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Historical Sketch of the Presbyterian Church, Pricerville.

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The late Rev John Hay then of Mt. Forest preached occasionally in the latter part of the fifties and would often walk from Allan Park and be in time to preach at 11 in forenoon in the old schoolhouse one mile east of Pricerville.

The Rev Chas Cameron held his charge as pastor of the Presbyterian church, being then "the Free Presbyterian church in Canada," until 1875 when he resigned the charge, so as not to be an obstacle in the way of the approaching union between the two congregations.

In the year 1859, the fame of the old Kirk was put up which stood at the cemetery, as it was not finished served the purpose during the summer months, and was finished in a couple of years later on. There were no regular services in the old Kirk from 1861 to 1866, but special services were held by certain lay gentlemen such as Dr Hoag of Guelph, Rev Mr Campbell, Dunroon, Ont., Rev Dr Carmichael of King, Rev Duncan Morrison of Owen Sound, Rev Mr McDonald of Pergus and others that we cannot think of in the meantime.

The first elders elected were, in the old Kirk, Dugald McLean, Allan Cameron, John McLaughlin and Arch McBride; in the Free Church the late Neil McCannel, Dugald McInnes, John Stewart and later on Thos Binnie; all of these gentlemen have gone the way of all living many years ago. About the year 1865 the Free Church building was erected in Pricerville being a frame and rough-cast in wood where the present magnificent church stands. At the opening of the church the venerable Dr Burns officiated being then an old man nearly eighty years; all those that were in the meridian of life then, very few are left to celebrate the expected jubilee next summer.

In the year 1860 the old kirk was opened and the first entertainment was held on the following Monday evening being quite a success. On the 1st Sunday of May 1866 the late Rev Donald Fraser preached his first sermon as a student in the "old kirk" his text was from the words "stranger on earth." Mr Fraser received the unanimous call to be pastor of the church and in August 1867 he was ordained as minister of St. Andrew's Church, Pricerville and Preston. He labored till 1875 when he tendered his resignation so as not to be an obstacle in the way of the approaching union. In 1876 and part of 1877 the Rev Alex. McGillivray of Bonar Church, Toronto, served as student in the summer months, and the Rev. Alex. McKenzie served in the Free Church during the same time.

In October 1877 a joint meeting of both congregations was called and held in St. Andrew's Church for the purpose of forming a union. The meeting was well represented by both denominations, and when the question of union was approached all were unanimous although some of the "old saints" on both sides felt like giving expression to the words "If I forget Thee, Oh Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning," for they felt sad and sore at heart to think that the dear old church of their forefathers had to be forsaken and abandoned forever.

Next came the vexed question what was the new united church to be called. One venerable gentleman, whose heart and soul was woven in the old kirk, got up to his feet and made the motion that the new church retain the old name given to the church where the meeting was held, being St. Andrew's Church, while another on the opposite side made a proposition that it be called "St. Paul's," these being the names of the two united churches before union. It showed that selfishness was still existing and was ruled out of order by the chairman. It was then resolved by the late Neil McDaniel that the new church be called "St. Columbia Church." This motion was carried unanimously, and that part of the programme was settled upon.

The next and most important part to perform now was the election of a

minister. Two were mentioned, the Rev. Duncan McDonald, then of Creemore, and a Rev. Mr Stewart. Mr. McDonald was recently an old kirk man and Mr. Stewart Free Church. The vote was taken and resulted in favor of Mr. McDonald. So selfishness was still existing, as each side voted on the old score. So this choice was wisely ruled out of order by the authorities of the church. But, however, none of these gentlemen would have accepted a call under the circumstances and the spirit of the call was given in. In the summer of 1878 the late Rev. D. McLeod was sent on probation and preached only once, upon to preach or at least to be present it was at his ordination, for he received the unanimous call of the united congregation and was ordained in August, 1878. Many predictions were made by some of the old heads of what church the new pastor belonged to before coming to Pricerville. One would say in Gaelic, curran misgheall ruit gur san English saor a bha e nam dainig e an so, or in English I'll bet you he belonged to the Free Church before coming here, and another would say san don e tsean eighish a bha e or he belonged to the old kirk, while others would go as far as to ask him what college he attended and what church he belonged to before coming here. He would simply in reply tell them that there were plenty of questions they might ask him that would be more beneficial to them than to satisfy their inquisitiveness by answering the one asked for. So he never made any the wiser by telling them. Mr. McLeod was pastor up to his death in Feb. 1897, except for the months, as he accepted a call to Glenora, and not agreeing with his health he received the unanimous choice of resuming his charge in Pricerville gain at the end of about 9 months' absence. During the time Mr. McLeod was away the pulpit was ably filled by the Rev. Donald McLean, of Tara, being then a student.

The Rev. Finlay Matheson, of Chatham, served for part of the summer of 1897, being then a student. In January 1898 the present pastor, Rev J. A. Matheson, then of Caledon, was asked to come to preach as he had both languages. Complying with the request he preached a couple of Sundays when it was agreed upon to give him a call among a number of others mentioned, and the result was that he received more votes than all the others put together and the day of induction was set apart to be on the 30th March, 1898 when he was ordained to the congregations of Pricerville and Swinton Park.

Among those that served as elders (who have gone to their reward some years ago) were the late Arch McDonald, Jas. McDonald, Allan McLean, John Simpson and John M. Ther.

The present elders are John Nichol Sr., Dugald McCormick, Alex. Muir, John McDonald and Neil McCannel. Mr. McCannel moved to Durham recently, consequently his place is vacant.

In the year 1887 a subscription list was taken up for the purpose of building a new church and sufficient amount was secured to assure the work to go on the following summer, and in 1888 the contract was let to Watson Bros and was supervised by Messrs McCaig, Neil McInnes and A. McLeod, three level headed men who saw the contract completed, all according to specification.

The church was opened on the first Sunday in January 1899 by the Rev Professor Caven of Toronto in the English language and by the venerable Dr Carmichael of King in Gaelic.

In the year 1895 the fine brick manse was erected and the work was superintended by John McArthur, merchant, John Gowland and the late Rev Donald McLeod. The contractors were Messrs Watson and Hector McLean of Pricerville who did their part in workmanlike manner. Rev Mr McLeod just enjoyed the comforts of the new manse for one year, when he was called upon to occupy a room in the House of many Mansions. Six years ago the fine sheds were built and will hold about 80 single rigs. The sheds are 15' x 10' long double and 70' wide making altogether 370' ft. of sheds.

Going back again to olden times

there was no such an instrument as an organ ever spoken of in our churches and it was a hard matter to find anyone that would undertake to lead a common meter tune, and books of Praises and Hymns were out of question. Now we have nothing else but books of Praises and Hymns, although we stick to the old psalm selection in the mornings and hymns in the evening consequently some of the good old favorite tunes are used yet such as Martyrdom, Stroudwater and so on and we have a good choir under the leadership of Miss Kelley on the organ. Miss Kelley has all the good qualities that go to make a first class organist, as she is possessed with a fine voice, good talent as organist and fineness of personality.

During the nine years of Mr Matheson's pastorate the following amounts have been paid for missions. In 1898—\$64, in 1899—\$134, in 1900—\$165, in 1901—\$169, in 1902—\$161, in 1903—\$158, in 1904—\$193, in 1905—\$213, in 1906—\$225, also for currency fund \$214, making a total of \$1700 for missions and for stable and sheds \$384 45.

Total number of funerals attended in nine years 159. Number joined church during Mr. Matheson's pastorate 182. No on roll in 1898—144 and 182—326; present membership 179. Removed by death and otherwise 147, net gain in 9 years 35. Total number of baptisms 102.

Hampden

Mr and Mrs Colin Montgomery of Arcola, Alta., left for their home on Monday.

Mr and Mrs Henry of Egremont visited their relatives about the corner the beginning of the week.

Mr and Mrs V. Peffer welcomed a baby girl about two weeks ago.

We regret that Mrs Thos Biers is not improving. Last week pneumonia set in and her sons and daughters were called from their homes to attend her.

Mr and Mrs Wm Sharp visited at the end of the week with friends near Walkerton.

On Sunday Feb. 3, Diplomas will be presented to Misses Sarah, Rebecca, and Bessie Park, Isabell Fulton, Grace Henderson and Sarah Fulton for repeating the Shorter Catechism perfectly.

A congregational meeting was held at the church on Monday afternoon to discuss the prospects of rebuilding or repairing the church. The matter was left in the hands of a committee.

Miss Maria Robinson is visiting with her sister in Ayrton at present.

Mr and Mrs D. Gilmont entertained a party of Ayrton friends one night last week.

Vickers

Miss McFadden of Durham spent a few days with her sister Mrs John Bailey, recently.

Mr Elijah Armstrong of Hutton Hill was helping Mr Ben Coutts to cut wood last week.

Mr and Mrs Dave Adlam and family from North line have moved into their new brick residence on the front road. "We welcome them into the neighborhood."

Miss May Livingstone has returned after a month's visit with her brothers Frank and James in Guelph.

A number of young people enjoyed themselves Friday night last in games, dancing etc. at Mr Joe Reay's.

Mr Frank Wise has rented the Livingstone farm and will move on it in the spring.

Mr Ern Roseborough had a very successful sale lately. Mr and Mrs Roseborough intend moving to Owen Sound in the near future, and Mr William Bailey is going to work the place.

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