

## Chronology of Historical Events Leading to the Present Status of Methodism in St. John's, Newfoundland

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| <p>1703. John Wesley born at Epworth, in Lincolnshire, England.</p> <p>? 1728. John Wesley born again.</p> <p>1739. First Methodist Class formed.</p> <p>1744. First Methodist Conference met in London, 6 ministers present.</p> <p>1765. Methodism introduced into Newfoundland by Rev. Lawrence Coughlan, at Harbor Grace.</p> <p>1771. Messrs. Stretton and Thomey, two local preachers, took charge of the Methodist Society left at Harbour Grace by Coughlan.</p> <p>1772. Methodism reaches Nova Scotia.</p> <p>..... First Methodist Chapel built in Newfoundland at Blackhead, C. B.</p> <p>1774. Mr. Thomas Hoskins, a teacher and local preacher, introduces Methodism at Old Perlican.</p> <p>1785. Rev. John McGeary, first regular Methodist minister, arrives in Newfoundland.</p> <p>1791. Rev. William Black visited Newfoundland and greatly encouraged the few missionaries.</p> <p>1792. Rev. George Smith, second Methodist minister appointed here, extended work to Bonavista.</p> <p>1815. Methodism began in St. John's.</p> <p>1816. First completed Methodist Chapel built at Gower Street, St. John's, December 26.</p> <p>? 1856. The Lower Provinces and Newfoundland organized into "The Conference of Eastern British America."</p> <p>1857. Gower Street brick Church built on site of former Chapel, November 29th.</p> | <p>1873. George Street Church built and opened December 14th.</p> <p>1874. Newfoundland District organized into an independent Conference.</p> <p>1882. Cochrane Street Church opened.</p> <p>1884. Alexander Street School Chapel built.</p> <p>1885. District around Alexander Street constituted a Circuit.</p> <p>1886. Methodist College, a wooden building, built on the site of the old "Academy."</p> <p>1892. Gower Street Church burnt. Congregation gathered for a few Sundays in Fleming Street School Chapel, and later for some time in the "Tabernacle," a temporary wooden building erected on the Parade.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">The wooden Methodist College and Training School was lost in the same fire.</p> <p>1894. Present Methodist College built on site of former one.</p> <p>1896. Present Gower Street Church, a brick building in the Romanesque style, completed.</p> <p>1910. Alexander Street Church burnt. Rebuilt at corner of Hamilton Street and Le Marchant Road, and named Wesley Church.</p> <p>1914. Cochrane Street Church burnt.</p> <p>1915. Centennial Celebration at Gower Street Church, June 20th to 21st.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Foundation of new Church laid July, to be known as Cochrane Street Methodist Centennial Church.</p> |
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