

Charlottetown, June 8, 1877.

THE NEW KIRK

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

ALL denominations of Protestants were represented at the ceremony of formally laying the foundation stone of the Church to be erected for St. James' congregation in this city.

All people that on earth do dwell Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice, Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell, Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Rev. J. M. McLeod then read a portion of the sacred scriptures from the 102nd Psalm, at the thirteenth verse, and the twenty-first chapter of the Book of Revelations, after which the Rev. R. S. Patterson offered up an earnest prayer for a blessing on the undertaking, for the encouragement and strengthening of the hands of the congregation, and for the extension of the sustaining help of God to their pastor.

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esq., then read the following "scroll," to be deposited in a casket beneath the foundation stone:

SCROLL.

In the presence of an assembly presided over by the Hon. James Duncan, Chairman of the Building Committee, the cornerstone of a church edifice for the use of the congregation of St. James Church, Charlottetown, P. E. I., in the worship of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the only true God, now being erected by the congregation, as after prayer that the Lord may build the house, blessing the labor of all who build it, and that all good influences of the Spirit, and of the Lord, may be largely experienced by those who may worship in it, laid by the Rev. Kenneth McLennan, M. A., Minister of the Church, on the 7th day of June, in the year of our Lord, 1877, and in the fortieth year of the reign of Her Majesty, Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, and Empress of India, His Excellency, the Right Honourable the Earl of Dufferin, being Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, His Honor Sir Robert Hodgson, Governor of Prince Edward Island; Thomas DesBrisay, Esq., Mayor of the City of Charlottetown, the Hon. L. H. Davies, Attorney General, Premier of the Provincial Government. The office-bearers of the congregation being:

KIRK SESSION.

The Rev. Kenneth McLennan, M. A., Minister. John Mackieson, M. D. The Hon. Col. John H. Gray, C. M. S. Peter Gregor, Archibald Kennedy, John McPherson, Ambrose L. Brown, Alexander McKinnon, Elders.

TRUSTEES.

J. W. Morrison, Chairman. Archibald Kennedy, Secretary. William McLean, Treasurer. James D. Mason, Donald McKinnon, W. R. Watson, David Small, The Minister.

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Hon. James Duncan, Chairman. Archibald Kennedy, Secretary. George McLeod, Treasurer. J. W. Morrison, Donald McKinnon, John McEchern, Hon. John F. Robertson, W. R. Watson, The Minister.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

Alexander McKinnon, Elder, Superintendent. Mrs. Fraser, Miss McNeill, Miss Gregor, Miss A. Gregor, Miss Williston, Miss Morrison, Miss Jane Morrison, Miss Eliza Morrison, Miss Forgan, Miss McMillan, Miss Hyndman, Miss Montgomery, Miss McPherson, Miss Betts, Miss M. Hales, Mr. A. Kennedy, Mr. D. Small, Mr. McKie,

Mr. A. L. Brown, Treasurer, Mr. L. C. James, Mr. D. Stewart, Hon. W. D. Stewart, R. F. Irving, Secretary, Charles J. Morrison, Librarian, M. F. C. D. Rankin, Organist and Leader of the Choir. Thomas Wakeling, Church Officer.

The contractors for the erection of the edifice, at a cost of about twenty thousand dollars, are Messrs. James K. McDonald, of New Glasgow, N. S., C. McDonald, of Londonderry, N. S., and William H. Fraser, of Westville, N. S., who have undertaken to complete the edifice on the first day of October, 1878, according to the plans and specifications, as prepared by David Stirling, Esq., Architect, Charlottetown, a member of the firm of Messrs. Stirling & Dewar, Architects, of Halifax, N. S., and of Charlottetown, P. E. I.

This document is deposited in the corner stone of the new edifice, in the hope that, by God's blessing on the undertaking, it may be successfully completed about the time specified.

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Secretary. Ch'town, P. E. I., June 7, 1877.

There was likewise placed in the casket, which was deposited in the corner stone, the following matter, viz:—

- 1. Current coins of Canada, and other coins. 2. Sketch and description of the edifice. 3. Copy of "May" number of the "Presbyterian Record." 4. Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, 1876. 5. Acts and Proceedings of Second General Assembly, Presbyterian Church of Canada, June, 1876. 6. Copies of P. E. Register, and Royal Gazette, noticing ecclesiastical proceedings in P. E. I. and neighboring Provinces. 7. Report of Trustees of Queen's University and College, Kingston, Ont., session 1876-77. 8. Calendar of Queen's University and College, Kingston, Ont., for 1877-78. 9. Charlottetown Patriot newspaper. "New Era" "Argus" "Presbyterian" "Herald" "Daily Examiner." 10. Chapple's Guide Book, 1877. 11. Report of Public Accounts for 1877. 12. Report of Lunatic Asylum, P. E. I., for 1876. 13. Report of Public Works, P. E. I., for 1876. 14. Report of Bible Society, P. E. I., for 1876. 15. Report of Board of Education, P. E. I., for 1876. 16. Copy B. A. "Presbyterian," Toronto. 17. Copy Toronto "Globe," Ontario. 18. "St. John "Telegraph" (N. B.) 19. "Halifax "Citizen," (N. S.) 20. "Scottish American." 21. "Canadian Illustrated News." 22. "King's County Advertiser."

W. J. MORRISON, Esq., then presented the Rev. K. McLennan with an ornamented silver trowel, bearing the following inscription:—

PRESENTED TO

THE REV. K. McLENNAN, M. A., Minister of St. James' Church, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

THE TRUSTEES,

ON THE OCCASION OF HIS LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE

OF THE

NEW CHURCH EDIFICE,

June 7, 1877.

The Rev. K. McLennan proceeded to lay the foundation stone, solemnly invoking the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost upon the church and congregation. Afterwards he delivered a short address expressive of his gratification and pleasure.

Part of the Seventy-second Psalm was then sung, after which the Rev. Mr. McLennan gave the benediction, and the assembly dispersed.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CHURCH.

The new Church is to be situated near the site of the old one, on the corner of Pownal and Fitzroy Streets. It is to be built in the style of English Gothic of the decorated period of the Middle Ages. The elevation of the building forms two fronts, having a tower and spire on the angle. The tower and spire will thus appear to be the central mass of the building. The gable front on Pownal Street will have a pointed entrance porch, with deep recessed moulded arch and pillars. Over the porch there will be a large tracery window. The front on Fitzroy Street has a projecting gable, finishing against the main roof. There will be a moulded arched doorway in the side of the tower, and one on the western angle. The building is to be constructed of Wallace freestone—in the main part, of walls laid in random coursed rubble. The facing stones, of buttresses, windows, etc., are to be of Island stone. The arches are to be in alternate blocks of red and gray stone. The floor line of the building will be five feet above the surface line. This space will be built of red Island stone, left quarry-faced. Each face of the building will be about twenty feet from the street. The main walls will be one foot eight inches thick; the tower walls, two feet eight inches. The building is to be in the form of a vane, with high roofed aisles on each side. The inside roof of vane will be part of a hexagon in form, and covered with sheeting. The roof will be supported by four pillars on each side of the vane, separating vane and aisles. The two centre pillars in each row will be larger and wider

apart than the others. This arrangement forms a large central arch in each side of the building, with two small ones at each side of the large arch. The pulpit will be placed in the side of the building, instead of the end, and under one of the large arches. The choir gallery will be above and behind the pulpit, under a large moulded plaster arch. There will be three spacious entrances to the church,—one in the front porch, one in the tower, and one in the western angle. A gallery runs round the two ends and across the side of the church. The vestibule in each end is placed under the gallery. The vestry is behind the pulpit under the choir gallery. A small cellar will be left for heating purposes under part of the building. The church will be heated and ventilated by a large furnace. Two large gratings will be formed directly over the furnace to supply with hot air. Fifty small gratings will be arranged all over the building, opening into ducts leading to the furnace fire. The furnace draught will draw the vitiated air away through these ducts and as this air leaves the building it will be replaced by the warm air from the centre. The hot air coming through the two large vents will not inconvenience persons sitting near the same. It rises directly up into the air space of the church on account of its own force and then spreads over the whole building. The width of the building will be fifty-five feet; the length will be seventy-seven feet; the height, from surface line to gable point, will be fifty-nine feet. The height from surface to top of spire will be one hundred and thirty feet. Sittng accommodation will be for about seven hundred persons. The building is to be completed by the fall of 1878. The contract price is about \$20,000. The contractors are Mr. Fraser and the Messrs McDonald, of Nova Scotia. The construction of the building will be carried out under the inspection of Messrs Stirling and Harris, Architects, Charlottetown.

The Prince Edward Islanders have been blessed with an exceptionally good year. Never was money more easily made on the Island than it was last fall and winter. says one of Charlottetown's cleverest business men. Potatoes were plentiful and in good demand, with a rising market all through the season. Oats were a good crop and prices fair; while in flour and West India produce the rise has been steady. Over 500,000 bushels of potatoes have been shipped thence since October last, realizing to producers an average of about forty cents per bushel. The stock is by no means exhausted, and a few vessels are now loading, but from this time out the export will be small. Such a potato harvest has not been known on the Island for over twenty years; not only was the crop very large, but the quality has proved particularly good. A very substantial addition to the wealth of the Island must have been made during the time referred to.—Monetary Times and Trade Review.

The Monetary Times is, we dare say, generally correct in its statements. But the statement respecting the export of potatoes in the above extract, is very far wide of the mark. The number of bushels of potatoes exported from this Island during the year ending 31st May, 1877, was 1,266,430—the value being \$427,000. This does not include, the Monetary Times will remember, the potatoes shipped to any of the Provinces of the Dominion.

WESTERN NOTES.

[From Summerside Journal.]

—Mr. George Hinton is building a large tannery near his residence.

—A colored gentleman from the Bermudas delivered an interesting lecture in the hall at Kensington last Thursday evening.

—One butcher from Margate shipped 36 head of cattle to St. John since the opening of the navigation.

The schr. Maria Emma belonging to Hon. J. C. Pope, arrived in this harbor from Anticosti, and reported "no herring." Mr. Pope being in Alberton at the time, with his characteristic perseverance, immediately sent her back for a second trial.—Pioneer.

SHIPBUILDING.—Mr. Pope has three vessels on the stocks at the "Point,"—a short distance from this village. Two of them are of considerable size, and the smallest is about 150 to 200 tons. The latter is nearly ready for launching. One of the others is also pretty well on. Capt. Foley has a vessel of about 200 tons partly planked, and the frame of another on hand ready to be put up immediately.—Pioneer.

"PRINCE EDWARD" base ball club is in active operation every evening on the square, and seems to be progressing favorably. Most of the club play very well. Whyre are the Charlottetown base ball clubs? Can there not be some arrangements be made for a match before the season is over?—S. J. [We may say that our clubs here are but on a start. However if you are "blue muddin' for a batin'" send a challenge this way.]

A WARNING TO EARLY SWIMMERS.—The death of the son of A. E. McDougall, Esq.,—a smart boy about eight years of age—should be a warning to those young lads, who, notwithstanding all their parents can say against it, persist in swimming at too early a season. He, with some companions, a short time ago bathed at Brighton, and received a cold followed by Diphtheria. After being seized by this fatal disease on Saturday he only lasted until yesterday morning. We tender Mr. and Mrs. McDougall our sincere sympathies.

Local and other Items.

A VERY appropriate railing is being placed around St. Dunstan's Cathedral.

REMEMBER the sale of Pownal Wharf property which takes place to-day, at 12 o'clock.

MR. CLARK, of Augusta, Me., arrived by boat yesterday, to canvass this Island for a paper called the Maine Farmer.

THE ground and fence around the Market House and Government Buildings are beginning to look considerably dilapidated.

AQUATIC.—The scull race at St. John, N. B., on Wednesday last, between Ross and Plaisted, resulted in a victory for the former.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Dr. McKelvie died, suddenly, at Summerside yesterday, of heart disease. We deeply sympathise with his youthful widow.

ASPARAGUS, Rhubarb, New Bermuda, Onions, Bannanas, Pine Apples, Spanish Lemons, Oranges, &c., just received at "The Confectionery."

THE Steamer St. Lawrence, Capt. Evans, Master, made the round trip yesterday, in 4 hours and 50 minutes, being the quickest time between Summerside and Shediac this season.

FRESH Bedeque Oysters, by the quart or bushel; or served up at all hours, stewed fried or raw, at "The Confectionery, Lunch Room.

A POLICEMAN or watchman in the vicinity of the Market House made two attempts to sing the hour and finally succeeded in saying: "Twelve o' (sic) o'clock, and all (sic) well.

ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday last a young lad, while playing on board R. B. Peake's yacht, accidentally fell overboard, and only for the timely assistance of our young townsman, Mr. William Newbery, he might have been drowned.

CITY COUNCIL.—The principal business transacted in the City Council last evening was that relating to the macadamizing of Water Street; Pownal Wharf, and platforms. For want of space we are unable this morning to give a report.

MR. ARCHIBALD AND WIFE—father and mother of the late Conductor Archibald—passed through Summerside yesterday, on their way to Tignish. The Railway officials are treating them with the courtesy they so well know how to.

CRICKET.—We are requested to state that the return match between the "Married" and "Single" of the "Phoenix" Club, will be played on Saturday next, the 19th inst., at the four gun battery. Wickets pitched at 1.30. Game to commence at 2 o'clock, sharp. A lively game is anticipated.

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.—On and after the first of July, two new forms of export entries will be required at the Custom Houses of this, as well as the other Provinces. One being for "goods the produce and manufacture of the Dominion," the other for "goods not the manufacture of the Dominion." It is desirable that all exporters furnish themselves with these forms to prevent their vessels being detained and refused clearances. Information relative to these forms will be given at the Custom House.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF Receipts of Customs and Excise, with Savings Bank returns, for the months of May, 1876, and 1877:—

Table with columns for CUSTOMS, EXCISE, SAVINGS BANK, and sub-columns for May 1876 and May 1877. Includes rows for Customs Duties, Excise, and Savings Bank Deposits/Withdrawals.

CIVIC.—Deposits with the City Treasurer for the month of May, 1877:

Table showing City Assessment, Market Revenue, Sale of Debentures, Clerks' Returns, and Total for the month of May, 1877.

TOTAL.....\$8,060 76

Table showing PAYMENTS for Streets and Squares, Stone purchased, Market Hall, etc., Printing, Interest, Street Lamps, Fire Department, Pownal Wharf Addition, Police Department, Pumps and Wells, Salaries, and Total.