

tolie church which started just about the time the Millerites disbanded. William Wightman was the first ordained minister of the Catholic Apostolic Church, and the building between Borelia and Prince Albert now used by this body, was put up while Mr. Wightman was in charge.

The Episcopal Methodists were the first Methodists to hold service in Port Perry. That was in the days before the union of the Episcopal and Wesleyan Methodists. After the church at Borelia mentioned by Mr. Monteath, they occupied two other buildings. One was that now used as a primary school. The other was erected by them on the corner of Mrs. Weir's property on Queen Street.

The Wesleyan Methodists were strong at Prince Albert. At that time Prince Albert Circuit took in Scugog, Reach, Uxbridge, and Scott, with Prince Albert as headquarters.

Rev. Marmaduke Pearson was one of the earliest ministers. He afterwards went to Uxbridge, and the circuit was divided, Prince Albert retaining Reach and Scugog. That was about the year 1872.

Prince Albert Wesleyan Methodists found their membership decreasing, and began to take steps to establish themselves in Port Perry. but at first they were unsuccessful. Afternoon service was held in a big room above the Walker House hotel sheds. Then the meeting was dropped for a year.

At the time of the ministry of Rev. S. C. Philp, Jr., the Wesleyan Methodists put up the brick church which was afterwards sold to the Roman Catholics, who had formerly worshipped in a little church at Borelia.

After a while the Wesleyan and Episcopal Methodists united, and the Wesleyan church was found to be too small for the united congregations. Negotiations were opened with the Roman Catholic people, whose headquarters were then at Uxbridge, and Rev. Mr. Ockley, the Methodist minister in charge, was commissioned to make the sale. The sale was made, as the Roman Catholics had intended to build in Port Perry.

Then the Methodists put up their present handsome brick church near the Town Hall. Because of the generosity of the early members, this building has been entirely free of debt for some years. A prominent figure in all this work was Aaron Ross. Now, when the church is free of debt it is hard to realize what sacrifices those early members made.