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THE LATE ROBERT B. WEBSTER

The Times

Robert B. Webster, aged 81 years,
died at his home in Brockville on
April 5.

Deceased was a son of Robert
Webster, a pioneer former of Rear of
Escott. He is survived by his wife,
whose maiden name was Jane Miles
and who at the time of her marriage
lived in the Township of Yonge. Five
children are living, two sons and three
daughters, viz., Dr. R. E. Webster,
Ottawa; Wesley Webster, Mich.; Mrs.
Carnegie, Rapid City Man. and Miss
Minnie Webster at home.

Two surviving sisters are Mrs. John
Carrs and Mrs. Wm. Greene, Athens.
He also leaves three grandchildren and
one great grandson.

Mr. Webster was a man of upright
character and gentlemanly Christian
bearing whose word was as good as his
bond. Those who enjoyed his acquaint-
ance regarded him as a true friend
and neighbor. For over fifty years
he was a devout and consistent member
of the Methodist Church and was a
regular attendant upon all the services
at Wall Street church when health
permitted. In politics he was always
identified strongly with the conserva-
tive party.

Many friends and relatives in town
and country were present at the funeral,
and the affectionate regard in which
the deceased was held was shown by
the large and varied contribution of
floral tributes which covered the casket.
The pall-bearers were Wm. Coates,
George Dunham, R. Stratton and Alex.
Crummy. Among the mourners was
Dr. R. E. Webster of Ottawa, a son of
the deceased.

ORIGIN OF METHODISTS

The word Methodists was only an
old term revived and not one newly
coined. There had been, ages earlier,
a school of physicians who discovered
observations and held to be true deduc-
tions of reason and logic. They took
the name of Methodists, conveying
thereby their strict adherence to logical
processes. Their success in practice is
not reported; their school was not long
lived.

When, in 1729, John Wesley
leading half a dozen young men at
Oxford University, began to read the
New Testament in Greek, and to try
to conform their ideas and their be-
haviour most strictly to the same, a
young gentleman of Christ church
college called out, "here is a new set
of Methodists sprung up." The new
quaint name found instant currency,
and the "set" were known as Metho-
dists all over the university.

In London was formed the first
of the united societies, December 27th,
1739—the first distinct place of Metho-
dism as an Institute.

From the west of Ireland Germans,
came Philip Emery and Barbara Heck,
who introduced Methodism into the
city of New York, and she founded the
first church in the city in 1765, thus
planting Methodism in the heart of the
new world. Philip Emery's widow
married John Lawrence, and on the out-
break of the Revolutionary war, went
with the Hecks to the Township of
Augusta, Canada, in the year 1785.

There Emery's son became leader of
first class in Canada, and Paul and
Barbara Heck, with three sons, were of
its members. The first preacher came
six years later. William Lossee was
the first preacher appointed to Canada
and with him Darius Dunham.

Sept. 15th, 1792, the church in
Canada was organized. A circuit had
been made of purely new territory, and
the first quarterly meeting was held at
Bay of Quinte. The next day came
the love feast and Lord's supper, and
the work of Methodism began. The
next year Dr. Mountain, in England,
was made Bishop of Quebec, and sent
over, endowed with a seventh of the
lands of Canada, to form the Protestant
Episcopal church. The Methodist
Episcopate, as in the States, was ahead
of him. Here, too, it was the call and
the glory of the latter to go to the
borders, to find the settler in his cabin,
and bring him to Christ by bringing
the gospel to him. Lossee found
Emery's class and Barbara Heck wait-
ing for the coming messenger of peace.

In July, 1825, the venerable Arch-
deacon of York, the late right reverend
Dr. Strachan, had delivered a sermon
on the death of the Bishop of Quebec,
Rev. Dr. Mountain, in which he
not only defended church establishment
but assailed other denominations,
particularly misrepresenting the motives
and the conduct of the Methodist
preachers in the province. This

sermon was not printed until the fol-
lowing year, and as soon as it appeared
Egerton Ryerson, then only twenty-
three years of age and just entered the
ministry, published an indignant and
eloquent reply, in which he did not
hesitate to pronounce Dr. Strachan's
statement to be "ungenerous, unfounded
and false." This review produced
a profound sensation. It was the first
shot fired against the exclusive claims
of a dominant church, and the battle
closed not until the equality of all
religious denominations, before the law,
was established and the constitutional
right of the people of Upper Canada
secured. agitation continued for
twenty-five years.

In 1840, the Church of England was
deprived of an exclusive interest in the
clergy reserves, but not until 1854
was the controversy settled, when the
Canadian legislature authorized by the
Imperial parliament, passed an act by
which the clergy reserves were finally
alienated from religious to secular
purposes.

In this long struggle, other Prot-
estant denominations took an important
part, but the Methodist church was
the precursor, the first, constant and
most effective promoter of civil and
religious liberty and equality for the
entire country.

I will return to Barbara Heck. In
1804, at the age of seventy, she sat in
her chair, her German Bible was upon
her lap; it had taught her how to live
and how to die. Her grave is shown
in the old church-yard at Blue church
in the township of Augusta, with the
rude forefathers of the hamlet, and
pious great grandchildren and descend-
ants beyond call her blessed. So
does the church which she founded in
New York thirty-nine years before
her death, and which now, one hundred
and one years after, has covered one
continent and reached to many.

The first Canadian Methodist circuit
was formed at Kingston in the year of
1791, and the first minister was Wm.
Lossee. It extended west to Napanee
and Prince Edward County, and in-
cluded in its bounds six townships. It
was called Cataract circuit.

In the year of 1795, the Bay of
Quinte circuit was formed out of
Cataract circuit, and is noted in
Canadian Methodist history as being
the circuit on which the first Methodist
church in Canada was built. The first
ministers of the circuit were Elijah
Woolsey and Sylvester Keeler (grand
father of Morton Keeler of Greenbush),
with a membership of 265. The
second circuit was Oswegatchie, in the
year 1792. It received its name from
a stream which empties into the St.
Lawrence, opposite Prescott. The
circuit included the townships of
Elizabethtown, Augusta, Edwardsburg,
Matilda, Williamsburg, Oznabrook and
Cornwall. The first minister on this
circuit was William Lossee, and in
1798 he had a membership of 90.

The third circuit was Niagara, in
the year of 1795. It extended west-
ward beyond Oxford, southward to
Long Point, and eastward to Little
York or Toronto. The first minister
on this circuit was Darius Dunham
with a membership of 65.

The fourth circuit was Ottawa in
the year 1800. It included the town-
ships on both side of the Ottawa river.

The first minister on this circuit was
Daniel Pickett. No report of mem-
bers. In 1801 the ministers were John
Robinson and Caleb Morris, with a
membership of 45. In 1802, was
united with the Oswegatchie circuit.
Elizabethtown Circuit.—A township
on the river St. Lawrence, county of
Leeds, Ontario, was formed in 1831.
First ministers were Thomas Madden
and Wm. H. Williams, with a mem-
bership of 555.

[Elizabethtown is my native township.
I was born there, and have lived over
the allotted age to man in it. It now
has 14 churches—8 Methodists, 4
church of England and 2 Presbyterian.
In my time, there has been built 8
Methodist, 2 Church of England 2
Presbyterian churches. Two English
churches had been built by the Govern-
ment before my time. In my time I
have witnessed 14 hotels in full blast,
spreading themselves like a green bay-
tree, undermining the health, ruining
the character, and drowning the soul in
perdition of some of its inhabitants.
I have also witnessed in the same time
the Methodist ministers preaching in
nearly every schoolhouse in the town-
ship the evil of intemperance and its
only dreadful consequences. Now I
only see one hotel in the municipality.
"Who" is behind this?]

Farmersville Circuit.—A village in
the township of Yonge, county of
Leeds, Ontario, was formed in 1850,

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