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Historical Sketch Read by the Rev. | ing over land from Machias via the R. W. Colston, M. A., the Rector, at the Recent Celebration.

A Township that Was Named After a Noted Halifax Brewer-The Advent of the Loyalists and Why They Came-Names of the First Settlers Who Preceded Them.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) MAUGERVILLE, Sunbury Co. Aug. 31.-The calebration and memor-ial services of the one hundred and has services of the one hundred and fifteenth anniversa.y (1783-1898) of the parish of Christ church, which took place today, constituted an event of more than usual interest, and was a grand success as well. The wea-ther was all that could be desired, the birds twittered and sang their sweet melodies in the stately eims on the historic grounds as if by inspiration to make the day an ideal one. These most interested were early astir, the clars were soon re-inforced by a large delegation from Fredericton by the morning boat, to assist in the cele-tration. Among those were: The Lord Bishop of Fredericton, the Very Rev. Dean Partridge, Sub-Dean Whalley, Rev. Canon Roberts, Rev. Canon DeVeber of St. John; Rev. H. Montgomery, Kingeplear; Rev. H. E. Dib-blee, Burton; Rev. James Simonds, Richford, Va.; G. C. Hunt, J. de Lancey Robinson, James S. Beek, Geo-Armstrong and many others. Rev Enoch Barker and Join Pool of To-

ronto were also present. A large congregation assembled at the church at 11 a. m., when an elo-

the church at 11 a. m., when an elo-quent and appropriate sermon was preached by the dean, after which holy communion was celebrated. On the restory grounds under the stady trees a long table was set and laden with a sumptious repart, pro-vided by the ladles of the church, which was the until work for other which was heartily parfaken of, after the service. At the residence of Mrs. Nettie Harrison a like provision was

At 3 p. m. the crowning event of the day was called on. The Rev. Canon Roberts, taking the chair on the veranda of the rectory, called the the versatis of the rectory, called the large company to ord s, at the same time unsheathing and wielding an old sword with masterly effect and the nicety of a veltram. The sword is a relic of St. George's Lodge, No. 19, of Free and Accepted Masons, or-ganized here in 1789. The sword and charter and many papers are now in possession of Majer Hanford Brown, the kindly loaned them for the oc-

on order was secured, the Rev. Colston, M. A., rector of the

Oromocto waters. When they reached the St. John River they establish ed themselves at Maugerville. The following summer James Simonds led another party via the mouth of the

St. John River, August 28th, 1762. among whom was Capt. Francis Pea-body, who settled in Maugerville, and it may be he who served with so much distinction with Capt. Hazen in the empaigns of 1756 and 1757. James Simonds married Capt. Peabody's daughter Hannah, while another daughter, Easter, was married to nond's partner, White. In the year 1763, following the advice of Lt. Israel Perley, a large number of families came from Massachusetts to the River St. John. This was the Puritan settlement. From 400 to 800 souls were usly estimated to be located here. vario In 1769, Rev. T. Wood of Annapolis eported to the S. P. G. that at a service held in Maugerville, he had over 200 persons present.

names of son are as follow muel Upton, Richard Gevas Soy, Samuel Upton, Richard Esty, Israel Esty, Moses Coburn, Ed-ward Burpee, Joseph Barker, sr., Ebenezer Briggs, Samuel Whitney, Joseph Barker, Silvanus Plummer Jere. Burpee, Thos. Burpee, Jacol Barker, jr., Daniel Jewett, David Bures Pickard, Humphrey Pickpee, Moses Pickard, Humphrey Pick-ard, Jacob Barker, jr., Nathan Smith, Thomas Barker, John Upton, Daniel Palmer, sr., Daniel Palmer, jr., Abijah Palmer, Samuel Nevers, sr., / Peter Mooers, Enoch Dow, Jabez Nevers Wm. McKeen, Thos. Chrystie, Israel Perley, Frances Peabody, Stephen Peabody. Wm. Davidson, Asa Perley, Nicholas Ridout, John Pickard, Richard Barlow, Nehemiah Beckwith, Alex. Tapley, Benjamin Brown, Sam Nevers, jr., and James Woodman.

To the forty-nine names ' may be added Jonathan Burpee, Elisha Novers, Phinehas Nevers, Edward Coy, mathan Smith, Geo. Howard Bridges, Taylor, Loder, Hugh Quinton Garrison, Wasson and Bailey. Thes last were from Essex Co., Mass; the Perleys from Boxford; Burpees from Rowley, and others from Haverhill, Newburyport, Ipswich, Gloucester, Salem and other towns.

Their grants were as follows, starting from the upper county line: Neamiah Beckwith, half 42; Richard Barlow, lot 45; John Pickard, lot 54; Nicholas Ridout, lots 61, 62, 63; Asa Perley, lot 73; Wm. Davidson, lots 75 and 76; James Woodman, half lot 87; Sam Nevers, jr., half lots 79 and 80; Stephen Peabody, lots, 81 and 82; Alex. Tapley, lot 83; Frances Peabody, lots 84 and 85; Israel Perley, lot 89 and a sn.all triangular piece cut off lot 90, at present owned by Mrs. Nettie Harri son; Wm. McKeen, lots 91, 93 and 97; Jesse Chrystee, thalf lot 92; Thos. Saunders, lot 94; Thos. Chrystee, lot 96; Jabez Nevers, lot 39; Richard Esty, let 169; Enoch Dow, lot 1; Peter Nev-ers, lot 3; Sam Nevers, in lot 2; Desch

Palmery jr., half lot 4; Daniel Palmer sr., half lots 5 and 6; Abijah Palmer half lot 5; John Watson, lot 7; Thomas Barker, lot 8; Nathan Smith, lot 9; aso Stickney, lot 10; Jacob Barker, ir. lot 11; Moses and Humphrey Pick-ard, lot 12; David Burpee, lot 13; Daniel Jewett, lot 14; Jacob Barker, sr. lot 16; Jer. and Thos. Burpee, lot 17; Silvanus Plummer, half lot 18; Joseph Barker, lot 19; Eben Briggs, half lot 20; Sam Whitney, half lot 20: Jcseph Barker, sr., lot 21; Edward Burpes, lot 22; Moses Coburn, lot 23; Israel and Richard Esty, lot 24; Sam Upton, lot 27; Gervas Soy, lot 28; Oli-ver Perley, lot 29; Benj. Brown, lot 51. These were the homes of those ardy pioneers of 1762 and '63. In 1763 hardy they laid the foundation of the Congregational ohurch. The lecturer read the original covenant, which was signed by Jonathan Burpee, Elisha Nevers, Richard Esty, Daniel Palmer, Gervas Soy, Edward Coy and Jonanith. Jonathan Burpee was the first deacon. A treaty was made by Israel Perley with the Indians, by hom his name is still held with highest reverence. On April 30th, 1765, the township on the St. John river was formed into the county of Sunbury. On May 29 a writ was issued by the inhabitants to elect a fit person to represent them in the general assem-bly of Neva Scotia. Charles Morris was elected. In 1776 Sunbury Co. apreers to have had all the machinery of government in operation. The first magistrates were David Burpee, sr., Jacob Barker, Phinehas Nevers, Israel Perley and Francis Peabody. The later held the position of collector. imuggling to some extent followed. For the first ten years the settlement was without a settled mi Trequent visits were made by trav In 1774 the first settled mi his work. A meeting was called at the house of Hugh Quinton June 15th, 1774, and Rev. Seth Noble was en-gaged at one hundred and twenty pounds per year. In 1775 a parsonage was commenced and made ready for claphoarding in Jan. 1776 About this time a season of depres sion and unrest seems to have pre valled which caused some disaffection from the crown. In June, 1777, the Vulture appeared and matters soon assumed a normal condition. On June 17th, 1779, the people newed their covenant. In 1781 Deacon Jonathan Burpes died. His estate was valued at 525 pounds. A numbe of odd entries was given by the lec turer, taken from an old book of rec-ords of the Congregational church. After long walting two missionaries, Messrs. James and Milton, from Hunt-ington same to the aid of this church, and were engaged at a salary of al-most 60 pounds per annum with glebe. It was not long, however, before M. James renounced his faith in that church and became the expensent of the Church of England, the service of which he actually read for some months much to the distaste of his

congregation. The only school .of which there is any record was taught by David Burpes during the winter of the level of the others and had 1778 and '79. prices of farm products which ed from 1774 to 1784 were: Butter, from sixpence to one shilling and three pence per pound; lamb, two three pence per point, iamo, two and a half pence āo.: beef, one and a half to sixpence do.; potatoes, one shilling and three-pence to two shillings (sixpence per bushel; wheat, five to ten shillings. A man was paid two shillings sixpence per day and a woman ten shillings per month. Rum was ten shillings per gallon, and white lead two shillings per pound. A horse was worth tei counds and a cow about five pounds. The speaker here, taking up the second part of his subject, graphically described the advent of the loyalists and why they came. Landing at the mouth of the river May 18th, 1783, me of them must have immediately proceeded up to Maugerville. first of the loyalists to settle here were: Ichobed Smith, lot 40 and half 77 and half 78; Joshua Ward, lot 41; Fred D. Ebestein, half lot 42; John D. rdsley, half lots 42 and 43; Michael McNall, lot 44; Joseph Hoyt, lot 46; Joseph Clark, lots 47, 48 and 49; John Sayre (heirs), lot 50: Dominicus Sewell, lot 53; Duncan McLeod, lot 56; Henry Jas. Barton, lots 57, 58 and 59; Rev. John Beardsley, lots 60 and 64; Capt. Abe Depyster, lot 65: John rdus Munroe, half of lot 69: Able Inglish, half lot 69; John Sin nonson, lot 70; Geo. Harding, lot 74; Richard Carman, half of lot 77; Capt. Elijah Miles, lot 86; Major Upham, lot 88; George Bull, half of lot 92; Nathaniel Underhill, half of lot 4; John Mersereau, lot 9; Col. J. Murray, lot 95. These lots are numbered from the upper county line as taken from the grants when given. Others joined the loyalist set-

lement after that. It would appear that from the time of Rev. T. Wood's visit in 1769 there had been no Church of England clergyman here, until the arrival of the Rev. John Sayre in 1783. He officiated for a time at the Congregationalist meeting house with their approbation. He was an S. P. G. missionary from Fairfield, Conn. He died in Burton in August, 1784. His nemorial is now to be seen in the chancel of Christ church. For some ears after his son James remained here and took an active part in church work. His daughter Easter married Christopher Robinson, who went west. The late John B. Robinson, ex-lieuten-ant governor of Ontario, was one of Rev. John Sayre's great-grandsons.

Rev. John Sayre was the founder of the ecclesiastical parish of Mauger-ville. At an Easter Monday meeting, April 13th, 1784, the following officers were elected: John Merser den; Geo. Harding, Elljah Miles, Wm. Allen and Nathaniel Underhill, vestry men. John Mersereau continu ed war den for twelve years. John Mersereau was an associate judge of the court of common pleas, when James Simonds was chief justice.

The Rev. John Sayre was su ed by the Rev. John Beardsley, M. A., as rector of this important parish in the autumn of 1784. He was born at Shatford, Connecticut, in 1732, and was for some time student at Yale. "He was ordained in England, and had

canopy. The pews were sold at public auction at an upset price of two and three pounds, the purchaser paying an annual ground rent of ten shil-The officers of the church at this mportant time were John Mersereau and Abe De Peyster, wardens; George Harding, Elijah Miles, Joseph Clark, John Simonson, Ichobed Smith, Gerhardus Clowes, Richard Carman, Wal-

ter Dibblee, Samuel Ryerson and Benjamin Brown. The names of new Holders were Peter Ryerson. Gerhardus Clowes, Geo. Harding, Isaac Hubbard, Walter Dibblee, John Simonson, Nath. Underhill John Thompson, Joseph Clark, Richard Cosman, Sam. Ryerson, Elijah Miles, John Mersereau James Sayre, Benj. Brown, Ichobed Smith, James Upton, John Van Nostrard, James Rodgers, Abe De Pey-ster, Richard Floyd, Alex.Clark. Later pew holders were: Hugh Johnston, Jacob Russell, Richard Bartlett, Converse Brown, Ezra Gates, Nathaniel Stivers, Joseph Ryerson, Samuel Smith, James Taylor, Ebenezer Holly, Wm. Vance, Wm. McKeen, William Hubbard, Alex. Menzie, Thos. Flewalling, Joseph Goodwin, J. W. Sherman, Thos. Peters, Samuel Nevers, Thos. Perley, Shadrock Holly, Wm. Simpson, James Tilley, Obadiah Clark, Miles Flewelling, Jas. McKeen, Henry Priester, Israel Jerley, Abel Flewelnathan Hard John DeVeber, Jo Br Barker, John H Neal, Thos Smith, Andrew Mersereau, Gaberial DeVeber, Mr. Deforesters, S. Allison, Abraham Covert, Ephriam Treadwell, F. Abe DeVeber, John Ryerson, James Wood, Thedorus Clowes, John Hazen, Gilford Flewelling, Eben Towers, Ben. Covert, Calvin Camp, Jos. Brown, James Branen, Robert Smith, Elijah Holts, Charles Malone, James Coperthwaite, Curtis Hatheway, Charles Hazen, Dr. Gramarian, Solomon Perley, John Daw, Thos. Langdon, John Brown, Zach. B. Brown, Geo. Hayward, jr., John Bliss, Worsters Clements, Mrs. Holmes William Montgomery, James Crawford, Charles Miles, Thos. Miles, Edward Miles, Joseph McKeen, Caleb Foster, Robt. B. Taylor, Gain. B. Taylor, William Perley, George Burton James Holly, Geo. Perley. Geo. Ham-George Sterling, Walter Sterlilton. ing, Daniel Sterling, Thos. Catherell, Arch. McLean, George Bunnell, Wm. McDougall, George Priestly, Michael

Burns, Isaac DeVeber, Nathaniel De-Veber, Samuel C. Smith, Chas. Bailey, James Sterritt, Calvin L. Hatheway, Thos. Mason, Charles Hatheway, John Patterson, Gilbert Lipsett, John E. Dow, Richard H. Carman, George B. Covert, George Porter, Henry Dow, Thos. Buchanan, Thos. H. Perley, Francis McEwin, John Ursely, John Bailey, Samuel McGarigal, Charles Foster, Charles Clowes, Charles D. O. Currie, James Cromwell, Lawrence Bent, Charles Brown, Ebenezer Horten

On March 18th, 1791, the island lot in onnection with the glebe was sold for 15 Jounds 5 shillings at auction and bid in by Ezra Gates. In 1792 there were reported 63 communicants. this time John D. Beardsley, son of the rector, succeeded Walter Dibblee as master, after which the school eems to have become a madras school. Jan. 20, 1796, accounts of de-

inducted May 18th, 1853. Dr. Wiggins also presided over Burton parish. It was during the rectorship of Dr. Wiggins that Christ church was sold or profane uses, etc. The Christ church was consecrated by the late metropolitan on the festival of the Epiphany 1857.

Under the will of the late Jonathan Allen Christ church became a residu ary legates. By a resolution of Nov. 12, 1859, the offer of the late Geo. A. Tradwell as one of the heirs of 20 rounds for a discharge was accepted by the church corporation. Dr. Wiggins resigned his charge in Nov., 1860 The Rev. Henry Pollard was appointed to the parish in 1861. In 1863 the S. P. G. withdrew \$100 of the grant from the parish. In 1868 Mr. Pollard emoved to the rectory, Burton. Shortly after he resigned and went west, and is now rector of an important parish at Ottawa.

The appointment of Rev. Richard was made Nov. 14th, 1869. He also left Maugerville to reside in the rectory at Burton. Shortly after Rev. George H. Sterling became rector of Maugerville without Burton. During his incumbency an endowment fund was raised and the church became self supporting. Rev. Mr. Steriing resigned in the spring of 1887 and was succeeded by H. E. Dibblee as lay reader, who became rector in 1878 with the parish of Burton again added. In the fall of 1896 the pres

Maugerville. The organ of the church was presented by Bishop Medley, and is said to be the first pipe organ imported into the province. Those who have served as church vardens down to the present time

were: John Mersoreau, H. Vanderborough, Joseph Clark, Gerhardus Clowes, Col. Miles, Richard Carman, John Simonson, Ichobed Smith, Theo. Clowes, John DeVeber, Thos. O. Miles, T. V. W. Clowes, Z. Barnard Brown, John Brown, jr., Geo. B. Covert, C. L. Hatheway, F. A. DeVeber, C. O. Currie, Thos. H. Perley, John S. Covert. Charles Brown, G. A. Sterling, A McL. Sterling, Wm. DeVeber, G. R. Smith, C. T. Clowes. The present wardens are direct descendants Ichobed Smith and Theo. Clowes. The names of 139 vestrymen are recorded. In closing Rev. Mr. Colston spoke of the oldest Masonic lodge-the old charter written of parchment, with the names of John Parr and Peter Rogerson and many others written thereon, with many papers and the sword he had before him-of the adminstration of justice and granting of enses, etc., by the high court of Maugerville. In closing the speaker was loudly applauded, and a hearty vote of thanks was given the rector

structive address. It may be here mentioned that many of the descendants of the old residents ; were present. Mrs. W. R. Magee is Mersereau living in the place, while there are many Miles, Smiths and Hardings.

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little church on Germain street, in St. John, which was used prior to the crection of Trinity, and is said to have been the first frame building erected in St. John.

2. The next paragraph in Rev. Mr. Colston's address to which exception can be taken is the following:

can be taken is the following: On August 30th, 1763, a petition was sent to the government of Nova Scotta from offi-cers of disbanded provincial regiments for grants of land on the St. John siver, on which they desired to settle. It was signed by Captains Alex. Hay, John Sinclair, Hugh Bubbels, Alex. Ballie; Capt. Lt. Rott. Geo, Bruce and Lt. J. F. W. Desbaries, on be-half of themselves and fity-four others. This petition resulted in an order of survey for laying out a township on the St. John river. This township was called Maugerville, in honor of a wealthy distiller in Halfax, who seemed to have acted in the capacity of money lender to the government. This paragraph contains three mis-takes:

(1) The officers were not officers of disbanded provincial regiments, but of the British regulars.

(2) Their petition had nothing to do with the laying out of the township of Maugerville.

(3) The reference to Joshua Mauger simply as a wealthy distiller, etc., is unfair

The facts connected with the settlement of Maugerville, so far as they can be obtained, are that about the year 1762 a number of disbanded provincial officers and soldiers, natives of Massachusetts, who had served during the late French war, agreed to form a settlement on the River St. John, influenced probably by the favorable report of Israel Perley, who with an exploring party had lately visited that region. It appears that Mr. Perley and his party had already made a survey of the proposed location, for in the Boston Gazette of Sept. 20, 1762, there appears an advertisement notifor his very able, interesting and in-structive address. Francis Peabody for a township at

St. John's River, in Nova Scotia, that they meet at the house of Mr. Daniel Ingalls, inn holder in Andover, on the the only direct descendant of John | 6th October, to draw their lots, which are already laid out, and to choose an agent to go to Hulifax on their be-half." The agent selected, as ap-

pears from the minutes of the council at Halifax, was Capt. Francis Peabody. The New England settlers an and Mrs. Jas. Beek, Miss Dibblee of rived in 1763, and Murdoch in his His-Woodstock, Mrs. Kingdun, Miss May tory of N. S., vol. ii., p. 428, in record-Robinson, Mrs. A. F. and Miss Ran- ing the fact, says: "A Mr. Peabody dolph, Miss Bessie Babbitt, Mr. and was the principal inhabitant and agent

dress, and held the undivided atten-tion of the large number present for over an hour and a half.

cver an hour and a half. Taking up the subject, he clearly defined his position in relation to this important event. He spoke of Mau-gerville – the parochial Mauger-ville of long age, the shiretown of Sun-bury county, province of Nova Scotia; the first permanent settlement in the southern portion of this province; the first loyalist settlement on the River first loyalist settlement on the Ri St. John; the first place in which louiding was eracted for the worship of God; the oldest Church of England parish in the liscese of Fredericton ind where was the first consecrated parish in the lio

The rector eloquently dealt with the old, old story, as told by sire and grandsire, of the true manihess of our people, who were not a band of lawless adventurers, but of that of lawless adventurers, but of that grand, true type which laid the foundgrand, true type which and the found-ations of the British empire, strong and sure. God-loating, God-fearing courageous, hardy, industrious, were the men and women of 1763 and 1783, who did not disparage the reli-gious life, but bore in mind that it gious file, but one in mind that it was by remembering the Lord their God, by loving and obeying Him, that they could hope for a blessing in the new land which they came to pos-

The Paritans or old settlers wer briefly referred to, also England's con-flict in 1756, or the "seven years' war," and its results. On August 30th, 1762, a petition was sent to the government a petition was sent to the government of Nova Scotia from officers of dis-banded provincial regiments for grants of land on the St. John River, on which they desired to settle. It was signed by Captains Alex. Hay, John Sinclair Hugh Dibbelg, Alex. Baillie, Capt. Lt. Rabt. Geo. Bruce and Lt. J. F. W. Descartes, on behalf of themselves and buy four others. This petition, manufactor others. vey for laying out a township on the St. John River. This township was called Maugerville, in honor of a wealthy distiller in Halffax, who seemed to have acted in the capacity seemed to have acted in the capacity of money lender to the government. The order of survey implied that four lots should be reserved for public use; one for a glebe for the Church of England, one for a glebe for the dis-senting Protestants, one for school purposes, and one for the settled minpurposes, and one for the settled min-ister. These four lots were: No. 15, sranted to the Congregational body, where the meeting house now stands; No. 60, granted to the Rev. John Beardsley, the second rector of the parish, and now sweed by Sandy and Walter Smith: the school lot was No. 50 and was afterward granted to the heirs of the Rev. John Sayre, the first rector of Maugerville. This lot is sup-posed to be where the Upper Mauger-ville school house now stands. The first Congregationalist minister, Rev. Seth Noble, did not remain long, and Rev. John Sayre died a few months Seth Noble, did not remain long, and Rev. John Sayre died a few months after coming into residence, so the first settled minister was the Rev.

In the winter of 1761, Lt. Israel Perled a party of men from Massa-usetts to the River St. John, com-

the rector of Poughkeepsie and kill, N. Y., and also chaplain of he Loyal American Regiment under Col. Beverley Robinson. On Septem-ber, 9th, 1784, at a meeting held at Nathaniel Underhill's, the following persons were chosen as wardens and vestrymen : John Mersereau and Henry Vanderborough, wardens; ves-trymen-Geo. Harding, Elijah Miles, Wm. Allen, Joseph Clark, Wm. Hub-bard, John Simonson, N. Underhill, Henry Vanderborough left the prov-ince in the following year: Jos. Clark was a surgeon and practiced his pro-fession for years from Gagetown to St. Ann's Point. One of his daughters was married to Wm. Hubbard, and another to Dr. Gamble, a miltary surgeon. Wm. Hubbard was a chief justice of the court of common pleas, and also the first member of the house of assembly for the county of Sun-bury after the formation of the province of New Brunswick. He died and was burled in the churchyard here. John Simonson was a lieutenant in the Fourth New Jersey Battalion. He died here Dec. 22nd, 1816. In 1786, Abraham Depeyster, sheriff of the county, was elected a church warden, a position which he held until he left to take the position of provincial treasurer of St. John. He was of an old French Huguenot family, and married Catherine; daughter of John Living-ston. He died at St. John in February, 1798, aged 45 years. After his death his widow, with her family moved to New York. In 1787, Walter Dibblee began to teach school at salary of ten pounds. He taught in the upper part of the parish. He was a brother of the first rector of Woodstock. He afterwards became a de puty crown land surveyor. About this time Mr. Beardsley received a grant of 500 pounds for a church at Mauger

of 500 pounds for a church at mauger-ville and another at Burton. In 1788, this church was ready for consecration, and on Easter Monday, March 20th, the church was consecrat-ed. The old name, Chrust church, was rotained. Rev. Samuel Cook of Fred-ericton preached a sermon adapted to the occasion. Rev. Mr. Beardsley, proceeding to the S. P. G. sneaks of it reporting to the S. P. G., speaks of it as an elegant structure. It was 56 by 32 feet. At the upper end there was a tower surmounted by a weather cock made by Alex. Clark.

(The cock and spindle were among (The cock and spindle were allong the old relics to be seen on the grounds. They were kindly loaned by W. H. Clark, who was present. He and his brother and family, who were also present, are the direct descend-ants of Alex. Clark.)

The entrance was by the base of the tower; the door faced the river. As you tower; the door faced the rivel. As you enter the church, on either side were two square pews. In the centre of the church there was a double row of long, narrow pews. Along the wall on either side was a, row of square pews. Directly in the centre of the space before the chancel was a lofty round pulpit, surmounted by a sounding board and a dove. In recognition of the kindness of Lt. Gov. Carleton in obtaining the grant, a pew was set apart for his use and his successors This pew was raised above

thte colored slave of Eliza Miles. Four years afterwards Scipio received a surname, Africanus. The next sexton was George Porter, who had served with Lord Nelson.

In the year 1800 the Rev. John Beardsley retired from active work. He died at Kingston in 1802. From Nov. 20, 1787, to the end of his incumbency he baptized 128 white and 32 black adults, 762 white and 30 black children-in all 952. He married 168 couples-160 white, 7 black and 1 Indian. He buried 48 white and 3 black people. In 1801 Rev. James Bissett cceeded the late rector, but was not inducted into the church until 1803, vhen George Pidgeon, an ecclesia

cal commissioner, assisted by War-dens Richard Carman and John Simonson, performed the ceremony. In 1802 a start was made to build a rectory. Judge Mersereau prepared plans and specifications. A subscription was started and generally subscribed to. In 1803 the building was completed at a cost of 149 pounds, 17s. 11-2d., of which sum Rev. Jas. Bissett gave a year's salary. Mr. Bissett died April 24th, 1815, aged 41 years. For some time previous to his death he was in-

The next rector was Roper Milin an Englishman, who came in 1816. The rectory was enlarged. He taught a large school known as the Mauger ville grammar school. He obtained from Chas. Miles by gift the upper aint of the lot on which the sel nuse now stands as a site for a school nder the auspices of the Church of ngland. After Mr. Miliner's time the school house and lot was allowed for a public school, or was made a gift to the people. Mr. Millnor's salary was made 30 pounds per year. He died April 11th, 1843, and was buried in the churchward.

He was succeeded by John Mayne Sterling, who was inducted by order on the first of April, 18 4. John Brown and Samuel Carman were then war-lens. Thos. O. Miles, sr., Z. Bamord Brown, T. O. Miles, jr., Z. Bambro Ing, Archibald Shields, Duncan Smith DeVeber, vestrymen. At the Easter meeting of 1844 Thos. O. Miles was nade warden. An order was passed o assess the sum of 30 pounds over and above the ordinary assessment and above the ordinary assessment for the payment of the rector's salary. At a special meeting in June this order Vus revoked

On the morning of Feb. 9, 1845, th ectory was destroyed by fire, and with it the register and other docuents and records of the church, with the exception of the vestry clerk's book and the grant of the glebe land. A meeting was held the next day an steps were taken to rebuild without delay. On Saturday, the first day of June,

1850, at seven o'clock a. m., the Rev. John M. Sterling departed this life a the parsonage here, leaving a wife and four small children. He was deep-ly lamented. The remains were in-terred in St. Mary's churchyard. The

lenry Wilmot, Rev. James Simon on of the former rector, and ma others from Fredericton and places were present. After the lecture luncheon was again served, and about 150 persons re-

aled themselves.

a large congregation. This closed the 115th celebration of the parish of Christ church, which was a grand success and a credit to all concerned, but more especially to the present rector, Rev. R. W. Colston. who had been indefatigable in his ef-forts to give the people of Mauger-ville to know something of themselves and their ancestors.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

To the Editor of the Sun: Sir-The address of the Rev. R. W. Colston at the recent commemoration of the one hundred and fifteenth anniversary of the founding of his parish has, no doubt, found many deeply in-terested and appreciative readers, and he certainly deserves the thanks of all interested in our local history for the teal he has displayed on this occas Without in the least seeming to de-tract from the merits of Rev. Mr. Col-

ston's work, it may be remarked that the materials on which the knowledge of our early history is based are so fragmentary, and in some instances so difficult to get at, that it is only the trained student of local history who can speak with authority as to the facts. Many erroneous statements thus from time to time appear in trus from time to time app print and are in danger of bei retuated. The writer therefor tures to point a few inaccurr the report of the historical read by Mr. Coiston 1. According to the Sun's re

an by Mr. Coston 1. According to the Sun's report, it uppears that he claims for Mauger-alle the honor of being The first permanent settlement in the

ville the honor of being The first permanent settlement in the southern portion of this province; the first loyalist settlement on the River St. John; the first place in which a building was erected for the womship of God; the oldest Church of England parish in the diocese of Frederioton, and where was the first conse-orated church. This statement is open to exception.

This statement is open to exception. St. John at least divides with Mauger-ville the honor of being the first per-manent English settlement, and unubtedly has a prior claim as being he first loyalist settlement. Nor can Maugerville fairly claim to be the first blace in which a building was erected or public worship unless we exclude the Indian church at Meducite (8 miles also likely to be disputed by St. John and Kingston. The church edifice at

Maugerville was one of four churches issued. consecrated by Bishop Charles Inglis 3. The lots as assigned to the orig-on his way from Fredericton to St. Inal grantees differ considerably from John in the summer of 1792, and it the list that appears in Rev. Mr. Col-was certainly of later date than the ston's paper, which probably has been CAR ISS

England reserving the lands on the St. John for officers and disbanded soldiers of the regular army, and Charles Morris and Henry Newton, members of the council of Nova Scotia, were sent to notify the settlers of At the closing service in the even- the intention of the British governing Rev. H. Montgomery preached ment respecting their lands. On their from the 44th Psalm and 1st verse to return these gentlemen wrote to return these gentlemen wrote to Joshua Mauger, the agent in Hingland

for the province of Nova Scotla (for-merly a merchant and resident of Halifax), stating that in their opinion the officers and disbanded so ers from New England, settled on the river St. John, should not be removed, that they would be of great service there and their removal would cause their total ruin. In their letter was enclosed a memorial from the settlers to the

Francis Lords of Trade, signed by Peabody, John Carlton, Jacob Barker, Nichols West and Israel Perfey, "on behalf of themselves and other di-banded officers." The prayer of the The prayer of the urmly advocated by morial was warmly Joshua Mauger, and largely through his efforts the Lords of Trade were induced to recommend that the set-tiers be confirmed in possession of their lands. An an expression of their ratitude to their lenefactor the ateful people called this settlement The order of the king in laugerville. council relative to the matter is as

At the Court of St. Jan follows: At the Court of St. James, the 19th day of February, 1764. Whereas, the Larks Com-missioners for Trade and Plantation have a memorial has been presented to him on be-half of several disbanded officers of his half of several disbanded officers of his weight of the several forces in North Ameri-half of several disbanded officers of his half of several they have sold their lands in hamiles upon the St. John River in his on which they have settled themselves at a vary great expense may be confirmed to hem by his Majesty-. The Governor of Nova Scotla is ordered to four the river. Also to reserve a site for a four the river. Also to reserve a site for a four the river. Also to reserve a site for a four with a sufficient number of looks with guays and wharves and other public uest ability and the number of persons in their infiles, but not to exceed 1,000 acres to one area.

person. That a competent quantity of land he allot-ed for the maintenance of a minister and school master and also one town lot to each of them in perpetuity. The progress of the township of

Maugerville must have been greatly impeded by the delay in surveying it and issuing the grant. On the 6th of March, 1765, Capt. Francis Peabody, on behalf of himself and his associates, an Acadian chapel in the county of Nova Scotia "to have the township on Westmorland, which was built prior to 1734. The claim of Maugerville as the oldest Church of Ergland parish is also likely to be disputed by St. John was rejected and it was not until the Sist October, 1765, that the grant was