

from the United States, followed Dr. Wylie, and was many years resident in Williamsburg. Dr. WAGNER, located at Dickinson's Landing, was another eminent physician and a graduate of McGill University.

Among other prominent men in the county mention should be made of Mr. A. MACDONALD (INCH), the polite collector of customs at Mariatown, who annually invited a few select friends to share with him the time-honored haggis on St. Andrew's day. Another highly esteemed man from Glengarry was Mr. A. G. MACDONELL, the county registrar, who was afterward canal superintendent.

Of the "landed aristocracy" in the county of Dundas sixty-five years ago, Mr. Croil still retains pleasant recollections of intimate friendships with Jacob and Peter Brouse, Jacob Haines and George Doran of Matilda, and John and Michael Hickey, the venerable John W. Loucks and Michael Pillar, all of Williamsburg. Mr. Pillar's name is still familiar as a household word in the county of Dundas as a model farmer, a storekeeper, postmaster and wharfinger; as a church warden, and, true to his name, as a pillar and tower of strength in the Church of England, to the end of his days.

The oldest inhabitant in Mr. Croil's time was Mrs. Jacob Coons of Iroquois, a most interesting and intelligent old lady, who informed him that in 1783 there was no Protestant church in Canada that she knew of, and that she was married in that year by the chaplain of the forces in the old Recollet church in Montreal, which had been for a number of years used for Protestant worship. Mrs. Coons was said to have reached the great age of 108 years.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

At the first, the U.E. Loyalist settlers were nearly all members of the Lutheran church, and had for their minister the REV. SAMUEL SCHWERDFEGER of Albany, who came to Williamsburg in 1790; during his ministry churches were built in Williamsburg and Matilda. This eminent U.E. Loyalist died in 1803.

The REV. HERMAN HAYUNGA came in 1826 and had a union church erected by the Lutherans and Presbyterians jointly in 1827, at North Williamsburg. He retired in 1837 from ill health, but resided many years in the county and was highly respected. In 1795 a union church was built in Osnabruck, which had for their first minister the REV. LUDWIG BROEFFLE.

Dundas county was the cradle of Methodism in Canada. The first church edifice was erected on Point Iroquois, Matilda, in 1797. In 1861 the number of Methodists in Dundas was 7,319. In its early years, ignored by the Government of the day, and subjected to many vexatious disabilities, Methodism made rapid progress, and ere long became the largest Protestant denomination in the Dominion. The first Methodist preachers in Dundas were WILLIAM LOSSEE, a lay preacher, and REV. DARIUS DUNHAM. The former came from the United States in 1790; the latter also came from the United States, in 1792. He was familiarly known as "Scolding Dunham," from the denunciatory style of his preaching. It is told that these two had set their affections upon a young lady of rare personal attractions, that "Scolding Dunham" won the prize, which so upset Lessee that he left the country "hors de combat" and was lost to sight.

In Mr. Croil's time the REV. JOHN DAVIDSON was the Presbyterian minister in Williamsburg and the REV. THOMAS SCOTT in Matilda. In 1839 REV. ISAAC PURKIS was inducted to the pastorate of the Osnabruck Presbyterian church; by him Mr. Croil was ordained to the eldership of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, in 1850. Mr. Purkis died in 1852.

Services of the Church of England began in Williamsburg in 1811 by the REV. J. G. WEAGANT till 1835, when he was succeeded by the REV. G. B. LINDSAY. In 1844 he was followed by the REV. EDWARD BOSWELL, D.C.L., in whose time Williamsburg was created a rectory and St. James' church built in