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HISTORY OF BERMUDA

(Contributed by Miss M. H. Connor, formerly of Richmond Hill, now in Bermuda)

Bermuda is first mentioned on a map, illustrating one of the world's rarest books "Legatio Babylonica", published in Spain in 1511. Its actual discovery and naming of the Islands are shrouded in mystery. Well known to early Spanish navigators Bermuda was chartered as the northern mark of the storied Plate Fleet, and many a Spanish treasure galleon was wrecked on the coral reefs off shore.

Colonization began in 1609 when Sir George Somers, on a voyage from England to Virginia, was shipwrecked. He built two small crafts of Bermuda red cedar and continued his voyage to Jamestown, dying the following year when he returned for a cargo of wild hogs to take back to the starving Virginia colonists.

These are some interesting events in four centuries Bermuda history:

1515 Oviedo, Spanish historian, visited the islands.

1543 date of mysterious cryptogram, carved on Spanish rock, Smith's parish.

1611 Shakespeare's "The Tempest" with scenes laid in Bermuda, first performed, at court of James I.

1612 Arrival of governor Moore with first group of settlers.

1615 The Bermuda Co. incorporated in London by Royal charter.

1670 First Parliament met in St. Peter's church, Bermuda to-day, has the oldest democratic form of government in the world, excepting the House of Commons in London.

1633 Josiah Forster, first governor, under Oliver Cromwell arrived the commonwealth was recognized after much reluctance and delay.

1684 Abrogation of the Bermuda Company's Charter by James II.

1711 Bermuda expedition to Turks and Caicos Islands defeated the Spaniards and gave Bermuda control of valuable salt industry.

1776 100 barrels of gunpowder stolen from the magazine in St.

George's by several highly placed Bermudians and sent to George Washington's Revolutionary Forces used to shell the British out of Boston, it proved a turning a turning point in the War of Independence. Original letter asking for the powder, written and signed by Washington himself is on exhibition at the Bermuda Historical Society.

1792 City of Hamilton was incorporated.

1815 Hamilton became the seat of Government, St. George having been previously the seat of Government.

1834 Slavery was abolished.

1843 Coinage of Bermuda changed from Spanish currency to pounds, shillings and pence of Great Britain.

1862 Blockade running to Confederate ports began, bringing 3 years of fabulous wealth to St. George's.

1906 First ocean yacht race to Bermuda from Gravesend Bay, N.Y., for trophy presented by Sir Thomas Lipton.

1920 Visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

1932 Bermuda railway commenced operations.

1937 New York, Bermuda Air Service was inaugurated by Imperial Airways.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

St. Peter's Parish church is very ancient with a 3 decker pulpit and memorial tablets of Governors and citizens. In 1918 a brass pulpit desk was presented to the church by parishioners and the Altar Cross by Lieutenant Colonel J. C. Dalton at Christmas 1907. The Altar Desk by children of the Sunday School in 1901, Miss Mary Lightbourne being Superintendent. Altar Candlesticks given as a thank-offering by the Rector of the parish for return of 2 sons from the war.

The Font is very old of English Ironstone. Tradition has it that the parishioners once rejected the Font because it was ornamented with the Cross. In later years it was restored.

The Chancel chairs, age unknown, but evidently very great. One with a miter for Bishop's chair.

The most artistic of the many tablets is that erected to the memory of Governor Wm. Campbell who died after fever December 1796, a few days after his arrival. The sculptor was John Bacon, a prominent member of the Royal Academy. Bacon was buried in Westminster Abbey. Mrs. Campbell, on her return to England, became governess to the Prince of Wales children. The Communion set dates back to Charles I 1625-26, and a larger Chalice name Frances Garthom figure of Britannia Wm. III 1697-98. Other ancient books etc. came from very early times, gifts and memorials.

The celebration of tercentenary of the establishment of Parliamentary institutions in Bermuda in 1920. To the old church at the second ringing of the bell and so like their forefathers 300 years ago the Legislative Houses of Bermuda met on Sunday, August 1st, 1920, in St. Peter's Parish church to render thanks to God for His mercies and guidance for years to come. This memorable service, in accordance with earliest and best traditions of our Colonial History, the recognition of the duty of Divine Service should ever be established amongst us.

The Procession, first Sword of State carried by Mr. M. E. Cooper, Doorkeeper, Sword-bearer; then His Majesty's Representative General Sir James Wilcocks, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Bermudas alias Somer's Islands; then the silver oar of Bermuda, the emblem of Admiralty Jurisdiction carried by Mr. Edmund Gray (the silver oar was given in 1701 by Governor Bennett); then the members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, and lastly His Honour, the Speaker, Sir Thomas Wadson and members of the House of Assembly.

The Rector of St. Peter's, St. George, Rev. Canon Tucker, met the Governor at the church door and conducted him to the Governor's pew, the legislators and Governor having taken their places, the sword-bearer handed the sword to the Rector who placed it upon the Altar. The service began with the Old Hundred and consisted of shortened evensong with sermon by the Rector and concluded with the Hymn "Now thank we all our God"

WEDDING

INGRAM-THOMPSON

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson of Weston was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday, Sept. 21st when their daughter Bertha Marian, became the bride of Andrew Gordon Ingram of Maple, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ingram. Tall standards of gladioli decorated the living room. Rev. A. M. Partridge of Beaverton officiated and the wedding music was played by Mrs. C. Miller, sister of the groom. The bride, given in marriage by her father, looked lovely in a gown of white silk crepe ankle length with full sleeves and a shoulder length veil of silk net with halo of orange blossoms and carried butterfly roses. Miss Margaret Cobb, cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid in an ankle length gown of robin egg blue taffeta with Royal blue velvet trimmings and small net hat with blue violets and carried bettertime roses. Mr. Charles Ingram was his brother's best man. After the ceremony a buffet supper was served, the bride's mother receiving in a gown of Royal blue crepe with a corsage of roses. The groom's mother also received gowned in navy sheer with white accessories and corsage of roses. For their wedding trip to North Bay and other points the bride wore a rust wool dress, tweed coat and brown accessories. The happy couple will reside in Maple.

EDGELEY

Edgeley Red Cross Auxiliary held their annual meeting at their club rooms on Wednesday, October 9th with 14 present. Officers for the coming year were elected. President, Miss Ella Whitmore; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Ted Needham; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. R. Stuart; Secretary, Mrs. Geo. Rowntree; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Morden; Press Correspondent, Mrs. W. Watson; Sewing Committee, Mrs. A. Peeler and Mrs. G. Keffer; Euchre Committee, Mr. A. Peeler, convenor, Mrs. A. Peeler, Mr. Wm. Watson, Mrs. Wm. Watson.

Plans were made to hold the Eucharist in the Hall every other Wednesday night commencing October 23 at 8 p.m. Standard Time, and sewing in the club rooms the alternate night and in the afternoon the week of the Euchre.

All the ladies of the community are welcome. We ask all to co-operate in our efforts toward a worthy cause.

Articles made by Edgeley Red Cross since organizing October 5th, 1939: 24 pillow cases, 48 T binders, 18 pair pyjamas, 45 abdominal binders; 80 sling bandages, 40 pneumonia jackets, 4 hot water bottle covers, 11 hospital gowns, 16 surgical gowns and caps, 38 ice bag covers, 148 pair socks, 24 scarves, 10 plain helmets, 15 pair wristlets, 12 sweaters, 26 pair half mitts, 1 Balaclava helmet, 1 pair baby booties, 1 pair rifle mitts.

Many from here were among the exhibitors at Woodbridge Fair on Monday with 16 entries made by Mrs. Wm. Watson. She won 13 prizes, 4 firsts, 5 seconds and 4 thirds in the baking, fruit and knitting classes.

Mr. Tom Catterall of Bradford visited with Bill Watson and attended the Fair on Monday

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