

1845-1895

THE STRATHALBYN JUBILEE

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SUMMARY OF OTHER PROCEEDINGS

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"The Strathalbyn Jubilee, 1845-1895" was the motto on a large flag, which waved over a beautiful field adjoining the Presbyterian church, at Hartaville, on Wednesday, the 3rd of July. The British ensign was also unfurled in the breeze in several parts of the grounds, indicative of the sturdy loyalty of the sons of the heather and their descendants. The weather was charming and the arrangements admirable. There was a large booth in which the tea tables were spread, and a refreshment stand, both of which were well provided and liberally patronized. There was also a convenient platform for the speakers covered with leafy boughs and comfortably seated.

The attendance was good; Strathalbyn itself was *en fete*, and there were representatives from the neighboring congregations and a few from distant localities. Foremost among these was Rev. Alexan-

der Sutherland, from Ripley, Ontario, pastor of Strathalbyn during the greater part of the fifties. Though advanced in years he is still fresh and vigorous. He received the hearty greetings of many of his old parishioners, by whom he was deservedly held in high esteem. The other ministers present were Rev. A. B. McLeod, formerly of Mt. Stewart, now of Coldstream, Nova Scotia; Rev. David Sutherland, Charlottetown; Rev. D. B. McLeod, Orwell; Rev. W. McKenzie, St. Peters Bay; Rev. Joseph Johnston, pastor elect of Covehead, and Rev. Malcolm Campbell, now the minister of Strathalbyn, who presided. Among outside gentlemen present were: Hon. A. B. McKenzie, Hon. D. Laird, B. Rogers, M. L. A. James McDonald, James McLeod, J. T. McKenzie, John M. Campbell, Charlottetown; D. A. McKinnon, M. L. A., Georgetown;