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Read at ANNA. Co. Presbyterian Jubilee. Interesting Facts Concerning the Early Days of Presbyterianism in Bridgetown.

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For a year no move seems to have been made to secure a successor. At last, on July 23d, 1876, a unanimous call was given to Rev. Isaac Simpson, but the congregation at Upper Musquodohit secured his services. Towards the end of the year (1876) the congregations seem to have united in choosing another man, but though Mr. Logan, of Kentville, was appointed to preach and preside, nothing further was heard of the request.

In April, 1877, Annapolis and Bridgetown applied to Presbytery for moderation in a call to Rev. Wm. Stuart. This call was cordial and unanimous and was accompanied with a guarantee of \$700.00 stipend. Nothing further is heard of this call.

Another year of such supply as Presbytery could secure, and then another call, this time in favor of Mr. Roberts, July, 1878, but as this was not unanimous, (no signatures from Bridgetown), the call was set aside. A Presbytery commission was appointed to enquire into the state of the congregations. They report that the people manifest great interest in the welfare of the congregations, they hoped to be a unit when they called again and to raise the \$500.00 stipend and dispense with the supplement.

On November 15th, 1878, a unanimous call was tendered Rev. J. M. Sutherland, of Pictou, but he felt it his duty to decline.

In March, 1879, another call, which like many preceding ones was both cordial and unanimous, was extended to Rev. John Cameron, but he also declined. Instead of being discouraged the congregations seemed all the more determined to secure a pastor of their own, as on August 26, 1879, a hearty and unanimous call was given to W. H. Grey and accepted. His ordination was appointed on October 22nd at Annapolis. Rev. P. M. Morrison, moderator; Rev. Robert Latz preached. Rev. Morrison addressed the people.

Only a few months passed when the congregation of Bridgetown entered upon troubled times and within a year of his settlement Mr. Grey tendered his resignation. The Annapolis congregation were urgent in asking that Mr. Grey be retained as pastor but in the interest of all concerned Mr. Grey adhered to his resignation, and on February 13th, 1881, the congregation was declared vacant.

Pledgers for and against separation of the two sections occupied the next year until early in 1882 Presbytery decided that Bridgetown should be disjoined from Annapolis and united to Digby as a mission station. In August, 1882, Rev. Mr. Maxwell, who had supplied the congregation for a time, intimated to Presbytery that he would enter upon the work on condition that he be allowed to retire whenever he saw fit. These terms were accepted; accordingly a unanimous call signed by 27 members and accompanied by a guarantee of \$450.00 was sent to and accepted by Mr. Maxwell. Induction service was held November 14, 1882. Rev. Mr. Wylie presided and addressed the minister. Mr. A. Rogers preached. Mr. A. Gunn addressed the people.

For a time all went well; then Annapolis found their burden heavy and asked to have Digby joined to them but Presbytery deferred action as this would affect Bridgetown. On April 25th, 1885, a crisis seems to have been reached, for the Secretary of the Board of Managers wrote Presbytery that the congregation could only raise \$200.00 a year. Mr. Maxwell deemed it advisable to tender his resignation, which was accepted, to take effect October 17th, 1885, after a ministry of nearly three years. During the first of these years, Bridgetown and Digby were supplied during summer by Mr. C. A. E. Cameron, then a student at Princeton, and during the winter by such supply as Presbytery could secure. In Digby the reformed Episcopal church was glad at the disposal of our people

by Hon. E. R. Oakes. The proposition to buy the property which was abandoned, when the cost was ascertained. In 1883 Bridgetown and Digby were separated. Mr. G. Green, a student in Princeton, supplied Bridgetown, and Mr. Hullock, Digby and Bay View.

Arrangements were made in autumn whereby Bridgetown was to have services every second Sabbath during the winter, the congregation agreeing to pay \$225.00, the balance necessary to be given by the H. M. Board. During this year while Annapolis seems to have lost in numbers, Bridgetown seems to have gained for Rev. Mr. Hamilton, who had supplied Bridgetown part of the summer, reported (1884) that he had been paid, and that he was willing to remain for the winter, on certain conditions. Digby was to receive every third Sabbath from October to May; Bridgetown the remaining Sabbaths; Digby to pay \$90; Bridgetown \$355.00 and H. M. Board to pay the balance.

During 1885 Digby was supplied by Mr. Byington, and Bridgetown by Mr. G. H. C. McGregor, a brilliant and saintly young student of Edinburgh University. In a letter to his father Mr. McGregor reports:

Increase in morning services, 25 to 470.  
Afternoon services, 50 to 150.  
Prayer meeting, (began with 8), to 42.  
Raised for all purposes, \$100.00 to \$450.00.

He gives as one of the secrets of his success, "constant contact with people." The fragrance of his services are not yet lost.

About December 1st, 1885, Bridgetown asked Presbytery for moderation in a call, promising \$450.00. They urged Mr. McGregor to return in the spring, promising \$750.00 and a manse. Presbytery considered it advisable to delay action, and Rev. John Cameron was appointed to supply for a short time. Being requested to remain for the winter, Presbytery agreed to supplement at the rate of \$4.00 per week.

Again before the year closed the congregation urged Presbytery to grant moderation, but Presbytery decided to wait till Mr. McGregor (who was in the graduating class at Edinburgh) should be heard from. But Mr. McGregor could not see his way clear to return to the field where his labors had been so successful.

Though Lawrenceston, Middleton, and Wilnot were added to Bridgetown, regular services do not appear to have been given.

In April, 1886, Presbytery received a communication from Bridgetown asking for Mr. Cameron's appointment. It was accompanied by a guarantee of \$325.00 for one year. Mr. Cameron accepted "as ordained missionary."

In September, 1886, a proposition was considered by which it was hoped the Eastern sections would increase Mr. Cameron's salary to \$400.00, a monthly supply to be given these sections. At the close of the year's work Mr. Cameron was continued as ordained missionary, the people promising to pay \$400.00, and augmentation \$300.00.

During the winter of 1886, Annapolis and Digby were supplied by Presbytery and by F. J. Coffin in summer.

When Presbytery met at Kentville, August 4th, 1887, a letter was received from Mr. Cameron stating that Bridgetown was prepared to forego the 2nd service on Sabbath, that it might be given Annapolis. When Annapolis was consulted regarding this proposal they replied to the clerk of Presbytery: "The offer of part of Mr. Cameron's services is declined."

In view of this action the Annapolis congregation was asked to ascertain the amount they would subscribe toward the support of an ordained missionary. They guaranteed \$600.00, and asked for the services of Mr. Watson. Presbytery agreed to ask H. M. Board for Aug. \$300.00. Mr. Wat-



son was appointed Nov. 23rd, 1887. In May of the following year his resignation took effect. Again the people were shepherdless.

At the meeting of Presbytery at which Watson resigned, Lawrenceston, Middleton, Melver Square and Wilnot made request that they be erected into a mission station. Their request was granted and Mr. Boyd appointed to this new field.

Again Bridgetown finds herself short of all outside support. Presbytery was now convinced that there should be a re-union of Annapolis and Bridgetown congregations.

A commission consisting of Messrs. Dickie and Dawson was appointed. Bridgetown was visited on June 4, 1887. Only a small representation of the congregation was present, and as no satisfactory conclusion was arrived at, it became necessary to call another meeting of the congregation.

On the evening of the same day a meeting was held in Annapolis. After a full discussion it was unanimously agreed that re-union should be effected.

A few days later a second meeting was held in Bridgetown, when the following resolution was adopted: "That a union is desirable if satisfactory terms can be agreed upon." Quite a number of the congregation were opposed to this union, partly because of their attachment to Mr. Cameron.

The result of the conference was that union was effected November 1, 1887. While these negotiations looking to re-union were progressing, Mr. Robert Atkinson supplied Annapolis and Mr. Cameron Bridgetown. After the union was effected, the congregation received such services as Mr. Cameron and Presbytery could supply.

In April, 1889, steps were taken to secure Rev. Wm. M. Fraser as pastor. Each section guaranteed \$250.00. Mr.

Fraser accepted this ordination and induction were appointed for May 29, 1889. Rev. Dr. Begg presided. Rev. Mr. McClelland preached, Dec. 9, 10. Rev. Mr. A. Simpson addressed the minister. Rev. Mr. A. Rogers addressed the people.

Mr. Laird was appointed to supply Middleton, etc., and Mr. Parker to Digby for the summer months. During the winter season Rev. Mr. Cameron had occasional supply to Middleton and Melver Square.

As yet no real organization work had been done in these sections and Rev. R. W. Ross was appointed to visit and organize, "form a Communion Roll, dispense the Sacrament and inquire whether Elders can be elected." This work seems to have been accomplished during the summer of 1890.

In March, 1891, further complications set in. A communication was received from Bridgetown section of the united congregation stating their inability to pay the stipend promised, viz., \$25.00 per month. At the same time they informed Presbytery that from February 1st (preceding) they will not hold themselves responsible for more than \$12.00 per month.

Rev. Messrs. F. M. Morrison, D. M. Gordon and Clerk, Allan Simpson were appointed to prepare a suitable reply to Bridgetown.

During Mr. Fraser's pastorate a final attempt was made to wipe off the debt of the church.

Mr. Fraser asked Presbytery to recommend Bridgetown to the Hunter Fund for a free grant of \$185.00, on condition that the congregation raise the balance of \$300.00 and pay the debt in full, which appears to have been accomplished.

In October, 1891, Mr. Fraser demanded it expedient to tender his resignation. The congregation was cited and Mr. Chesley appeared before Presbytery November 7th and urged the re-

tion of Mr. Fraser, who, however, adhered to his resignation, which was accepted.

In January, 1892, the clerk of Presbytery received a letter from the Presbytery of Columbia, U. S. A., re the acceptance of Rev. H. S. Whidden as a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

He was placed on roll of probationers and appointed to Annapolis and Bridgetown. Here he labored but a short time, when all parts of the congregation united heartily in extending a call, and guaranteeing \$600 toward the stipend, which being accepted, his induction was appointed to take place at Annapolis June 7th, 1892. Rev. E. D. Millar presided; Rev. Dr. W. P. Begg preached, Matt. 13:33; Rev. A. Simpson addressed the minister, and Rev. E. D. Millar addressed the people.

It is unnecessary to continue the sketch further. The ministry of Mr. Whidden in the united congregation; the separation that followed; the pastors of Rev. J. R. Douglas and Rev. A. J. H. Fraser in Annapolis, and of Rev. Dr. Davidson in Bridgetown are all too well remembered by the congregations to be noted here.

Yet it would not be just to close even a brief outline of the struggle of the congregations without at least calling our roll of the men and the women, some of whom have entered into rest, whose works follow them, who in the cloudy and dark days as well as when the sun of prosperity shone, strove with heart and hand and mind to do what they could for the church they loved and for which Christ died.

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### Fruit Growers at Middleton

Representatives to Conduct Tests in Five Counties. F. C. Whitman Talks on Transportation of Fruit. Howard Bligh on the Foreign Market.

About two hundred delegates to the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association convened in Morrison's Hall, Middleton, at the opening session on Monday afternoon. Many noted horticulturists were present.

The President's opening address was oral and very brief. He stated that a more elaborate review of the year's work would be presented by him to the Secretary and incorporated in the proceedings of the Association. He referred to the previous practice of keeping efficient Presidents long in office, notably Dr. Hamilton, and J. W. Bigelow, and the subsequent arrangements by which shorter terms of office had been in vogue, and asked that as he had served two years in the presidency, that he be now relieved from such duties. He spoke very highly of the grand work done by the executive in the past year, and suggested that now a younger man should succeed him in office.

Secretary Parker followed with a resume of the work done by the Executive Committee during the last year with respect to the Provincial Exhibition, the arrangement made with the Government for an increased grant to the local exhibition for Hants, Kings, and Annapolis Counties, the success of our exhibitions at the Royal Horticultural Exhibition in London in 1908, the work done in selecting lands for an experimental orchard, the investing of some of the money of the Association in Glace Bay bonds, the Act passed during last session of the legislature for the incorporation of small Fruit Growers Association, the attention given to the transportation question, and the efforts successfully made toward exterminating the Brown Tail Moth. This report was fully discussed by many members of the Association.

**PUBLIC MEETING.**  
The Tuesday evening session was a particularly interesting one. Morrison's opera house was filled to its utmost capacity. Dr. W. F. Reid, president of the Middleton board of trade, gave a hearty welcome to the association, the governor and other prominent visitors.

R. S. Eaton is replying congratulated the town upon its enterprise and gift for hospitality. Governor Fraser urged the farmers to work on the farm, study on the farm and stay on the farm; he also urged his hearers to a higher appreciation of the varied resources, the intelligent people and the splendid laws of Nova Scotia. The address was full of solid advice and numerous anecdotes.

A. C. Bell, ex-M. P., followed in a witty and polished address, which charmed the audience. S. W. W. Pickup, M. P., welcomed the fruit growers to Annapolis county

and congratulated them upon their successful gathering and upon their splendid apple crop. He hoped to see the whole valley from Annapolis Royal to Windsor, in orchards. Mrs. Elliott sang a solo and also responded to a hearty encore.

Hon. O. T. Daniels spoke of the proposed experimental orchard, which he said nature had plainly intended should be located in Middleton. P. Innes presented a report of the committee on the experimental fruit station, showing that the selection was between the Elderkin farm, near Wolfville, and the Robinson farm near Kentville, the final choice having been left to Sir F. W. Borden.

At the close of the session, as Governor Fraser left the hall, he was serenaded by the Middleton band.

**BROWN TAIL MOTH COMMISSION.**  
The report of the Brown Tail Moth Commission was submitted by Prof. Smith, of Truro, at Wednesday's session of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association.

The Professor said that in searching for the Brown-tailed Moth the work had been done chiefly in the County of Digby and many specimens were found. Later, 700 of the moths were sent to him from Westport. These had evidently come from Massachusetts. He found in the specimens plenty of males, but no females were found with eggs. These insects were attracted by the lights of steamers and then were swept over to us by strong westerly winds and gathered first about our own light-houses.

He did not think that we had very much to fear from their invasion. The Professor knew of no parasite destructive to the Brown-tailed Moth but fungus diseases affected it. He advised the growers to place no reliance on parasitical destruction of the insect, as one efficacious destroyer is man, though the English sparrow and the Dragon fly destroy some of them. Even the Tussock Moth, which has many parasites, is not always held in check by them, but seasons that develop its parasites are hard upon it.

On motion the following persons for the Counties below named were appointed to conduct experiments, each with twelve apple trees in the matter of summer sorting, and were requested to report the results they obtained at the annual meeting of this Association in 1909: Kings County—John Donaldson, E. E. Archibald, Arthur Starr, M. Ellis, Annapolis County—G. C. Miller, E. J. Elliott, R. J. Messenger, Fred Johnson, Fred Chipman, Hants County—J. L. Stevens, William Sanzter, Lunenburg County—William Hebb, Daniel Durland, Queens County—William Freeman.

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