

July 4th "The western district is the only one which has reported wardens elected."

1802 Russell to Hunter "£200 granted to church at Sandwich, the intention being to advance money as church wardens were appointed for Newark, York, Cornwall."

May 20th "In Niagara, Sandwich, Cornwall, York the people are building or preparing to build and are applying for their proportion

1804, In Col. Clark's diary, St. Catharines. "In 1802 liberal subscriptions made and Episcopal Church built in 1804" (St. Mark's.)

1806 In Heriot's travels is an engraving of Niagara showing several buildings, one of which is supposed to be St. Mark's.

1810, In report of S P G. published 1819 in possession of the Society, is an extract from Mr. Addison's report. "The church at Niagara the best in the province was finished in 1810" An earlier report says "Arrived at Niagara in May, found there was little probability of people paying the £100 promised. By great frugality and some little private possessions I am free from want. My mission is laborious I must either neglect my duty or make a circuit of 150 miles several times a year through a wild country. From all sources I have less than £100 a year."

It had been my intention to write to the S.P.G. to obtain information from the reports so that this vexed question might be settled conclusively but this had never been done but now by the kind assistance of Mr. Rudolf the preceding statements are confirmed. The old register dating from 9th July, 1792, kept so carefully had given the idea to many that the church was built in the same year, the original part the nave or north end still stands, the chancel was built in 1843. The church was used as a hospital by the British after the battle of Queenston Heights, by the Americans for a barracks in their six months occupation of the town in 1813, burned in Dec. of that year, restored in 1822, the centennial of the organization of the congregation was held in July 1892, so far was known from reliable sources. What follows is indisputable.

Thanks are hereby tendered to the S.P.G. for their courtesy in allowing the following extracts to be made. Part of Mr. Rudolf's letter is given : J. C. Ed.

"By the courtesy of the authorities of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, I have been examining their records with a view to finding out for you what I could concerning the ecclesiastical history of Niagara.

Unfortunately although there is a large collection of original letters and other documents bearing on the early history of the Ameri-