

SAINT GEORGE'S OBSERVES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**CHURCH IN WEST
END ACTUALLY
105 YEARS OLD**

**Celebration Is In Honor of
Consecration Ceremony
of 1826**

**ONLY 7 RECTORS IN
LONG SPAN OF YEARS**

**Congregation to Gather To-
morrow Night in Observ-
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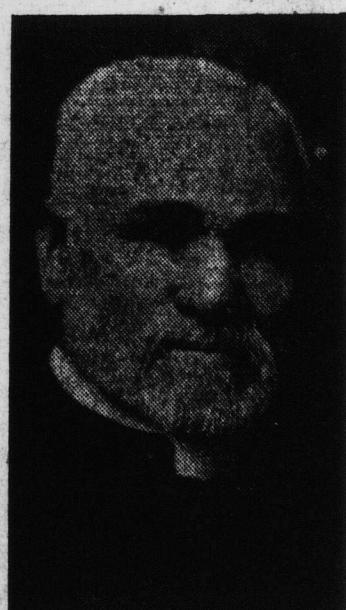
TOMORROW evening will begin the celebration of the centenary of the oldest church in Saint John—St. George's Anglican church in West Saint John. Proud of the distinction that they worship in the most ancient of edifices erected to the glory of God in this city, the people of the congregation, together with their energetic young rector, Rev. John Unsworth, and his venerable predecessor, Rev. W. H. Sampson, who had been rector for the long span of 35 years in this one church, have been looking forward with keen anticipation to the observance of this notable event in the life of their church.

BUILT 105 YEARS AGO

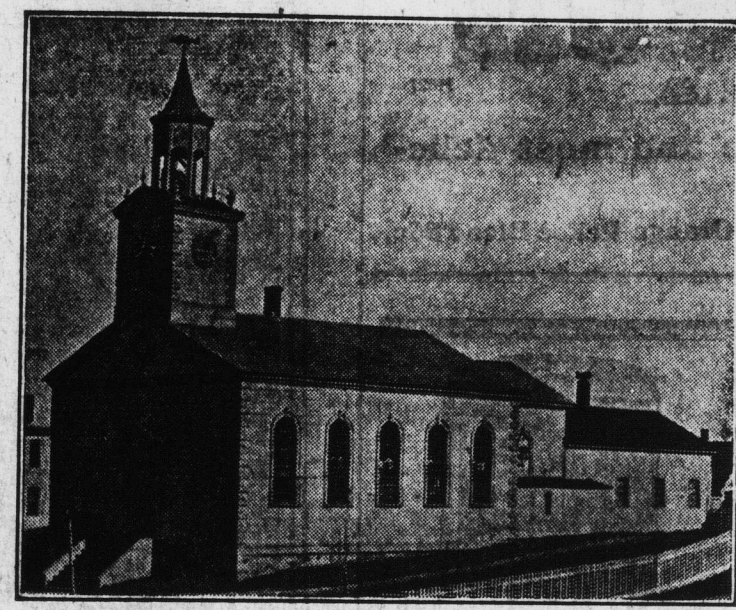
St. George's is really 105 years old but the special services now arranged are to mark rather the centenary of the consecration of the edifice. The commemoration is taking place not on the actual day of this ceremony, however. Had it been, July 28 would have been pastor and people gathered together for worship with special thought in mind for the event of 100 years ago that day, of the struggles and heroism of the pioneer times, of the difficulties that were overcome, of the successes attained, and with hearts filled with gratitude for the many comforts and blessings enjoyed as the years sped on their way.

The July date was not suitable, how-

Past and Present At St. George's Anglican Church In West Saint John



REV. W. H. SAMPSON
Rector of St. George's for 35 years,
from 1890 to 1925



Picture shows original St. George's church, built in 1821 and consecrated in July, 1826. Centenary now being celebrated.



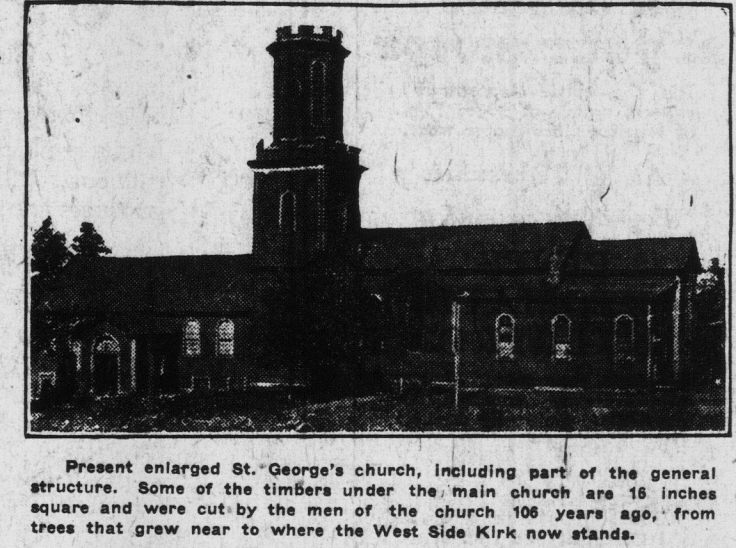
REV. JOHN UNSWORTH,
Present rector of St. George's since
last year

ever and the observance of the centenary was set for late September and the early days of October. The time is now at hand and tomorrow will mark the beginning of the special period, which will extend to Sunday evening.

AS CHAPEL OF EASE

St. George's was built as a chapel of ease to the Trinity church of that day, now replaced by the fine structure covering the block between Charlotte and Germain streets. There the little church on the high hill overlooking much of the Carleton of olden days and the West Saint John of the present was built under the direction of Rev. Robert Willis, who was then rector of Trinity. The church was opened for worship on Nov. 6, 1821 and Rev. Mr. Willis preached the first sermon there.

Rev. Frederick Coster, who bore a name that has been associated with the best in the life of the western part of the city to the present day, was the first rector of St. George's. It was after the church was built that the building was consecrated. At this ceremony Right Rev. Bishop Inglis officiated.



Present enlarged St. George's church, including part of the general structure. Some of the timbers under the main church are 15 inches square and were cut by the men of the church 105 years ago, from trees that grew near to where the West Side Kirk now stands.

this church, and solemnly to consecrate and dedicate the same by the name of Saint George's church, to the service and the worship of Almighty God, for ever.

"The petition to His Lordship for this purpose, from the rector, church wardens and vestry, was by His Lordship's direction afterwards transmitted to the archdeacon of the province, and the sentence of consecration committed to the charge of the vestry clerk and filed with the other papers and documents relating to this church."

The minute book from which this historical record was copied gives a fine example of the skilled penmanship of the church clerk of that time. It is of the copper plate grade and as neat as the books of Tim Linkins.

The paper and the ink have well withstood the years. There is a wealth of church history in the old volume of records and much of family association in the names that appear on its pages.

ONLY SEVEN RECTORS

It is a remarkable fact that in 100 years this church has had but seven rectors, but that is accounted for by the fact that one of them was in charge for 41 years and another 35. Rev. Mr. Coster began his duties there in 1825, and through two generations and more he was the beloved leader of his flock. During his time he brought waterworks into Carleton, engineered and financed the utility, and put everything on a proper basis. That was fine community work apart from his duties to the church. He was succeeded by Rev. William W. Walker, who was rector from 1866 to 1871. Rev. Mr. Walker was a brother of the late Dr. Thomas Walker, for so many years an outstanding citizen of Saint John.

Rev. Theodore E. Dowling succeeded to the pulpit in 1871 and was rector until 1884, when he went to

Jerusalem, became an archdeacon and died in Syria three years ago.

Next to assume spiritual guidance of the church was Rev. LeBaron Fowler, who was rector from 1884 to 1886. "Under his able leadership," said a member of the church to a Times-Star reporter, speaking of the centenary celebration, "the church has flourished and he has left us a united and loyal band of workers. Perhaps the most notable achievement during his regime was the erection of the new St. George's Hall, costing \$30,000, which has now been in use for five years.

When the present rector commenced his duties one year ago, every cent of the debt had been removed from the church. In connection with the building of the new Sunday school hall special mention should be made of the late Isaac Ketchum, who gave unstintingly of his time and energy during the course of erection."

It was with regret that the congregation finally gave up their efforts to revive Rev. Mr. Sampson's charge. His decision to resign his charge last year and it will be recalled that the matter of his long, valued services was a subject of comment at the annual meeting of the Church of England Synod. Rev. Mr. Sampson and his good wife are still residing in the

CENTENARY PROGRAM

The centenary program will open tomorrow evening with a congregational social in the large hall. There will be services of commemoration and thanksgiving on Sunday, October 3, with special music by the choir. The services will be as follows:

11 a.m.—Morning prayer and Holy Communion, with sermon by the rector.

2:45 p.m.—Sunday school rally. Address by A. M. Gregg, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

7 p.m.—Evening prayer and sermon by Rev. W. H. Sampson

Social Notes of Interest

Mrs. Frederick A. Peters was hostess at a delightfully arranged drawing room tea yesterday afternoon at her home in Germain street in honor of Mrs. Avery deWitt, of Wolfville, N. S. The house was prettily decorated for the occasion with sweet peas, asters and gladioli. Mrs. Henry C. Rankine, assisted by Mrs. Atwater Smith and Miss Katherine Bell, presided over the attractively arranged tea table which was centred with beautiful pink roses.

The President and Board of Directors of the Saint John Y. W. C. A. held an at home yesterday afternoon at the residence, King street east, in honor of Miss Hazel McCready, a graduate in physical culture of McGill University, who has recently taken charge of the gymnasium classes at the recreation centre. The residence was profusely decorated for the occasion with sweet peas, asters and other cut flowers. The president, Mrs. E. C. Weyman, and Miss E. Poore, the general secretary, presided. Mrs. Clinton Brown was in charge of the refreshment committee and was assisted by the physical committee members. Over 300 invitations were sent out to members and those interested and a large number of guests were present.

Mrs. J. Royden Thomson entertained informally at luncheon yesterday at "Camp Coy" in honor of Mrs. E. G. Winans, of Montreal, who is visiting in the city. Covers were laid for eight.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lingley at Nerepis Station, N. B., was the scene of a merry party on Monday evening when about 75 friends assembled and tendered a novelty shower to their daughter, Miss Muriel Lingley,

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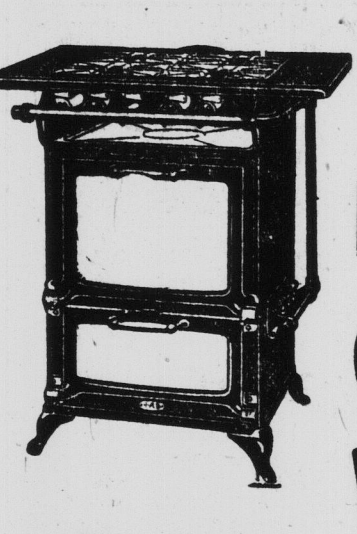
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