

the church building in 1867 was for \$600.00. In a letter written many years after by Mr. Lambe to Mr. Champion, he says: "It is interesting to look back to the time when this first Protestant chapel was built at Murray Bay. Its archaeological interest may not equal Westminster or Canterbury but our friends, (dear friend Wilkie included), united in establishing a union church on a solid basis and fortunately *not* endowed except with a Christian spirit. The drafting of the contract puzzled the notary, the contractor and myself, as we found difficulty in framing an architectural nomenclature in French with the sole aid of a dictionary. The key to the whole is found in my sketchbook where I represented what I wanted. Buttresses, architraves, columns, etc., are aesthetically beautiful, but, as the contractor had never built anything other than a barn, he easily adopted the simplest rules of construction and gave us what at first was truly a barn. That little church with God's Spirit blessing its congregation is all that is required to prove useful." The church was finished and opened for services in 1867 and it has always been open since then during the summer months. It was the first Protestant church founded in this part of the province of Quebec and a meeting of Protestants held at Tadousac on August 21, 1866, just a year after the initial meeting at Murray Bay, resulted in the erection of a union chapel there also. The conditions prescribed for the Tadousac church were similar to those adopted for the church at Murray Bay.

At the annual meeting of the Murray Bay church held on the 3rd of August, 1868, two persons from the United States were present who were, perhaps, the first of their countrymen to come as visitors to Pointe au Pic. They were Rev. Mr. Stanton of Illinois, and M. Stoddart of Savannah. At this meeting it was stated that the balance of debt then due for the church was \$288.00 and Messrs. S. H. Blake and D. Wilkie were appointed "to collect from the visitors at Murray Bay for this object." Doubtless this debt was largely for an extension to the church on which \$133.00 had already been paid in 1867. It was also announced that, by the will of the late Mr. Nairne, Mrs. Nairne, his widow, was left all his property but was prohibited from alienating it