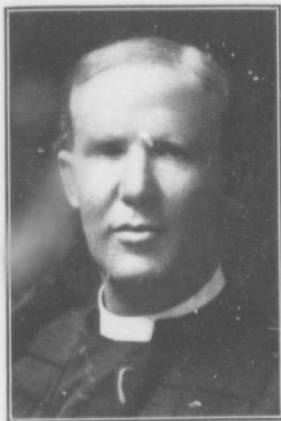


spiritual home of a large Presbyterian congregation.

Mr. Fraser was called to China as a missionary, and with the induction of Rev. J. L. Simpson, the more modern story of



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St. Andrew's Church and of the activities of the Presbyterian congregations in Fort William commence.

The later pastors have been asked to furnish reminiscences of their service in Fort William, and Mr. Simpson writes to the present pastor, Rev. J. A. Cranston, as follows:

Mattawa, Ont.,

May 12th, 1919.

"Dear Mr. Cranston,

"In reply to yours of May 3rd, I fear I am not able to give you much of a history as I preserved no records and will have to depend upon my memory. I presume the church Records which you have would give you what data you require.

"My induction took place in West Fort William in November of 1889. Mr. Pringle of Port Arthur was the Interim Moderator of session, and the Elders were

Messrs. Livingstone, Malcolm and Logie. At first I resided in West Fort and services were conducted in West Fort on Sunday morning and in Fort William in the evening. As Fort William began to build up and the population increased, a house was rented there for a Manse and services were conducted in the church morning and evening, with Sunday School in the afternoon.

"At the time when the work was taken up fully in Fort William there was a heavy floating debt on the congregation of something like \$1,200.00. This, however, was wiped off in one night by a big supper, which was the marvel of the district, tickets being sold at \$2.50 each and finances generally were brought into splendid condition. Much of the financial



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success of the congregation must be attributed to the Chairman of the Board of Management, Mr. T. A. Bell.

"We had a very good Sunday School under efficient and devoted teachers. Mrs. Simpson had the pleasure of organizing the first Women's Missionary Society in the congregation, and was elected