

Minister in charge a salary of \$500 00 apportioned over the circuit as follows:

Truro .....	\$320.
East Mountain.....	40.
Salmon River and Greenfield.....	20.
North River.....	40.
Ischgonish .....	40.
Londonderry, being Great Village and Acadian Mines	40.

to which sum the Conference made a contribution from the Home Mission Fund.

Truro not being an independent circuit, was unable to get this year, (1869) as Mr. Morton's successor, the man the Quarterly Board invited—the Rev. Joseph Gaetz—then of Shubenacadie. The Conference in its superior wisdom, appointed the Revd. John Reid to the Circuit. About the time Mr. Reid took charge, circumstances became propitious for purchasing the present church property. Some time previous, in view of the prospective growth of the Village of Truro, as it was then called, into a Town of some importance from the causes already indicated, a syndicate, composed of Adams G. Archibald, William Faulkner, Hiram Hyde and John S. McLean, bought the farm of William J. Cock, extending from Prince Street, south to the Intercolonial railway track, and lying between Pleasant St., and Cock's Lane—now Dominion St.—for \$1600, minus some lots in front previously sold. The title was taken in Mr. McLean's name. Mr. Hyde, who then took, as he had ever done, a warm interest in the welfare of Truro Methodism, strongly advised that a site be secured from the Cock farm for the contemplated new church, and said he would recommend Mr. McLean and those interested with him in the property to give a good lot at a reasonable figure, on account of the enhanced value that would attach to the rest of the property from such a sale. The result was that on the 17th July 1869 a deed of land fronting 165 feet on Pleasant Street and the same width on Cock's Lane,—by 363 feet from Street to Street passed from Mr. McLean and wife to Samuel Rettie, James W. Killer, William Cunningham, Samuel S. Nelson, Israel Longworth, Samuel G. W. Archibald, and George Hyde. Trustees of the Wesleyan Church, Truro, for the price of £90, being old N. S. currency, equal to \$350.40 Canadian Currency, or only forty cents more than Zion Church recently paid for their church lot, fronting only on one street, about one third the width and less than half the depth, and that too in a much less desirable location, for church purposes.

It may therefore be safely affirmed that to the good offices and far sighted judgment of our warm hearted old friend Hiram Hyde, the Truro Methodist Society of to-day, is largely indebted for the property which so handsomely accommodates their enlarged church and hall, and parsonage; and which if vacant, would now readily sell in lots for \$5000, or \$6000. The benefit of such a site in the West centre of the Town for the enlargement of the church of 26 years ago, with the addition of a new hall for Sunday School, Prayer Meeting, Epworth League, and social gatherings, all on the ground floor, and constructed in the most modern style—has proved an incalculable boon to the Truro Methodists of this almost 20th century, enabling them to erect upon it a building, which for comfort, convenience and suitability for conducting religious and social services, and subserving in the best manner all interests of the Church, in the opinion of the best informed, is second to none in provincial Methodism.

After securing these grounds and erecting the church and parsonage, by Robert Brown, builder, under plans and inspection of William R. Mulholland, Architect, late Mathematical teacher of the Normal School: the Methodists of that day—1871—(who were a less numerous, and much weaker body of christians, financially speaking, than the present church), found that the effort proved such a tax on their resources that they were obliged to defer the erection of a Sunday School and prayer meeting Hall for a more convenient season.

For five years, with the exception of a short period when the Sunday School was held in the old Temperance Hall, next *The Colchester Sun* Office, and the