

St. Stephen's church was dedicated the second Sunday in January, 1913, by Archbishop Matheson. Construction began in the fall of 1912.

For two years prior to the building of the church the people worshipped in the Municipal Hall on Henderson Highway, and later in Polson school. In those days the congregation was a mission of St. John's cathedral, a young student of St. John's college, Roland Hall, being in charge, with Canon J. O. Murray as supervising priest.

Mr. Hall is now a vicar in England. The lay "mainstay" of the mission was the late Albert Brazier, church warden and general benefactor.

First Church Edifice

The first real church building, in 1913, had as minister the late Rev. H. A. B. Harrison; Rev. J. A. Shirley, now in the United States, followed him, 1917-22; Rev. Joseph Blackburn was the incumbent until 1925; since then Rev. Harry Sherstone has been in charge.

In 1930 the building was enlarged and reconstructed, one more window adding to the length, a porch and a belfrey making a nicer entrance. The bell, cast in the U.S.A., was the gift of the men of the parish. A kitchen, electrically equipped, was provided by money raised by the women. Raising the church five feet made a commodious hall downstairs with a capacity of 300.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Supper preceded the annual business meeting of the parishioners of St. Stephen's, held Monday night. Rev. H. Sherstone presided over one of the most largely attended business meetings in a number of years and later called the session to order. Election of officials included: Rector's warden, Dr. S. R. Bird; people's warden, A. H. Petrin; vestry, J. Buchan, R. W. Ross, C. Cook, P. Oke, Charles Smith, Victor Sutherland, Albert Keel, F. J. Blanchard, George Townsend, Charles Wells, S. Stevens