

constituted," there being "present, Duncan Ross, John Brown and James McGregor, ministers, with Robert Marshall, ruling elder." They had all come together by boat from Londonderry landing at the wharf connected with the public house kept by Mr. Ellis, which stood on the tide shore of the tannery brook just in front of Capt. R. F. Densmore's residence. Their's was one of a fleet of boats in the brook that day. Mr. David Whidden was ordered by the Presbytery "to serve Mr. Dick's edict again by going to the place of public worship and calling out before the congregation thrice with a pause between each call, 'If any person have anything to object against the doctrine and conversation of Alexander Dick, preacher, why he may not be ordained to the office of the holy ministry let him now give the same to the Presbytery, or otherwise they shall proceed immediately to his ordination.'" Rev. Mr. Brown had served it as appointed "ten days before." Needless to say no objection was offered, and the ordination services were proceeded with.

The place of public worship was a shed used by Mr. David Whidden in connection with his ship-building. It stood on what is now the street, near the junction of the Shubenacadie and Kennetcook roads, in part on the grounds occupied by Old Temperance Hall, and the store of Mr. C. P. MacDougall, in the very centre of what is now the village of Maitland. In connection with the ordination and induction services, Dr. McGregor preached the sermon, his text being II Corinthians 4:1. "Seeing we have this ministry we faint not." After Mr. Dick had "with prayer" and "the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery" received ordination "to the office of the holy ministry," and induction into "the pastoral charge of the congregation of Douglas" by the moderator, Dr. McGregor delivered the Presbytery "charge to Mr. Dick and the congregation." It is on record that there was a first rate Presbytery dinner in the Ellis Hotel after the ordination, and in the afternoon another service in "the place of public worship" when Rev. Mr. Ross discoursed on the Great Commission, "Go ye" etc.

Mr. Dick's first sermon after his ordination was preached on the following Sunday, we presume, though it is dated on the notes which have come down to us "1803, Mouth of the River, June 27."