

The first church constructed in Peterborough was the English Church of St. John's. This church was built facing Hunter Street, in 1834, at a cost of \$12,500. In the year 1882 the church was completely restored, throughout at a cost of \$15,000. The exterior was provided with new buttresses and the stone-work repointed. The chancel was built new, the interior finished anew in an exceedingly fine manner, and St. John's is pronounced to be, within, the "most church like church" in the province. A splendid new \$3,000 organ was placed in the church at the time of the restoration. St. John's Church has the advantage of occupying the most commanding position of any church in town, the view from its beautiful grounds embracing the wide sweep of country in the valley of the river. The grounds are tastefully laid out and kept in the most perfect condition of greenness and tidiness while groups of stately pines lend dignity to the scene. The church occupies the centre of the Rectory lands, bounded by Hunter, Water, Brock and Sheridan Streets, and along side of it is a handsome gothic school room and chapel, erected a few years ago. The Rector is supported from the revenues of the Rectory Lands. In connection with St. John's Church a school room has been built, and a Sunday school is held in the South Ward, on land donated by Miss Chamberlain, corner of Bethune and Dalhousie streets. At St. John's particular attention is paid to the musical portion of the services, a surpliced choir assisted by female singers, rendering fine music, the services being opened and closed with processional and recessional hymns.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, at the head of Brock Street, was built of stone in 1836, on land granted by the Provincial Government, 1835. The church was a very plain, yet substantial structure. Exactly fifty years afterwards, the beautiful new St. Andrews church was erected on the site of the old one at a cost of about \$25,000. The new church is a handsome gothic structure of white brick with free stone trimmings. It is provided with a fine new organ and lighted by electric lamps. Alongside the church, and built some years previously, is, also, a handsome white brick Sunday school room. The manse is built in the church lot which is bounded by four streets—Rubidge, Reid, Brock, and Kirk. The church had a fine \$3,000 organ placed in it at the time of its erection.

The original of the Roman Catholic Cathedral Church of St. PETER's was built in 1837-38 at a cost of \$12,000; it was a plain stone structure with a steeple. The church building served the purpose of the parish for many years. In the year 1882, it became the cathedral church of the new diocese of Peterborough, of which Right Rev. John Francis Jamot, D.D., bishop of Sarepta and Vicar Apostolic of Northern Canada, was first bishop, taking possession of his see, with due pomp and ceremony, September 21st, 1882. His death took place on May 3rd, 1886, and, a year later, May 3rd, Right Rev. T. J. Dowling, D. D., the second bishop of Peterborough, ascended the episcopal throne. During the fourth year of Bishop Jamot's episcopacy, the church was completely restored. New abutments, a new tower and spire and new metallic roof were added, and the old stone work was repointed throughout. The transept and sacristy added were entirely new and, in every important respect, the church was made anew, the entire cost being in the neighborhood of \$35,000, and the work is still in progress. During 1887 and 1888, continuous improvements have been going forward; the grounds have been graded and neatly sodded, tastefully railed in, and the old parsonage removed. A new parsonage was procured by rebuilding the Hall residence, Reid Street, which is on the same lot as the Bishop's palace, a beautiful structure facing on Hunter Street. Thus