

November 22nd, at which Mr. McIntosh offered to give one acre of ground on which to build a church. This offer was accepted, it being considered the most central point for a preaching station. From this time on services became more frequent being held at the McIntosh home, Orange Hill and Inglis schoolhouse.

A bee was held on December 18th, 1860 to cut and hew timber. On July 30th, 1861 the frame of the building was raised for what has been known ever since as McIntosh Church. In this state it remained for some time, there not being sufficient money on hand to make further progress, but the following year the roof was put on, the sides boarded in, and a temporary floor put down. This work involved the congregation in a little debt and it was decided to have the first tea-meeting at McIntosh on March 6th, 1863, to meet this indebtedness. The large stove still used in the basement was the heating system, so is now 87 years old. The ordination and the induction of their first minister – Rev. Wm. Hay took place September 23rd, 1863.

It is interesting to note the salary promised Mr. Hay was \$500.00 made up as follows: Balaclava \$150.90, McIntosh \$138.19, Lower Station 114 dollars, Orange Hill \$30. It does not seem a large amount in these days, but it meant a good deal for them.

On February 7th, 1874 Rev. Wm. Blain was inducted into the charge of Clifford, Balaclava, and McIntosh and it was during his ministry that Belmore congregation was organized.

In 1878 land was purchased from Mr. Francis Irwin for \$30.00 and the church erected. Cost of the church and furnishings \$1653.00 and since that time Belmore and