

Malcolm preached in the morning, and Rev. Dr. Perrie, of Wingham, in the evening. Mention may be made in passing, that the spire on Knox church is said to be 108 feet high. The bell which calls her members to worship was the gift of J. K. McLean; and the ground on which the church stands was the gift of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Gibson.

It is a matter for deep regret that no picture is extant, so far as we can learn, of the old church which was pulled down in 1877; and most regretfully do we have to chronicle the fact that the place which knew it once knows it no more. Any reader wishing to get an idea of what this church was like, will get a very fair one from the old Presbyterian Church at Greenock Post Office,

After the union between Zion and Westminster had been consummated, as already said, in May, 1891, there were some in both congregations who dissented from it. These people established the Reform Presbyterian Congregation. Westminster church was purchased for a place of worship, and Rev. H. W. Reede was called to the pastorate. He was here for 10 years. No one succeeded him. The congregation as at present constituted is very small, and services are seldom held.

Mention has already been made of the early arrival of Methodism in Teeswater. There were two branches represented here: the Wesleyan and the Episcopal. Rev. Thos. Hadwen was here in '56. He was followed by Reverends Edward Sallows and William Sutton. Services were held in various shanties, and also in the log school and Orange Hall. The Wesleyans, about 1869, built their first church, which is now the home of James Reid, Jr. Here they worshipped

until 1879, when they moved to their present church. When first opened for service the old church had only planks on blocks of wood for seats. This church becoming too small under Mr. Stafford's pastorate, steps were taken in '78 to erect a new church. The corner stone was laid, on July 15, 1879, by His Honor, Judge Jones, of Brantford. The building was opened for worship on Dec. 7 of that year. Rev. W. S. Griffin officiated at morning and evening services; and Rev. Dr. Williams in the afternoon. On the following Sunday, Rev. Coverdale Watson, of Toronto, preached morning and evening, and Rev. D. Wardrope in the afternoon.

Other ministers who were associated with the Wesleyans in the early days were; Reverends Hough, Watson, Cragg McCartney, Laird, Thompson, Stafford and Harris.

Reverends Williams, Potter, Sparling, McLachlan, Birks, Muxworthy, W'loughby, Kerr, Wilson, Baker, Ford, Fear, Durant and Robinson followed in the pastorate of this denomination.

The first settled M. E. minister was Rev. William Maidens, who also came in '56. As there were no churches, the services were, no doubt, held in the homes of P. B. Brown and the Fairbairns; people who were prominently identified with this church in those early days. The Orange Hall was used by them while their own church was being built.

Reverends J. Davy and J. M. Collins followed Mr. Maidens during the '50's. In 1860, Rev. Joseph H. Hilts was stationed here. He was a very fine man and deservedly well thought of. He may yet be heard speaking in two books which he wrote — "The Backwoods Preacher" and "Among the Forest Trees" — in both of which references are made to this community. He was always a welcome visitor. Probably his last public address was at a tea meeting held in the M. E. church, his subject being "Climbing and Sliding".

In 1873, the Methodist Episcopalals built a stone church which is now George Nixon's home. The building is much the same as when opened, except for a spire that adorned it. The church was opened in the same year, Rev. Mr. Carson conducting the opening services. It was named Grace church, and is said to have been a very comfortable place of worship. The union of all branches of Methodism in 1883, caused this church to be closed.

In 1862, the Rev. Mr. Hurlburt came in and conducted services in the old log school, and also at Smith's school house on the 10th. Concession, for the Baptist denomination. He was followed by the Reverends Ratcliffe, Stewart, Sinclair, Trotter (afterwards Prof. Trotter of McMaster University, who died recently) and Tapscott, who was here when the Baptist church was opened on Dec. 31, 1876. Reverends John Alexander, Thomas Sinclair, of Vittoria, S. Tapscott, the pastor, and his sons, assisted at the opening services. A very successful tea meeting was held in the Town Hall the following night. This denomination was never very strong here, and of late years, no regular services have been held. Speaking of the opening, the paper said at that time that there were only eight families here, and congratulated them on the success which had crowned their efforts. Some

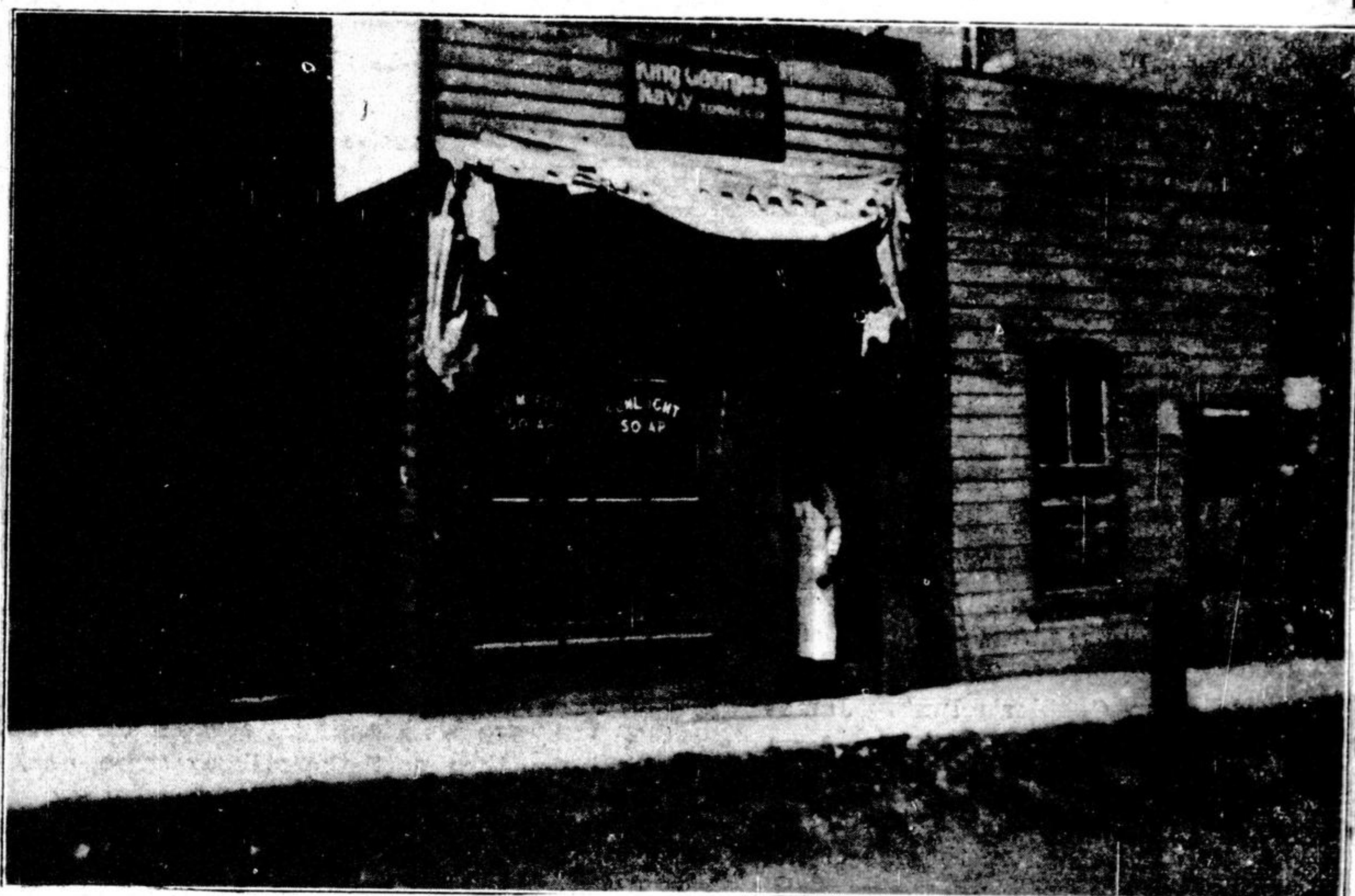
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The Church of England was represented here in the 60's by the Rev. Mr. Smythe who came up from the South. The church was opened, October 29, 1876, Reverends Cooper,

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"Cobbler's Inn, kept by D. R. Wilson. The building adjoining was formerly next to the hotel. The building beyond was used as a shoe store by Joseph Agnew. A new addition was built in 1886, and here the first drug store was opened.



The small building in the centre was erected in 1863 and was used as a store by J. K. McLean.

This store was known as the "Ontario House" and was kept by John Oliver. It stood where the Presbyterian church stables now stand. The man with the beard, leaning against the building, is Dr. Fleming; and the man in the white vest is W. McVety, Teeswater's first village Clerk.

