

their son, George Clarke, who died in 1895, ae. 67 yrs., who will be remembered by many as Collector of H.M. Customs for several years here.

Beyond them is the monument of Robt. Hark, a veteran of 90 years, and 4 months, who died in 1897, the first mason and bricklayer brought to the Garrison. Such are a few of the mortuary references which stamp with historic value the records of old St. James' church-yard.

CHAPTER XX.

STE. ANNE'S MEMORIAL CHURCH AND CEMETERY.

The first Ste. Anne's Roman Catholic Church was erected in 1832, mainly through the instrumentality of Dedine Revol and Rev. Father Dempsey, missionary, and was the pioneer church of the "Rolling Sands" since its records reach back to 1835, thus antedating the Anglican St. James' Military Church by two years. The humble predecessor of the present fine Jesuit Memorial structure, Ste. Anne's, was itself the modest successor of the church of the "Immaculate Conception," the first wooden church erected in 1637, in connection with the early French missions at Ossossane beyond St. Patrick on the borders of Nottawasaga Bay, nearly 200 years before. A wampum belt now in possession of Mr. D. McCord, City Chamberlain of Montreal, is said to have on it among other devices a *fac simile* working or drawing of this pioneer wooden church erected of poles and bark at that early date at La Rochelle or Ossossane.

The first Ste. Anne's was not completed till the latter part of 1833, and from the late Michael Labatte and others who helped in the construction of it, we learn that the church was built of cedar logs with tennons fitting into grooves and filling the spaces between upright posts, an improvement on the unsightly notched corners of the ordinary log building, due, doubtless, to De Revol who as catechist exercised general supervision and was progressive. Its dimensions were 21ft. x 32ft. and stood on Roberts St. on the site now occupied by the town hall. The lot was presented for church and cemetery purposes by Pierre Giroux who will be remembered as having later suffered amputation of both hands and feet from being frost bitten on his way from the Giant's Tomb. The