

on the old Nicholson farm, after which he would take the mail boat arriving at Coteau in good time for his evening services.

This was the only protestant service then held in Valleyfield and used to be attended by all of the protestant people of the town, irrespective of sector denomination. But for some unaccountable reasons these services were after a time discontinued and for years no regularly appointed Church of England services were held.

Occasionally the Rev. Mr. Young, who had succeeded Mr. Mountain as Incumbent of Coteau Landing came to visit the church people living in Valleyfield, but services were not again regularly held until the time when the Montreal Cotton Company were preparing their new mills for occupation (i. e. about twenty years ago)—.

Then, once every fortnight in Winter, and every week in Summer the Rev. A. D. Lockhart, Rector of St. James Church, Ormstown, used to drive over to Valleyfield, a distance of twelve miles, and hold services in a hall which had been rented for that purpose.

After about three years, however, the Synod having withdrawn its grant of one hundred dollars, and most of the mechanics, who had been putting machinery into the mill, having returned to England whence they had come, it was deemed advisable to discontinue the services. And from that time until April, 1894, Valleyfield was without the services of the Church of England. Now, however, there was to be a change.

The Rev. Chas. Wright had been placed in charge of Coteau Landing, and hearing that there were a number of Church people in Valleyfield, he decided to do what he could for them. With the permission of the Bishop of Montreal he approached some of the leading church members of the town, who all expressed themselves as anxious to have once more the ministrations of their own church. Services were, therefore, begun on the 22nd day of April, 1894, in a large room in the house of Mr. Wm. Kitchen, a member of the congregation. Since then steady progress has been made and the congregation now occupy a hall in the new Gault Institute, for the use of which on Sundays only, they pay fifty dollars a year to the Protestant School trustees. This we trust is but a temporary arrangement, however, as it is hoped the building of the new church will commence early next spring. The number of persons in connection with the church at present is from one hundred and seventy-five, to two hundred.