers whose sympathies were with the Free Church of Scotland. The church building was erected in 1848. The first minister inducted was Rev. Murdoch Sutherland. He was called, because of his burning zeal and piety, "the Robert Murray McCheyne of Nova Scotia." On account of ill health he resigned his charge in 1857, and returned to Scotland where he died. The next pastor was Rev. Alexander Ross who was inducted in 1850, and served the people for nineteen years.

The people of Blue Mountain and Garden of Eden with Barney's River joined the movement in 1848, and

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had for their leader the Rev. D. B. Blair, a rare and remarkable man who was, in his day, the best Gaelic scholar in America. In 1852, Mr. Blair and his people set about erecting a church which was formally opened for service, before a board had been nailed on its walls, because the congregation had no other place in which to worship. In three years it was completed, without debt. For forty years Mr. Blair served this congregation and other sections adjoining with great ability and devotion.

For ten years the Kirk in Pictou County struggled on without pastors. Rev. Alexander McGillivray, D.D., the only Kirk minister who did not return to Scotland after the disruption, wrought manfully and faithfully to repair the breach and to build up the church on the old foundations.

Dr. McGillivray came to Nova Scotia, from Inverness, Scotland, in 1833. For five years he labored at Barney's River and Merigomish. He succeeded Mr. Fraser, in 1838, and continued there to discharge the duties of a minister with a devotion and earnestness rarely equaled, until his death, in 1862. He spread his labors over hundreds of miles of territory, to strengthen and encourage the pastorless churches. It was said of him, that he often tired out his horses, but the indefatigable Dr. McGillivray never tired.

In 1848, the Synod opened a seminary at the West River of Pictou. Professor Ross who was pastor at the West River, had charge of the literary and classical departments and Professors Keir and Smith the Divinity Hall. The classes met in the Temperance Hall in an ill ventilated room above the little country schoolhouse not more pretentious than the log cabin that gave birth to the renowned Princeton Seminary. Each of the students acted stoker in turn, and not only kindled the fire, but also swept the floor. Sometimes the little upper room

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looked tidy and sometimes it did not. The old Temperance Inn where the students boarded is still standing.

In 1853 five men graduated, James McGregor McKay, James Thomson, Henry Crawford, John M. Macleod and James Maclean. They were the first graduates who received all their collegiate education at the West River. They all settled in country congregations, were successful ministers, and all lived to participate in their ministerial Jubilee celebration. Revs. Mr. McKay and Mr. Thomson died at the ripe old age of ninety three years. Mr. Crawford died after he passed four score years, and Mr. Macleod lived hale and hearty until he was eighty seven. Mr. Maclean, died in 1914, in his eighty eighth year and the sixtieth year of his ministry.

The West River Seminary gave a great impetus to the life and work of the Presbyterian church both at home and abroad. In 1858 the Seminary and Theological Hall with its professors and students were transferred to Truro, Nova Scotia. The Synod of the Free Church of Nova Scotia, realizing their need of a native ministry, also opened a college in Halifax in 1848. It continued over a period of nearly thirty years. In 1860 the Theological department of the College at Truro was removed to Halifax, and united with the Free Church College.

In 1878, the Synod purchased the property at Pine Hill and the Theological Hall was transferred there where it has since remained. As in the olden times the Ark of the Covenant moved from place to place till David, in the days of Israel's national unity and prosperity, found a permanent resting place for it on Mount Zion, "beautiful for situation," so the Divinity Hall moved from place to place till the church in her unity and prosperity provided a beautiful and, we trust, a permanent home for it in Pine Hill. The present Principal and Professor of Theology is Rev. Clarence Mackinnon, D. D., a native of Pictou County.

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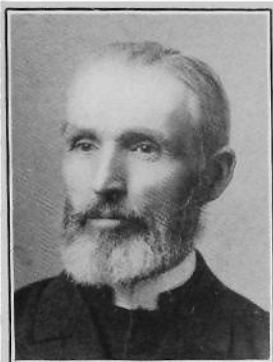
The Presbyterian College, Halifax, is the child of the several branches of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces, once separated but now happily united. It had its origin in the humble theological school in Pictou nearly a century ago, and since its beginning, has sent out over four hundred ministers, who have gone to almost every part of the land. The good old fathers of the church who founded and maintained this school of learning have left us a splendid educational heritage, and we owe them the debt of a grateful remembrance.

The other denominations have played an important part in religious history of the County.

Among the early settlers of the Eastern part of the County, who came in the years 1791 and 1802 were a number of Roman Catholics who settled in Merigomish and along the Gulf Shore. The first resident priest was the Rev. James McDonald, who came as early as 1793. He was succeeded, about 1800, by the Rev. Alexander McDonald, who remained with the people till his death, in 1816. He died in Halifax, and his remains were carried by his people through the woods all the way to Arisaig where he had had his home.

The first native priest was Rev. Donald McKinnon. He died when quite a young man. The first Roman Catholic church in the county was built at Merigomish, in 1810. In 1834 the first church at Bailey's Brook was built; and, in 1869, that settlement was formed into a separate parish with the Rev. D. M. McGregor, D.D., as its first priest.

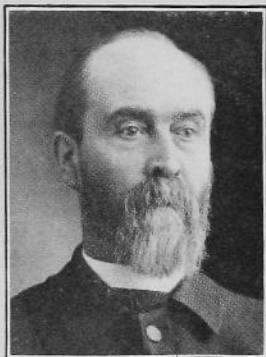
Stella Maris, in Pictou town, was begun in 1823. The first priest located there was Rev. Mr. Boland who was settled in 1828. The present church, which stands on one of the most prominent sites in Pictou, was erected in 1865. Father McDonald, afterwards Bishop of Newfoundland, was then in charge. From 1881 to 1892 Rev. Roderick McDonald was pastor. He was succeeded by Rev. J. J. Chisholm.



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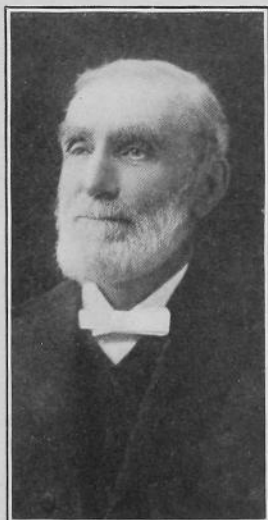
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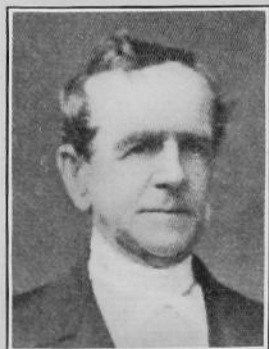
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#### GROUP OF DECEASED MINISTERS

1 JAMES MACLEAN, D.D.  
2 ISAAC MURRAY, D.D.  
3 ALEXANDER FALCONER, D.D.

4 JOHN CAMERON  
5 GEORGE PATTERSON, LL.D.  
6 E. D. MILLER, D.D.

7 WILLIAM MCCULLOCH, D.D.  
8 P. G. MCGREGOR, D.D.  
9 J. MCGREGOR MCKAY





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The Parishes and Priests of the Roman Catholic Church in the county at present are: Rev. W. B. Macdonald, Lourdes, who has been stationed there for 38 years, Rev. J. D. McLeod, New Glasgow, Rev. J. J. McKinnon, Bailey's Brook, Rev. J. A. Butts, Westville, Rev. J. McLennan, Thorburn and Merigomish, Rev. Ronald Macdonald, Pictou.

The Church of England was first established within the county in the town of Pictou. The leading spirits in the first organization were Dr. Johnson and Robert Hatton, Sr. Through the influence of the latter, a lot was secured, and he himself put up the frame in the year 1826. Three years later the church was completed, Mr. Hatton's son, Henry, being foremost in the work. The church was consecrated in 1829 by Bishop Inglis. The first rector of the parish was the Rev. Chas. Elliott, B. A., who was settled there, the 3d of April, 1832. He was appointed rector of the parish in 1834.

The whole country was then his parish, and he preached once a month at Albion Mines, River John and other places. He was a man greatly beloved by his own church and had the respect of the whole community. He labored in the County for thirty-three years. He was succeeded by Revs. Messrs. Prior, Wood and Geniver. Rev. D. D. Moore was Rector until 1873, when he resigned, and the Rev. T. C. Desbarres was elected. He was followed in the year 1874, by the Rev. James P. Sheraton, now Principal of Wycliffe College. Rev. Wm. Cruden was the next Rector, and in 1877 the Rev. John Edgecombe was appointed.

The old Church having been enlarged at different times and now getting pretty old, it was decided to erect a new one. The corner-stone was laid on the 22d of May, 1879, and the fine large church in which the congregation now worship, was finally completed and the first service held on the 15th day of June, 1881. Rev. H. A. Harley suc-

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ceeded Rev. Mr. Edgecombe in 1888. In the year 1852, the southern part of the parish, including Albion Mines, New Glasgow and adjoining Country, was constituted a separate parish. In 1876, the settlement of River John was separated from Pictou, and likewise constituted a parish.

Christ Church, Albion Mines, was built in 1851. The earlier pastors were Revs. St. Blois, Wilkins, Bowman and Moore. The first curate at River John was Rev. M. Kaulbach. He was appointed in 1865. The Rectors and parishes at present are: Rev. A. E. Andrews, St. James Church, Pictou, Rev. F. Robertson, M. A., St. George's Church, New Glasgow, Rev. R. B. Patterson, M. A., Christ Church, Stellarton, Rev. J. F. Tupper, St. Bee's Church, Westville, Rev. A. W. L. Smith, M. A., St. John's Church, River John, and Rev. W. W. Clarkson, Trenton.

The first Baptist Society in the County was organized by James Murray, who came to Pictou in 1811, and afterward removed to River John in June 18, 1815, where he baptized two persons and dispensed the communion. The society was formed on the principles of the Scotch Baptists or Disciples. The first society of the regular Baptists was formed in the year 1838 at Merigomish. A congregation was organized at River John in 1844.

In 1874 a church was built at Barney's River and a small congregation worshipped there. The First Baptist Church, New Glasgow, is now the largest in the County. It was formed in 1875. The present pastor, is Rev. J. Clement Wilson. His predecessor was Rev. W. M. Smallman.

The history of Methodism in Pictou County virtually begins with the opening up of the coal mines, although River John had long previously been a regular appointment of the Wallace Circuit. From 1825 to 1848 irregular visits were paid to Albion Mines (now Stellarton) by the Methodist ministers stationed at Wallace, Truro or

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River John. In 1845, in response to a request from the General Mining Association, among whose employees were a number of married Englishmen, Richard Weddal was sent to Albion Mines. There is no further record of appointments to this place until it was made a circuit in 1861, when Rev. J. Cassidy was stationed there.

The Society in River John was organized by Rev. Mr. Snowball, in 1822. They built their first church in 1824. Since that time, River John has been one of the regular Methodist circuits.

Pictou town did not become a circuit until 1868, although one or two unsuccessful attempts had been previously made to place a minister there. This circuit became a mission in 1905.

New Glasgow was, until 1888, a part of the Stellarton Mission. It is to a young woman from River John that New Glasgow Methodism owes its existence today. Miss Ellen Harbourne from that circuit was married to a Mr. Walker and came to live in New Glasgow. She was a loyal Methodist, and united with the Church at Stellarton. At her request the minister from Stellarton frequently preached in a hall at New Glasgow. Rev. Douglas Chapman (1864-67) was probably the first to conduct these services. No serious attempt was made to establish a Methodist Church in New Glasgow until the time of Rev. Isaac Thurlow (1880-83). During his pastorate, the old Free Church building and lot were purchased. It was remodelled and put into its present condition at a cost of nearly \$3,000. From a struggling mission, raising only \$410 for its minister as late as 1899, New Glasgow became independent under Rev. E. E. England, in 1901, and is now one of the most desirable circuits of the Conference.

Trenton has been attached to New Glasgow since the time of Rev. W. I. Croft (1893-96). Services were first held in the Orange Hall. Later, the little Methodist Church

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at Piedmont was donated to the Trenton Methodists. The Methodist Circuits with their present ministers are: Pictou, Rev. Robert Williams, Stellarton, Rev. John Phalen, River John, H. D. Townsend, Trenton, Rev. Thomas Hodgson, New Glasgow, Rev. F. E. Barrett.

The census of 1911 gives the number of Presbyterians in the County 24,000, Roman Catholics 5600, Anglicans 2600, Methodists 2500, Baptists 1100. The population of County is 36,000. Out of this number 26,000 are Scotch, 5200 English, 2400 Irish, 1000 French, 376 Swiss, 240 German, 300 Negro, 172 Indian.

The beginnings of the different branches of the Presbyterian Church in the County of Pictou have now been briefly traced; the Anti-Burgher Church from 1786; the Kirk from 1817, the Free Church, from 1844, and likewise, those of the other denominations. The result of the Presbyterian disruption, of 1844 was a renewed activity in that denomination. There was a spirit of rivalry between the churches. If the different branches of the Church did not provoke one another to love, they certainly did provoke to good works.

The Home Mission Board which was founded in 1840, prosecuted its work as never before. Foreign Missionary enterprise was launched in 1845, and Dr. Geddie the first Missionary of the Church, was sent to the South seas in 1846. That event started a new era of zeal and liberality in the Church, never manifested before. It also brought the Churches into closer touch with one another. In 1848 the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia and the Free Church established "schools of the prophets," one at West River, another at Halifax.

From these two schools, came a splendid band of ministers and missionaries who went far and wide, founding and building up churches. The Kirk still kept on looking across the sea for a supply of ministers, and they came. In 1853, two young men came from Scotland — Rev.

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Alex. Maclean, D. D., a native of the County but educated in the old country, and Rev. Allan Pollock, D. D., sent over by the Colonial Committee to Nova Scotia, as a minister of the Church of Scotland. Dr. Pollock received and accepted a call to St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow; and continued to be its pastor till 1875, when he was appointed Professor of Church history in the Presbyterian College, Halifax, and later Principal. In 1904, he resigned, and now resides in Halifax, rich in the love and esteem of the whole Canadian Church.

Mr. Maclean was settled over the Kirk Congregation at Saltsprings, and held pastorates at Belfast, P. E. I. and Hopewell, N. S. In all these charges he gave full proof of his ministry. In 1911, his Diamond Jubilee was celebrated by the Presbytery of Pictou. He now resides at Eureka, N. S., in his ninety-fourth year, enjoying an honorable old age. Four young men, all natives of the County; William McMillan, Simon McGregor, George M. Grant and John Cameron, were educated in Glasgow and returned to Nova Scotia and were settled in important charges.

Gradually the ecclesiastical sky was clearing after the storm. It was found that men were forgetting their old differences and settling down to a new order of things. There were three branches of the Presbyterian Church in the Province, where two was one too many. October 4, 1860 is a memorable day in the history of the Presbyterian Church. On that day the union of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and of the Free Church took place under the title of "The Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces."

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of N. S. was represented by Revs. John L. Murdoch and P. G. McGregor, Professors Smith and Ross. The Synod of the Free Church, by Rev. Mr. Forbes, Professor King and Rev. Dr. Forrester. The Union meeting was held in

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Pictou. A tent was erected on Patterson's hill, near the town. Over this tent floated a bright, blue banner with the legend in white lilies, "For Christ's Crown and Covenant." The spot selected was where Dr. McGregor preached his first sermon in the County. Here the two parties were declared one, amid great rejoicings.

There followed years of growth and prosperity in all branches of the Church. Congregations multiplied. The supply of ministers increased. Educational institutions were strengthened. Missionary enterprise was promoted, both at home and abroad. "Then had the churches rest and were edified." This prosperity was shared in very largely by the Kirk brethren as well.

With the coming of young men into the ministry a spirit of Union was manifest, and grew rapidly. Churches were tired of controversy and separation; and united co-operatively in educational and missionary, as well as in devotional services. A Union of co-operation was soon followed by a Union of Organization. In 1875, all branches of the Church were merged in the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

## CHAPTER III

### PICTONIANS IN THE PULPIT

#### THE MINISTERS AND CHURCHES IN THE TOWN OF PICTOU

**A** BRIEF history of the local churches in the County, with a list of the clergymen connected with them, from their organization to the present time, is here presented. It is much to be regretted that it is more or less imperfect, owing to the loss of records and the difficulty in securing definite information.

What has long been known as Prince Street Church, Pictou, was originally a section of the field of Dr. McGregor and Mr. Ross. It was formed into a separate congregation in 1801, as the Harbor District. In 1804, Rev. Thomas McCulloch came to it as its first minister. For twenty years he was the only clergyman in Pictou Town. He resigned in 1824, and was succeeded by Rev. John McKinlay who died in 1850. Rev. James Bayne, D.D., was inducted in 1851, and continued as minister until his death, in 1876. Rev. William Donald followed, from 1878 to 1883. He was succeeded by Rev. Alex. Falconer, D.D., who served for nearly a quarter of a century. Rev. Geo. C. Taylor followed. Rev. A. D. Archibald, M. A., the present minister was inducted in 1913.

The first election of elders took place on May 6, 1787, when John Patterson and John Fraser were chosen to represent the Harbor District. In 1809 the session was increased by the addition of Geo. Ives, John Patterson and David Pottinger.

The first minister of St. Andrew's Church was Rev. K. J. McKenzie, who was followed by Rev. Mr. Williamson. Rev. Andrew Herdman, of Scotland, was inducted into the charge in 1849, and ministered for thirty years. He was followed by Rev. Robt. Burnet, in 1880; Rev. John C. Callan, in 1886; Rev. Robt. Atkinson, in 1889; Rev.

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Andrew Armit, 1893, and Rev. W. T. D. Moss, 1897. The present incumbent, Rev. L. H. MacLean, M. A., was inducted March 23, 1904.

The first minister of Knox Church was Rev. Murdoch Sutherland. The next pastor was Rev. Alexander Ross, 1860 to 1879. He was followed by Rev. James Carruthers, 1880 to 1885. Rev. Geo. S. Carson, B. A., was inducted in 1885, and resigned to become Editor of the Presbyterian Witness. Rev. Wm. McNally followed from 1908 to 1910. The present minister, Rev. A. W. Thomson, was inducted in 1911. The first Session consisted of Donald Ferguson, Murdoch McKenzie, Alexander McLeod. Alexander McKenzie, William McKenzie and Alexander Murray. Over a dozen young men from this church have given themselves to the ministry.

Below are the names of the clergymen born in Pictou Town with place of birth and brief reference to those who are dead, and the present addresses of those who are still living. A few of the ministers mentioned in this chapter were not born in the county, but came into it when quite young, and were brought up and educated in it. The ministers belonging to denominations other than Presbyterian are so indicated.

**ROBERT S. PATTERSON, M.A., Pictou; Died in 1882.**

He was minister of the congregation at Bedeque, P. E. I., fifty-six years and six months. This is, perhaps, the longest unbroken pastorate in one congregation in the history of the Canadian Church.

**JOHN L. MURDOCH, M.A., Pictou; Died in 1873.**

**JOHN GEDDIE, D.D., Pictou; Died in 1872.**

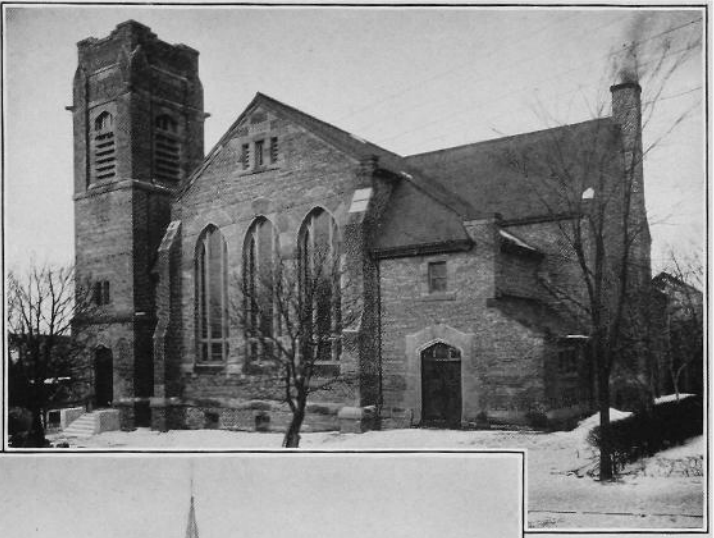
The founder of the New Hebrides Mission.

**WILLIAM McCULLOCH, D.D., Pictou; Died in 1895.**

He was minister of the oldest regularly organized Presbyterian Church in Canada for over fifty years. He was ordained at Truro, Feb. 14, 1839, and his whole life was spent in this one congregation. He was a man of eminence as a pastor, a presbyter and educator. He was a son of Dr. McCulloch of Pictou Academy.



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CHURCHES IN NEW GLASGOW

1 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2 UNITED CHURCH

3 ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH



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DANIEL M. GORDON, D.D., LL.D., Pictou; Kingston, Ont.

D. M. STEARNS, D.D., Pictou; Germantown, Pa.

Born in 1844; educated in Pictou Academy; teacher for a number of years in the Maritime Provinces; ordained in Boston, 1880. From 1886 to the present time he has been in the Reformed Episcopal Church. In 1892 he went to his present charge, where he is still pastor. He is a noted Bible Class teacher, and conducts Bible Classes weekly in New York, Philadelphia, Washington, etc. His church and Bible Classes help to support over a dozen missionaries in the foreign field.

ISAAC M. PATTERSON, Pictou; Died in 1892.

He was Pastor in Annapolis, Maryland, Milford, N. J., and Bloomsburg, Penn.

JAMES PATTERSON, Pictou; Deceased.

He was a son of Matthew Patterson and a minister in the Canadian Northwest. He was formerly a bookseller in Pictou.

FRANCIS A. ROSS, Pictou; New Glasgow, N. S.

He spent twenty-two years in pastorates in the West Indies. He also served as Chaplain in the Boer War. Retired.

J. R. DOBSON, B.D., Pictou; Montreal, P. Q.

Pastor of St. Giles Church, one of the leading churches in Montreal.

JAMES C. HERDMAN, D.D., Pictou; Died in 1910.

Mr. Herdman was a child of the Kirk Manse, born in 1856. He was ordained at Campbellton, N. B., in 1877. In 1885 he went west and took charge of Knox Church, Calgary, until 1902, when he was appointed Superintendent of Missions for British Columbia and Alberta.

WILLIAM C. HERDMAN, M.A., Pictou; Halifax, N. S.

A. W. K. HERDMAN, B.A., Pictou; Calgary, Alta.

Sons of Rev. Andrew Herdman, late of St. Andrew's Church, Pictou.

PETER M. MACDONALD, M.A., Pictou; Toronto, Ont.

DANIEL J. MORRISON, Pictou; Deceased.

Graduated from Theological Seminary, Auburn, N. Y., and settled in New York State where he died.

DONALD FRASER, B.A., Pictou; St. Peters, C. B.

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JOHN W. LOWDEN, Pictou; Newark, Del.

DONALD A. MACKENZIE, Pictou; Tillamook, Ore.

FENWICK W. FRASER, Pictou; Masillon, Ohio.

CHARLES TUPPER BAILLIE, Ph.D., Pictou; Trinidad, B.W.I.

Pastor Susamacher Church, San Fernando, and assistant Professor in the Theological Hall.

A. H. FOSTER, B.D., Pictou Landing; Durham, West River.

D. R. MACLEAN, B.A., Pictou Island; Hazelton, B. C.

CHARLES ELLIOT MACKENZIE, Pictou; Gallipolis, Ohio.

Mr. Mackenzie is a son of the late George A. Mackenzie, Pictou. He entered the ministry of the Church of England from Kings College, about thirty years ago, and after successful work in the Maritime Provinces, went to Ohio where he was appointed Archdeacon of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, U. S. A. He is a brother of President Mackenzie of Dalhousie University.

LEWIS M. WILKINS, Pictou; Deceased.

Son of Hon. Martin I. Wilkins, and pastor of the Episcopal churches in Stellarton and Pictou.

FRANK BEATTIE, Pictou; Deceased.

Mr. Beattie was born in 1834, and died at Wolfville, N. S., 1912, aged seventy-seven years. His first public work was as a temperance lecturer and organizer. In 1870 he was ordained, and gave nearly forty years to the work of the Baptist ministry.

ROBERT MCEWEN, Pictou; Antigonish, N. S.

Roman Catholic Church.

RICHARD POWER, Pictou; Ontario, Can.

Roman Catholic Church.

WILLIAM E. PURCELL, Pictou.

Father Purcell was born in Pictou in 1874. He attended the public schools of Pictou and Pictou Academy. In 1889, he entered St. F. X. college and in 1893, he began his philosophical course at the Grand Seminary at Montreal, where he also took a course in theology. He taught for a time at St. Anne's college, Digby County, as professor of English. He was ordained a priest in 1898 and was curate at Chatham and Bathurst, N. B., and parish priest at Jacquet River before going west. He died in Montana, Aug. 23, 1912.

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### THE MINISTERS AND CHURCHES IN NEW GLASGOW

The History of the churches in New Glasgow is largely the history of the Town, for they have played a foremost part in its life and growth.

In 1787 a log church was built on the West side of the river. This was used until 1803 when a frame church was erected at Irishtown. In 1834 the congregation was incorporated under the name of James Church and in 1852 a large wooden building was erected in the town of New Glasgow.

The first minister was the Rev. James McGregor, D.D. He came in 1786, and died in 1830. He was succeeded by Rev. David Roy, D. D., who came to Nova Scotia in 1830, and the following year was inducted minister of the congregation. He labored faithfully until laid aside by failing health in 1871. He died in 1873, aged 82 years, having preached the gospel for forty years with great energy and power. Rev. E. A. McCurdy, D.D., was minister from 1871-1891. He was succeeded by Rev. James Carruthers, 1892-1904. Rev. G. Ernest Forbes, was inducted in 1904, and continues in charge.

On May 30, 1888, the new St. Andrew's congregation was organized. The ministers have been: Rev. Alexander Robertson, 1888-1896, and Rev. W. McC. Thomson, 1897-1906. On Nov. 5, 1907, James Church and New St. Andrew's united under the ministry of Rev. G. E. Forbes, with the name First Presbyterian Church. On Nov. 5, 1912, the cornerstone of the First Presbyterian Church was laid on the site of old James Church. It was opened and dedicated to public worship, April 12, 1914. The congregation worshipped in New St. Andrew's Church from June 1908 until the opening of their new church home.

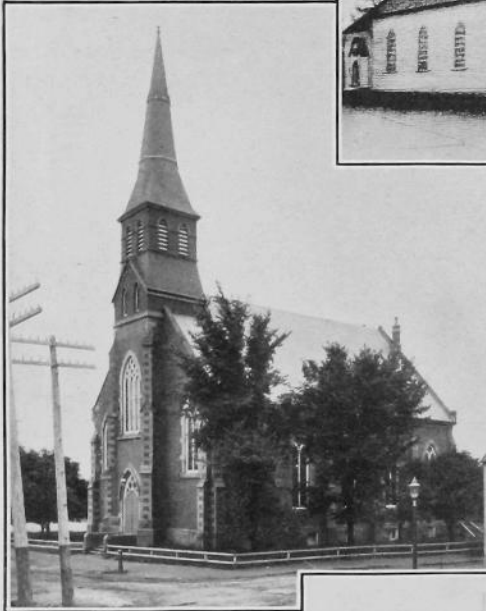
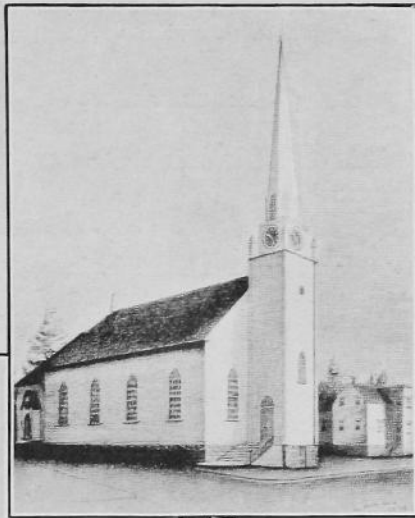
St. Andrew's Congregation was formed from the Church at Fraser's Mountain, and Rev. Donald A. Fraser, was

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minister until 1837. Rev. John Stewart was the second pastor, 1838-1845. For eight years they were without a pastor after the disruption. Rev. Allan Pollock was settled there in 1853 and continued until 1875. The other ministers of this church have been: Rev. George Murray, Rev. George Coull, Rev. Archibald Bowman, Rev. S. J. McArthur, B.D. The present incumbent, Rev. James A. Ramsay, B.A., was inducted in 1898.

Primitive Church was an off-shoot from James Church, and was organized, May 25, 1845. The first meetings were held in the old Temperance Hall. Primitive Church was built in 1849 on the corner of Provost and McLean Streets. In 1848 Rev. George Walker arrived in Pictou from Scotland. He accepted a call to this church and was inducted Sept. 20, 1848. He was its only pastor. In 1873 the church was enlarged. In 1874 it was burnt. In 1845 Knox Church was built by the Free Church adherents. Rev. Mr. Stewart was the minister of Knox Church, 1845-1866. He was succeeded by Rev. John M. Macleod and Rev. Robert Cumming, D.D.

In the autumn of 1874, the year of the great fire, the two congregations got together and formed the United Church. They continued to worship in Knox Church until January 9, 1876, when the present building was opened and occupied. Rev. Mr. Walker was minister of the United Church until 1878, when he was relieved by the settlement of Rev. E. Scott, the congregation making Mr. Walker, Pastor Emeritus. Mr. Walker was a preacher of great ability and power. He was a most faithful minister, and in every way adorned his calling. He died Feb. 4, 1884, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. Rev. E. Scott, D.D. retired in 1891, and was succeeded by Rev. Anderson Rogers, D. D., who was pastor from July 1893 to March 1908. Rev. John H. MacVicar, D.D. was minister from December 10, 1908 to March 17, 1912. Rev. J. Macartney Wilson, B.D., was inducted in May,



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CHURCHES IN PICTOU TOWN

- 1 KNOX CHURCH
- 2 ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

- 3 HOME OF REV. JAS. MCGREGOR, D.D.
- 4 PRINCE ST. CHURCH





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1913. Peter A. McGregor has been treasurer of the United Church since its organization, and, for three years was treasurer of Primitive Church.

The First Presbyterian Church, Trenton, was organized in 1889 and the Church built in 1890. Rev. A. W. Thomson was pastor from 1889 to 1890; Rev. H. R. Grant, April 13, 1891 to April 1904; Rev. D. C. Ross, Nov. 8, 1904 to Sept. 1913. Rev. A. A. Macleod, present pastor, was inducted 1914.

### THE FOLLOWING MINISTERS WERE BORN AND BRED IN NEW GLASGOW

**PETER G. MCGREGOR, D.D.,** New Glasgow; Died in 1886.

Dr. McGregor was the son of Rev. James McGregor, D.D. He studied Theology under Dr. McCulloch. In 1843 he was called to Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, where he was minister for twenty-five years. He was an excellent pastor and preacher. In 1868 he was appointed General Agent for the Church in Nova Scotia, the duties of which he discharged with fidelity and success.

**JOHN FORREST, D.D., LL.D.,** New Glasgow; Halifax, N. S.

**GEORGE SUTHERLAND,** New Glasgow; Died in 1868.

Mr. Sutherland was one of the first graduates of the Free Church Seminary, Halifax, and was settled first in Nova Scotia and afterwards in P. E. I., where he labored for a time. He went to New Zealand in 1886, and was called to Dunedin. In 1870 he was called to Sydney, Australia, where he labored until his death, which was instantaneous, as he was removing his outer clothing on his return from a congregational meeting.

**J. A. F. SUTHERLAND,** New Glasgow; Winnipeg, Man.

**ROBERT J. CAMERON,** New Glasgow; Died in 1879.

Mr. Cameron was educated at Glasgow University. He was called to St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., in 1870, and labored there for six years. Resigning that charge, he removed to Scotland, where he obtained an important congregation, the duties of which, however, proved too great for his strength. He died at the Manse, Burnt Island, Scotland, in the thirty-sixth year of his age. Mrs. Cameron was a daughter of the Hon. James Fraser, New Glasgow.

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- A. H. CAMERON, New Glasgow; Keremeos, B. C.  
A brother of the Rev. Robert J. Cameron.
- HUGH W. FRASER, D.D., New Glasgow; Vancouver, B. C.  
Dr. Fraser studied in Manitoba College; was settled at Fort William, Ontario, and Holland, Manitoba; went to China, and returned from there to San Francisco, where he was a minister for a number of years. In 1904 he came to Vancouver, B. C.
- HUGH R. GRANT, B.A., New Glasgow; New Glasgow, N. S.  
General Secretary, Nova Scotia Temperance Alliance.
- FRANK L. FRASER, New Glasgow; Kennewick, Wash.  
Brother of the Rev. Dr. Fraser.
- WILLIAM MEIKLE, B.A., New Glasgow; Tuxford, Sask.  
Mr. Meikle, with the Rev. J. P. Gerrior, was for many years engaged in Evangelistic work.
- WILLIAM L. MACRAE, Abercrombie; Golden, B. C.
- DONALD M. GRANT, New Glasgow; Cincinnati, Ohio.
- CHARLES J. CAMERON, New Glasgow; Vancouver, B. C.
- JOHN R. FRASER, New Glasgow; Avoca, N. Y.
- JAMES A. FRASER, B. A., New Glasgow; Pittsburg, Pa.
- ALEXANDER W. McLEOD, New Glasgow; Summerland, B. C.  
Pastor, Baptist Church.
- GEORGE MACDONALD, New Glasgow; Baptist Church, U. S. A.
- SAMUEL A. McDougall, New Glasgow; Chester Basin, N. S.  
Pastor, Baptist Church.
- FRED A. SULLIVAN, New Glasgow; New Hampshire.  
Pastor, Methodist Church.
- JOHN BURNS, came to New Glasgow when a lad; Died in 1851, aged 27 years.
- JAMES BURNS, New Glasgow; Born in 1825; Died in 1907.
- WM. HENRY BURNS, D.D., New Glasgow; Evanston, Ill.  
Mitchell Burns, who was a potter by trade, came with his wife, Ann Morrow, from the north of Ireland, in 1830 or 1831,

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and settled on what is now the John Connolly estate at Potter's Brook, to which stream he gave the name. In 1847 the family removed to River John, where Mrs. Burns died in 1858, and Mr. Burns in 1871. They had a large and notable family of seven sons and four daughters. Three of the sons entered the Methodist ministry. John Burns died in early life at Sackville, N. B.

James Burns was educated at Sackville, N. B., served several churches in the Maritime Provinces, and later in Chicago, and Idaho, where he died in 1907. He was a member, at one time, of Dr. Roy's Church. His daughter, Angeline, married Dr. Frederick Holmes, of San Diego, Cal. His eldest son, Jabez B. Burns, practices Dentistry in Poyette, Idaho. Another son, John Burns, is a Dentist in Oakland, Cal.

William H. Burns was born in 1840 in New Glasgow; graduated from the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. He is a member of the Rock River Conference, and spent most of his ministerial life in Chicago and vicinity. He married Miss Ann P. Foster, daughter of Rev. Caleb Foster, Aurora, Ill. He is the author of "The Higher Critic's Bible; or, God's Bible?" "The Crisis in Methodism", and other books. His only son, William Foster Burns, is a graduate of Princeton University and Chicago Law School, and is a barrister in Chicago.

The eldest of the family, Stuart Burns, lived in New Glasgow; was a merchant in River John, but spent his later years as a druggist in Sydney, C. B., where he died. His son, Dr. W. F. Burns, born in River John, is now a practicing Dentist in Sydney, C. B. Anna Burns married William Perrin, farmer and tanner in River John. Their son, Dr. Albert M. Perrin, was born there, and is now practicing medicine in Yarmouth, N. S. Margaret Burns married George Langille, a mill owner in River John. Their son, M. K. Langille, is a Dentist in Truro, N. S.

Robert E. Burns was a real estate dealer in New York and San Francisco, Cal. He died in Portland, Ore. Bion, his son, is a Dentist in San Francisco. Charlotte Burns married Alexander McDonald, a ship builder, River John, who now lives in Victoria, B. C.

Samuel W. Burns, M.D., was born in New Glasgow, in 1836, is now practicing medicine in Shelburne, N. S. His eldest daughter, married Dr. Muir, Dentist, Shelburne. Thomas M. Burns, M.D., born in New Glasgow, 1838, practiced med-

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icine in Shelburne, removed to Oakland, Cal., and died there. His son, Dr. Thomas M. Burns, is a Professor in the Denver Cross Medical College. Another son, Daniel C. Burns, is a lawyer and real estate dealer in Denver, Col.

Carrie N. Burns married C. S. Lane, Dentist of P. E. I. Their eldest son, Franklin K. Lane, was born there July 15, 1854. He lived in Pictou when a child, where his father practiced his profession. The family moved to California, where the son graduated from the University of California, in 1886. In 1889 he practiced law in San Francisco. From 1897 to 1902 he was a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission. In 1913 he was appointed Secretary of the Interior, in President Wilson's Cabinet. Mr. Lane is a Democrat in politics and was his party's candidate for mayor of San Francisco, for governor of the State and for the U. S. Senate. He is a man of fine personality and high character. For a score of years he has been a prominent figure in the public life of the Pacific Coast and is today one of the public men of mark and standing at Washington. George W. Lane, another son, practices law in San Francisco, Cal. Frederick Lane, a third son, is a Dentist in San Francisco. The Rev. F. E. Barret, New Glasgow, N. S., pastor of the Methodist Church is a great grandson of Mitchell Burns.

### EAST RIVER MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

The East River Congregation was formed into a separate charge, in 1824, with the Rev. Angus McGillivray as its first minister. The West Branch Section was connected with it. In 1853 the church at Springville was built. The Church at Sunny Brae was erected in 1854, and was supplied by Rev. Mr. Blair for several years. In 1866, Rev. A. Maclean Sinclair became pastor of the Springville and Sunny Brae Congregations, and served them for a period of twenty-two years. Rev. John Calder was pastor, 1889-1892. In 1892, James Sinclair was settled as minister. In 1894 the Congregation was divided, Springville and Bridgeville forming a separate charge under Rev. Mr. Sinclair. He resigned in 1910; and in 1911 Rev. E. A. Kirker, B. A. became minister. The Bridgeville Church was built in 1894.

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The first regular minister of the Kirk at St. Paul's was Rev. John Macrae, 1827 to 1847. He was succeeded by his son, Rev. D. Macrae. Rev. Simon McGregor was the minister 1860-1869. He was succeeded by Rev. William McMillian in 1875. He continued pastor until 1888. The present St. Paul's church was built in 1855.

The Sunny Brae and St. Paul's congregations were formed into a separate charge in 1894. In 1895 they called Rev. W. P. Archibald who was pastor until 1904. He was followed by the Rev. George A. Sutherland 1904-1911. The present pastor, Rev. D. K. Ross, was inducted Sept. 1912. The first elders of Sunny Brae were Finlay Grant, James McDonald and Duncan McMillian. They had worthy successors in James Cumming, William Ross, John A. McDonald and John Cruikshank. A brother of the latter, D. B. Cruikshank, is now an elder and clerk of the Session.

### NAMES OF MINISTERS BORN ON EAST RIVER

WM. McMILLAN, Churchville; Died 1889.

He was educated for the ministry in Scotland, and was for a number of years pastor at Earltown, whence he removed to Saltsprings. He was pastor for 13 years at St. Paul's Church, East River. He was a diligent minister, and a warm-hearted friend.

SIMON MCGREGOR, Churchville; Deceased.

He was minister of the West Branch and East River Kirk Churches for eight years. He spent thirteen years in pioneer work in British Columbia. He went to Scotland in 1881, and was elected minister of Appin, in the North of Scotland, where he labored until he retired. He died in Edinburgh, deeply regretted.

ANGUS MCGILLIVRAY, Springville; Died 1869.

JAMES MACLEAN, D.D., Springville; Died 1914.

Nearly the whole of Dr. Maclean's ministry was spent in Colchester County at Shubenacadie and Great Village. He was a graduate of the West River Seminary, and finished his studies in 1853. He was an excellent preacher and minister and a most devoted friend.

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EBENEZER McLEAN, Springville; Deceased.

He was a nephew of the Rev. Dr. Maclean, and was a student for the ministry, but died in early life.

JOHN D. MCGILLIVRAY, Springville, Truro, N. S.

Retired from the Ministry.

JAMES T. MCGILLIVRAY, Springville.

A student in theology, died Oct., 1856, aged 24 years.

Sons of Rev. Angus McGillivray.

ROBERT GRANT, Springville; Died 1898.

Studied in Pictou Academy and Edinburgh University.

DAVID C. MACKINTOSH, D.D., Springville; Shenandoah, Iowa.

FINLAY G. McINTOSH, B.D., Springville; Dorchester, N. B.

WM. R. MCKAY, B.D., Springville; Kong Moon, So. China.

ROBT. G. MCKAY, B.A., Springville; So. Vancouver, B. C.

WM. MACDONALD, B.A., Springville; Barney's River, N.S.

ALVER MCKAY, Springville; Hollyburn, B. C.

JOHN A. MACDONALD, B.D., Bridgeville; Died 1890.

Son of Duncan Macdonald and Mary McPhie; born Nov. 6, 1849. While working at the carpenter's trade in Boston, he decided to devote himself to the ministry, and began his preparation in the New Glasgow High School. His studies being interrupted by a long illness, he was sent as a missionary to Trinidad, 1874 to 1877. He took a special course in Dal. Coll., 1877-79, continuing his study at the Pine Hill Divinity School. He attended Andover Theological Seminary, 1882-84, but seeking a more favorable climate, served as home missionary in Arizona, and afterward at different places in California. He continued his studies at the Pacific Theological Seminary in the class of 1885, and was ordained pastor at Lincoln, Cal., May 21, 1885. The last few years of his life was a continual fight with sickness but he supplied congregations as he was able. His ministry, though brief and only kept up by an indomitable will, bore abundant fruit. He was a man of sincere piety, an earnest preacher and a most devoted friend. His whole life was blameless and beautiful. He died at Elgin, N. S., Jan. 29, 1890, at the age of forty years.

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A. H. FRASER, Bridgeville; Broken Bow, Neb.

A. J. H. FRASER, Bridgeville; Port Morien, C. B.

JAMES W. FRASER, St. Pauls; Died 1913.

For forty years pastor of St. John's Church, Scotsburn, N. S.

DONALD K. CAMPBELL, St. Pauls; Ottawa, Ill.

JOHN W. CAMPBELL, St. Pauls.

Student for the ministry. Died, Delaware, Md., Feb. 18, 1874.

SIMON W. THOMPSON, B. A., St. Pauls; Kindersley, Sask.

WM. ROSS, B. A., Sunny Brae; Vancouver, B. C.

Thirty-three years pastor Prince William, N. B.

ROBT. D. ROSS, Sunny Brae; Died 1895.

As a minister and preacher he won the affectionate confidence of the people. He had a most winsome disposition and a keen sense of humor, which made him a most agreeable companion. He was settled in Wolfville, N. S., in 1882, where he labored for about 10 years, until failing health compelled him to resign.

ROBT. J. GRANT, B.D., Sunny Brae.

Mr. Grant was cut off in the prime of life June 10, 1898, at Montreal, Can. While attending the General Assembly he and four young friends had gone on bicycles to visit the Lachine Rapids, when returning to the city he was run over by an electric car. His death was instantaneous. He was a young man of high intellectual attainments, and devoted piety, and had a distinguished course in college. For two years he was settled at St. George's Church, River John, and his brief ministry was rich in promise. He died in the thirty-first year of his age.

WM. GRANT, Sunny Brae.

He was educated in the Presbyterian College, Halifax, and an additional year at Princeton Seminary, N. J. His pastorates were at Earltown and West Branch, seven years; at West River Clyde and Brookfield, P. E. I., nine years; at Port Morien, C. B., thirteen years; and at Grand River, eight years; in all some thirty-seven years. In every pastorate his work was a success. His careful preparation for the pulpit was continued to the last, when for a few weeks before the end he was unable to go to the church, he sent the prepared sermon in manuscript to be read. The last of his sermons thus sent

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was read in the Grand River Church on Sunday, Dec. 16, 1906. He died on the following Tuesday. Mr. Grant was greatly afflicted in his family circle. Melville, his eldest son was ordained to the ministry, but ill health laid its hand upon him and he died in early manhood. Clarence, a younger brother, was suddenly called away when engaged as a theological student in a mission field, and Mary Sibella, a sister, died soon after her graduation from the university.

**FINLAY R. McDONALD, Sunny Brae.**

He was educated at the Academy. He pursued his theological studies in Scotland, and after graduation was called to the pastorate of Cooper Angus, an important charge in Scotland, where he labored with fidelity for 21 years. He died in 1900.

**WM. P. GRANT, B.D., Sunny Brae; Truro, N. S.**

Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

**WM. M. GRANT, M. A., Sunny Brae; Ayr, Ont.**

**FINLAY H. McINTOSH, M.A., Sunny Brae; Sydney, C. B.**

Pastor, Falmouth Church.

**CHAS. D. McINTOSH, M.A., Sunny Brae; River John, N.S.**

**JAMES A. McDONALD, B.A., Sunny Brae; Youngstown, Ohio.**

**WM. C. ROSS, B. A., Sunny Brae; Halifax, N. S.**

**A. W. ROBERTSON, B. A., Centredale; Kennetcook, N. S.**

**DUNCAN A. MACPHIE, M.A., Centredale; Boston, Mass.**

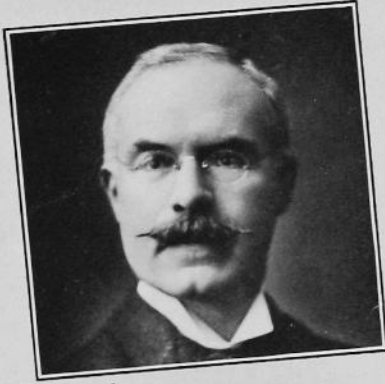
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**J. P. MACPHIE, M.A., Sunny Brae; New Glasgow, N. S.**

### THE MINISTERS AND CHURCHES IN HOPEWELL

Hopewell is a village of about 450 people, with a beautiful country surrounding it. The first church was built in 1820, one and a half miles above the village. Rev. John Macrae was the first minister, 1827-1844. His son, Rev. Donald Macrae, succeeded him, 1857-1859. He returned a second time, in 1870, and remained four years.

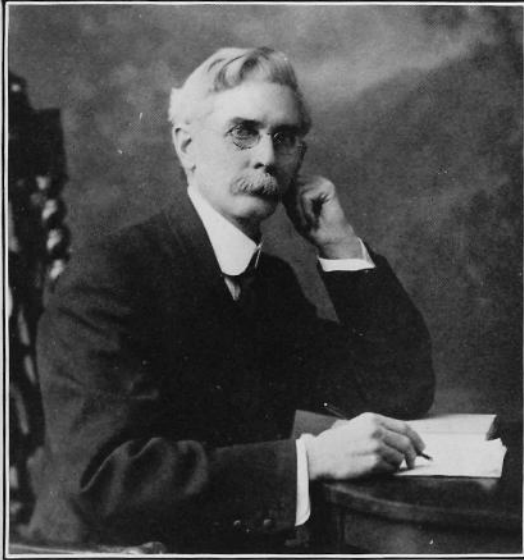




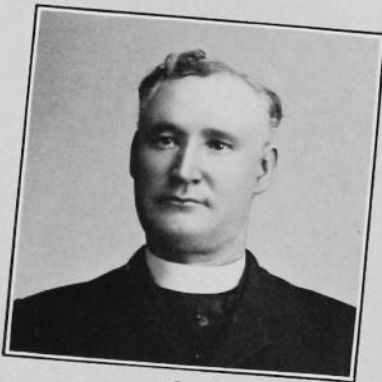
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PROFESSIONAL MEN OF PICTOU

1 W. E. MACLELLAN  
2 JOHN A. MACDONALD

3 JOHN P. MACPHIE  
4 W. B. MACDONALD

5 ROBERT D. ROSS



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It was during his first ministry that St. Columba's Church was built in 1859. From 1860 to 1869 Rev. Simon McGregor was minister. He was succeeded by the Rev. Peter Galbraith 1875; the Rev. Peter Melville 1881, the Rev. Homer Putman 1893, Rev. John Macintosh 1898, and the present Pastor, Rev. C. Munro 1908.

Union Church, Hopewell was organized in 1854. The present church was completed and opened in 1857. The first minister was Rev. John Mackinnon. He was inducted in 1858, and served the Church for eighteen years. He was a preacher of great vigor, and a most faithful pastor. The Rev. A. Maclean, D.D., was his worthy successor, 1877-1891. The first elders were Peter Ross, Robt. Munro, John McLean, Robt. Dunbar, Thomas Grant, Daniel Shaw, Enon McDonald and Angus McPhie. Rev. Simon Fraser was pastor in 1892; Rev. Wm. McNichol, in 1895; Rev. Hugh Miller, 1908, and the present minister, Rev. Geo. A. Logan, 1912. The Ferrona Church was an off-shoot from the Hopewell congregation. It was organized March 3, 1896. Revs. W. H. Smith, A. M. Thompson and J. F. Polley have served it as pastors.

### MINISTERS BORN AND BROUGHT UP IN THIS DISTRICT

REV. A. MACLEAN, D.D., Hopewell; Eureka, N. S.

Retired from the Ministry.

DONALD MACRAE, D.D., Hopewell; Died 1909.

HUGH DUNBAR, Hopewell; Died 1857.

HUGH ROSS, Hopewell; Died 1858.

CLARENCE MACKINNON, D.D., Hopewell; Halifax, N. S.  
Principal, Presbyterian College.

ALBERT G. MACKINNON, M.A., Hopewell; Greenock, Scotland.

Author of a series of books for young men: "Spiritually Fit"; "Tangible Tests"; "Truths for Today"; "God's Right of Way Through a Young Man's Life".

Rev. Clarence and Albert G. Mackinnon are sons of the late Rev. John Mackinnon.

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JOHN B. MACLEAN, B. D., Hopewell, Huntington, Que.  
Author of "The Secret of the Stream", thoughtful religious essays on Life and Literature.

A. D. MCINTOSH, M.A., Hopewell; Souris, P. E. I.

JAS. R. MACDONALD, Hopewell.

He was for many years a teacher in the public schools in the Province. Graduated from Princeton Seminary 1895, held pastorates in Fairville, N. B., Barney's River, Caledonia and Sheet Harbor, N. S. He died at Elmsdale, 1912.

JOHN W. BRITTON, Hopewell; Pugwash, N. S.

ASA J. CROCKETT, B. A., Hopewell; Hopewell, N. S.  
Graduated from the Rochester Baptist Seminary.

DONALD ROSS, D. D., Lorne; Died 1907.

At the age of 27 he entered the ministry and for four years was pastor in Seattle, Wash. Twenty-five years were spent in eastern Canada, when he removed to the West. He was a man widely known for his learning and for his faithful work.

JOHN R. FRASER, M.A., Lorne; Uxbridge, Ont.

ALBERT M. MACLEOD, B.A., Lorne; Hyde Park, Mass.

WM. A. ROSS, M.A., Lorne; Moncton, N. B.

General Secretary Sunday School, N. B. and P. E. I.

D. K. ROSS, B. A., Lorne; Sunny Brae, N. S.

JOHN CAMERON, D.D., Glengarry;

Minister of Dundee, Canada for some time and for many years Parish minister of Dunoon, Scotland, where he died.

JOSEPH HALLIDAY, Glengarry; Orange City, Fla.

Pastor Congregational Church.

### THE MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF STELLARTON.

St. John's Church was organized in connection with the Kirk body. It was an offshoot from St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow. Rev. Wm. M. Phillips was the first minister, inducted in 1863. In 1871, Rev. Chas. A. Dunn was settled over the congregation. He was followed by Rev. E. H. Burgess and Rev. D. M. Matheson. Rev. W. L. Cunningham, the present minister was inducted in 1908.

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Sharon Church is a child of old St. James' Church, New Glasgow. The original Sharon Church was built on the banks of the River, near Dr. Donnelly's house. On the 5th of June, 1856, Rev. A. J. Mowatt, D.D., was settled as the first pastor of the church. Wm. McPherson was the father of the session of Sharon Church. He opened the first Presbyterian Sunday School when there were only eight scholars; and afterwards became the first Superintendent of the Sunday School. Dr. Mowatt was followed by Rev. Thos. Cumming, D.D. who served the church for ten years, 1875-1885. The Church was fortunate in having such able and eloquent ministers at its beginning. Rev. J. H. Turnbull was pastor another ten years, 1885-1895. Rev. Wm. M. Tufts, B.D., became the fourth pastor in 1896, remaining twelve years. Rev. M. S. Fulton was ordained 1909, and resigned in 1913. The present pastor is the Rev. C. C. McIntosh, B.A., inducted 1913.

### MINISTERS BORN IN STELLARTON AND RIVERTON.

GEORGE M. GRANT, D.D., LL.D., Stellarton; Died 1902.

CHAS. M. GRANT, D.D., Stellarton; Dundee, Scotland.  
Retired from the Ministry.

JOHN MORTON, D.D., Stellarton; Died 1913.

THOS. CUMMING, D.D. Stellarton; Stellarton, N. S.  
Retired from the Ministry.

ROBERT CUMMING, D.D., Stellarton; Trinidad, B. W. I.

JAMES FALCONER, Stellarton; Santa Clara, Calif.

PETER A. DUNN, B.D., Stellarton; Arbuthnott, Scotland.  
Minister of the Parish Church, Arbuthnott, Scotland.

WM. H. McDONALD, Stellarton; Denver, Col.

JOSEPH S. MCKAY, Stellarton; Port Hill, P. E. I.

Mr. McKay, well known evangelist, was ordained by presbytery of P. E. I., in 1913.

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**CHAS. J. CONNOLLY, Ph.D.,** Stellarton; Antigonish, N. S.  
St. Francis Xavier College.

**RICHARD GILMORE, D.D.,** Stellarton.

He was born in Scotland but came to N. S. with his parents when four years old. They settled at Plymouth, opposite Stellarton, where they lived for several years. Afterwards they moved to Ohio, U. S. A. His parents were Presbyterians but he entered the Roman Catholic Church and rose to be Bishop of Cleveland, where he died some years ago. He was the author of several religious works.

**EXANDER MCKENZIE, Riverton; Died 1860.**

He was the son of Thos. McKenzie and an uncle of Thos. Grant, Riverton. He went to Upper Canada where he spent most of his ministry. He founded the church at Goderich, Ont. For several years he was an instructor in the grammar schools at Goderich.

**JOHN CAMERON, Riverton; Died 1907.**

His grandparents were among the earliest settlers in Pictou County. He had the distinction of being Dr. McCulloch's last student, and of ministering to him during his last illness. In 1844 he was inducted at Nine Mile River, Gore and Ken-netcook, Elmsdale, where he labored with great energy and faithfulness for 32 years. Later he labored for some years at Bridgewater, N. S. He then retired to Bridgetown, N. S., where he died in the 90th year of his age, and the 63d of his ministry. Mr. Cameron was an ardent friend of education, a fearless champion of temperance.

**ALEXANDER FALCONER, D.D., Riverton; Died 1913.**

He became pastor successively in Zion Church, Charlotte-town; St. James' Church, Dartmouth; Greyfriar's Church, Trinidad; and Prince St. Church, Pictou. In 1906 he was chosen Moderator of the General Assembly. With rare qualifications of head and heart he efficiently discharged the responsible duties pertaining to all the important positions which he occupied during his long and busy life. He was a ripe scholar, and a faithful workman in the service of Christ.

**ALEXANDER CAMERON, Riverton; Died 1913.**

He held pastorates at Middle Stewiacke and Bass River, N. S., and at New London, P. E. I. He gave 31 years of devoted service to the church. He was a brother of Rev. John Cam-eron.

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JAMES D. CAMERON, Riverton; Lonsdale, R. I.

DAVID K. GRANT, M.A., Riverton; Olds, Alberta.

SAMUEL MACNAUGHTON, M.A., Riverton; Preston, England.

Graduate of Dalhousie University, and completed his course in Edinburgh. He settled in the Presbyterian Church at Preston, England, in 1877, where he has since remained. He is a devoted temperance worker and the author of several books, among them, "Doctrine and Doubt", "Our Children for Christ", "The Wines of Scripture".

### THE MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF MIDDLE RIVER INCLUDING WESTVILLE AND GAIRLOCH

St. Phillip's Church was built and completed Jan. 9 1871, with Rev. Wm. M. Phillips in charge. He was succeeded by Rev. Chas. Dunn who resigned in 1887; Rev. T. D. Stewart, 1888-1899; Rev. G. B. McLeod, 1900-1902; Rev. D. M. Gillies, 1902-1903. Rev. W.W. McNairn, present pastor, was inducted, 1904.

The first Carmel Church was erected in 1870, but while the dedication services were in progress, it was burned to ashes. A new church was soon erected, and Rev. John Lees was called to be pastor, 1873 to 1879. Rev. Robt. Cumming, D.D., was called in 1881 and resigned in 1912, closing a most happy and successful pastorate of 31 years. Rev. D. A. Frame is present pastor, 1913.

The first minister in Gairloch was Rev. Hugh McLeod, 1822. The second pastor, was Rev. Donald McIntosh, 1833-1844. The church was vacant for nine years. The next minister was Rev. A. Maclean, 1853-1857. He was also pastor at Saltsprings. Rev. Alex. McKay, 1859-1867. Rev. Neil Brodie was pastor for 13 years. He was followed by Rev. Thos. Irving and Rev. J. C. McLeod. In 1907, the Gairloch and Middle River sections were united with Rev. A. O. Morash, as pastor. Rev. Geo. Christie is the present pastor, inducted in 1911. The present church was built in 1858.

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### MINISTERS BORN IN THIS DISTRICT.

**JOHN D. MURRAY**, Middle River; Died 1906.

He was settled at Port Hill, P. E. I., in 1865. He held pastorates at Moncton, Buctouche and Red Bank, N. B. He died, aged 72 years, of which he had been 41 years in the ministry.

**ALEXANDER McBEAN**, Middle River; Deceased.

Secretary for the British American and Tract Society, Halifax, for many years.

**DUNCAN R. CROCKETT**, Middle River; Deceased.

For some years he rendered good service to the church in N. B. In 1882 he went to the U. S. locating at Greenwood, Mo. In 1891 he was called as Home Missionary in the Indian Territory, where he labored for many years among the Indians.

**JOHN THOS. CROCKETT**, Middle River; Deceased.

Pastor of the Adventist Church, Nashville, Tenn. and other places. Both sons of the late John Crockett, Middle River. Their mother was a daughter of Rev. Duncan Ross, West River.

**WM. DOUGLAS**, Middle River; Died 1904.

He was born in 1856, studied at the Moody Institute, Chicago; for seven years engaged in Evangelistic work; for seven years pastor in Minnesota. In 1904, he went to the Pacific Coast. He died at Portland, Ore.

**A. MURRAY PORTER**, B.A., Alma.

Graduated Union Theological Seminary, N. Y., 1914.

**JOHN R. DOUGLAS**, B. A., Concord; Lake Megantic, P. Q.

**ALEX. ROBINSON**, Concord; Died 1904.

Educated at the Springfield School of Workers. Settled in Nebraska, 1888, and afterwards in Wyoming. Died in Boulder, Col.

**DUNCAN McDONALD**, Gairloch; Strathcona, Alta.; Retired.

**ROBERT McDONALD**, Gairloch.

Brother of Duncan McDonald, a student for the ministry, Free Church College, Halifax. Died of smallpox, Jan. 12, 1850.



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WALTER ROSS, Millbrook; Died 1882.

He was settled at Carleton Place, Ont., in 1862, where he did faithful work. This was his only pastorate. He died in the 48th year of his age.

A. H. DENOON, B.D., Westville; Antigonish, N.S.

THOS. JOHNSTONE, Westville; Maxville, Ont.

CHAS. CUMMING, Ph. D., Westville,

Professor in the Theological Hall, San Fernando, Trinidad.  
Son of Rev. Robert Cumming, D.D.

JOHN KINGON, Westville; Park River, Minn.

J. H. HAMILTON, B.A., Westville; New Waterford, C. B.

JOHN P GERRIOR, Granton; Oakland, Calif.

### MINISTERS AND CHURCHES IN McLENNAN'S MOUNTAIN, BLUE MOUNTAIN, EAST RIVER ST. MARY'S AND BARNEY'S RIVER

Hugh Fraser, who came to Pictou on the *Hector* settled on McLennan's Brook. One son, Donald, known as Donald Miller came with him. Another son, John, long known as John Squire arrived a few years later. John McLennan another *Hector* passenger settled at the mouth of McLennan's Brook and gave his name to that stream.

Rev. Donald A. Fraser was the first settled minister in McLennan's Mountain, 1817 to 1837. The second pastor was Rev. Alex. McGillivray, 1838 to 1862. Rev. Wm. Stewart succeeded him in 1863, and was pastor for 44 years. In 1908 McLennan's Mountain congregation and McLennan's Brook united and Rev. E. A. Kirker had charge for two years. The present pastor Rev. Wm. Dawson, B.D., was settled in 1910.

The first settlers at Blue Mountain came from Glen Urquhart, Scotland in 1818. The first church was built about 1834. The walls were built of logs, as boards had to be sawed by hand. The second church was erected in 1856, and the present church, in 1906. From 1834 to 1850 they had no regular pastor, but occasional supplies. The first settled minister was Rev. D. B. Blair, from 1850

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to 1890 when he resigned, and Blue Mountain and Garden of Eden became a separate charge. Other pastors were Rev. D. M. Henderson, Rev. E. J. Rattee, and Rev. F. L. Jobb. Present pastor, Rev. W. H. Sweet, came in June 1909.

The first settlers of Barney's River were from the Highlands of Scotland. William McKenzie settled at Barney's River in 1807. He had six sons who were all land surveyors and roadmakers. John, the eldest son had a high name as a civil engineer. He acted as assistant to James Crearer, Pictou, in locating and building the Albion Mines Railroad. He was a number of years in the Crown Land office, Halifax.

Adam, second son, was for many years supervisor of roads from Colchester County to the strait of Canso. James was deputy surveyor for the County of Inverness. Francis spent much time in Cape Breton making roads. Hugh, the youngest son, was for many years a surveyor in South Africa.

Donald Bruce came to Pictou in the ship *Harmony* in 1822 and settled at Upper Barney's River. Angus McKay, Donald McKay, Donald Douglass, John McLeod and Alexander Grant came on the same ship. Margaret, daughter of Donald Bruce married Edward Jackson, Pine Tree. George, his second son married Christy, daughter of Hector Murray, by whom he had Hector and other children. He was an elder under Dr. Blair.

Donald Robertson came from Perthshire, in 1801 and settled above Avondale in 1819. He died in 1834 aged seventy three years, leaving a large family. His wife died in 1870, aged one hundred years, one month and one day. They had forty-eight grandchildren, of whom Rev. Hugh A. Robertson, D.D., Erromanga, is one.

Angus Murray, a native of Sutherlandshire, married Elizabeth McKay, by whom he had William, Andrew, and three daughters. He came to Pictou with his family in

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1812. He taught school in New Glasgow for some time. His eldest son, William married in 1821 and had Angus, Andrew, Helen, Jane, Eliza and Mary. Eliza was married to William Murray, at Grand Narrows, C. B. and was the mother of the present premier of Nova Scotia. Premier Murray narrowly escaped being born a Pictonian.

In 1830 a church was erected at Kenzieville. It stood near the Cemetery. At the same time a church was built at Lower Barney's River, near John Copeland's place. Rev. D. McKichan, Kirk minister, was pastor of the two churches for many years.

In 1846, Rev. D. B. Blair, Free Church, came to Barney's River and for 40 years was minister of the Free Church congregation. Other ministers of the Kirk were: Revs. James Mair, James McDonald, A. J. McKichan, J. R. McDonald, J. A. Cairns, E. Gillies, and D. K. Ross. The present pastor, Rev. Wm. MacDonald, came Feb. 25, 1913.

The present church at East River St. Mary's was completed in 1873, when the Kirk and the Free Church united. The following ministers served the congregation: Revs. Hugh McKenzie, Alex. Campbell, C. B. Pitblado, Robt. Cumming, John Ferry, Andrew Boyd, J. D. McFarlane, A. D. Sterling, and Wm. MacDonald. Rev. J. H. Kirk is the present pastor.

### MINISTERS BORN IN THIS SECTION

WM. FRASER, D.D., McLennan's Brook; Died 1892.

Dr. Fraser was born at McLennan's Brook, May 19, 1808. He received his academic and theological education at Pictou Academy of which Dr. McCulloch was then the head. At the age of twenty-six he was sent as a missionary to Upper Canada, and a year later, was settled at Bond Head, Ontario, his first and only pastorate. Here he labored most faithfully for forty-six years until his retirement in 1881 when he removed to Barrie.

He was active in educational work; an earnest advocate of temperance and always a close attendant on church courts. In 1851 he was appointed clerk of the U. P. Synod; at

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the union of 1861 to the Joint Clerkship of the Canada Presbyterian Synod; and in 1875, to the Joint Clerkship of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He continued in this office until 1892, in his 85th year.

Dr. Fraser was a man of calm, judicial spirit, excellent business qualities, unvarying industry and punctuality and always in perfect health till his latest years. He died on Christmas day, 1892. He was thrice married. In 1834 to Jane Geddie, sister of the Rev. John Geddie, by whom he had three children. Second, to Nancy McCurdy of Onslow, N. S., in 1844. Three sons of this marriage were Rev. J. B. Fraser, M. D., Annan, Ont., Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, D.D., Editor and Business Manager, Presbyterian Publications, Toronto; and W. H. Fraser, M.A., Professor of Spanish and Italian, University of Toronto. Miss Jane Wells Fraser, daughter of the Rev. R. D. Fraser, D.D., is assistant editor of the Presbyterian Publications.

Third, he married Maria James Nicholas of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and the children of this marriage were: George A. H. Fraser, M.A., Barrister, Denver, Colorado; and Miss Emma M. N. Fraser, M.A., Ph.D., Wheaton College, Norton, Mass.

### SIMON FRASER, McLennan's Brook; Died 1912.

He was a son of Alexander Fraser and Margaret Campbell, daughter of Alexander Campbell, Elder, McLennan's Brook. He was a graduate of Free Church College, Halifax. He settled in New Brunswick for some time, but went to Texas where he spent the remainder of his ministry. He died in the seventy-eighth year of his age.

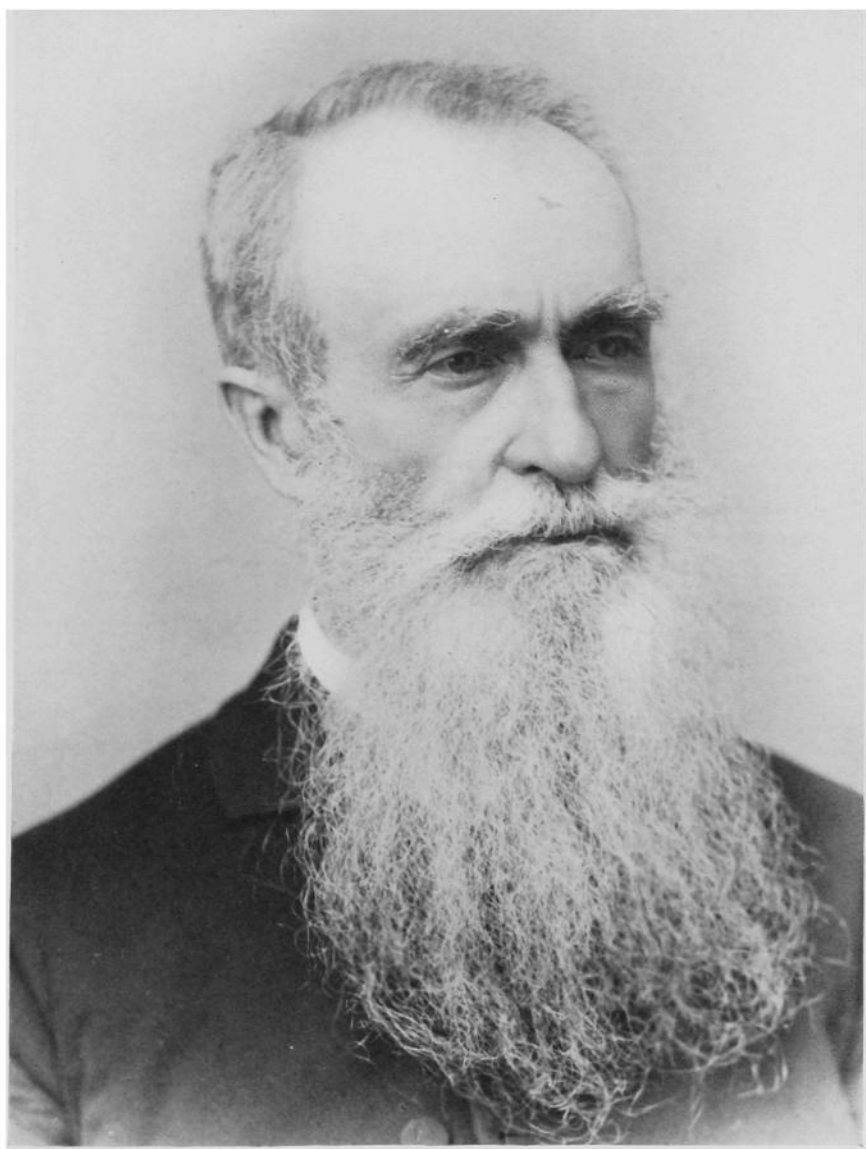
### ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, McLennan's Brook; Died 1908.

He was born in 1855. His first pastorate was at Noel, 1887; the second, Merigomish, 1892. He died in the 53d year of his age. His death came most unexpectedly. Having gone to Noel to attend the funeral of a loyal supporter of the Presbyterian Church, he was stricken while in the pulpit, and in a short time passed away in the same pulpit in which he began his ministry.

"How beautiful it is for man to die,  
Upon the walls of Zion! To be called  
Like a watch-worn and weary sentinel  
To put his armour off—and rest—in heaven."

### WM. MCHARDY, McLennan's Brook.

Died while preparing for the ministry.



REV. WILLIAM FRASER, D. D.



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JOHN F. FORBES, Blue Mountain; Died 1905.

He was born in 1834; received his education in Halifax and in Princeton Seminary. He was ordained 1867, as pastor of Union Centre and Lochaber, where he labored for 19 years. In 1886 he accepted a call to Durham, and from there, 8 years later, to St. Andrew's Church, Sydney, C. B. In all these charges he served with fidelity and success. He died in the 71st year of his age.

ADAM G. FORBES, Blue Mountain.

He came to Pictou when an infant; educated at the Free Church College, Halifax; his first charge was at Buctouche, N. B. From there he went to Ontario and some years later with a colony of his people, he went to No. Dakota, where he died in 1894.

GEO. M. ROSS, B.A., Blue Mountain, North Honan, China.

DAVID C. ROSS, B.A., Blue Mountain; Lower Stewiacke, N. S.

ALEX. L. FRASER, B.D., Blue Mountain, Great Village, N. S.

Published three volumes of poems. "Sonnets and other Verses", "At Life's Windows", "Fugitives".

HUGH MILLER, M.A., Garden of Eden; Glace Bay, C. B.

SAMUEL MCINTOSH, Garden of Eden; Deceased.

Student for the ministry.

REV. A. MACLEAN SINCLAIR, LL.D., Glenbard; Hopewell, N. S.

Rev. A. Maclean Sinclair is the highest authority in Canada on the Gaelic language and literature, and owns one of the best Gaelic libraries on the continent. He is also recognized in the Old Country as an eminent Gaelic scholar and student. He is the author of "Clarsach Na Coille", a collection of Gaelic hymns and songs, "Gaelic Bards", from 1411 to 1825, "The Mac Bards", two vols; "The Clan Gillean, or the History of the Macleans". This is a large and handsome octavo volume, and is the standard work on the history of the Clan. He is a regular contributor to the Celtic Magazine, Edinburgh, and other periodicals. He is a grandson of John Maclean, the well known Gaelic poet. In 1907, he was appointed lecturer in the Gaelic Language and Literature in Dalhousie University.

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**JAMES MCGREGOR MACKAY**, East River St. Mary's;  
Died 1911.

His father was Alex. MacKay, one of the first settlers at East River St. Mary's. He prosecuted his studies at West River Seminary, being one of Dr. Ross' first students. In 1855 he was inducted into the charge of Parrsboro, which at that time had ten preaching stations, and was forty miles in length. In 1860 he was called to Economy and Five Islands where he remained for 18 years. His next charge was at Woodstock, N. B. In 1884 he accepted a call to Shediac. After 37 years of service he retired, in 1892, to New Glasgow, where he died in the 93d year of his age. His physical powers were remarkable. As a preacher he was evangelical; as a presbyter he was loyal to the Church; as a friend his hospitality was unailing. It is noteworthy that he never missed a meeting of Synod; never had a month's holiday, and, during his public ministry, there were only two Sabbaths on which he was unable to preach.

**SAMUEL C. GUNN, D.D.**, East River St. Mary's; Boston,  
Mass.

For nearly twenty years minister of Scotch Church, Boston.  
Retired from the Ministry.

**WM. GUNN**, East River St. Mary's; Died 1900.

Mr. Gunn was educated at Colgate University, N. Y., and was a pastor of the Baptist denomination. His first charge was at Springfield, N. Y. In 1878 he was appointed Chaplain of the Prison, Fort Madison, Iowa. For 20 years he served in this capacity, and accomplished a great work in the reformation of the inmates of the prison.

**ADAM GUNN**, East River St. Mary's; Died 1903.

Mr. Gunn was pastor for 16 years at Gore and Kennetcook, N. S., and at Cardigan, P. E. I., 10 years. In 1902 he went to the Northwest, but in the following year he died.

**A. D. GUNN**, East River St. Mary's; Died 1898.

In 1883 he was called to Upper Stewiacke, where he labored for four and a half years, until failing health compelled him to resign. He was a brother of Rev. S. C. Gunn of Boston.

**DUNCAN CAMERON**, East River St. Mary's; Pittsburg, Pa.  
Rev. A. G. Cameron, B. Sc., Sylvania, Pa. and Rev. A. H. Cameron, M.A., Detroit, Mich., are cousins of Rev. Duncan Cameron.



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WM. A. MASON, B.A., East River St. Mary's; Wetaskiwin, Alta.

JOHN S. CLARK, East River St. Mary's; Minneapolis, Minn.

Prof. of Latin, University of Minneapolis.

HUGH A. ROBERTSON, D.D., Barney's River; Erromanga, New Hebrides.

Author, "Erromanga, the Martyr Isle".

A. J. MCKICHAN, Barney's River; Winnipeg, Man.  
Retired from the Ministry.

A. D. SUTHERLAND, Barney's River; Fort Sill, Okla.  
Chaplain Field Artillery, United States Army.

L. A. MACLEAN, B.A., Barney's River; Danville, Quebec.

WM. CRAIGIE, Barney's River; Died 1890.  
Pastor, Baptist Church.

ALEX. J. MCLEOD, Barney's River; Denmark, N. S.  
Pastor, Baptist Church.

WM. GORDON, Barney's River.  
Pastor of the Methodist Church. He labored in California, where he died in 1904.

### MINISTERS AND CHURCHES IN MERIGOMISH, SUTHERLAND'S RIVER, THORBURN, LITTLE HARBOR AND BAILEY'S BROOK

The present church at Merigomish was built in 1869. The French River Church, in 1861 or 1862. The two churches maintained a separate existence from 1860 to about 1895, when they were united into one charge. The ministers in order of induction were: Revs. Wm. Patrick, A. P. Miller, K. J. Grant, H. McD. Scott, Daniel McGregor, C. S. Lord, Wm. R. Muir, Alex. Campbell, and A. S. Weir. The present pastor is A. F. Fisher, B. D., April 13, 1911.

Rev. Mr. Cock of Truro preached the first sermon in Merigomish at Morrison's house, about 1784. The first elders were Walter Murray, John Small, and George Roy.

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The first settlers at Sutherland's River were from the Highlands of Scotland. The River was named after Sutherland, whose son, John, was the first child baptized belonging to Sutherland's River. Feb. 3, 1854 a site was bought for a church and the people proceeded to build. The congregation was made up of members from the three branches of the Presbyterian Church: the Kirk, the Free Church and the Presbyterian Church of N. S., united. This was the first union Presbyterian Church in the Province.

The Congregation of Thorburn was organized in 1875, and the two made one charge. Rev. W. T. Bruce, M.D. was called in 1876, and resigned in Jan. 1881. Rev. Isaac Murray, D.D. was inducted pastor in 1882; Rev. A. W. McLeod 1885; Rev. James A. Mackenzie 1899. His successor was Rev. John Harris, 1912. James W. McLean has been clerk of the Session for 28 years, and choir leader for over 40 years.

The Little Harbor Congregation was organized in 1864, and Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland was the first pastor. He was followed by Rev. Wm. Maxwell in 1868, who also had charge of Fisher's Grant. During his ministry the church was built. He resigned in 1880, and the pastors who succeeded him were: Revs. Robert Laird, McLeod Harvey, John B. Maclean, John W. Penman, R. J. Douglass, A. D. McIntosh and A. J. McDonald (1910) the present pastor.

### MINISTERS BORN AND BRED IN THIS DISTRICT

JOHN CAMPBELL, Merigomish; Deceased.

For some years he was pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, and for 18 years minister of Buccleuch parish Church, Edinburgh, Scotland, where he died.

ISAAC S. SIMPSON, Merigomish; Chicago, Ill.

WM. H. SMITH, B.D., Ph.D., Merigomish; Fredericton, N. B.

Pastor, St. Paul's Church.

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- EDWIN SMITH, M.A., Merigomish; McLeod, Alta.  
A. A. SMITH, B. A., Merigomish; Verschoyle, Ont.  
F. W. THOMPSON, B.A., Merigomish; St. John, N. B.  
Pastor, Calvin Church.
- LAWRENCE B. CAMPBELL, Merigomish.  
Theol. Student. Son of late Rev. Alexander Campbell.
- W. B. MACDONALD, Merigomish; Lourdes, N. S.  
Pastor of the Roman Catholic Church.
- JOHN CHISHOLM, B.A., Sutherland's River; Montreal, Can.  
Pastor, Victoria Church.
- ALEX. W. MCKAY, Sutherland's River; Deceased.  
Pastor for some time at Streetsville, Ont.
- JAMES M. SUTHERLAND, Sutherland's River; E. Pepperell,  
Mass.  
Pastor, Methodist Church.
- JOHN LAMONT, Sutherland's River; Deceased.  
Graduated but never had a charge. For many years he was  
a successful colporteur for the National Bible Society, in the  
Maritime Provinces.
- JOHN A. MACGLASHEN, B.D., French River; Bridgeport,  
C. B.
- A. W. POLLOCK, B.A., French River; Deceased.  
Student in Theology. Drowned at French River.
- JAMES A. MCLEAN, B.A., Thorburn; Mahone Bay, N. S.
- JOHN J. MACDONALD, Thorburn; Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Pastor, South Presbyterian Church.
- WM. MACPHERSON, Thorburn; Waterville, N. S.
- A. S. WEIR, Thorburn; Swan River, Manitoba.
- J. F. MCKAY, Thorburn; Clyde River, N. S.
- WILLIAM FORBES, B.A., Little Harbor; Tatamagouche,  
N. S.
- G. ERNEST FORBES, B.A., Little Harbor; New Glasgow,  
N. S.  
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church.
- JOHN G. GOLQUHOON, B.A., Little Harbor; Millerton, N. B.

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- EDWIN H. BURGESS, Little Harbor; Sydney, C. B.  
Editor, "Canadian Commonwealth". Author "At the Place  
which is called Calvary", a volume of sermons, and "For  
Canada and the Old Flag".
- THOMAS F. MCGREGOR, Chance Harbor; Hawarden, Sask.

### THE FOLLOWING ARE CLERGYMEN OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

- DONALD MACKINNON, Ardness; Died at Grand Narrows,  
C. B.
- DUGAL MACKINNON, Ardness; Died at Dundas, Ont.
- J. J. MACKINNON, Ardness; Bailey's Brook, N. S.
- C. F. MACKINNON, Bailey's Brook; Sydney Mines, C. B.
- M. W. MACKINNON, D.C.L., Lismore; Vancouver, B. C.
- DONALD M. MCGREGOR, D.D., Lismore; Judique, C. B.
- RONALD MACDONALD, Lismore; Pictou, N. S.

### MINISTERS AND CHURCHES IN WEST RIVER AND GREEN HILL

The West River is one of the oldest congregations in the County. Rev. Duncan Ross took the pastoral oversight of the congregation in 1795 and continued to be pastor for 39 years. He was succeeded by his son, Rev. James Ross, D. D., who was inducted in 1835, and resigned in 1852.

James Watson followed him and remained for 5 years. In 1858 the congregation was divided into two separate charges. The one known as Central Church called Rev. James Thomson and the other congregation, Rev. George Roddick. At the close of 20 years' service, both resigned, when a reunion was effected, in 1879, and Rev. A. W. McLeod settled as pastor. In 1886 Rev. J. F. Forbes was inducted and Green Hill was united with West River. Rev. J. R. Coffin was called in 1895 and Rev. C. J. Crowdis in 1907. The present pastor is Rev. A. H. Foster, inducted



GROUP OF CHURCHES

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| 1 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SPRINGVILLE | 5 HOPEWELL VILLAGE AND CHURCH |
| 2 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DURHAM      | 6 SALEM CHURCH, RIVER JOHN    |
| 3 ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SCOTSBURN     | 7 ST. JAMES CHURCH, PICTOU    |
| 4 SHARON CHURCH, STELLARTON        | 8 VILLAGE OF SUNNY BRAE       |
| 9 CARMEL CHURCH, WESTVILLE         |                               |



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in 1913. The West River congregation has always been a centre of educational and missionary endeavor.

The church at Green Hill was built in 1848. Rev. George Patterson, D.D., was the first minister, inducted 1849, resigned 1876. Rev. William Stuart was pastor 1877 to 1884. The other pastors were: Revs. Forbes, Coffin, Crowdis and Foster.

### NAMES OF MINISTERS BORN IN THIS DISTRICT, WITH PLACE OF BIRTH AND ADDRESSES OF THOSE STILL LIVING

JAMES ROSS, D.D., West River; Died 1886.

EBENEZER ROSS, West River; Died 1891.

Mr. Ross was inducted at Folly Village, 1849, and remained in this, his only charge until 1877, a ministry of 28 years. He then resigned on account of ill health, and removed to Truro, where he resided until his death. He was possessed of rare vigor and much learning.

DUNCAN McDONALD, West River; Deceased.

He was a member of the first class of theological students under Dr. McCulloch.

JOHN McDONALD, West River; Deceased.

Student for the ministry.

JOHN J. RICHARDS, West River; Died 1889.

Mr. Richard's whole ministry was spent in Brockville Presbytery, Ontario, where he was held in high esteem as a faithful pastor and preacher.

JAMES D. MURRAY, West River; Died 1914.

ANGUS MCKENZIE, West River; Died 1911.

He went to Kansas in 1872, and to the Pacific Coast in 1874 where nearly all his ministry was spent. He married Anna McPherson, Nova Scotia, in 1888. He was a faithful minister and did good work in the organization of new churches.

JOHN D. MCLEAN, West River; Deceased.

Missionary to Japan.

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D. STILES FRASER, B.A., Durham; Elderbank, N. S.  
His son, E. J. O. Fraser, B.A., was appointed Missionary to Korea in 1914.

JOHN M. MACLEOD, West River; Deceased.

Mr. Macleod was one of the first who received his education at the West River Seminary. In 1853 he began his ministry at Richmond Bay, P. E. I., where he spent 6 years. His next pastorage was at Newport, N. S. From there he went to Knox Church, New Glasgow, N. S. In 1871 he was called to Zion Church, Charlottetown, where for 18 years he labored with zeal and success. He left the island in 1889 and went to Vancouver, to minister to a new congregation. Mr. Macleod was a vigorous preacher and a faithful pastor, and his memory is cherished in all his congregations. He was the author of "The History of Presbyterianism in Prince Edward Island".

WILLIAM McC. THOMSON, M.A., Durham; Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Pastor, Greyfriars Church.

A. W. THOMSON, M.A., Durham; Pictou, N. S.

Sons of the late Rev. James Thomson.

D. McDONALD CLARK, B.A., Durham; Middle Stewiacke, N. S.

DAVID CLARK, Durham; Died 1882.

He was a son of the late David Clark, elder, and had the ministry in view.

HENRY MACDONALD, Durham; Deceased.

He died at Paterson, N. J., in 1899, just after being ordained.

D. G. COCK, M.A., West River; Mhow, Central India.

FOREST L. FRASER, Durham; Penn Yan, N. Y.

Pastor, Baptist Church.

JOHN McLEAN, M.A., Green Hill; Died 1837.

ALEX. BLAIKIE, D.D., Green Hill; Died 1885.

Born 1804, educated at Pictou Academy and Halifax, a Missionary in the Western States, 1831-1835. In 1836 he became pastor at York, N. Y. and continued for nine years. In 1846 he came to Boston and established a congregation in connection with the United Presbyterian Church, and continued pastor of it until he retired in 1880. His work in



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Boston was marked by great labor and patience. He was the author of "Philosophy of Sectarianism", and "History of Presbyterianism in New England", and other works. William Blaikie, author, lawyer, athlete, was his son.

**JOHN W. MCKENZIE, D.D.**, Green Hill; Australia.

Retired from Missionary Work.

**JAMES A. MACKENZIE, B.A.**, Green Hill; Elmsdale, N. S.

**EDWARD GRANT**, Green Hill; Died 1894.

In 1869 he was inducted at Kempt and Walton, and in 1872 was called to Upper Stewiacke to succeed the late Rev. Prof. Smith, D.D., and from that, in 1891, to Middle Musquodoboit, to succeed the late Rev. Dr. Sedgwick. Mr. Grant was 52 years of age, and for nearly 25 years he was a most faithful minister in the Church.

**D. W. CAMERON**, Green Hill; Died 1903.

For many years Mr. Cameron was the pastor of Presbyterian Churches in Canada and the United States, but in later years entered the Church of England at Yonkers, N. Y., where he died.

**JOHN G. CAMERON**, Green Hill; Died 1897.

He was educated at Princeton Seminary, and ordained at the early age of twenty-one. The whole of his ministry was spent in Prince Edward Island, where he was greatly beloved as a man and a minister. His charges were in Bonshaw, Souris and Murray Harbor.

**GEORGE GORDON MAHY, D.D.**, Green Hill; Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary of the General Assembly's Committee on Evangelism, Presbyterian Church in U. S. A.

**THOMAS McLEAN**, Green Hill; Deceased.

Was preparing himself for missionary work when he died.

**NORMAN G. REID**, Green Hill; Halifax, N. S.

Theological Student.

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### MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF SCOTSBURN, INCLUDING ROGERS HILL AND PLAINFIELD

St. John's Church (Kirk) was built in 1838. It was the first church in the place and is still standing. Rev. R. Macaulay and Rev. D. McConnachie were the first ministers. Rev. John Sinclair was pastor for five years. In 1860 Rev. John Goodwill was inducted and resigned in 1871 to go as missionary to New Hebrides. The last minister of the Kirk church was the Rev. J. W. Fraser who spent his whole ministry at Scotsburn.

The Free Church was formed, after the disruption, in 1844, and in 1862 Bethel Church was built. Rev. Alex. Sutherland was the first minister. The other pastors in order of induction were: Revs. Alex. Stirling, 1871; J. A. Cairns, 1887; Thos. Cumming, D.D., 1898; W. A. Ross, 1908. Upon Mr. Fraser's retirement in 1907, St. John's Church and Bethel were united. Rev. A. D. Stirling is the present pastor, inducted 1910.

### MINISTERS BORN IN THIS DISTRICT

JOHN MURRAY, Scotsburn, Stanley Bridge, P. E. I.  
Retired from the Ministry.

JAMES MURRAY, B.D., D.D., Scotsburn; Toronto, Ont.  
Pastor, Erskine Church.

ROBERT C. MURRAY, Scotsburn; Died in India, 1888.

GEORGE MURRAY, Scotsburn; Nicola, B. C.  
Retired from the Ministry.

JOHN GORDON, Scotsburn; Nelson, B. C.

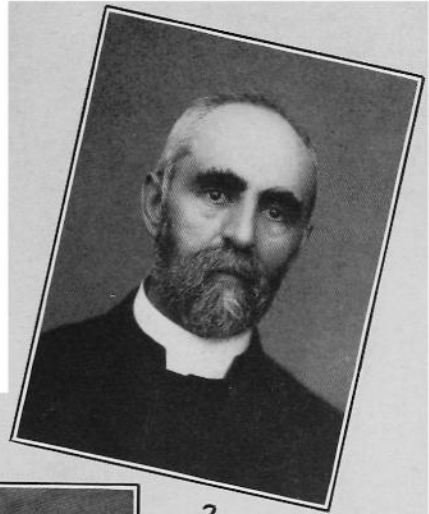
AENEAS GORDON, Scotsburn, Kings Kettle, Fifeshire,  
Scotland.

HUGH McLEOD, Scotsburn.

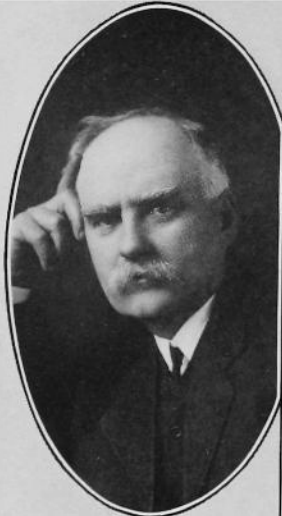
Born 1826, graduated, Amherst College 1851, studied, Bangor Theological Seminary. Settled in Springfield, Ohio, as pastor of the Congregational Church. In 1857 went to New Hampshire, where he spent the most of his ministerial life. During the Civil War he served honorably as Chaplain in the Army. He died at Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 19, 1900.



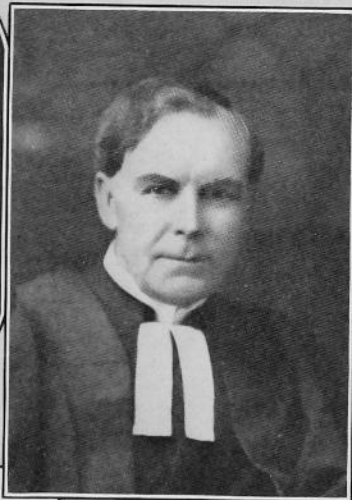
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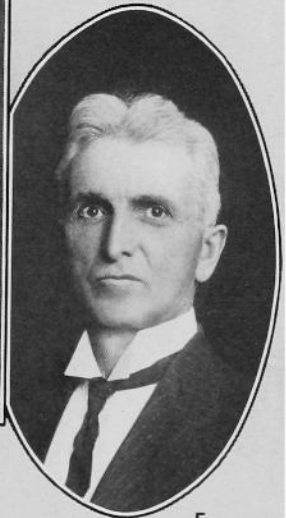
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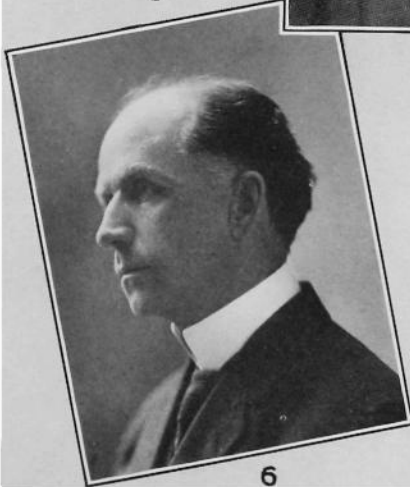
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MINISTERS OF TODAY

1 JAMES A. MACKENZIE  
2 D. STILES FRASER

3 H. W. FRASER, D. D.  
4 JAMES MURRAY, D. D.  
7 WM. H. BURNS, D. D.

5 DUNCAN CAMERON  
6 HUGH R. GRANT



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**DANIEL W. McLEOD**, Scotsburn; Hollywood, Calif.

Relinquished his studies for the ministry on account of ill health. Prominent elder on the Pacific Coast for many years.

**ISAAC MURRAY, D.D.**, Scotsburn; Died 1906.

He received his theological training in West River Seminary, and Princeton Seminary, N. J. In 1849 he was inducted pastor of the congregation of Cavendish and New London, P. E. I., successor to Dr. Geddie. Here he labored for 27 years, wielding a large influence not only as a minister, but as an educationist and writer. In 1877 he was called to Thorburn and Sutherland's River. Here he remained for seven years, when he was settled in North Sydney, where he remained until his retirement in 1896. Dr. Murray was a man of fine attainments, and one of the most faithful in his attendance upon Church courts.

**J. ALLISTER MURRAY**, Scotsburn; Died 1894.

In 1857 he was settled at Annapolis, N. S. Three years later he accepted a call to Bathurst, N. B. He afterwards removed to Ontario where he labored during the remainder of his life. His chief work was at London, Ont., where he ministered for about twenty years. Mr. Murray was a very effective and forcible preacher. He was a brother of the Rev. Isaac Murray.

**A. D. STIRLING, B.A.**, Scotsburn; Scotsburn, N. S.

**JOHN STIRLING, B.A.**, Scotsburn; Cavendish, P. E. I.

Sons of the late Rev. Alexander Stirling.

**JOHN STEWART**, Scotsburn; Deceased.

Student for the ministry. He entered Dal. Univ., 1874 and won a scholarship. During his second year in college he died, aged twenty-three. He was a young man of fine ability.

**HUGH McINTOSH**, Scotsburn; Deceased.

**ALEX. McKENZIE**, Scotsburn; Deceased.

Mr. McIntosh and Mr. McKenzie were both students for the ministry and promising young men.

**E. D. MILLER, D.D.**, Rogers Hill. Died 1909.

Rev. Mr. Miller was a grandson of Rev. Duncan Ross. After a successful course of study he was ordained, on Oct. 28, 1872, in Shelburne. After he left Shelburne he labored with great zeal and energy in Lunenburg and Yarmouth, and was eminently successful in both places. After 16 years of work in Yarmouth he was called to Chalmer's Church, Halifax.

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He settled there in 1907. He was an instructive preacher, a sympathetic pastor, and deeply interested in all the enterprises of the Church. His ministry spanned thirty-six very busy years.

DUNCAN MILLER, Rogers Hill; Deceased.

JAMES MILLER, Rogers Hill; Deceased.

Brothers of the Rev. E. D. Miller, and died while preparing for the ministry.

JOHN W. MATHESON, Rogers Hill; Died in New Hebrides, 1862.

ANDERSON ROGERS, D.D., Rogers Hill.; Halifax, N. S.

Dr. Rogers enjoys the honor of having formed the first Christian Endeavor Society in N. S., at Yarmouth, in 1885.

JAMES FITZPATRICK, B.A., Rogers Hill; New Annan, N.S.

JOHN R. FITZPATRICK, Rogers Hill; Died 1893.

Educated at Dalhousie and Presbyterian College, Halifax. Settled at Carleton, N. B., but resigned on account of ill health. He was brother of the Rev. James Fitzpatrick.

RODERICK MCKAY, B.D., Rogers Hill; Kingston, Ont.

JOHN A. FRASER, Rogers Hill; Oakland, Calif.

ROBERT MURRAY, Rogers Hill; O'Leary, P. E. I.

WILLIAM B. MACCALLUM, Rogers Hill; New Richmond, Quebec.

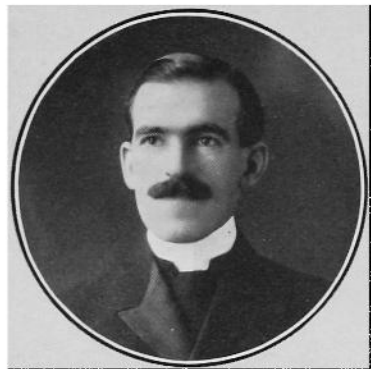
RODERICK C. JACKSON, Rogers Hill; Farmington, New Mexico.

ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND, Plainfield; Died 1897.

He was born in Lairg, Scotland, 1816. While a child his parents came to Nova Scotia. He was sent to Edinburgh to complete his education, and at the age of 28, he entered upon the ministry. His first charge in Pictou Presbytery, was 40 miles in extent. In seven years four congregations were organized and five new churches. In 1852 he removed to Prince Edward Island, where he labored for seven years and organized four congregations with two new churches. A call was sent to him three times from his former field, the third time urging him to return on the ground that four congregations that hesitated would enter the union of 1860 if he should return, which he did, and these congregations entered



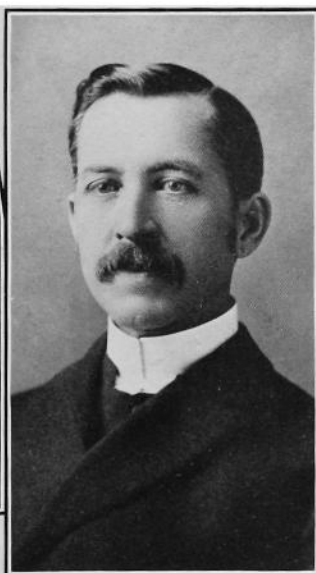
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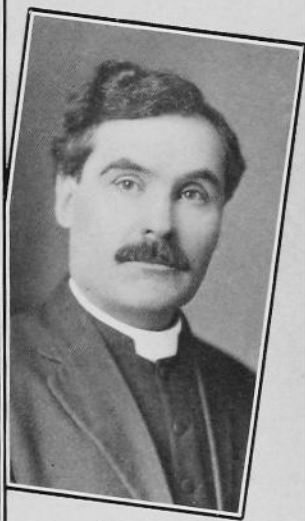
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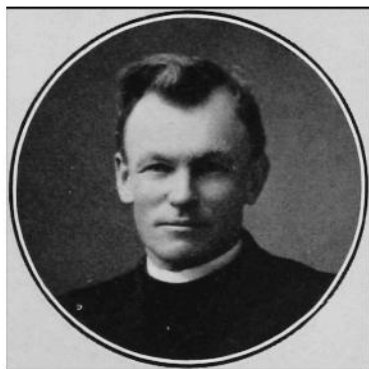
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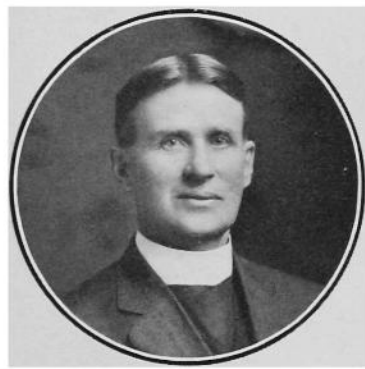
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MINISTERS OF TODAY

1 J. R. DOBSON  
2 WILLIAM P. GRANT

3 WILLIAM H. SMITH  
4 ANDERSON ROGERS, D. D.  
5 F. H. MACINTOSH

6 G. ERNEST FORBES  
7 J. A. MACGLASHEN





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without a dissenting voice. During the next few years he occupied Earltown, West Branch, Scotsburn and Saltsprings, gathering the fruits of seed sown during previous years. In 1874 he went to Canada where he labored until Aug., 1897. His ministerial jubilee was celebrated at Ripley, Ontario, 1896. Seventeen ministers were present and over one thousand people. He was always punctual in fulfilling appointments. Many times did he break the road before his horse through deep snows, while his coat was frozen about him. A large number of the ministers of our church received their first impulses and ideal under his ministry.

**WILLIAM SUTHERLAND**, Plainfield; Deceased.

His whole ministry was spent in Ontario, where he died.

**ALFRED FITZPATRICK**, B.A., Plainfield; Toronto, Ont.

Director and Superintendent of Educational Work among the lumber camps of Canada.

**LUTHER L. YOUNG**, B.A., Millsville; Ham Heung, Korea.

### MINISTERS AND CHURCHES IN THE SALTSPRINGS DISTRICT

The first minister of St. Luke's Church, Saltsprings, was the Rev. Donald McIntosh. He was followed by the Rev. Hugh McLeod, from 1833 to 1844. For seven years the church was vacant. The other ministers in order of induction were: Revs. A. Maclean, D.D., 1851-1857; Alexander McKay, 1859-1867; William McMillan 1868-1876; James Fitzpatrick 1879-1891; Alexander Roulston 1892-1898; A. H. Denoon 1899-1908; Wm. F. Burns 1909-1913.

In 1845, twenty families went out from St. Luke's Church and were organized into a Free Church of Scotland. The following year they began the erection of Ebenezer Church. In 1859 Rev. Alex. Sutherland became minister of the united congregations of Bethel Church, Scotsburn and Ebenezer Church. He was followed by the Rev. Alex. Stirling, 1871, Rev. J. A. Cairns 1887, Rev.

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Thos. Cumming, 1889. In 1908 St. Luke's and Ebenezer churches were formerly united. The present pastor is Rev. A. T. Macdonald.

From 1845 to 1896 West Branch River John was part of the Earltown congregation. In 1896 it was united to St. George's Church, River John. It became a separate charge in 1910 under the Rev. Thomas Johnstone who remained two years. The Rev. C. J. MacInnes, B.A., present pastor was inducted March 3, 1913.

### MINISTERS BORN AND BROUGHT UP IN THIS DISTRICT

HUGH J. FRASER, B.D., Saltspings; Summerside, P. E. I.

NORMAN T. MCKAY, Saltspings; Ready, Ont.

J. FRANK McLEOD, Saltspings; Harbor Creek, Pa.

ALEX. RETTIE, M.A., Saltspings; Millerton, N. B.

DANIEL MCGILLIVRAY, Brookland; Deceased.

He received his early education in Pictou Academy, and took his theological course in Queen's University, Kingston. His first charge was Brockville, Ont., where he ministered for 14 years, after which he settled at London, Ont., where he remained 8 years. He was then called to Lunenburg, N. S., and remained 13 years in this charge, when his health broke down, and he went to British Columbia. He was forty years in the ministry. Mr. McGillivray was a man of genial disposition and his memory is cherished in all the congregations where he ministered.

ANDREW GRAY, Brookland; Murray Harbor West, P. E. I.

ARCHIBALD GUNN, Six Mile Brook.

Studied at Dalhousie University and graduated from the Presbyterian College, Halifax, in 1878. His first charge was at Little Bay, Nfd. From there he was called to Windsor, N. S. He was for seven years minister at St. Andrew's, N. B. and another seven years at Bloomfield, P. E. I. Failing health compelled him to retire from the ministry. He removed to Westville where he made his home for eight years. He died on the evening of Easter, 1912.

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**GEORGE GORDON MATHESON**, Six Mile Brook.; Died 1897.

He attended Pictou Academy in 1887 and studied at Springfield School for Christian Workers. He was ordained to the ministry at Fergus Falls, Minn., 1893. For several years he was Sunday School Missionary in the Red River Presbytery Minn., holding evangelistic services, founding and aiding churches and Sunday Schools. He was an earnest Christian worker.

**ARTHUR ROSS**, M. A., Black River; Dawson, Y. T.

**JOHN S. ROSS**, Black River; Vancouver, B. C.

**JOHN LIVINGSTON**, West River Station; Deceased.

He was pastor of Dundee, Ont., for nine months, when he died. The congregation erected a monument to his memory with the inscription,—“In memory of John Livingston, born at West River Station, Apr. 6, 1821, died in Dundee, Aug. 15, 1860, aged 29 years. He was ordained to the pastoral charge in Dundee Nov. 30, 1859. He was a burning and a shining light.”

**W. A. MACKAY**, B.D., West Branch River John; Blackwater, Ont.

Earlton, adjoining Pictou County on the Colchester side has produced a splendid lot of men in almost every profession and line of calling. Among the clergymen are: Neil McKay, Adam McKay, Robt. Murray, editor of Presbyterian Witness, William Murray, Alexander Ross, Donald Sutherland, A. L. McKay, Angus McDonald, John D. McKay, missionary to South America, James Ross, Geo. A. Sutherland, J. H. Stewart, D. W. McDonald, R. J. Douglass and Melville Grant.

### MINISTERS IN THE SCOTCH HILL, HARDWOOD HILL AND CARIBOO DISTRICT

Some of the families belonging to Scotch Hill and Hardwood Hill, attended the Scotsburn Church. Others worshipped in Pictou. Cape John was formerly connected with St. George's Church, River John. In 1908, Cape John and Cariboo was organized into a separate charge. Rev. G. R. McKean was the only settled minister.

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### MINISTERS BORN IN THIS DISTRICT

**JOHN McMILLAN, D.D.,** Scotch Hill; Halifax, N. S.  
Stated Clerk, Halifax Presbytery.

**GEORGE McMILLAN,** Scotch Hill; Died 1913.

For 16 years he was the faithful minister at Kentville, N. S. Previous to this he ministered to congregations at Malpeque, P. E. I., and Harbor Grace, Nfd. He was a brother of the Rev. John McMillan, Halifax, and a scholarly and impressive preacher.

**A. N. McQUARRIE, B.A.,** Scotch Hill; Died 1909.

Mr. McQuarrie graduated from Queen's University in 1865, and went to Quebec, when for a number of years he was a successful professor in Morrin College. From there he went to Washington, D. C., where he taught for several years. For fifteen years he was a minister in Manitoba. He died at Winnipeg Dec. 1, 1909, aged 70 years. He was a diligent student, an acceptable preacher, and was held in high esteem by those to whom he ministered.

**JOHN CAMPBELL,** Scotch Hill; Died 1873.

Born at Scotch Hill, December, 1809. Studied at Pictou Academy, and Theology under Dr. McCulloch, licensed by the Presbytery of Pictou, April, 1837. Ordained at St. Mary's, 1st November, 1837. Died September 4, 1873. Endowed by nature with strong mental gifts, great powers of physical endurance, animated with the spirit of his Master, he gave himself to his work with energy and zeal, undergoing the most arduous labors, in discharging his duties as a minister over a widely scattered field.

**KENNETH J. GRANT, D.D.,** Scotch Hill; Vancouver, B. C.

**WM. L. CAMPBELL,** Scotch Hill; Yarmouth, N. S.  
Collector of Customs.

**ALEXANDER HAMILTON,** Scotch Hill; Old Orchard, Me.  
Pastor, Methodist Church.

**KENNETH MCKAY,** Hardwood Hill; Died March 28, 1914.

In 1872 he was ordained at Richmond, N. B., where he remained 16 years. In 1888, he became pastor of a mission Church at Houlton, Me., thus organizing the first Presbyterian Church in the state. He resigned in 1910. Mr. McKay was an able and earnest preacher and one of the most genial and lovable

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of men. He married Miss Margaret Grant, a sister of Rev. Dr. K. J. Grant. He is survived by his widow and seven children.

**ALEXANDER MCKAY**, Hardwood Hill; Deceased.

Mr. McKay was the first Nova Scotian who studied for the Church of Scotland, and returned to labor among his countrymen. In 1852 he commenced his ministry in his native parish, Rogers Hill, and at the end of 2 years went to Belfast, P. E. I. From 1859 to 1867, he labored with great success at Gairloch and Saltsprings, N. S. In 1868 he removed to Ontario. He died in the 63d year of his age, and the 35th of his ministry. He was a devoted minister of the Gospel.

**D. O. MACKAY**, B.A., Hardwood Hill; Kingsville, Ohio.

**HECTOR MCQUARRIE**, Hardwood Hill; Deceased.

Settled at Wingham, Ont.

**HECTOR B. MCKAY**, Cariboo; Died 1912.

Mr. McKay was for some time a teacher in the Free Church Academy, Halifax. In 1855, he was ordained at Chipman, where he spent the first 7 years of his ministry. In 1861 he was called to Salem Church, River John, where he labored with great success. This pastorate lasted 24 years. In 1885 he went to Wallace where followed 11 years of great usefulness. He retired from the ministry in 1897, and lived thereafter in Halifax, where he died, at the venerable age of 87 years.

**KENNETH MCKENZIE**, Cariboo; Died 1904.

For a year he was in charge of Baddeck, C. B., before his call and ordination there in 1857. This was his first and only charge. For 35 years he labored here, until his resignation and retirement, in 1891. For 5 years during his ministry he inspected all the schools of Victoria County.

**GEORGE RODDICK**, Cariboo; Died 1910.

In 1858 Mr. Roddick was inducted into the congregation of West River, Pictou, where he was a faithful pastor for 21 years. Then catching the first strain of the call to the west he removed with his family, and a portion of his congregation, to Brandon Hills, Manitoba. There he engaged in farming and preached as opportunity offered. After an absence of 25 years he returned to his native County and settled in the town of Pictou.

**DANIEL MCKAY**, Cariboo; Addison, N. Y.

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MURDOCH, S. MACKAY, B. A., Cariboo; Waweig, N. B.

ALEXANDER MACAULAY, Cariboo; Vancouver, B. C.

ARCHIBALD SUTHERLAND, Cariboo; Trenton, N. S.

Graduate Presbyterian College, Halifax, 1914.

### MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF RIVER JOHN

The early settlers of River John were of Swiss origin. Having undergone untold persecution in their native land, some of them left their native country and came to Halifax, N. S. From thence they proceeded to Lunenburg, where they endured the hardships of the first settlers. In 1772 twelve or thirteen families came to Tatamagouche and formed the first settlers of that place. In 1785 four families: George Patriquin, James Gratto, John Patriquin and George Langill, removed to River John, where they could obtain crown land. They became the first settlers there and had a noble ancestry. The first preaching received by River John's early settlers was by Dr. McGregor. Between Pictou and River John, at this time, there was an unbroken forest. Not a single dweller was to be found along the shore between these two places. The first settled minister was Rev. John Mitchell, who began his labors in 1808, and gave 35 years of service to this congregation. The Rev. James Waddell, was settled over the people in 1844. He resigned in 1858. Mr. Waddell was succeeded by the Rev. H. B. McKay in 1861, who ministered to this people for 24 years. In 1887 the Rev. G. L. Gordon was inducted, and was minister for 21 years. The present pastor is Rev. C. D. McIntosh, settled there Dec. 9, 1909.

Two congregations existed for many years in River John, Salem and St. George's congregations. The latter belonged to the Kirk body and was organized by the Rev. Geo. M. Grant. Its first pastor was the Rev. Robt. McCunn, who was settled in 1863, and spent a long and faithful ministry there. Then followed the Rev. J. A. Crawford

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from 1898 to 1906. In 1896 the Rev. R. J. Grant was ordained. His ministry was a short one, and terminated in his tragic death at Montreal, in 1898. On the 4th of January 1911, the two charges in River John were happily united.

### MINISTERS BORN AND BROUGHT UP IN THIS DISTRICT

DAVID W. JOHNSON, D.D., River John; Truro, N. S.  
Editor of the Wesleyan, organ of the Methodist denomination.

JOHN G. BIGNEY, River John; Hantsport, N. S.  
Retired Methodist minister.

WM. H. LANGILLE, River John; Glace Bay, C. B.  
Pastor, Methodist Church.

ROBERT F. ALLEN, B.A., River John; Annapolis Royal,  
N. S.  
Pastor, Baptist Church.

CHARLES W. ALLEN, River John; Hamilton, N. Y.  
Student Colgate University. Baptist.

JAMES A. FORBES, River John; Earltown, N. S.

PAUL F. LANGILLE, B.A., River John; Fingal, Ont.

GILBERT W. LANGILLE, B.A., River John; Edgerton,  
Alta.

GEORGE P. TATTRIE, B.D., River John; Tabusintac, N.B.

JOHNSON A. HENDERSON, B.A., Toney River; Chicago, Ill.

CHARLES ROSS, Toney River; Deceased.  
Pastor, Congregational Church.

MALCOLM MCKAY, River John; Oxford, Me.  
Pastor, Congregational Church.

A. A. MCKAY, B.A., River John.  
Theological student, Presbyterian College, Halifax.

LINTON DWYER, River John; Pawtucket, R. I.  
Pastor, Episcopal Church.

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PETER MELVILLE, B.D., Cape John; Died 1912.

Mr. Melville was pastor in New Brunswick and at Hopewell, N. S., for many years, where he left a record of efficient work. His scholastic attainments were of a high order. For eight years he studied in the University of Glasgow, and won valuable prizes in sharp competition with many others. He spent the closing years of his ministerial life in a parish in the North of Scotland. He died in Edinburgh in 1912.



## CHAPTER IV

### PICTONIANS IN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

**R**OBERT Louis Stevenson said there are men and classes of men that stand above the common herd—the soldier, the sailor and the shepherd not infrequently, the artist rarely, the clergyman rarelier still, the physician almost as a rule.

On the score of priority in the field the physicians from Pictou may justly enter a claim for precedence over the other professions. For foremost among the little band of settlers, who, on June 10, 1757, arrived aboard the Brig Hope and laid the foundations of the town of Pictou, came Dr. John Harris, an agent of the Philadelphia company.

It is to be taken for granted that Dr. Harris did not depend for a living upon his practice, for the Hope brought only 35 or 40 passengers, all told. Incidentally, it may be remarked that the first white child born in the county came into the world the very night of the arrival of the brig, when the doctor's own family received the addition of a son. He afterward became known as Clerk "Tommy" Harris, having the position of Clerk of Peace for many years. He died in 1809, and was buried in the Pictou cemetery, where a monument stood to his memory, long since fallen, on which was the inscription, "The first descendant of an Englishman born in Pictou." We may add that Dr. Harris' daughter, afterward Mrs. Robert Cook, born in 1769, was the first female child born in Pictou of English parentage.

Since that day, a century and a half ago, generation after generation of his successors carried on their appointed labors, and of many even the names have passed from the memory of men. Naturally, the earliest of these were not natives of the county. Among pioneer physicians of

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Pictou town and vicinity were Dr. Skinner, Dr. Johnstone, Dr. Kirkwood and Dr. Anderson. The physicians who first settled in New Glasgow were Dr. Wade, Dr. James Skinner, Dr. John Fox, Dr. Alexander Forrest, from 1832-1875. Dr. James Donnelly practiced at Albion Mines, now Stellarton, for many years. He was a native of the North of Ireland. He died in 1866 in the fifty-sixth year of his age.

But with the gradual increase of population, of worldly goods and of educational advantages, her young men began to take advantage of their opportunity to qualify themselves for more ambitious careers. The practice of the healing art evidently appealed with force to a considerable proportion as the partial list appearing upon subsequent pages will indicate. It is practically impossible to give a complete list of all the native sons and daughters of Pictou who, since the first settlement, have given themselves to the medical profession. But of this list, it may be said with truth, of all her sons, of none may the county more reasonably feel proud than of those whose names appear herein. Far and wide are they scattered, living or dead, but in whatever place their lot was cast they brought credit to their native land. Not a few arose to eminence in the profession. The county in which they were born today is recognized as a section where the best standards of medical knowledge and professional ethics are maintained.

The list below, with the name, place of birth, alma mater and present address, if living, shows 190 physicians of whom knowledge is available:

ANDERSON, ALEXANDER, M.D., Pictou; Harvard Univ., 1864; Petaluma, Cal.

ANDERSON, SMITH, M.D., Pictou; Univ. N. Y., 1892; Pictou, N. S.

ANDERSON, WALTER, M.D., Pictou; died in Vallejo, Cal.

## PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

- ARBUCKLE, JAMES, M.D., Merigomish; deceased.
- BAILEY, CAMERON, V., M.D., New Glasgow; McGill Univ. 1909; Montreal, Can.
- BAILEY, WILLIAM J., M.D., New Glasgow; Univ. Penn., 1895; Connellsville, Pa.
- BELL, JOHN, M.D., C.M., New Glasgow; McGill Univ., 1898; New Glasgow, N. S.
- BENVIE, ROBERT McLEAN, M.D., C.M., Saltsprings; McGill Univ., 1907; Stellarton, N. S.
- BRUCE, JAMES GARFIELD, M.D., C.M., Barney's River; Dal. Univ., 1908; Westville, N. S.
- BURNS, SAMUEL WESLEY, M.D., New Glasgow; Bell Med. Col., 1864; Shelburne, N. S.
- BURNS, THOMAS M., M.D., New Glasgow; deceased.
- CALDER, ALLISTER, M.D., C.M., Springville; Dal. Univ., 1909; Glace Bay, C. B.
- CALDER, JAMES SQUAIR, M.D., Springville; Harvard Univ. 1886; Los Angeles, Cal.
- CAMERON, ALEXANDER, M.D., Glengarry; Glasgow Univ.; deceased.  
Dr. Cameron settled at Huntington, Quebec, where he was a distinguished and successful practitioner. Brother of Rev. John Cameron, D.D., Scotland.
- CAMERON, CLARENCE B., M.D., C.M., New Glasgow; Dal. Univ., 1911; Halifax, N. S.
- CAMERON, HAROLD, M.D., C.M., River John; Dal. Univ., 1901; River John, N. S.
- CAMERON, JOHN THOMAS, M.D., Hopewell.  
Died at River John, N. S.
- CAMERON, MURDOCH, M.D., Saltsprings; Mexico.
- CAMERON, OWEN HALIBURTON, M.D., River John; Balt. Med. Col., 1892; Maccan Station, N. S.
- CAMERON, WILLIAM, M.D., Saltsprings; deceased.

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CAMPBELL, ALBERT E., M.D., St. Paul's; Univ. of Buffalo  
1886; Chicago, Ill.

Health Officer for the Illinois Central Railway system,  
Chicago, Ill.

CAMPBELL, ALEX. R., B.A., M.D., Merigomish; Dal.  
Univ., 1913; Yarmouth, N. S.

CAMPBELL, DUNCAN, M.D., West Br. River John; Tulane  
Univ., 1891; West Br. River John, N. S.

CAMPBELL, ROBERT, M.D., West Branch River John;  
deceased.

He practiced in River John for a few years, then removed to  
Dartmouth, N. S., where he died.

CHISHOLM, HUGH D., M.D., C.M., Springville; Dal.  
Univ., 1907; Springville, N. S.

CHISHOLM, JAMES, M.D., New Glasgow; McGill Univ.,  
1900; Everett, Wash.

COLLIE, JAMES ROSS, M.D., Middle River; Harvard  
Univ., 1869; River John, N. S.

COLLIE, JOHN R. M., M.D., C.M., River John; Dal.  
Univ., 1911.

Post Graduate course, London, England.

COPELAND, GEORGE, M.D., Merigomish; deceased.

CULTON, ALBERT, M.D., Stellarton; Balt. Med. Col., 1897;  
Port Greville, N. S.

CUMMING, ALLISON, M.D., Stellarton; McGill Univ., 1905;  
Vancouver, B. C.

DELANEY-BARBOUR, ISABEL, M.D., Churchville; Women's  
Med. Col., N. Y; New York City.

DICKSON, CHARLES H., M.D., C.M., Pictou; Dal. Univ.,  
1901; Springfield, N. S.

DICKSON, MINAR S., M.D., Pictou; Univ., N.Y., 1890;  
Dartmouth, N. S.

DOULL, JAMES A., B.A., M.D., New Glasgow.  
Graduate, Dal. Medical Univ., 1914.

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- DUFF, DUNCAN, M.D., Churchville.  
Died in Detroit, Mich.
- DUNBAR, WILLIAM R., M.D., C.M., Abercrombie; McGill Univ., 1897; Truro, N. S.
- DUNN, GEORGE A., Lyon's Brook; Dal. Col., 1906; Pictou, N. S.
- DUNN, JAMES B., M.D., Merigomish; Pittsburgh, Pa.
- ELLIOTT, ALFRED, M.D., River John; Balt. Col. Phys. & Surg.; Bridgewater, Conn.  
Medical director of the State Farm Hospital.
- FALCONER, A. F., M.D., Hopewell.  
Died in Sherbrooke, N. S.
- FERGUSON, JOHN A., M. D., Cariboo; L. I. Col. Hosp; N. Y.; Brooklyn, N. Y.
- FERGUSON, WILLIAM, M.D., Pictou; McGill Univ., 1894; New York City, N. Y.
- FORBES, ALBERT E., M.D., C.M., Durham; Dal. Univ., 1900; Upper Stewiacke, N. S.
- FORBES, ARTHUR E. G., M.D., C.M., Little Harbor; McGill Univ., 1906; Lunenburg, N. S.
- FRASER, ALEXANDER, M.D., C.M., West River; Dal. Univ., 1897; New York City.
- FRASER, HUGH D., M.D., Bridgeville; Jefferson Med. Col.; Philadelphia, Pa.
- FRASER, JAMES, M.D., New Glasgow; Edinburgh Univ.; deceased.
- FRASER, JOHN B., M.D., New Glasgow; deceased.
- FRASER, JOHN F., M.D., West River; Harvard Univ., 1892; New York City.  
Brother of Dr. Alexander Fraser.
- FRASER, J. W., M.D., Pictou; deceased.  
Practiced in Prince Edward Island, brother of Rev. F. W. Fraser.
- FRASER, WILLIAM F., M.D., Westville; L. I. Med. Col., 1897; Lynn, Mass.

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FRASER, WILLIAM, M.D., F.R.C.S., New Glasgow; deceased.

† Was born at Island, East River, studied in Glasgow University, practiced in New Glasgow twenty-seven years, where he died June 20, 1900. Son James Fraser, Downie; was married to Mary M., daughter of late Basil Bell, New Glasgow.

FULLERTON, THOMAS, M.D., Lyon's Brook; Harvard Univ.; deceased.

GRAHAM, JOHN, M.D., New Glasgow; deceased.

GRAHAM, JUDSON V., New Glasgow; Dal. Univ., 1914; medical student.

GRANT, DANIEL, M.D., Caribou; McGill Univ., 1896; Portland, Ore.

GRANT, JOHN, M.D., Little Harbor; deceased.

GRANT, JOHN P., M.D., C.M., Linacy; McGill Univ., 1895; New York City.

GRANT, NORMAN MCKAY, M.D., C.M., Stellarton; Queen's Univ., 1889; New Zealand.

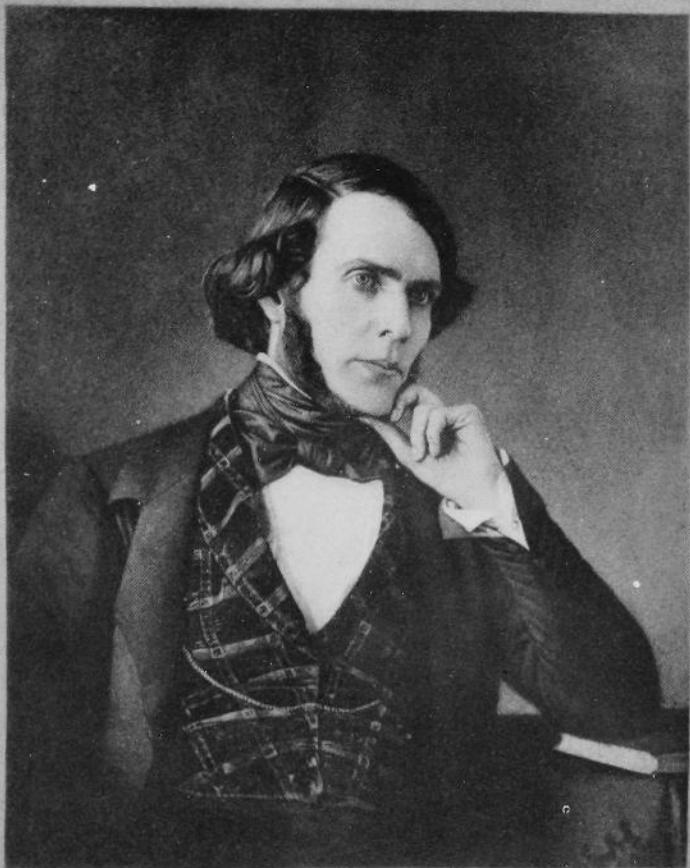
Brother of Rev. Hugh R. Grant and the Grant Bros. Druggists, New Glasgow.

GRANT, WILLIAM R., M.D., Springville; deceased.

Was born in 1811 and died in Philadelphia in 1852, in the forty-first year of his age. Early destined for the church by his parents, he entered Pictou Academy where he received his early education. While there, he relinquished the study of Theology and in 1834 entered the office of Dr. Alexander McDonald, Antigonish, as a medical student.

Two years later he went to Philadelphia, which was to be his home and the scene of his labors and distinctions. Graduating from Jefferson Medical College in 1839, he was immediately appointed demonstrator of Anatomy in his Alma Mater. In 1843, he was appointed Professor of Anatomy in the Pennsylvania Medical College—a position which he held to the close of his life and which he filled in an eminent degree.

Dr. Grant was a distinguished physician and surgeon, as well as an excellent instructor. His many qualities of mind and heart endeared him to all, and few men were better fitted by nature and education for his work.



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WILLIAM R. GRANT, M.D.

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Prof. WILLIAM R. GRANT, M. D.





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In 1840, he was ordained a ruling elder in one of the leading churches in Philadelphia, and in the same year, he married into the well-known family of John McAllister of the same city. He left a wife and three children. It was in discharge of a professional duty that his last illness was contracted. He died like a faithful sentinel of humanity, at his post with his arms on his back.

GRANT, WILLIAM R., B.A., Springville; Dal. Col.; deceased.

Nephew and namesake of Prof. W. R. Grant. Died in 1881, in the first year of his Medical course.

GREEN, FRED W., M.D., C.M., Pictou; McGill Univ., 1903; Glace Bay, C. B.

GORDON, DAVID, Pictou; Edinburgh Univ.; deceased.

HATTIE, WILLIAM H., M.D., C.M., Pictou; McGill Univ., 1891.

Provincial Health Officer for Province, Halifax, N. S.

HENDERSON, JOHN, M.D., Mt. Thom; Harvard Univ.; deceased.

HERDMAN, WILLIAM H., M.D., C.M., L.M., Stellarton; Dal. Univ., 1911; Bass River, N. S.

JOHNSTONE, GEORGE M., M.D., Pictou; London Univ.; deceased.

KEAY, ARNOLD, M.D., C.M., New Glasgow; Royal Victoria Hosp.; Montreal, Que.

KEAY, THOMAS, M.D., C.M., New Glasgow; McGill Univ., 1907; New Glasgow, N. S.

KEITH, SILVANUS, M.D., C.M., Stellarton; Queen's Col., 1886; New Glasgow, N. S.

KENNEDY, EVAN, M.D., Bridgeville; Boston Univ., 1876; New Glasgow, N. S.

KIRKWOOD, HENRY, M.D., Pictou; Jefferson Med. Col.

Died in 1859, son of late Dr. Kirkwood, Pictou. At his father's death took his practice.

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LINDSAY, ANDREW W. H., B.A., M.D., C.M., Pictou; Dal. Univ., 1875, and Univ. of Edinburgh, 1877; Halifax, N. S.

In 1866 he won the first professors' scholarship offered by Dalhousie College. He is secretary and registrar Provincial Medical Board of Nova Scotia. Dr. Murdoch A. Lindsay, Professor of Pathology Dal. Univ., and Dr. W. S. Lindsay, Halifax, are his nephews. Their father, Murdoch Mackenzie Lindsay, was a native of Pictou.

LIPPINCOTT, HENRY, M.D., New Glasgow; Jefferson Med. Col., 1863; died in 1908.

Dr. Lippincott was born in 1839, served as assistant surgeon in civil war, saw distinguished service throughout the country, notably in the Indian campaigns with General Custer. Directed the medical department of the Philippine expedition during the Spanish-American war under General Merritt, later with General Otis. Returned to America broken in health, but in 1901 was appointed chief surgeon, Department of the East, at Governor's Island, N. Y., the most important medical appointment in the United States army after the post of surgeon-general. Was retired when 64. Married Mary Agnes McClenthen, who survives him with two sons, Dr. Walter M. Lippincott and Capt. Aubrey Lippincott, U. S. A. He was a brother of Dr. J. Aubrey Lippincott. Dr. Henry Lippincott was a man of unusually strong character, highest principles and his whole life aptly illustrated by his family motto, *secundis dubiaque fortis*.

LIPPINCOTT, J. AUBREY, B.A., M.D., New Glasgow; Dal. Col., 1867; Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dr. J. Aubrey Lippincott was born in 1847. After Dalhousie College, he graduated from the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1873. Settled in Pittsburgh in 1877, becoming an ear and eye specialist. Has written extensively for medical journals, was one of the authors of *The American Text Book of Diseases of the Ear and Eye*, and was renowned for his researches on physiological optics and improvement in the operation for cataract.

LOVE, ANDREW, M.D., C.M., New Glasgow; McGill Univ. 1891; Sydney Mines, C. B.

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**MAXWELL-FULTON, ANNIE, M.D., C.M.,** Mount Thom; deceased.

Dr. Fulton-Maxwell was the wife of Elder Samuel Fulton, Stewiacke. She died in Lake City, Minn., in 1881, 34 years old. Dr. Archibald Maxwell was a brother.

**MAXWELL, ARCHIBALD, M.D.,** Mt. Thom.

Died at Bear River, N. S., in May 23, 1882, of Apoplexy.

**MILLER, CHARLES J., M.D.,** Merigomish; Harvard Univ., 1876; New Glasgow, N. S.

**MILLER, CLARENCE, M.D., C.M.,** Stellarton; McGill Univ., 1905; Stellarton, N. S.

**MITCHELL, FREDERICK W., M.D., C.M.,** Merigomish; Balt. Med. Col., 1898; Houlton, Me.

**MITCHELL, WILLIAM, M.D.,** Merigomish; deceased.

Graduated Jefferson Medical College 1859, practiced Medicine in New Glasgow from 1860 until his death in Dec. 1896.

**MORTON, JOSEPH S., B.A., M.D.,** Fraser's Mountain; deceased.

He died in Shelburne, N. S., in the fifty-eighth year of his age. To his church he was ever loyal, and, with great interest filled the office of treasurer for 27 years. He was an ardent educationalist. His first work for Shelburne was as Principal of the Academy for several years, in which position he was very successful; and during the 30 years of medical practice, he never lost his interest in education. He was the moving spirit in securing the erection of the fine Academy Building which is a splendid monument to Dr. Morton's memory. He was a brother of late Rev. Dr. Morton, Trinidad. Died February 25, 1911 from illness contracted while attending to his professional duties, a signal instance of self-sacrifice for the good of others.

**MUNRO, CHARLES H., M.D.,** West River.

Dr. Munro died in 1909, after practicing his profession at West River 40 years.

**MUNRO, CRANSWICK B., M.D. C.M.,** River John; Dal. Univ., 1895; Boston, Mass.

**MUNRO, HENRY W., M.D.,** River John; Balt. Col. Phys. & Surg.; Quincy, Mass.

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MUNRO, HUGH R., M.D., West River.

Dr. Munro died in 1910, in the Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow, after an active practice of more than 20 years in Stellarton, N. S.

MUNRO, JAMES G., M.D., C.M., River John; Dal. Univ., 1899; Winnipeg, Man.

MUNRO, KENNEDY, M.D., West River; deceased.

Dr. Kennedy Munro died in 1898, after practicing medicine in Kansas, U. S. A., and Millsville, N. S. He and two brothers Charles H., and Hugh R., were sons of William Munro, West River.

MURRAY, ALEXANDER, M.D., West Br. River John; Chicago Med. Col., 1892; Deer Island, N. B.

MURRAY, ANGUS J., M.D.

Was born in Logansville, October 23, 1855 and was the eldest son of John Murray. He received his education in Pictou Academy and the Provincial Normal School and taught school several years in various parts of Nova Scotia. He graduated from Halifax Medical College, 1884. He was in poor health for years, suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis. He died at Fredericton Junction, where he practiced for many years, April, 1913.

MURRAY, DANIEL, M.D., Plainfield; McGill Univ., 1886; Campbellton, N. B.

MURRAY, DANIEL, M.D., C.M., Meadowville; Dal. Univ., 1903; Tatamagouche, N. S.

MURRAY, DUNCAN A., M.D., C.M., Meadowville; McGill Univ., 1889; River John, N.S.

MURRAY, DUNCAN, M.D., C.M., Meadowville; Dal. Univ., 1896; Pictou, N. S.

MURRAY, GEORGE, M.D., Barney's River; Penn. Med. Col. 1850; deceased.

Dr. George Murray was born in 1825. His grandfather, Walter Murray, came out from Sutherlandshire to Pictou in the ship, Hector, in 1773. He was educated at Pictou Academy, graduated from Penn. Medical College 1850. Practiced for four years in his native place, and in 1854 settled in New Glasgow. While a general practitioner he was noted for his skill

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in surgery, having performed successfully a large number of operations for cataracts, etc. In 1854 he married Mary, daughter of Robert P. Patterson. Died February 12, 1888. His son Howard Murray is Professor of Classics in Dalhousie University.

MURRAY, HARVEY V., M.D., Scotsburn; New York Univ.; Honolulu, Hawaii.

MURRAY, JAMES A., M.D., C.M., Pictou; Dal. Univ., 1905; Sydney, C. B.

MURRAY, JOSEPH HOWE, M.D., Barney's River; deceased. He was educated at Dalhousie College and graduated at University of New York. Died in Boston, 1893, aged 43 years.

MACDONALD, JOHN J., B.A., M.D., Pine Tree; Dal. Univ., 1910; New Glasgow, N. S.

MACDONALD, MICHAEL R., M.D., Lismore; Georget. Univ., 1895; Lourdes, N. S.

MACDONALD, WILLIAM FORBES, M.D., C.M., Westville; McGill Univ., 1900; Vancouver, B. C.

MACDONALD, ROBERT J., B.A., M.D., Hopewell; Univ. N. Y., 1894; Wilkie, Sask.

MACDONALD, RONALD ST. JOHN, M.D., C.M., Bailey's Brook; McGill Univ., 1903; Montreal.

Lecturer on hygiene at McGill University, Montreal.

MACDONALD, PETER, M.D., C.M., L.C.P., Pictou; Hamilton, Ont.

Parents from Inverness, Scot., settled in Pictou Co., 1830, and moved to Huron Co., Ont., 1846; born in Pictou 1835; educated in Trinity Univ., Toronto, graduating 1872; married Miss Margaret Ross in 1865; successfully practiced his profession at Wingham, Ont. Entered politics 1887; appointed Postmaster London, Ont., 1909. His daughter, Annie C., is National Sec'y for Y. W. C. A., Japan. A man of broad views and high personal character.

McDONALD, CLIFFORD, M.D., Pictou; Cerra Del Pasco, South America.

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MCDONALD, DANIEL R., M.D., C.M., Saltsprings; Dal. Univ., 1905; Athabasca Landing, Alta.

MCDONALD, HENRY K., M.D., C.M., Lyon's Brook; McGill Univ., 1896; Halifax, N. S.

MCDONALD, JOHN C., M.D., C.M., Pictou; Dal. Univ., 1895; Edmonton, Alta.

MCDUGALL, JOHN G., M.D., C.M., Blue Mountain; McGill Univ., 1897; Amherst, N. S.

MCGILLIVRAY, ALEXANDER D., M.C., Springville; deceased.

Graduating in medicine he took up his residence in Sydney, C. B., where for 40 years, he was one of its best known and most progressive citizens. He was one of the first elders elected by the Falmouth Street congregation. He died in 1907 in the 66th year of his age.

MCGILLIVRAY, DONALD, M.D., McLennan's Brook; deceased.

Son of Rev. Dr. McGillivray, born 1842, educated Edinburgh Univ., Began practice in New Glasgow in 1864. Died at Thorburn, May 1, 1890.

MCGREGOR, ANDREW, M.D., McLennan's Brook; deceased.

Dr. McGregor died in 1889, aged 31 years. Son Dan McGregor, McLellan's Brook, practiced medicine in Providence, R. I., for a few years.

MCINTOSH, CYRUS R., B.Sc., M.D., Sunny Brae; Manitoba, Med. Col., 1908; Lauder, Man.

MCINTOSH, DANIEL, M.D., Springville; Harvard Univ., 1871, L.R.C.P., Edinburgh, 1873; Pugwash, N. S.

MCINTOSH, DANIEL, M.D., Hopewell; Harvard Univ.; Died in Seattle in 1888.

MCINTOSH, JOHN, M.D., Springville; Jefferson Med. Col. Phila., 1866.

He died at Whycocomagh, C. B., November, 1882, in the 66th year of his age, where he practiced for many years. For 10 years he was an elder in the Presbyterian church. He carried much of the spirit of his Master into his visits among the sick and the poor.

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McINTOSH, JAMES W., M.D., C.M., Sunny Brae; Jefferson Med. Col., Phila.; died in 1907.

Dr. McIntosh was a demonstrator in surgery at the college when he died. He was in his thirty-seventh year.

MACKAY, HECTOR H., M.D., C.M., Plainfield; McGill Univ., 1890; New Glasgow.

MACKAY, J. MELVILLE, M.D., River John; McGill Univ., 1886; died in Spring Hill, N. S.

Dr. MacKay was the son of Rev. H. B. MacKay, River John, and achieved success as a medical practitioner. He died in 1897 at the early age of 36 years.

MACKAY-MCKENZIE KATHERINE JOANNA, Plainfield; Dal. Univ., 1895; Coquitlam, B. C.

MACKAY, WILLIAM A., M.D., New Glasgow; Bellevue Hosp. Med. Col., 1905; Thorburn, N. S.

McKAY, ALEXANDER, M.D., West River; deceased.

McKAY, ALEXANDER P., M.D., Barney's River; Jefferson Med. Col., Phila., 1881; Catalina, Nfd.

MCKAY, DANIEL A., M.D., C.M., Welsford; Dal. Univ., 1908; Hamiota, Man.

MCKAY, DANIEL McG., M.D., Lorne; Jefferson Med. Col., 1896; Vancouver. B.C.

MCKAY, GEORGE F., Pictou; N. Y. Med. Univ., 1894; North Sydney, C. B.

MCKAY-BUCHANAN, MARY B., B.A., M.D., Riverton; Ladies' Med. Col., Toronto; Amkhut, Central India.

MCKAY, WILLIAM, M.D., C.M., Scotsburn; Dal. Univ., 1903; Vonda, Sask.

MACKENZIE, DAVID H., Scotsburn; Univ., N.Y., 1889; Millbrook, N. Y.

MACKENZIE, LUTHER B., M. D., West River; Bellevue Med. Hosp. Col., 1904; New York City.

MACKENZIE, KENNETH A., M.D., C.M., Cariboo; Dal. Univ., 1903; Halifax, N. S.

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MACKENZIE, THOMAS H., M.D., Churchville; Harvard Univ., 1871; Trenton, N. J.

MACKENZIE, WILLIAM P., M.D., Churchville; Univ., Mich., 1870; Chester, Ill.

MACKENZIE, JOHN J., M.D., C.M., Pictou; Dal. Univ., 1902; Pictou.

MACKENZIE, JEMIMA, M.D., C.M., Cariboo; Dal. Univ., 1904; Cawnpore, India.

MACKENZIE-SMITH, MARY, M.D., C.M., Cariboo; Dal. Univ., 1905; Verschoyle, Ont.

McKENZIE, GEORGE I., M.D., Durham.

Graduated from Jefferson Medical College 1866, practiced in Maitland, N. S., from 1866-1871, removed to Pictou in 1871 where he remained until his death in 1905. He was prominent in church and state, as well as skillful in his profession. His son J. J. McKenzie takes his practice. A daughter is teacher in Trinidad mission schools.

McKENZIE, J. W., M.D., River John; Med. Col., Ind., 1900; Indianapolis, Ind.

MACKINNON, ALBERT H., M.D., C.M., Pictou Landing; Dal., Univ., 1913; Upper Musquodoboit, N. S.

McKINNON, JOHN, M.D., Bailey's Brook; deceased.

MACLEAN, DUNCAN, M.D., Springville; Harvard University, 1860.

He practiced medicine in Shubenacadie, N. S., for nearly forty years. He was a devoted and self-sacrificing physician and well-known as a public spirited citizen. He married Margaret, daughter of Richard McHeffey. The eldest son, Dr. Edwin D. Maclean is located at Truro, N. S. Brother of Rev. James Maclean, D.D.

McLEAN, DAVID, M.D., Green Hill; deceased.

MACLEAN, EMMELINE, M.D., Green Hill; New York City.

McLEAN, JOHN, M.D., Scotsburn; Spokane, Wash.

McLEAN, JOHN J., M.D., Saltsprings; Halifax Med Col., 1860; Jersey City, N. J.



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- MACLELLAN, EDWARD K., M.D., C.M.,** Pictou; Dal. Univ., 1909; Halifax.  
Proprietor, Halifax Hospital for Women. Son W. E. Maclellan, Post Office Inspector, Halifax.
- MACLELLAN, ROBERT G., M.D., C.M.,** Pictou; Dal. Univ., 1909; Lunenburg, N. S.  
Son Principal Maclellan, Pictou.
- MCLEOD, DAVID, M.D.,** Scotsburn.  
Practiced medicine in Chicago and died there.
- MCLEOD, WILLIAM A., M.D., C.M.,** Lansdowne; Dal. Univ., 1907; Hopewell, N. S.
- McMILLAN, FINLAY, M.D., C.M.,** Churchville; Dal. Univ. 1872; Sheet Harbor, N. S.
- McMILLAN, PETER H., M.D.,** Churchville; deceased.  
Practiced at Ava, Ill.
- NICHOL, ANGUS, M.D.,** Pictou; Hamburg, Ont.
- NORRIE, WILLIAM, M.D.,** Lime Rock.  
Died at River John, aged 60. The deceased was well and favourably known. Skill in his profession, his sympathy and benevolence endeared him to many.
- OLDING-HEBB, CLARA MARY, M.D., C.M.,** Pine Tree; Dal. Univ., 1896; St. John, N. B.
- OLIVER, C. W.,** Westville.  
Student McGill Univ.; died in 1904.
- PARK, JOHN E., M.D.,** Thorburn; McGill Univ., 1910; New Glasgow, N. S.
- PATTON, JOHN W. T., M.D., C.M.,** Barney's River; McGill Univ., 1900; Truro, N. S.
- PATERSON, EDWARD MORTIMER, M.D.,** Barney's River; Harvard Univ., 1871; Oakland, Cal.  
Dr. Paterson was a professor of physiology in the Medical College at San Francisco. His son, Dr. Frank H., is practicing in San Francisco.
- PERRIN, ALBERT M., M.D.,** River John; Univ. N. Y., 1873; Yarmouth, N. S.

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**PRIMROSE, ALEXANDER, M.D., M.B., C.M.,** Pictou; Univ. Edinburgh, Scotland; 1886; Toronto.

Son of late Howard Primrose, Pictou, and Oliva, daughter of late Hon. Alexander Campbell, Tatamagouche, N. S., studied for his profession in Edinburgh University and Middlesex Hospital, London. Appointed professor of Anatomy, Toronto Medical College, 1895, resigned in 1907, now devotes himself exclusively to surgery. Author, "The Anatomy of the Orang-Outang", "The American Practice of Surgery".

**PRIMROSE, ALEXANDER J., M.D.,** Pictou; Col. Phys. & Surg., N. Y., 1885; New York City.

**PROUDFOOT, JAMES A., M.D., C.M.,** Saltspings; Dal. Univ., 1905; Inverness, C. B.

**ROBERTSON, THOMAS, M.D.,** Churchville; Wash. Univ., St. Louis, 1887; Churchville, Ill.

**ROSS, ALBERT, M.D.,** Blue Mountain.  
Graduated McGill Univ., 1914.

**ROSS, HUGH, M.D., C.M.,** Telford; McGill Univ., 1894; Hazel Hill, N. S.

**ROSS, JAMES D., M.D.,** Pictou; Harvard Univ., 1861; Edinburgh Univ., 1865.

Only son of late Principal Ross, was in active medical practice forty-seven years. Died March 31, 1911, aged 71 years.

**ROY, JOHN J., M.D., C.M.,** Westville; McGill Univ., 1897; Sydney, C. B.

**RUDOLPH, ROBERT DAWSON, M.D., F.R.G.S.,** Pictou; Edinburgh and London Univ.; Toronto.

Son William N., and Catherine (Dawson) Rudolf, born in Pictou, 1865, practiced 5 years in Bengal, India, associate professor of Medicine, Toronto, Univ. Author numerous scientific articles.

**SCOTT, WILLIAM J., M.D.,** New Glasgow; McGill Univ.; Montreal.

Dr. Scott for five years was a medical missionary to China. Son of Rev. E. Scott D.D., Montreal.

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SMITH, JOHN P., M.D., Merigomish; Harvard Univ., 1869; deceased.

Dr. Smith was born in 1838, practiced for twenty years at Lower Barney's River and for seven years in New Glasgow. He then removed to Green's Pond, Nfd., where he remained another seven years. He died at Tilt-Cove Nfd., Sept. 2, 1904, aged 66 years.

SMITH, CECIL V., M.D., Lower Barney's River; Balt. Med. Col., 1906; Twillingate, Nfd.

SMITH, LEONARD H., M.D., Lower Barney's River; Balt. Med. Col.; deceased.

Dr. Smith died at Hearts Content, Nfd., 1899, where he practiced for three years.

SMITH, V. OWEN, M.D., Lower Barney's River; Balt. Med. Col., 1895; Fogo, Nfd.

Drs. Leonard H., Cecil V., and Owen V. Smith were sons of late Dr. John P. Smith.

SMITH, HENRY THOMAS, M.D., Merigomish; McGill Univ., 1891; North Sydney, C. B.

SMITH, JAMES J., M.D., Barney's River; Balt. Univ., 1897; Norris Arm, Nfd.

SMITH, SANDY SIMON, M.D., Merigomish; Balt. Med. Col., 1890; Brookville, Nfd.

STRAMBERG, CHARLES W., M.D., C.M., River John; Dal. Univ., 1910; Trenton, N. S.

SUTHERLAND, GEORGE R., M.D., C.M., Hudson; McGill Univ., 1897; Leduc, Alta.

SUTHERLAND, JAMES A., M.D., C.M., River John; McGill Univ., 1896; Vancouver, B. C.

SUTHERLAND, MURDO, M.D., Saltspings; Harvard Univ., 1871; Westville, N. S.

SUTHERLAND, ROBERT H., M.D., C.M., River John; McGill Univ., 1907; Spring Hill, N. S.

SUTHERLAND, NEIL, M.D., Saltspings, Harvard Univ., 1868; Strathcona, Alta.

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- SUTHERLAND, RODERICK, M.D., River John; deceased.
- THOMSON, CHARLES A., M.D., Durham; Univ. Berlin and Chicago, 1914; Chicago, Ill.  
Son late Rev. Jas. Thomson, Durham.
- THOMPSON, GEORGE H., M.D., C.M., New Glasgow; McGill Univ., 1899; North Adams, Mass.
- WILLIAMSON, DANIEL W., M.D., C.M., West Br. River John; Dal. Univ., 1896; Yarmouth, N. S.
- YOUNG, A. MCGILLIVRAY, M.D., Millsville; McGill Univ., 1906; Winnipeg, Man.
- YOUNG, ROBERT M., M.D., C.M., Millsville; Queen's Univ., 1901; Millsville, N. S.

A few natives of the county entered upon practice of Dentistry. A partial list is: Wm. F. Burns, D.D.S., Sydney, C. B.; Harry G. Dunbar, D.D.S., New Glasgow, N. S.; John C. Grant, D.D.S., Glace Bay, C. B.; M. K. Langille, D.D.S., Truro, N. S.; David P. Meikle, Henry Matheson, deceased.

## CHAPTER V

### THE BENCH AND THE BAR

**T**HE first practicing lawyer in the County, as far as is known, was Nicholas Purdue Olding. For many years he was not only the father but the grandfather of the Bar. Born in England, 1751; educated at Oxford; his friends intended him for the Church, but on completing his course, he turned his attention to law. Having finished his law course, he came to America at the time of the American Revolution and took arms in defence of the mother country. At the close of the war, he came to Halifax with his wife and two children.

In 1784 he was admitted to the Bar, and entered upon the practice of his profession with great promise. But he had received a wound in the head, which rendered him unfit for the excitement of the Bar and the social habits of the time. About 1797 he received a grant of land at Merigomish from Governor Wentworth. Soon afterwards he moved there and settled on Point Betty Island, where he lived the remainder of his life.

He did not regularly practice as a barrister, but did considerable law business, writing deeds and issuing legal documents. He generally attended the court at Pictou until near the close of his life. Though brought up in the Church of England, he joined the Presbyterian Church, under Dr. McGregor's ministry. His wife died in 1841 in the 87th year of her age, and he in 1845, in his ninety-fifth year. They had lived together for the long period of sixty-four years. Mr. Olding was well educated, had a high sense of honor, and maintained throughout his life a reputation for integrity and justice.

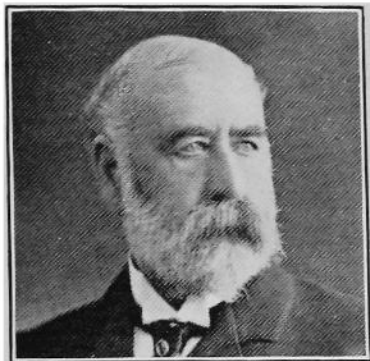
Among the early members of the legal profession in the county were: Robert Hatton, who came from Ireland in

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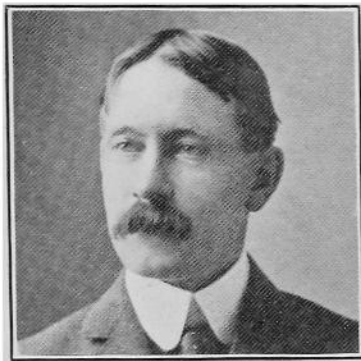
1813; Thomas Dickson, who was a Colchester man; Henry Blackadar of Halifax, who represented the district in the legislature for nearly a dozen years; Martin I. Wilkins, born at Windsor, practiced law in Pictou, and afterwards became Prothonotary of Supreme Court in Halifax, which office he held up to time of his death. He was a Barrister of marked ability, but was rather eccentric in his manner. Daniel Dickson, born at Truro, N. S., died December 27, 1878, was father of Wm. A. Dickson of Pictou. A. C. McDonald the second son of George McDonald was born at the West River in 1821. Having been admitted to the Bar, he entered into partnership with Daniel Dickson for the practice of law. In 1853 he married Sarah Brown DeWolfe of Pugwash. He died in 1869, in the forty-eighth year of his age. He was a man of good judgment; and fair dealing characterized his legal career.

John MacKinlay, son of Rev. John MacKinlay at one time pastor of Prince St. Church, practiced law in Pictou town for many years and died there December 1888. James Fogo, was born in Glasgow, came to Pictou when a lad, was educated at Pictou Academy, studied law in the office of Jotham Blanchard, was admitted to the bar in 1837, became Judge of Probate 1850. He died in 1897. Edward Roach was a native of Cumberland County and practiced in New Glasgow. David Matheson was born at West River and died September 1886. For the last twenty-five years of his life he was Prothonotary and Clerk to County Court at Pictou.

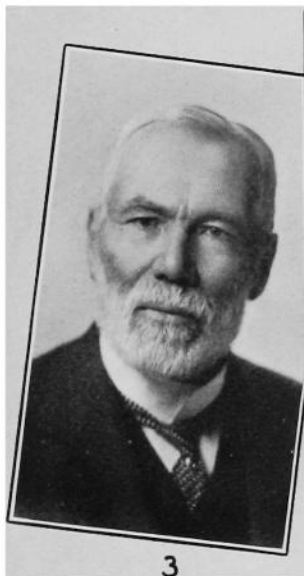
One of the best known of the earlier members of the bar, was Jotham Blanchard. He was, by birth, a New Englander, but by education and residence a Pictonian. Inasmuch as his whole public life was spent in Pictou, the County can fairly claim him as one of her sons. Mr. Blanchard was born at Peterboro, N. H., in 1800. He was the eldest son of Jonathan Blanchard. When he was



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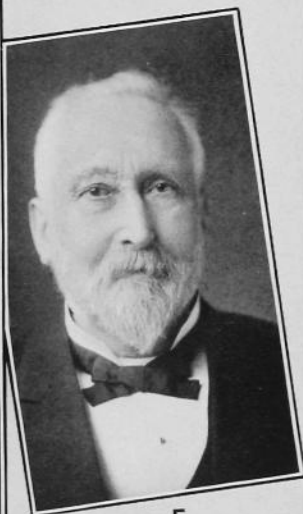
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- 4 HON. JAMES McDONALD
- 7 JOTHAM BLANCHARD

- 5 HON. JAMES G. FORBES
- 6 HON. ANGUS MCGILLIVRAY





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fifteen months old, his parents removed with him to Truro. A few years later the family removed to West River, Pictou, where his father bought George McConnell's farm and built what was known as the Ten Mile House.

Afterwards they removed to Pictou Town, where Jotham studied at Pictou Academy, being one of the first class of students in that institution. He studied law in the office of Thomas Dickson, and was admitted to the Bar in 1821. He soon became one of the most eminent practitioners in Eastern Nova Scotia. His time and energies were largely devoted to fearless advocacy of popular rights and to support of Pictou Academy and higher education.

Mr. Blanchard was an able lawyer, a keen debater, a forceful writer; and he used his powers unstintedly for the best interests of the country. He ended his brilliant career in 1840—in the fortieth year of his age and it is not to the credit of his fellow countrymen, that his grave lies unmarked in the Old Cemetery in Pictou.

Hon. Hiram Blanchard was born in Pictou, in 1820, educated at Pictou Academy, and called to the bar of Nova Scotia in 1843, when only twenty-three years of age. He practiced law for some years in Halifax. He represented the County of Inverness in the Legislature for several years, and was for a short time Premier of the Province. He died in 1874.

Sir Charles Townsend, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia says: "Hiram Blanchard was at one time regarded as one of the best and most successful lawyers in the Province. While he could not be called a well-read and diligent student of the law, yet he possessed in an eminent degree, the faculty of quickly absorbing all the facts, and the law bearing thereon in the case in hand." He was a brother of Jotham Blanchard.

A well-known name of later years, was that of Hon. James McDonald, who was born at Bridgeville, East River,

July 1, 1828. He was familiarly known and honored by his generation in Pictou County as "Jim" McDonald. His family was among the first Scottish Highlanders who came to Nova Scotia and settled on the East River. His grandfather, James Macdonald, known as "The Deacon," was one of the founders of the Anti-Burgher Church, and, like all the family was in politics a strong Radical. His father settled in New Glasgow where his son was educated. Some of the older people still remember him as the bright, active lad, who without any advantages, got himself an education and fought his way up to the high position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. He studied law in the office of the well-known Hon. Martin I. Wilkins and was admitted to the Bar when only twenty-three years of age.

He practiced law first in Pictou for twelve years, and in 1863 removed to Halifax where he was conspicuous among the leaders of the Bar. In 1878 he was made Minister of Justice in the Sir John Macdonald's Government. He was appointed Chief Justice of Nova Scotia in 1881; retiring on a pension in 1904, he was presented with a handsome piece of silver by the bar of Nova Scotia as a testimonial. He declined the honor of Knighthood, and passed the closing days of his life at "Blink Bonnie" on the Northwest Arm, where he died October 3, 1912, in the 85th year of his age. Almost his entire life was spent in his native province.

He was married, in 1856, to Jane Mortimer of Pictou, by whom he had a large family. Two of his sons are in the legal profession; Wallace McDonald at Edmonton, Alta., and James A. McDonald at Halifax. One of his daughters is married to Sir Hibbert Tupper, Victoria, B. C., and another to Mr. Stuart Tupper, Winnipeg, Man., both sons of Sir Charles Tupper, a third is married to the Rev. L. H. Jordan, D.D., Oxford, England. In that great historic debate of giants in what is known as the Pacific Railway Scandal, in 1873, the palm was unanimously awarded to

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Hon. James McDonald, for his aggressive debating power and skill in defence. At that time Sir John A. Macdonald said of him, "As true as steel; and is, I think, the ablest man in the House of Commons."

On the first day of October, 1845, there was born at East River another lad, who afterwards became one of Pictou's most popular sons—Duncan C. Fraser. He too, was without material advantages; but he was of good Scottish ancestry. By push and perseverance he worked his way up until he attained the Governorship of the Province.

He received his education in the common schools, and later at the Normal School, Truro. After graduating with a B.A. degree from Dalhousie College, he taught school for some time before being called to the bar in 1873. He had a strong instinct for political life, and was a popular debater. Local politics paved the way for his career at Ottawa, where he represented the County of Guysboro for many years. He occupied a seat on the Bench of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia for a few years, but gave it up to take the Lieutenant Governorship of Nova Scotia. His appointment was received with acclamation, and he was very popular with the people.

Governor Fraser had a notable career in Parliament, at the Bar, and on the Bench. His influence was widely felt throughout the country. He was one of the best stump speakers of his day, a rare story-teller, and a genial companion. Because of his ready wit and powers of oratory he stood out prominently in the public life of his time.

He received the degree of LL.D., from Dalhousie College, and D.C.L., from St. Francis Xavier and King's Colleges. He died in 1910. In 1878 he married Bessie G. Graham of New Glasgow. One of his sons, Alister Fraser, is practicing law at Moose Jaw, Sask.

Hon. James G. Forbes, has for nineteen years been County Court Judge of St. John, N. B., and a pillar of the

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Presbyterian Church of that city. For many years he has been connected with the Canadian Bible Society and the Lord's Day Alliance and also with the British and Foreign Society of London, of which he is one of the Vice Presidents.

He is a brother of the Revs. John F. and Adam G. Forbes and a native of the County, born in 1838. He took a course in law at Harvard University, and was admitted to the bar in 1865. He was long a successful practitioner in St. John where he has resided for over half a century.

Hon. Angus McGillivray was admitted to the bar in 1874, practiced in Antigonish, and was retained in many important cases, civil and criminal. He was appointed Judge of the County Court in 1902 and was Speaker of the House of Assembly in 1883. He resides at Antigonish, N. S.

East River has the distinction of having given to Canada, three political leaders, Hon. James McDonald, Hon. D. C. Fraser, and Hon. Simon H. Holmes. Mr. Holmes was born at Springville, in 1831, a son of Hon. John Holmes, Senator. He was admitted to the bar, and practiced successfully in Pictou for many years, devoting part of his time to journalism. For four years he was Premier of the Province. He resides at Halifax where he has been Prothonotary of the Supreme Court for thirty-two years.

John D. McLeod is at present, Judge of Probate for the County of Pictou, a position he has held for a number of years. He was born at West River, being descended from an old Highland family, was educated at Pictou Academy, studied law, and was admitted as a barrister in 1866.

Charles D. Macdonald, B.A., son of A. C. Macdonald, was born in Pictou in 1854. He entered Dalhousie College in 1869 when only 15 years of age. At 21 he was admitted to the bar. He practiced in his native place until 1890, when he removed to Halifax. In 1897 he located in Edmonton, Alta., where he died some years later. He