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REV. G. R. KITCHEN

IN 1892 THE FIRST CHURCH WAS BUILT IN IRON BRIDGE. REV. FRY WAS THE MINISTER AT THAT TIME. A FIRE WAS PUT ON TO DRY THE PLASTER, AND DURING THAT SAME NIGHT THE STOVE OVERHEATED AND COMPLETELY DESTROYED THIS LITTLE CHURCH.

IT WAS NOT UNTIL 1899 THAT OUR METHODIST PIONEERS UNDERTOOK THE TASK OF REBUILDING THEIR CHURCH. THE MINISTER AT THIS TIME WAS

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REV. KITCHEN WAS SO ANXIOUS TO SEE A PLACE OF WORSHIP FOR HIS PEOPLE THAT HE SAID IF THEY WOULD SUPPLY THE MATERIAL, HE WOULD RAISE ENOUGH MONEY FOR THE CASH OUTLAY. HE VISITED THE DIFFERENT LUMBER CAMPS IN OUR AREA AND ENTERTAINED THE MEN WITH HIS HAND ORGAN, THEN TOOK UP A COLLECTION TO ASSIST IN FINANCING THE CHURCH. THE PEOPLE GAVE TIME AND MATERIAL AND IN THIS WAY THE CHURCH WAS COMPLETELY OUT OF DEBT IN THE YEAR IT WAS BUILT

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..... REV. G. R. KITCHEN HAS WORKED HARD IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE IN ORDER TO GET THE CHURCH AT IRON BRIDGE ERECTED AND HE HAS SUCCEEDED WELL. THE CHURCH WAS OPENED ON SUNDAY, MAY 27, 1900, BY OUR ESTEEMED CHAIRMAN, REV. S. G. STONE, D. D., CHAIRMAN OF THE ALGOMA DISTRICT. DR. STONE IS MINISTER OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IN SAULT STE. MARIE.