

make Dunnville an independent parish, the Rev. J. E. Crinion being made the first resident pastor of Dunnville.

It was in September, 1836, that Father Crinion came. He took up the work of finishing the church, which was formally dedicated on the 10th day of May, 1837. This good priest for 17 years labored zealously for the good of the parish. His earnest work produced excellent results, especially in matters that pertained to the financial success of the parish, for when he left in June, 1903, there was only a matter of some \$550 debt left. This is remarkable, considering the few families that he had under his care. He died in Paris, Ont., in 1908. His successor in Dunnville was the Rev. G. J. Cleary, now pastor of Caledonia. Father Cleary's stay was just one short year, but in that time he succeeded in ingratiating himself into the affections of his people, and did excellent work. Another priest, the Rev. Father Englert, of St. Ann's church, Hamilton, was pastor here from March, 1906, to July, 1907, and his work in improving the interior of the church, decorating the sanctuary and improving the parish house, speaks well for his energy and zeal. He was succeeded by the Rev. Father Donovan, the present pastor. Father Donovan was also pastor of this parish from June, 1904, to March, 1906. On October 28th 1908, was made the last payment on the parish debt \$250.00—and so the parish was entirely free of debt at last.

THE NEW ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.

In the year 1885, Dunnville being united to Caledonia, Bishop Carbery visited Dunnville to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation, and the congregation petitioned him personally for a resident pastor, or for more instruction. The Bishop promised to send them a resident priest, provided the congregation would build a new church. Some were not quite satisfied with this provision to build a new church, being quite contented to worship in their old frame church. However, Father Crinion was appointed resident pastor in September, 1886. When he came here he found the members of the congregation scattered over a wide district. The corner stone of the new church was blessed and laid by Bishop Carbery in the year 1886, and on the 10th of May, 1887—the Feast of the Ascension—the new church was blessed and dedicated. An account of the ceremonies of dedication as given by the "Reform Press," a local paper, may prove interesting to our readers:

DEDICATION OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, DUNNVILLE

"The interesting ceremony of the dedication of this church was performed on Ascension Thursday (10th May, 1887) by the Right Rev. Dr. Carbery, Bishop of Hamilton, assisted by the Very Rev. E. I. Heenan, Vicar General; the Rev. P. Cosgrove, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Hamilton; Rev. J. Kelly, pastor of Caledonia, and Rev. J. E. Crinion, pastor of Dunnville. The Vicar General said the Mass, and St. Basil's Church Choir, Brantford, under the able direction of Professor Zinger, rendered Farmer's Mass in B flat with good effect. Father Cosgrove preached the sermon. He took for his text: "This day salvation is come to Israel." At the end of the mass the Bishop gave the solemn blessing. Mr. Clohecy of Hamilton was architect of the church, and Robt. Bennett, Dunnville, the contractor. The style of architecture is Italian. The building consists of the nave 70 feet long by 35 feet wide, with chancel 20 feet long by 21 feet wide, having in the east side a beautiful Lady Chapel, and on the west side a commodious Sacristy. The chancel arch is ornamented with pilasters, surrounded by a rich