CELEBRATED THEIR DEBT REDEMPTION.

People of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Rejoice that Their Financial Obligations Are All Removed.

EVENT CELEBRATED BY PUBLICLY BURNING THE REDEEMED BONDS.

Interesting Historical Reviews by Mr. L. W. Johnston and Mrs. J. R. Howie---Addresses by the Pastor and Others---Good Musical Programme.

St. Paul's Presbyterian church in this city dates back to 1829 and its history has been one of constant progress during the intervening seventy-seven years.

In its early days it had financial struggles and its pastoral continuity was often disturbed, but today the church and congregation is one of the most substantial and flourishing in the maritime provinces.

Under the administration of Rev. Willard Macdonald, the present pastor, every vestige of debt has been removed from the splendid new stone church opened for worship in 1886, and the outlook for the future is most encouraging.

The pastor, session and board of trustees at the present time is as follows:

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CELEBRATION PLANNED

In July last year the last of the $10,000 bonds issued for the erection of the new church was redeemed and at the last congregational meeting it was resolved to celebrate the event by publicly burning the bonds with appropriate ceremony.

The members of the session and members of the trustee board with their wives were constituted a general committee to arrange the matter and they delegated the detailsto a sub-committee consisting of Mrs. W. C. Crocket, Mrs. Geo. W. Hodge, Messrs. W. M. Clarke, C. A. McVey and L. C. Macnutt, in consultation with the pastor, Rev. Willard Macdonald.

The celebration occurred last night and was a splendid success.

The new church was crowded with people of all denominations who took great interest in the unique exercises.

THE PROGRAMME.

Rev. Willard Macdonald occupied the chair and the exercises commenced at eight o.clock, with the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" by the choir.

This was followed by a selection from a trio composed of Miss Maud McKee and Messrs. F. L. Cooper and A. E. Massie.

Mr. L. W. Johnston, secretary of the building committee of St. Paul's, was next called upon and gave a most interesting historical address, the full text of which will be found below.

Mr. Johnston's address was followed by a musical selection from a quartette composed of Messrs. Cooper and Edney, Mrs. Colwell and Miss Kelly.

Mrs. J. R. Howie was next introduced and spoke on the good work accomplished on behalf of the church by the Woman's Aid Society and Working Band. Her address will be found below.

MR. MACDONALD'S ADDRESS.

Rev. Willard Macdonald, who was the next speaker, said that Mr. Johnston and Mrs. Howie had gone over the ground so thoroughly that there was not much left for him to say. Since last July he said the church had been free from debt, the last $10,000 debentures having then been redeemed. He wished to point out, however, that more than $10,000 had been collected by the church during that ten years.

For the twenty years ending Dec. 31st, 1905, the amount raised by St. Paul's church for all purposes reached the magnificent total of $103,000. Of this amount over $13,000 was given to the schemes of the church, such as missionary and educational work, and $4,000 was devoted to other religious objects.

He hoped that the good work would go on and at the end of twenty years the total would be $206,000.

BURNED THE BONDS.

The pastor then produced the redeemed bonds of the church, amounting to $10,000, and announced that they had served their day and were to be consigned to the flames. In doing this he said that they were following out a new scientific idea that all bodies should be burned that microbes might be done away with. All were thankful for the good they had done, but were ready to burn them with a great deal of joy. It was his earnest hope that the microbe of debt would never again touch St. Paul's church, either inside or out.

The bonds were burned in a copper vessel, which rested on the baptismal font immediately in front of the altar and in full view of the whole congregation. The copper vessel was loaned for the occasion by the local government, it having been the official half bushel measure used in this province under the law relating to weights and measures in vogue in New Brunswick before confederation. A pan was placed inside of it and held a small spirit lamp.

The bonds were divided into six packages, and were burned by the following:

Rev. Willard Macdonald representing the church.

Mr. S. H. McFarlane, representing the session.

Mr. J. F. McMurray, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. W. C. Crocket, president of the Ladies' Aid.

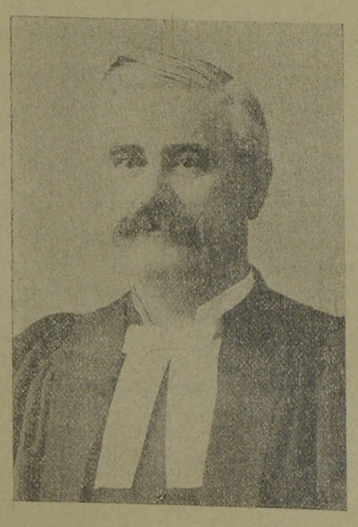
Mrs. John Harvey, of the working band.

Mrs. G. W. Hodge, treasurer of the century fund.

At the conclusion of the rather unique ceremony the choir rendered the beautiful hymn "Oh God of Bethel by whose Hand."

Short addresses congratulating the congregation of St. Paul's, on their freedom of debt, and extending best wishes for the future, were delivered by Rev. Mr. Anderson, moderator of the St. John Presbytery, Rev. Geo. D. Ireland of St. John, and Rev. J. J. Colter.

The interesting and memorable service was brought to a close by the singing of "Oh God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come," followed by the benediction by the pastor.



REV. WILLARD MACDONALD.

THE OLD KIRK.

MR. JOHNSTON'S ADDRESS.

Tells of the Inception and Erection of the New Church.

As a preface to my narrative of the building of this church, I wish to make acknowledgment to the committee for the honor conferred in being asked to make the address, also to Messrs S. H. McFarlane, L. C. Macnutt, and E. A. McKay for access to records in their possession that have helpfully supplemented records in my own hands and revived memories of happenings twenty and more years ago.

I must also ask the indulgence of the audience in a judgment upon the repetition of my own name. That has been done only when it seemed needful to complete statements of essential facts of the enterprise, that you would most like to hear about. When used I shall quote from records written and use the name with the same impersonal feeling that I shall use all other names, for as I look back upon the man of former years he seems to me to be quite a separate personality from the man of today, whose courage and confidence to do things, lack the vigor and enthusiasm of former years to a very marked degree.

MR. MOWATT'S GREETINGS.

In further preface I shall convey a greeting from Rev. Dr. Mowatt of Erskine church, Montreal, to whom I wrote intimating what we intended doing here tonight.

"I rejoice greatly to hear of your prosperity, and I ask you to convey to the people the congratulations of their old pastor on the burning of the bonds.

I recall the interest I had in the erection of new St. Paul's. Its very dust and stones were dear to me,and I watched it grow to completion with the intensest interest.

"Fifteen years of work here have of course, weaned me away from you all, but there are memories sweet and dear to me that I can never forget.

"May pastor, and session, trustees and workers and people be still more abundantly blessed in the years to come.

Faithfully yours,
A. J. MOWATT.

THE NEW CHUR[illegible]

The history of the [illegible] edifice ought to begi[illegible] vent of Rev. A. J. [illegible] ister in charge of St. P[illegible] gation, because Mr. Mow[illegible] in the Providence of G[illegible] main cause of its being ere[illegible]

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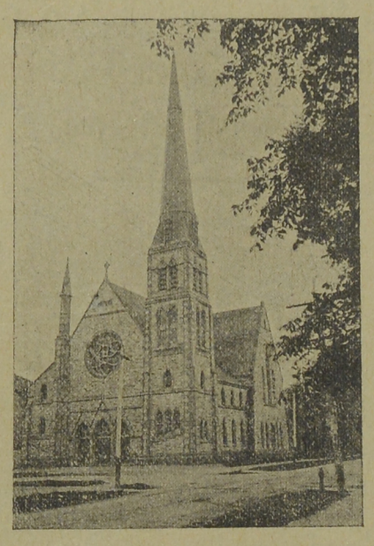

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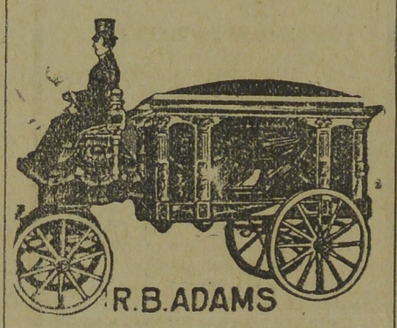

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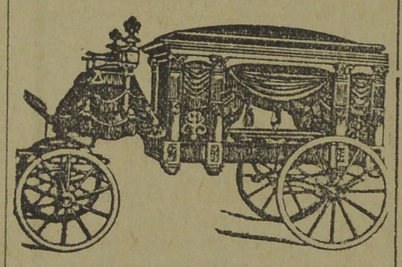

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