

THE EASTERN GUARDIAN

AGENTS:—MONTAGUE: Harold F. Landry, Mrs. Byron Stewart, Mrs. Bruce MacPhee, Miss Joyce Wigginton, Plus McKinnon. AGENT GEORGETOWN: Waldon Lavers.

The Guardian may be bought at the following places in Montague: Blue Dome Restaurant, and Guardian Office; in Georgetown: The Post Office; in Souris: The Snack Bar and H. Richards & Son.

Miss Charlesena Martin and Mrs. Roy Kennedy, Montague, spent Tuesday afternoon visiting friends in Charlottetown.

Mr. Archie MacPherson, Valleyfield, has accepted a position as attendant on the staff of Falconwood Hospital, Charlottetown.

Mr. Louis Don Johnston, who is attending Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B., is spending a few days at his home in Montague.

THE INITIATORY DEGREE will be conferred at Hillside Lodge I.O.O.F. on Tuesday, May 12. All members please attend.

SEEDS! SEEDS! In stock: Timothy, Clover, Brome, and mixtures. Also seed oats, barley, wheat, corn, turnip, mangel, Fraser, and Annear Feed Service.

Mrs. G. Ballingall, Mrs. Cyril MacGregor, Mrs. R. Huston, Mrs. Henry MacLaren, and Mrs. Peina Moore, all of Charlottetown, were visitors to Montague yesterday.

Miss Rita J. Johnston, Murray River, was a recent visitor to Montague where she was the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Fraser.

UNDAS - ANNANDALE Baptist Pastorate "Mothers Day" service for Sunday, May 10th; 11:00 a.m. at Dundas, 7:30 p.m. at Annandale. Speaker Rev. E. J. Bartrass.

BEACH POINT GOSPEL CHAPEL. — Services Sunday, May 10th. Sunday School 10:30 A. M. Worship 11:30 A. M. Evangelistic Service at 7:30 P. M. Special singing Louis Harris.

PARISH OF GEORGETOWN. Holy Trinity (Anglican), Sunday, May 10th. Fifth Sunday after Easter. Morning Prayer 11 A. M. Address, Dr. G. C. Fisher, Lay Reader. P. M. Subject: "The Lord is My Shepherd."

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA. — Services for Sunday, May 10th, as follows: Cardigan 11 A. M. Lorne 10:30 P. M. Montague 7:30 P. M. Montague Sunday School 10 A. M. Mothers Day Theme at all services. Rev. F. N. Young, Minister.

MONTAGUE UNITED CHURCH. — Rev. Frank McIntyre, Sunday, May 10th. Montague: 10 A. M. Sunday School, 11 A. M. Mother's Day Service, with our Junior Choir. 7:30 P. M. Dr. Clarence M. Nicholson, recent Moderator of the United Church of Canada, is to be the guest preacher, with devotional music. Friends from neighboring communities cordially invited to this Rally. Lower Montague: 3 P. M. Mother's Day Service and Sunday School.

GEORGETOWN PASTORAL CHAIR. — United Church of Canada. Services for May 10th, 11 A. M. Georgetown, Preacher, Rev. C. M. Nicholson, Principal Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Halifax, N. S., Moderator of the Church who is accompanying the C. C. Exposition, 2:30 P. M. Milltown Cross, 7:30 P. M. Sturgeon. Grand opening of the Church, Rev. D. W. MacPherson of Murray Harbour will preach and the Murray River Choir will assist in the music. Rev. W. A. Paterson, Minister.

MEN'S CHORUS. — The Seaside Singers, Cherry Valley topped Class 27 for men's chorus, first year competition, at the Music Festival Wednesday with their rendering of "Well Rest and Well Rest." The Seaside Singers are conducted and trained by the Rev. Horace F. MacEwen. They were correctly credited in the summarized results yesterday with having the highest mark in their class, 82, but in a general story another group was erroneously mentioned as leading.

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St. Peter's Mission At St. Peter's Bay



St. Peter's Church, built 1881, destroyed by lightning 1926

In the days when the Fleur de Lis waved over the old French fortress of St. Pierre, the Acadian population drew their chief means of subsistence from the blue waters of the Harbour, and the outlying Gulf—but it is more than probable that some of them drifted up the Bay in their canoes and, seeing the fair land that lay smiling before them, found it very good, and that in the intervals between their fishing trips, they reduced some of it to cultivation or made of it at least a pasturage for their flocks and herds.

When they had raised up for themselves homes, that although not luxurious nor ornate were still weatherproof and comfortable they turned their attention to the building of a church. From the time of their first arrival they had had Mass about twice a year, it having been offered up in private houses.

Magnificent Church On the site of this primitive temple arose the most magnificent sanctuary of the diocese. Upon a commanding elevation overlooking the placid waters of the Bay, towered a noble church of grand and symmetrical proportions. It was of brick, with stone trimmings, and cruciform in shape. The measurement from the tower to the chancel was one hundred and four feet, the tower being fifteen feet square, and the chancel thirty feet. The transepts were sixty-one feet by twelve feet. The width of the body of the church was forty-seven feet, five inches, and its height from floor to gable fifty-six feet. The wall was thirty-four feet, the spire rising to a height of one hundred and seventy-six feet. About half way up the tower was a lofty niche whereon stood a colossal statue of St. Peter, richly gilt; below this, but several feet above the carved stone archway of the main entrance, was placed a slab, bearing date 1881.

The church was completed exteriorly and opened for services in that year, but the interior was not finished until some years later. On entering, one was struck by the magnificent proportions of the nave, the choir end of which terminated in the form of the ancient Apse. Under the dome of the Apse stood the High Altar, elegant in design and finish. It was white and gold, and pure Gothic in style. The table was surmounted by graded steps, behind which were two large niches, holding statues of S.S. Peter and Paul, and also many smaller niches in which were placed statues of the four Evangelists, St. Andrew and St. Ambrose.

In the centre high over all, in the apex of the altar, were small statues of the Sacred Heart, St. Joseph and St. John the Baptist. Upon the richly gilt tabernacle door, the Cross and the Pelican were finely carved. The frontals of the altar showed three longes; on the centre one was carved in bas relief a wreath of grapes, surmounting a medallion, whereon were represented the Lamb and the book with the Seven Seals, the Cross and the implements

lowed by Rev. Donald Gillis as curate-in-charge. The graveyard at St. Peter's Bay is most beautifully situated, on high ground overlooking the Bay which here is narrow and curving, edged by the well-tilled land of prosperous farmers. Fine old beech trees and fairy-like groves of birch shade the graves of the faithful dead, many of whom lived to exceed the given limit of men's age. We noticed one marble headstone to Angus McIsaac who died May 5th, 1850, aged one hundred and three, also his wife Christina, died September 1835 aged eighty-five years.

Another stone marks the grave of a Mrs. McKinnon who departed this life at the age of one hundred, while a mound covers the remains of a John McLellan, interred at the age of one hundred and four. In the centre of the burying ground, close under the outstretched arms of a tall wooden cross, two handsome headstones denote the last resting place of the parents of Bishop McIntyre.

Parochial House The parochial residence of this mission was built by the Bishop in 1868. The railway which curves round the shores of St. Peter's Bay, has brought a great change in the settlement which now boasts a thriving village, containing several general stores, and some very fine houses. There are few more beautiful scenes in Prince Edward Island than the Head of the Bay affords at twilight, with the shadows falling athwart the still water and chasing the sun's rays away to the happy hunting grounds of the west. The freestone of a long bridge and the head light of the locomotive creeping by the edge of the water crawls wearily round the curve.

First Catholic Settlers of St. Peter's Mission, St. Peter's Bay Angus McIntyre, Hugh McKinnon, Neil McCormack, John McDonald (Truagh), John McKenzie (Samuel's son), Angus McIsaac, Dugald O'Hanley. Parish of St. Peter's Since 1886 Pastors: Rev. R. J. Gillis, Sept. 1, 1886 to Dec. 12, 1912. Father Gillis died on Dec. 12, 1912, and was buried in the vault of St. Peter's Church beside the remains of Rev. Rev. Peter McIntyre, third bishop of Charlottetown, on December 15, 1912.

During the illness of Rev. R. J. Gillis the parish was under the administration of Rev. Stephen J. MacDonald. Rev. Alexander MacAulay succeeded Rev. Father Gillis on January 1, 1913, and remained until his retirement on Sept. 30, 1950. He died July 7, 1951, and was buried in the cemetery of St. Peter's, his native parish, on July 10, 1951.

Following the retirement of Msgr. MacAulay, the present incumbent, Rev. W. V. MacDonald became pastor of St. Peter's parish on October 1, 1950. A number of curates served as assistants during Msgr. MacAulay's pastorate. Among them: Revs. W. V. MacDonald, W. J. MacGuligan, L. P. Callaghan, W. E. Simpson, E. J. Roche, Leonard McKenna, L. W. Landrigan, and T. P. Butler. The church built exteriorly and opened for service in 1881, was struck by lightning and burned on the 15th of October 1926. Reconstruction began in June 1927, and the church, though unfinished, was used for Sunday Mass on November 13, 1927. The church was completed in June, 1928, and the formal opening took place on July 1st of the same year. The present pastor is Rev. Wm. V. MacDonald, D.D. The parish of St. Peter's now comprises 154 families. On November 9, 1952, an imposing ceremony took place in the church. This was the Investiture of Roderick J. MacDonald, M.D. G.M., as a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great by His Excellency Bishop James Boyle, Bishop of Charlottetown. Dr. MacDonald is completing his 65th year in active medical practice. This is a

Discuss Temporary Bridge At Montague

A delegation from the town of Montague and vicinity headed by Mayor B. H. Yeo, waited on the Provincial Government yesterday afternoon concerning a temporary traffic bridge over the Montague River during the construction of the new bridge at Montague which is to get under way this year, it is expected.

record seldom, if ever, equalled. The name St. Peter's is a translation of the original French name St. Pierre. Count St. Pierre obtained a grant of Isle St. Jean with a view to colonizing it. He brought 300 settlers from France; these landed in three ships at Port la Joie on the 2nd of August, 1720. Havre St. Pierre, St. Peter's Harbour, was the principal settlement of the French on the North Shore.

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