

The Old Church

# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

ARNPRIOR, ONTARIO, CANADA

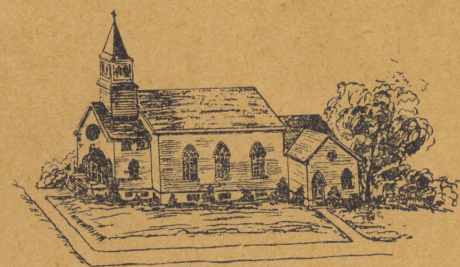
REV. J. S. NEFF, Pastor

Many years ago our forefathers built a House of God, the St. John's Church you have known down to the present day. Appropriately enough, the materials with which they built were timbers from the forests that in their day still clothed the Madawaska River. It is a tribute to the quality of the lumber industry and to the workmanship of those days that the House of God they built is as sound today after generations of constant use as when they built it. They built well, in fact so well that when the congregation examined the building care-

fully in 1947, they found that the old building was well worth preserving and using as part of the improvements and additions that have become necessary. The congregation undertook in January, 1948, to rebuild the Church, to provide a comfortable, modern building equipped for all parish activities.

To the Arnprior firm, A. F. Campbell & Son, was awarded the main contract for \$11,000. Supplementary contracts will run to considerably more. Also, a large amount of donated labour is promised. Excavation work began on May 4th. Dedication services will probably be in October.

In the rebuilding program the following work has been decided: to build a basement facing McLachlin St.; to move the main part of the old Church onto the basement; to build a new vestibule 12 feet by 26 feet in size with bell-tower and spire; to build a new Chancel 18 feet wide and 18 feet deep with adjoining Sacristy. New wiring and fixtures, wash-rooms, modern heating plant, and balcony over the vestibule will complete the work. The basement when it is finished will provide an auditorium, facilities for Sunday School and other parish activities, a small stage and a kitchen. This work in the basement is not covered by contracts, but will be done by the men of the congregation.



Sketch of The New Church

The completed building, finished in mottled brick, its spire rising where the old Church stood on the crest of McLachlin street hill, will present an attractive and inviting appearance.

The contracts do not cover cost of new seating, windows, or any other "extras." For these "extras" the congregation must depend on the good-will and generosity of members and friends.

Officers of the Building Committee are:

Chairman—M. A. Oelsner.

Secretary—E. B. Wolff.

Treasurer—V. E. Liedtke.

I love Thy Zion, Lord,  
The House of Thine abode,  
The Church our blest Redeemer  
saved  
With His own precious blood.

For her my tears shall fall,  
For her my prayers ascend,  
To her my cares and toils be  
given  
Till toils and cares shall end.

Sure as Thy Truth shall last  
To Zion shall be given  
The brightest glories earth can  
yield  
And brighter bliss of heaven.

—Timothy Dwight