

## SAINT THOMAS' CHURCH

These excerpts from Vestry Meeting Records were compiled by Mrs. Merrill Porteous in 1965, when the Anniversary booklet was being prepared. They tell the story of how the new Church was planned for for some years, and then of the final realization.

APRIL 21, 1908

Matters relative to a new Church were then brought up, but it was decided to leave it over and call a congregational meeting.

APRIL 13, 1909

After some discussion, it was decided to borrow amount owing Rector out of building fund. (A building fund had been started, apparently.)

1915 - 1965

## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY



## ST. THOMAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH

MARCH 29, 1910

James Brown reported \$289.96 in the building fund. \$13 which had been borrowed from this fund was returned making a balance of \$302.96.

APRIL 17, 1911

Building fund, \$743.25

APRIL 9, 1912

Building fund, \$1234.05

April 4, 1913

It was decided that all stone be quarried this summer and drawn on the ground by April 1, 1914.

April 17, 1914

Two cheques were given for stone being \$32.25 and \$21.25. Building fund \$1821.47

The following were elected to form the building committee, The wardens, Peter Wilson, Frank Weatherdon, H. Poole, James B. Wilson, J.A. Baird and James Brown.

APRIL 9, 1915

Building fund \$2048.63

Tenders for building the new church were placed before the Vestry. Moved by F. Weatherdon, seconded by James B. Wilson that we accept the tender of C. J. Speagle of Westport for \$4850 as in letter of April 8, and to ask him to come and interview committee. Revised building committee as follows;

Peter Wilson  
F.G. Weatherdon  
Poole

James Brown  
Justin Davis  
W.J. Major  
H. Poole

APRIL 25, 1916

The report of the Building fund accounts was presented by the Treasurer Jas. Brown. It was moved that the Building fund report as printed be adopted. This vestry meeting was rather lengthy as it included many votes of thanks for gifts received and letters of appreciation were sent to each person:

Miss Lizzie Dolan and others of the family for the beautiful chancel window.

Mrs. John Hedley and Mrs. James Brown for the beautiful East Window.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blewett for the brass Lectern and Bible.

The Reverend John Osborne for the brass Altar Desk.

The Rev. E.A. Osborne Johnston for a cheque for \$10.00 with which a brass alms basin was purchased.

Rev. Franklin Clarke expressed the feeling of pleasure and thankfulness that the great work of building a new church which had been started a year ago, had been accomplished and they were meeting in the basement for the first time. He expressed his appreciation of the zeal and enthusiasm of the people in the great work. He also thanked the wardens and the other members of the building committee for the ready way in which they seconded all his efforts.

As a token of appreciation, and in preparation for many cold cutter drives from Fitzroy Harbour, to Woodlawn, a raccoon coat and gauntlets to match were purchased and presented to Mr. Clarke. (Mr. Justin Davis told us that when Mr. Clarke was presented with the gift, tears came to his eyes and he said, "I didn't think there was another dollar left in Torbolton. I thought we had got it all for the Church.") Some of the people had borrowed money from the bank to make up enough to have the Church debt-free for consecration.

APRIL 10, 1917

Rev. Clarke reported special collections amounting to \$171.73 which were probably the largest collections for missions in the history of the congregation. This was a good sign, considering the heavy expense of erecting the new church.

Miss Mable Vance brought \$21.00 from the sale of a quilt, towards the building fund but as all building fund expenses were paid, they asked her to set it aside for the purchase of an Altar Rail.

The Rector reported the number of families as 52 an increase of six over the previous year.

The Building fund report was presented, and the balance which was \$18.21 turned over to Warden J.A. Baird.

It was decided to have the Parish year close on December 31 to correspond with the Synod Year.