

a successful shipbuilder, and Joseph, a merchant of standing. While these names are disappearing from Dorchester, they in their day lent no small part to maintain its prominence.

One daughter married Wm. J. Weldon, a prominent hotel man at Shediac and Moncton; another married William Coll, of Sackville, who in the old stage coach days, kept a very popular hostelry, and a third, Edward B. Dickson a merchant at Sackville.

THE CHURCHES

The first church in the vicinity of Dorchester was erected by the Methodists, a short distance from the present site of the village, about 1790, and services continued to be held in it until the present church was erected.

In 1780 a church had been organized by the same denomination, under the inspiration of Bishop Black. Some claim this to be the oldest Methodist church in Canada.

The next church to be built was St. Ann's Episcopal church at Westcock, six miles out, erected, by the Loyalists in 1817. It was built largely because of the exertions of Honorable Amos Botsford, father of Judge Botsford, and services are held in it at the present time. Rev. John Burnycat was its first settled clergyman, 1818-1820, then came Rev. Christopher Milner, 1818-1836; Rev. John Black, 1836-40. Trinity Church was built at Dorchester, and in 1845 a church organ was imported from England. The succeeding pastors of this new church have been Rev. J. N. DeWolfe, 1847-60. Rev. G. C. Roberts 1860-73; Rev D. Nickerson 1875-78; Rev Richard Simonds, 1878-82; Rev. Dr. J. Roy Campbell, 1882-1902; Rev. Ernest J. Wood, 1902 to 1904. The rectory was built during the incumbency of Rev. Mr. Nickerson.

The Roman Catholics erected at St. Edmunds in 1880 on land donated by Sir Albert Smith.

The Baptist Church erected about 1880 under the auspices of Deacon Aiphens Palmer, J. W. Whittier and C. E. Knapp.

BLACK

William Black, father of Bishop Black, was an early settler at Upper Dorchester. He was born at Paisley, Scotland, in 1727. He came to Halifax in 1775 and the next year became proprietor of a large block of land at Amherst. He brought from the old land his family, consisting of his wife, four sons and two daughters. His wife—a very accomplished woman—died about 1785. He married a second time, his second wife being Miss Abber, who accompanied the family to Nova Scotia as an assistant. He then removed to Upper Dorchester, where he purchased a large estate. The second family consisted of four sons and three daughters. The descendants of these are scattered. Mr. Venning Black of the fifth generation is the only one remaining on the home place. William Black died at Dorchester in 1826.