

but I will now bring it to a close. I have bought a swift travelling horse, and am about to purchase a cutter for sleighing. These will make a large hole in my first quarter's salary, which I shall be glad to receive as soon after it becomes due as may be convenient to the Treasurer. Before I conclude I must not fail to thank your Lordship for so kindly forwarding the many letters and newspapers that seem to have come addressed to your care. Mrs. Brathwaite unites with me in kind regards, and in best wishes of the approaching festival for Mrs. Fulford, yourself and family, and

I am, my Lord,
Your Lordship's faithful and obedient servant,
FRANCIS G. C. BRATHWAITE.

FRELIGHSBURGH.

It is not to be wondered at, that to trace the origin of nations and communities that have long since disappeared, without leaving any records of their history, is a difficult undertaking, when we find, that even many of the events, of less than sixty years, are nearly forgotten, or but imperfectly remembered by the next generation.

The writer of the present article intends to give an account of the first planting of the Church of England in this part of the Province of Canada. One would think that the task was not difficult: but the materials from which he is to draw are meagre; scarcely any at all, from written documents, only from memory, not always to be depended upon, but he will in no case supply the lack of records by the aid of imagination.

An attempt was made to make a beginning at the west end of St. Armand, in the year of our Lord 1801, by an English clergyman of the name of James Tunstall. He brought a Blank Register with him from Montreal, duly authenticated by one of the Judges of the Court of King's Bench. This Register is extant, and contains, between the 20th January 1801, and the 17th May 1802, eleven acts of marriages, baptisms, and burials; viz. five marriages, five baptisms, and one burial; but as none of them was of Frelighsburch, it does not appear that he ever officiated in this place during his stay in the country. That his residence was at Philipsburgh, on the eastern shore of Missisquoi Bay, is inferred from this fact, that he delivered his Register by an entry therein made, to Philip Ruiter, his Church Warden who was a resident of Philipsburgh, after whose name the village was named.

Between 1802, when Mr. Tunstal left, and 1804, there was a Rev. Mr. Short; but how long he staid, or what were the extent and effects of his labours, there are no records to shew.

In 1804, the Rev. C. C. Cotton, late of Dunham, of whom an account has appeared in a former number of "the Church Chronicle," came to St. Armand, where he remained till the 28th day of March 1808. He also resided at Philipsburgh. There is no evidence or tradition known to the writer that any of the three had performed Divine service, or preached at Frelighsburch.