

T. Wilkins, now of Trenton, Presbytery of Kingston, was inducted. Mr. Wilkins was the first regularly settled pastor, and was placed over them on the 2nd Sept. 1869. His pastorate continued till the close of 1872. At the time of his removal the congregation numbered 60 families with 67 communicants. Fifty-two copies of the monthly Record, the organ of the Church of Scotland were taken. By the regular visits of this monthly messenger in nearly every household each family was kept posted in the Church's schemes and operations. With the advantage of two periodicals at present, the Record and Maritime Presbyterian, surely there should be no such thing as ignorance of the church's work. *One or both should be in every home, and as a result there would be increased interest and intelligent giving.*

On the 28th November 1872, Rev. John McMillan was inducted and continued to labour with diligence, zeal and energy until his settlement over Chalmers' Church, Halifax, on the 29th of April 1884. After Mr. McMillan's induction, Acadia Mines and Folly Mountain sections were struck off and formed into a mission station, and eventually North River was separated and his labours confined to Truro alone. Progress and prosperity were now witnessed for in three years time the communion roll was doubled.

On the 11th November, 1884, Rev. J. F. Duxton was ordained and still continues pastor of the congregation. During the past year St. Paul's has the honour of adding the largest number of communicants to the church of any charge within the bounds of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. 150 were added and the communicants now number over 220. Such an audience is cheering to a minister and whilst giving strength and vigor to a congregation also increases the responsibility of the watchman.

Whilst St. Paul's has not attained a great age it has certainly been a fruitful vine and will we trust continue to grow and prosper.

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A RELIC OF REV. JOHN SPROTT.

In bygone years Sprott was a household word throughout our church. A generation has now grown up that knows him not except as they may have heard him spoken of by their elders. He preceded Rev. Dr. Sedgewick in the ministry in Musquodoboit, where his Jubilee

was held March 23rd, 1859. We give below, his reply to the address presented on that occasion, feeling that to many of our older readers it will be an interesting relic of the past.

Musquodoboit, March 23rd 1857.

My Dear Brethren :

I thank you for this address and its kind sentiments. In old age usefulness declines, hopes fail, and we are in danger of being forgotten. I am glad that the services of bygone years are still remembered. This address is a valuable document to my family. It is a high testimonial of character. It veils the defects and deficiencies of my ministry, and scatters the censures of a long life like chaff before the wind. The good opinion of our fellow men is the noblest of earthly renown, and when fairly acquired, is next to the approbation of our Maker. I aimed at duty with the abilities which I had. I never amazed you with the fictions of fancy, but pressed on you the doctrines of redemption and grace expressed in the plain and popular language of the country.

This is the second Jubilee held by our own church in this Colony. The venerable Mr. Brown well deserved it, for he held a large congregation till the day of his death and eventually found a winding sheet in the scene of his early labours.

When I came to Musquodoboit 35 years ago it was rather in a declining state but even then it contained many excellent christians, the choice gold of the sanctuary. It increased under my ministry for many years and though the congregation has had its dark days and its bright days, it is increasing still under the searching and earnest ministry of the Rev. Mr. Sedgewick. The sanctuary waters at times have been ruffled by men given to change, but our meeting on this day is a token for good that discordant feelings have been attuned to harmony and conflicting elements returned to repose. This congregation will hear a favorable comparison for intelligence, piety, and morality, with other communities. For many years the fires of education have been trimmed with skill and ability.

It is fifty years since I entered the ministry. I have preached the gospel for more than 40 years in this Province. I have visited every creek and corner of Nova Scotia, many parts of New Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island and some parts