



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, YARMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA.

in Yarmouth alone, but in almost all the settlements throughout the Province. So much so was this the case that for some years the Legislature appointed certain persons to read the church service and, whenever they could, a sermon in the different settlements and districts. The Legislature voted a salary of 7s. 6d. a Sunday as remuneration for such services, but after a few years, as preachers began to come in, the payment was reduced to 5s. a Sunday, which caused one of the preachers to declare emphatically that most dire things should happen to the people before he would preach to them for "5s. a Sunday." However, preachers came in and many of them received often not more than the despised 5s. from their flocks. From 1793 to 1806 the services of the Church were administered occasionally by the Rev. Mr. Rowland, of Shelburne, and others. The Rev. David Ormond was sent out by the Propagation Society about 1793, but no record exists of his

ministrations, nor of the length of time he remained among the people. In 1801 the same Society sent out the Rev. John Blackburn, and he very shortly left for the United States, leaving the people without any clerical ministrations. In 1806, under an order from the Governor, Sir John Wentworth, and Council, the parish of Yarmouth was formally organized by an election of wardens and vestrymen, and the appointment of the Rev. Rana Cossit as rector. Parish records were opened and have been regularly kept till the present time. Before that period the record of all church offices performed in Yarmouth, such as baptisms, marriages and burials were registered in the books of the parish of Shelburne, in which county Yarmouth was then included. The first move towards the erection of a church was made on the 30th of June, 1806, by opening a subscription list. In that year, in November, the Rector went to Halifax to obtain a grant of lands for Church purposes, and returned in January, 1807, having succeeded in his object. In process of time those lands became valuable, and were sold some thirty years ago for fair prices, from which the parish realized an endowment fund amounting at present to \$12,000.

In 1807 land was purchased for a church site and God's acre, and a frame was erected in July the same year 50 x 35 feet, besides a porch for a steeple. The first service was held in the unfinished building on the 13th of December, without any pews or stove, and only rough, unlaidd floor, the tough old churchmen of those days not seeming to think it necessary to have hot air or water furnaces, or cushioned seats to make their service acceptable. In the next year the Propagation Society made a grant of £200 toward the finishing of the church. And so the life of the church went slowly and quietly along till 1815, when the rector, died to the great regret of his parishioners, by whom he was much revered for his earnest devotion to duty, performed at all times in a spirit of gentleness and kindness. Among the older people of the generation who have gone he was always spoken of with affectionate remembrance. His first communion was administered on 16th Nov., 1806, to ten persons. At his death the number had increased to thirty-five communicants. His remains were buried under the chancel. After Mr. Cossit's death, to 1819, no rector had been appointed in his place. Services were occasionally held by Rev. Mr. Rowland, of Shelburne, and Rev. Mr. Vicks, of Digby, and for a short time in 1817 the Rev. Jas. Milner did duty, and in 1819 the Rev. Robt. Milner held the post.

(To be concluded in our next.) •