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A fire in Kingston, April 25th, 1840, destroyed the homes of over fifty families, storehouses, vessels, etc.—a loss of £100,000.

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A Conference of the newly organized Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada was convened in Trafalgar, June 25th, 1835. There were reported 21 preachers, including those on trial, and 1,243 members. At their next Conference, June 16th, 1836, the preachers had increased to 24 and the members to 2,390. Several circuits had been formed and a few places of worship built; but the services were generally held in private houses or school-houses. Suits were entered and much time and money spent to obtain possession of chapels occupied by the larger body, but without success. In 1838 the Conference met in Trafalgar, June 20th. Bishop Reynolds presided, and George Turner was elected Secretary. Two preachers, James Powley and Andrew P. Shorts, died during the year. The number of preachers reported was 32, and of members 4,177. The general condition of the Church was one of weakness and constant struggle. The Conference of 1839 was held in Sophiasburg, Prince Edward, commencing September 4th. Bishop Reynolds presided, and James Richardson was elected Secretary. Three preachers were superannuated, three became supernumeraries, and nine were received on trial. There was a total of 34 preachers and 4,591 members. The work was divided into two Districts, with