

# CENTENNIAL OF KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Congregations Have Had Regular Services Since September, 1820 — Evidence of Fruitful Work — New Churches Grow From Parent Body—Knox Has Only Had Five Pastors.

One hundred years of worship is being celebrated by Presbyterians of Toronto thru next week, extending from tomorrow to Sept. 25, the congregation of Knox Church, Spadina avenue, having had regular services since September, 1820.

In the course of the century, the congregation of Knox gave evidence of fruitful work in the growing city, the congregations of West Presbyterian Church, Westminster Church (formerly Church Street), and the College Church being formed from members trained under her care, while there was hearty contribution to the formation of Bloor Street Church.

The first service in 1820 was conducted by Rev. James Harris, who had recently arrived from Belfast, Ireland, and in November (two months later) preparations were made in part for the securing of a site and the building of a church. The following month was marked by a donation of £125 from Jesse Ketchum, known then (as later also) for his interest in humanity, and in the next year there was erected a brick building, 50 x 30, upon a lot where the new portion of the Robert Simpson's store now stands, the front being toward Richmond street.

In 1822 this church was formally opened and the congregation officially recognized, Rev. Mr. Harris being inducted as minister of the Presbyterian Church of York on July 10 by Brockville Presbytery. The first communion of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in September by the minister, assisted by Rev. William Jenkins of Richmond Hill, there being 23 members besides the visitors from remote parts of the province.

In 1844 the congregation made overtures to a portion of St. Andrew's Church (founded in 1827), who sympathized with the disruption in Scotland, and had determined to form a separate cause, and a common ground was found in the principles of the Free Protestant Church of Scotland. The congregation of the Church of York agreed to accept the name of Knox Church for their new cause, and also to acquiesce in the call of their new friends to Rev. Robert Burns of Paisley, Scotland. The building on Richmond street was enlarged by a frame addition and served until 1847, when it was destroyed by fire, the pulpit being the only thing rescued from the flames.

Old Knox Church. What is now known by many Canadians as Old Knox Church was then built facing Queen street, and continued to be the home of the congregation from 1848 to 1905. The corner-stone of the present magnificent edifice on Spadina avenue was laid by the senior elder, the late Sir William Mortimer Clark, K.C., LL.D., on Jan. 26, 1907.

Knox Church has had only five pastors, as follows: Rev. James Harris, after serving from 1823 to 1844, retired for the union already described. He died in 1873, having seen the town of Muddy York grow to a beautiful city, and his small congregation attain a moral power in the community.

Rev. Robert Burns, D.D., became connected with Knox College as lecturer in 1845, and in 1856 resigned his pastorate to take up the duties of professor. He died in August, 1869, at 80 years of age.

Rev. Alexander Topp was the third minister, accepting a call repeated in 1858 to him at Free Roxboro Church, Edinburgh, and serving until stricken while making a pastoral visit in 1879. Much of the mission expansion already mentioned was made during his term.

Rev. H. M. Parsons, D.D., remembered as a strong expositor of the Scriptures, as well as being a man of marked spiritual strength, was pastor from 1880 to 1900, when he became pastor emeritus. His death occurred in 1912.

The present minister, Rev. A. B. Winchester, is a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland. After being graduated from Manitoba College, in 1887, he served in North China, until an invalid home after two years. Later he left a charge in Kitchener to become superintendent of a mission to the Chinese in British Columbia. He is known across the continent as a preacher of strong evangelistic appeal. Under his ministry the present church was built.

### MISSING FROM HER HOME

The police have been asked to locate Irene McKinnon, aged six years, who disappeared from her home, at 398A East King street on Thursday, with a man named Albert Peters. Peters boarded with the McKinnon family, and the child was last seen on the street with him. Peters is also missing, and the parents of the child fear that the little girl has been kidnapped.

### CHARGED WITH THEFT

Charged with stealing \$45 from the cash register of a poolroom at Euclid avenue and Bloor street, Arthur Smitherman, Teymouth ave., was last night arrested by Detective Carter.

### CHARGED WITH STEALING A BOX

Containing two dozen bars of chocolate from the Canada Steamship Company, James Anderson, 390 East King street, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Policeman Horton.

### HITCH OVER PRICES REPORT

There has been a hitch in the preparation of the report on restaurant food prices, and the details will not be ready for the police commissioners before Monday next. The report is being prepared by the medical health department, which gathered the information.

### DENIES STATEMENT OF COAL IN SIDINGS

On the authority of the G.T.R., Mayor Church yesterday issued a denial of the statement made the other night at the Labor Temple, that there were about a hundred carloads of coal on the sidings at Mimico.

Superintendent Jones of the G.T.R. has reported to Mayor Church that six carloads had been in the yards three days and nine carloads two days. The rest of the coal in the yards had arrived yesterday or last night. Prompt delivery of coal shipments is being made, Mr. Jones reports.

### AUCTIONEER SHY OF FRUIT PURCHASERS

### Thinks Consumers Want Things Too Cheap—Will Repeat Experiment.

That Toronto consumers, especially those who are looking for a way to avoid the middle man, are not alive to their opportunities, is the opinion of the auctioneer who put on the fruit sale at St. Lawrence market yesterday. Hundreds of baskets of fine plums, peaches, other fruit and vegetables were on hand, the co-operation of the shippers being apparent in the showing. Early in the morning a goodly number were gathered for the auction but the attitude of the buyers was not to the advantage of a continuity of the sale.

"The consumers want to get things too cheaply. The prices they offered would not encourage shipping. Shippers will never ship if they get no higher prices than were offered this morning. People forget to be reasonable," was the summing up of the projector of the scheme.

"What was the highest you were offered for peaches?" he was asked. "From 65 to 75 cents." "And what would you call a reasonable price?" received the answer, \$1.15.

Late in the afternoon sales were still in progress but not by auction. At this hour baskets of fine plums were being sold at 65 cents, and others as large as eggs were selling at 85 cents. If Toronto women are really in earnest in their protests against the cost of overhead expenses here is their chance to show it by going to the market and buying at prices in which the shipper and the auctioneer will be remembered as well as themselves.

The experiment will be tried again at 10 a.m. Monday.

### BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED.

The city architect's department issued the following permits for buildings yesterday:

Dr. Wm. Givens, semi-detached dwelling, east side of Dawes road, near Danforth avenue, \$10,000; R. Ferguson, two residences, north side of Castlefield avenue, near Rosewell avenue, \$6,000; Bank of Nova Scotia, alterations and additions northeast corner Queen and McCaul streets, \$20,000.

### SPORT OF KINGS AT THORNCLIFFE



The picture, taken by The World's staff photographer, shows P. Moody and Corn Broom near the winning post, in the first race, with the former holding a safe lead. When the bugle sounded for the opening race of the meet, there was a large attendance of racing followers, many of whom had made the run from the city in motor cars.

### PREPARE FOR VISIT OF ARBITRATORS

### Will Consider Building of Main Street Bridge—Hanna Goes East.

Active preparations are being made at Little York and Toronto terminals of the Canadian National Railways and the Grand Trunk, in connection with the forthcoming visit of the board of arbitrators to fix the value of the Grand Trunk.

According to an official statement, Sir Walter Cassells, Sir Thomas White and ex-President Taft, will leave Montreal by special train on Monday

afternoon for their tour of inspection here on Tuesday.

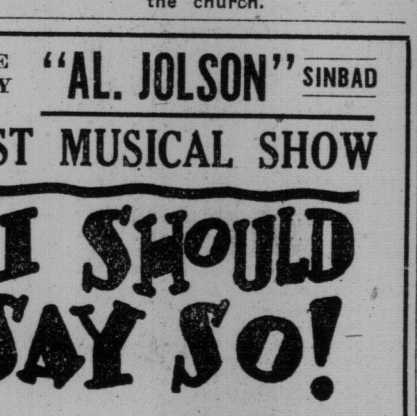
Yesterday men were employed at Little York, giving the tracks and layout a thorough cleaning up. One of the principal matters which will receive the attention of the arbitrators, it is stated, is the Main street bridge, which is to be immediately replaced by an up-to-date steel and concrete structure, with allowance for double street car tracking, also the matter of housing the large number of railroad employees at this point.

"Touching upon the inspection, it was stated yesterday afternoon to The World that D. B. Hanna, general manager for the Canadian National Rail-

ways, would not be among the party. He has left for Montreal, and is now on an inspection tour of all the lines in the maritime provinces section of the system.

Interviewed respecting the immediate construction of a new bridge, in place of that now over Main street, near Little York station, U. E. Gillen, superintendent of terminals for the Grand Trunk Railway, referred The World to both the chief engineer of bridges, George Mitchell, and John H. Bowler, general superintendent of the eastern division, both of whom were out of town, Mr. Bowler having himself left for Montreal on Thursday night.

### KNOX CENTENNIAL.



Rev. A. B. Winchester, present pastor of the church.

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