

THE FIRST CATHOLIC CHURCH IN DUNNVILLE.

The next priest of whom there is any mention is Father John McNulty. He came about the year 1858 or 1860. He lived at Caledonia, where he built the present brick church, and attended from there the missions of Caledonia, Walpole, Indiana, Binbrook and Dunnville. He was assisted as curate for a while by Father O'Shea, who was a doctor of medicine before he studied for the priesthood.

THE OLD CHURCH.

Shortly after the arrival of Father McNulty, he set a movement on foot to build any kind of log or frame church the people could call their own. This movement was hastened by the fact that it was considered that \$60.00 per annum was too much to pay for the use of a hall. At the first meeting there were sixteen present, and encouraged by Father John, they took courage and passed a resolution to build. Thos. Carroll, the father of Mrs. Bolger of Dunnville lent the lot for the church, and it is on this lot that the priest's house now stands. Daniel Barry and Thomas Carroll went around through the district to have the people sign the petition for the building of this church.

The frame church, which on account of its queer proportions and small windows was called "The Barn," was now built on this lot, and the poor people were delighted that they had a church which they could call their own. Some time after this Thomas O'Brien, a carpenter, remodelled and renovated the frame church, and deprived it of its barn-like appearance by the insertion of church-like windows.

Mr. Thos. Carroll lent the land where the priest's house now stands to the people to build the church on. After some time the lot on which the present church is built, was purchased, and the old church was moved to it. When it was decided to start the new church, the old church building was moved back to the Carroll lot, which was purchased from the owners. John Newman and Patrick Heffernan, now dead, father of James Heffernan, Canal Bank, Sherbrooke, drew the lumber and machinery necessary to move the church in the first removal.

FATHER McNULTY'S SUCCESSORS.

About the year 1876, Father McNulty, feeling the weight of years, withdrew from active service and was instrumental in purchasing the House of Providence, Dundas, Ont., where he spent the remaining days of his life. He died in 1882, and at his own request he was buried in the grounds of that institution. In the same year—1876—he was succeeded as pastor by the Rev. Father Cleary, who was succeeded by Rev. Father Doherty, now pastor of Arthur, Ont. Rev. Father Maddigan, now of Formosa, Ont., succeeded Father Doherty. In the year 1885 the Rev. Father Kelly followed Father Maddigan as pastor of Caledonia, to which Dunnville was still attached. Father Kelly, who is now the esteemed pastor of Mount Forest, Ont., bought the lot on which the church now stands. It was he who started the work on the new church, and the foundation had been completed when it was decided to