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REDEDICATION NEXT SUNDAY

United Baptist Church After Much
Work Put on it Will Be Open for
Worship—The Church's
History

The dedicatory services of the United Baptist Church will be held on Sunday, Rev. L. E. Achland of Woodstock will preach the dedicatory sermon at 10:30. Sunday School will be at the usual hour, immediately following which Rev. I. W. Williamson of East Florenceville will preach. In the evening the late pastor, Rev. B. A. Trilles, will deliver his farewell sermon. It is expected that very large crowds will attend these meetings and a welcome is extended to all. The reception committee consists of Deacons L. E. McFarland, Frank Hagerman, W. H. Sipperelle, H. R. Nixon and O. W. McQuarrie. These will see that all out of town visitors are looked after and entertained during the day. Invitation has been extended to all the local pastors and to Rev. C. N. Barton of Victoria to participate in the services.

E. C. Morgan, the gifted chorister of the church, is busily engaged with the choir preparing special music for the important event on Sunday. There will be both piano and organ accompaniment.

To the Rev. B. A. Trilles credit is due in a very large measure for the work of improvement and extending the capacity of the church. The Observer is told by many of his former parishioners that he put his shoulder to the wheel with force and vigor and when he starts something has to give. He not only gave of his physical and mental effort but he reached deep into his own financial resources. The congregation at large responded nobly to the great burden which the rebuilding of the church placed upon them, so no less than \$7,500 was the cost of the improvement.

The building committee consisted of L. E. McFarland, Frank Hagerman, Rex L. York, C. E. Rideout, and C. R. Harris and all were faithful in their work. L. E. McFarland was the master builder and he was ably assisted by George Orser, Benj. Irving, Perry Shaw and C. R. Harris, while the painting and decorating was done by P. G. Foster and Mr. Churchill of Woodstock.

The United Baptist church was organized in 1896 and is a combination of the former Baptist church and the Free Baptist church. The Observer has been given the following data with regard to the early history of the Baptist church in Hartland. "In the year 1890 George C. Watson and family came to Hartland from Jacksonville. They were very zealous in the work of the church and their home was always a welcome place for the Baptist ministers. At about this time a considerable interest in this particular denomination was started by Rev. O. H. Henderson and a small society was organized in the Baptist church at Coldstream. In 1892 the Baptist church was organized in the Methodist meeting house with Rev. H. D. Warden as pastor. The organization was largely due to the faithfulness of the late Rev. A. H. Hayward who spent his life in the interests of the Baptists. When the new church was started there were twenty-two charter members, Judson Currie, and George C. Watson were chosen as deacons and W. D. Keith as clerk. The growth of the little church was rapid and in 1896 a lot was donated by the late Benj. Jewett and a church building was commenced. This was dedicated in 1898. Among the pastors in the successive years were Revs. H. D. Warden, A. H. Hayward, J. D. Wetmore and O. E. Steeves. It was during the pastorate of Mr. Steeves that the union of the churches was brought about."

Mrs. L. E. McFarland has kindly contributed a short history of the old Free Baptist church. The Free Baptist church at Hartland (then called the Mouth of the Beccagutman) was organized in the year of 1843 after a zealous revival under the labours of the late Rev. G. W. Orser, who was the pastor for more than thirty years. The services were held in a little school-house at the north end of the town. In the year 1871 this church of about thirty members, with the kind cooperation of friends, commenced to build a house for the worship of God. In the year 1847 at the District meeting a committee of five were appointed to visit this church, which was in difficulty. After much prayerful deliberation it was believed to be God's leading that the church be re-organized (Section 13, church directory). Two of the thirty-eight members with five others were banded together in the re-organization with Rev. Charles McMullin as pastor. The services were held now in Matheson's Hall. The fol-

lowing spring Rev. B. Colpitts assisted Rev. Charles McMullin in special meetings and a good revival was the result and many strong Christians were added to the church. On Dec. 25, 1875, their new commodious house of worship was dedicated to God for Divine worship. The church grew and prospered under the leadership of (Continued on Editorial page)

SHERIFF FOSTER IS EXONERATED

Hangman and System Are Criticized
by J. B. Dickson, Who Conducted
Investigation—Sheriff Foster Found
To Have Done His Duty Blamelessly

The report of the Commissioner, J. Bacon Dickson, who held an investigation into circumstances surrounding the execution of Benny Swin, at Woodstock, was placed before the provincial government in session at Fredericton last Wednesday. The body of Swin had been cut down before life was extinct and it had been necessary to repeat the hanging. Many rumors had been in circulation concerning the execution and the Government decided that an enquiry should be held. With this object in view Mr. Dickson was appointed and he went to Woodstock and examined witnesses of the hanging and others concerned with it.

The commissioner found that Sheriff Foster had done all in his power to have capable men carry out the sentence of the court.

There were rumors that one of the hangmen had been intoxicated on the morning of the hanging. Four witnesses believed the hangman had been drinking, while fourteen others say no signs of intoxication and the commissioner had come to the conclusion that if the hangman had been drinking it had not affected him so as to interfere with his work. He did find, however, that the hangman was less considerate of the feelings of the condemned man than he might have been and he concluded that the hangman had ordered the unfortunate man cut down after the first hanging. Recommendations as to future hangings are contained in the report, which was as follows:

Fredericton, N. B.
Hon. J. E. Hetherington, Provincial
Secretary, Treasurer, Fredericton,
New Brunswick:

Sir,—by letters patent under the Great Seal of the Province of New Brunswick, bearing date October 11, 1922, I was appointed a commissioner under Chapter 12 of the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick, 1903, respecting investigations by commission, and departmental enquiries, and was authorized to investigate and enquire into the matter of the execution of Benny Swin and conduct of offole taking part therein, which commission is annexed to this report.

Upon receipt of the commission, I appointed Thursday, November 2, 1922 at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the County Court house at Woodstock, New Brunswick, as the time and place for entering upon the investigation.

I obtained a list of persons present at the execution of Benny Swin and summoned or requested the following persons to be present and give evidence—

Aldon R. Foster, High Sheriff of Carleton County, Hedley V. Moore, Deputy Sheriff of Carleton County, Dr. Thomas W. Griffin, Physician, Dr. L. DeG. McIntosh, Physician, Dr. N. P. Grant, Physician, Moses Moore, Death-watch, Rev. H. Bragdon, Clergyman, Rev. Perley Quigg, Clergyman, Hardy Crane, Bridge Superintendent, Harry Alderman of Woodstock, Gladstone D. Perry, Warden of Carleton County, Charles W. Clark, County Councillor, Aron Nevors, Liquor Inspector, S. L. Lynott, Editor of Carleton Sentinel, Manser Clerk, Produce Merchant, George Thornton, Merchant, Edward Caldwell, Salesman, Fred Seeley, Salesman, Burrill Hatfield, Farmer, Henry DeWitt, Undertaker, Owen Kelly, Chief of Police of Woodstock.

The investigation was held at Woodstock on November 2 and 3 and the witnesses above named appeared and (Continued on page 2)

PRODUCE PRICES

Today the price of potatoes is quoted at 90c; hay, \$9; oats, 45c; beans \$4.00 to \$4.50; buckwheat meal \$2.50; pork 14c; beef, 7c; chickens 35 to 20c; geese, 30 to 35c; ducks, 25 to 30c; turkeys, 45 to 50c; butter, 33 to 35c.

AMASA TURNER ESTABROOKS

The death of Amasa Turney Estabrooks, eldest son of the late Thomas and Phoebe Estabrooks, occurred at his home in Wicklow on Saturday, Oct. 28, aged 54 years. Although he had been in failing health for some time his death came as a shock to his

relatives and friends. He is survived by one brother, Henry H., with whom he made his home, and one niece, Mrs. Harvey Annett of Hartland, and two nephews, Frank H. Estabrooks, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia at McAdam and T. Hollon Estabrooks at home. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Mr. Wanson assisted by Rev. D. R. Chowen.

AGAINST LOAN TO THE FARMERS

Premier Foster Points Out Difficulty
In Way

Fredericton, Dec. 5.—The provincial government spent almost the entire afternoon hearing a delegation composed of legislative representatives of the United Farmers of this province, in both the Federal and Provincial Houses, which urged the adoption of a scheme of agricultural loans in view of a depression which, it is said, has been felt very much recently. The comment of Premier Foster, it is understood, was not favorable to the province entering into the business of loaning money to its people.

Those who were heard were: T. W. Caldwell, M.P. for Carleton-Victoria; A. O. Fawcett, M.P. for Westmorland and United Farmer leader in the provincial legislature; D. W. Pickett, M.P. for Victoria, and F. W. Smith and S. J. Burlock, M.P.'s for Carleton. The argument for provincial loans to farmers, particularly those in the potato growing district, were along the lines which are well known and were based in general upon the poor market conditions of recent times.

Premier Foster, replying to the delegation, pointed out the difficulty of a government entering into a project for loaning money to the people whom it governs upon long-term conditions. It would be a huge undertaking, and he believed it would be unwise for the province to engage in a matter which would be so extensive. It was true that in the past the extending of loans on a small scale had been undertaken for the purpose of aiding agriculture. The movement several years ago to encourage the raising of sheep was an instance and the purchase of seed during the war period was another. But it also was true that there had been loss to the province each time, although the loss had not been great.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS

G. F. Seely received his new crude-oil engine last week and is now giving a service most excellent. A dozen two hundred watt street lights burn each night and the town is transformed in appearance. There is sufficient current for any need and more of the town people should avail themselves of the convenience that electric light and household appliances make for them.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Inglis M. Tompkins, whose life deceased, Dec. 3, 1921.

Wife and Family.

THE STORES IN HOLIDAY ATTIRE

Prospects Fair for Christmas Trade
Quite the Same as Usual

The stores are in holiday attire and a visit around among them encourages one to believe that times are not as hard as many seem to think.

For the twenty-seventh season Estey & Curtis Co., Ltd. have on display a wealth of Christmas goods and Mr. Miller tells the Observer that each succeeding year their Christmas sales have exceeded the best previous year and he is hopeful that this season will be no exception. "Toyland", which the children so eagerly look forward to, will be opened in their second story on Saturday.

Year after year Keith & Plummer Ltd. have been among the foremost with Christmas goods and they are not behind this year. Their store as usual at this season presents a most attractive appearance.

"A man's store for a man's gift" sounds like good reasoning and this is the argument of the Hartland Clothing Co. whose big advertisement on another page will repay careful reading. They have also many nice things for ladies which includes silk and heather hosiery, handkerchiefs, etc., while the balance of their stock of ladies' and girls' coats are being disposed off at a great reduction.

J. T. G. Carr, who has been doing business in Hartland for nearly half a century, is still giving his customers every attention.

erative, Ltd. have a fine Christmas display and making a special bid for a fair share of the holiday trade.

H. R. Nixon is displaying a full line of delicious confections as well as staple groceries required for Christmas cooking.

V. W. Simms calls attention to his display of Christmas fruits and confectionery while the Hartland Restaurant invites the public to partake of hot oyster stews and other good things.

P. U. Violette is showing a special fine line of French Ivory at his well-kept jewelry store.

At East Florenceville both A. B. Lovely and S. W. Smith are displaying fine Christmas stocks.

At Bristol A. W. Phillips is drawing the crowds from all points with his great reduction sale which is being carried on simultaneously with his Christmas sale.

The Bath Drug Store is making a bid for the holiday business and their store is a delight to the purchaser.

S. R. Hatfield of Windsor is making a strong bid for business and he has a most attractive stock of Christmas sundries.

The Creighton Musical Instrument Co. of Woodstock is making very attractive offerings in pianos and phonographs.

Every indication points to a very good Christmas trade throughout the county and the Observer sincerely hopes that every merchant will feel prosperity coming his way.

Evangelistic Event

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