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Presbyterian Church here, from its inception, in 1869, until the present year of grace, 1919.

In the year 1869 the white population at the point where now Fort William stands were few indeed. Four years previously the McKellars had taken up their residence at the head of the lakes, building their first home on the picturesque

years ago, Rev. Dr. Top, of Toronto, came as guest to the home of Governor McIntyre, and opportunity was afforded for the children of the little community to receive the rite of baptism.

The visiting minister recognized the needs of the little settlement and, a year later, a missionary student, named Vincent, from Knox College, arrived to take



OLD ST. ANDREW'S—NOW, KNOX CHURCH

banks of the Kaministiquia river, and here too lived the McVicars, the McLaurins, the family of Governor McIntyre, of the Hudson's Bay Company, and a scattered few of the employees of the company.

Cut off from the services and ministrations of the church, it was a boon to these families, all Presbyterians, when, fifty

charge of the spiritual needs of the community.

It was in no stately edifice that he preached the gospel. Gathered together in the office of the Hudson's Bay Company's Fort, or in one of the store buildings attached to it, the little congregation made up in zeal what it lacked in church accommodation, and the old hymns and