

On the 22nd of February, 1817, was recorded the deed of the church property, consisting of lots 7 and 8 in block E in Rudolf's Division of the Town plot of Lunenburg, with the chapel recently erected thereon, the consideration being £50.00., the grantors being Jacob Hamge and his wife and the grantees the Rev. George Orth and the trustees already named. The deed is substantially in accordance with the provisions of the model deed of the present day, though much shorter and containing fewer details. It is accompanied by a receipt for the £50.0.0 which appears to have been paid for the two lots of land, 40 x 120 feet in extent.

PROGRESS.

In 1816 the membership was reported at 35, in 1817 at 75, in 1818 at 86. In that year the little German Mission began to contribute towards the sending of the gospel to others, and missionary subscriptions amounting to £5. 18.0. were reported. In the minutes of 1817 the names of Petite Riviere and Broad Cove are bracketed with Lunenburg, and in later years Lunenburg and Petite Riviere are named as constituting one circuit or mission. According to a letter written by the Rev. James Knowlan, dated January 6, 1817, there was even then a preacher's house as well as a chapel at Petite Riviere, which the proprietors had offered to settle on the Conference plan, but no preacher, and Mr. Orth seems to have served a circuit extending from Martin's River in the East to Petite Riviere in the West, until he was succeeded in 1826 by the Rev. Robert L. Lusher, who appears to have served one year until June 1827.

In 1819 Mr. Orth was received into full connection. He may have been specially ordained long before, for the old circuit book contains records of marriages performed by him as early as December 1815. He may have been appointed irrespective of ordination, by the Governor, to solemnize marriages under chapter 2 of the Acts of 1795.

In 1820 the membership is returned at 89 and the Missionary subscriptions at £5. 12. 0; in 1821 the membership is returned at 104, and the Missionary subscriptions at £11. 1. 4.

REV. WILLIAM BLACK'S VISIT.

In 1821 Rev. William Black visited the circuit. It had been visited in 1814 by Rev. William Bennett, at that time Chairman of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick District, but I have not been able to find any account of his visit, beyond the record of the bare fact. Rev. William Black spent several weeks at Lunenburg in 1821, preaching twice each Sunday in the little church built in 1816. He preached, of course, in English, and Mr. Orth repeated portions of the sermon in German and concluded the service with a hymn and prayer in the same language. On one Sabbath Mr. Black administered the Lord's Supper to about one hundred communicants, all but ten of whom were from the country. Black writes: "You will form some idea of the evident desire with which the people hunger after the word of grace, when I inform you