
UNION WITH PRICE'S CORNERS.

A congregation of the Canada Presbyterian Church (the Free Kirk) had been formed at Price's Corners, Garafraxa Township. Having difficulty in securing a suitable connection in their own denomination, the congregation at Garafraxa applied to the session of Erin, proposing that the two congregations should be united under the pastorate of the Rev. Donald Strachan.

The session consulted the Presbytery of Toronto, who issued instructions as to the procedure to be followed.

On the 12th day of February, A.D. 1870, the Session of Erin met and received four Elders, who had been ordained by the Free Church, and twenty-two families as members, as a "Congregation of the Canada Presbyterian Church in connection with the Church of Scotland."



JAMES GIBSON, SR.



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The Union then formed has continued during the half-century with blessed results to both congregations.

The four Elders were: Hugh McGowan, Robert McGowan, James Gibson, Senior, James Gibson, Junior.

For the next five years the story is one of persistent service in maintaining the ordinances of religion in St. Andrew's, Hillsburg.

Stipend was very often in arrears, and the managers faithfully urged the people to shoulder their responsibilities, and pay for their credit's sake. On the first of March, 1873, Mr. Strachan was

paid \$200, which was due 1st October, 1872. The Managers in 1872 were Messrs. Ferguson, McFee, Fletcher, McLure and McVanel, and Donald McMurchy was Treasurer of the Session.