

In January, 1803, Mr. Doty was succeeded in the rectory of Sorel, by the Rev. James Sutherland Rudd, B. A., of Queen's College, Cambridge. This gentleman was appointed from Cornwall, of which cure he had held the charge from 1801, and where he had been the immediate predecessor of Dr. Strachan, the present Lord Bishop of Toronto. Mr. Rudd reported to the S. P. G., in August, 1803, that the communicants at Sorel were 32 in number, an increase of only three in 19 years. Mr. Rudd held the charge of the parish for somewhat more than five years, which do not appear to have been marked by any incidents in the Church of noteworthy character, indicative either of material or of spiritual progress. Both at Cornwall, and Sorel, Mr. Rudd's reputation as an eloquent preacher, long survived him, but his short incumbency at Sorel was accompanied by no small share both of domestic affliction, and parochial trouble. All his children save one, and his wife at the age only of 28 years, and to whom he was devotedly attached, were consigned by him to the grave, where at length in March, 1808, in his own early manhood of 32 years, he was himself laid by their side.

The Rev. Richard Bradford was appointed successor to Mr. Rudd, in 1808. In the year following his appointment, 29 candidates were confirmed in the parish, an increase of seven on the number first reported, ten years previously. Mr. Bradford's incumbency was very brief, scarcely extending over three years. During this period a grant of £100 from the Seigniorial Funds, was obtained from Sir James H. Craig, Governor General, in aid of the Church, and a further grant of £25 from the S. P. G., together appropriated, in part, towards the discharge of the debt of £100 upon the church, due to Messrs. Hogel and Dorge, parishioners, and to Mr. Doty, the former rector: and in part also towards the construction of a gallery for the use of the military, and of a staircase to the same, the previous mode of access to the belfry, and to a sort of rough platform beneath, having been only by means of a ladder.

In 1811, Mr. Bradford removed to a station on the Ottawa, and was succeeded at Sorel by the Rev. John Jackson. This gentleman was one of the two first candidates for orders, ordained in Canada, by Bishop Jacob Mountain. Previous to his ordination, Mr. Jackson had for some years successfully conducted, at Quebec, a large classical and commercial school in Montcalm House, the former residence of the famous Marquis of that name. Among his pupils were the present Bishop of Quebec, and his brothers; Judge Gale; Lieutenant General Sir James Hope, and others, who in different walks of life, subsequently reflected credit on the instructions of their early preceptor. After his ordination, Mr. Jackson assisted in the cathedral at Quebec, till his appointment to the rectory of Sorel. One of his earliest acts, following this appointment, was the outward adornment, with good taste, and at the insignificant cost of a few shillings, of the church property in the mission, by planting those magnificent elms which now constitute one of the greatest ornaments of the church and rectory at Sorel.

The little church in this parish, although then a most humble edifice,