

place in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Charlottetown, a plea was made that every circumstance of the case demanded that the sermon should be by their best preacher, and it was Mr. Dick that was appointed.

No wonder that the Smiths came to Selma, leaving Windsor and Newport as they did, in order to be near Mr. Dick. Col. Smith for such reason, according to his own statement, bought the property formerly belonging to Col. Small, and when his so much loved and admired preacher died the Colonel's words were "he was too good to live, and so the Lord took him away."

Writing of his parish under date 20th December, 1803, Mr. Dick says: "The district in which I am settled is very extensive. We call it a congregation, but it might with more propriety be called a shire. It is little short of sixty miles in length and the breadth is not yet ascertained."

When he began his ministry there was only one small church in his big parish, a rudely built log structure near Fort Ellis on the Colchester side of the Shubenacadie, something over half a mile above the mouth of the Stewiacke. Its attached burial ground has been considerably eaten into by the restless river.

For people who travelled when they could by boat, that building was well and centrally situated. Towards the close of his ministry, it gave place to a frame building, thirty-six feet square, half a mile further up river. His preaching places up river besides that church were Mr. Dickey's barn or house, according to the season of the year, at Lower Stewiacke, and Mr. Moor's brick tavern at Gay's River. The far up river people, not satisfied at first with the arrangements concerning Mr. Dick's services in terms of the call as they understood them, were afterwards so satisfied with his services as given, that they petitioned Presbytery to consider them as among those responsible for his support. He also preached at Nine Mile River and Five Mile River.

Before 1803 was gone the old brick-nogged two story manse stood where it continued to stand for ninety years, on the property now owned by Captain Rupert Cox, giving evidence to the last that it was built by a man who knew how to build. It was for the time a notably large and comfortable house. As the years went