

# THE CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE

• • AND MISSION NEWS • •

Published by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada.

Vol. X.

TORONTO, MAY, 1896.

No. 119.

## HISTORICAL SKETCHES.

No. 118.—LUNENBURG, NOVA SCOTIA.

**L**UNENBURG, the chief town in the county of that name, is one of the most prosperous towns in Nova Scotia. It is justly called the Gloucester of Canada, being the centre of the important fishing industry. The parish of St.

John, which embraces the town and a large tract of the adjoining country, is one of the most important in the diocese.

The "Old Church," as St. John's is called, occupies a commanding site near the centre of the town. It was built in the year 1854, at the expense of the British Government, costing about £500. The frame for the building, which was 60 x 40 ft., was brought from Boston. During the time occupied in its erection the people worshipped on the church parade, the Rev. Jean Baptiste Morreau being the minister. Considerable additions and im-

provements have been made to the church since its first building. In 1870, the late Rev. Dr. Owen being rector, ten feet were added to the nave and a chancel built. In 1890 there was a further enlargement—aisles being added to the entire length of the nave, and the choir extended about ten feet on either side, the result of this enlargement being an increased seating capacity of about three hundred. The exterior view of the church does not prepare the visitor for the beauty of the interior; for, interiorly, St. John's is one of the most beauti-

ful and well-appointed churches in the province. The chancel is lighted by five stained glass windows of very fair design and workmanship. The organ is new; it is a gift to the church by will of the late Mr. William Creighton, and was built by Messrs. S. R. Warren & Sons, of Toronto. A very fine brass lectern was presented by the late Mrs. Kaulbach, widow of Sheriff Kaulbach. The congregation is a large one, embracing a good proportion of the most influential people of the town.

The Sunday-school house is built on a block of land to the rear of the church. Though commodious, it no longer affords sufficient accommodation for the school, which is under the superintendence of Mr. C. E. Kaulbach, M.P.

Amongst those who have had charge of the parish may be mentioned the Rev. Jean Baptiste Morreau, who was formerly a Roman Catholic priest. He preached in three languages—English, German, and French. He died in 170. The Rev. Paulus



REV. GEORGE HASLAM, M.A.,  
*Rector of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.*

Bryzelius, a man of great zeal, who, like his predecessor, preached in the three languages. He was struck with a fit of apoplexy whilst preaching on Good Friday in 1773. The original sermon is in the possession of a present resident in Lunenburg. The Rev. Roper Aitken, of the Scotch Episcopal Church, who for three years was garrison chaplain in New Brunswick, and was appointed to Lunenburg in 1817, died there in 1825. The Rev. James C. Cochran, M.A., who was the son of the Rev. Dr. Cochran, president of King's College,