

At the time of the ministry of Rev. S. C. Philp, Jr., the Wesleyan Methodists put up the brick church which was afterwards sold to the Roman Catholics, who had formerly worshipped in a little church at Borelia.

After a while the Wesleyan and Episcopal Methodists united, and the Wesleyan church was found to be too small for the united congregations. Negotiations were opened with the Roman Catholic people, whose headquarters were then at Uxbridge, and Rev. Mr. Ockly, the Methodist minister in charge, was commissioned to make the sale. The sale was made, as the Roman Catholics had intended to build in Port Perry.

Then the Methodists put up their present handsome brick church near the Town Hall. Because of the generosity of the early members, this building has been entirely free of debt for some years. A prominent figure in all this work was Aaron Ross. Now, when the church is free of debt it is hard to realize what sacrifices those early members made. One man whose salary was not more than six hundred dollars, some years gave as much as one quarter of it to the support of the church.

Many excellent Methodist ministers have been in charge in Port Perry, the most notable having been Rev. E. R. Young.

We have not a complete list of the pastors of the Methodist church but the list includes the following names: Revs. Messrs. E. R. Young, E. F. Goff, ——— John Ockly, N. R. Willoughby, H. M. Manning, L. W. Hill, R. Cade, D. McCamus, Geo. McColl, G. H. Copeland, B. Greatrix, R. H. Leitch, and the present pastor, Rev. R. Bamforth.

As was indicated in a previous paragraph there was a Presbyterian church at Prince Albert, which was erected about 1857. Rev. R. Monteath began his pastorate in the Spring of 1856, and continued until 1865. The church was without a pastor for about two years after Mr. Monteath's withdrawal. Services were conducted by ministers sent for longer or shorter periods. Among them was Rev. Mr. Jamieson and to him the congregation extended a call to become their minister in 1867. It was during his pastorate that St. John's Presbyterian Church was built in Port Perry. For about ten years both these churches were kept going, the one minister officiating for both congregations.

Then the church at Prince Albert was discontinued, and the two congregations united. Mr. Jamieson was succeeded by Rev. Jas. Thom who was followed by Rev. Hugh Crozier. Rev. Dr. John McMechan,