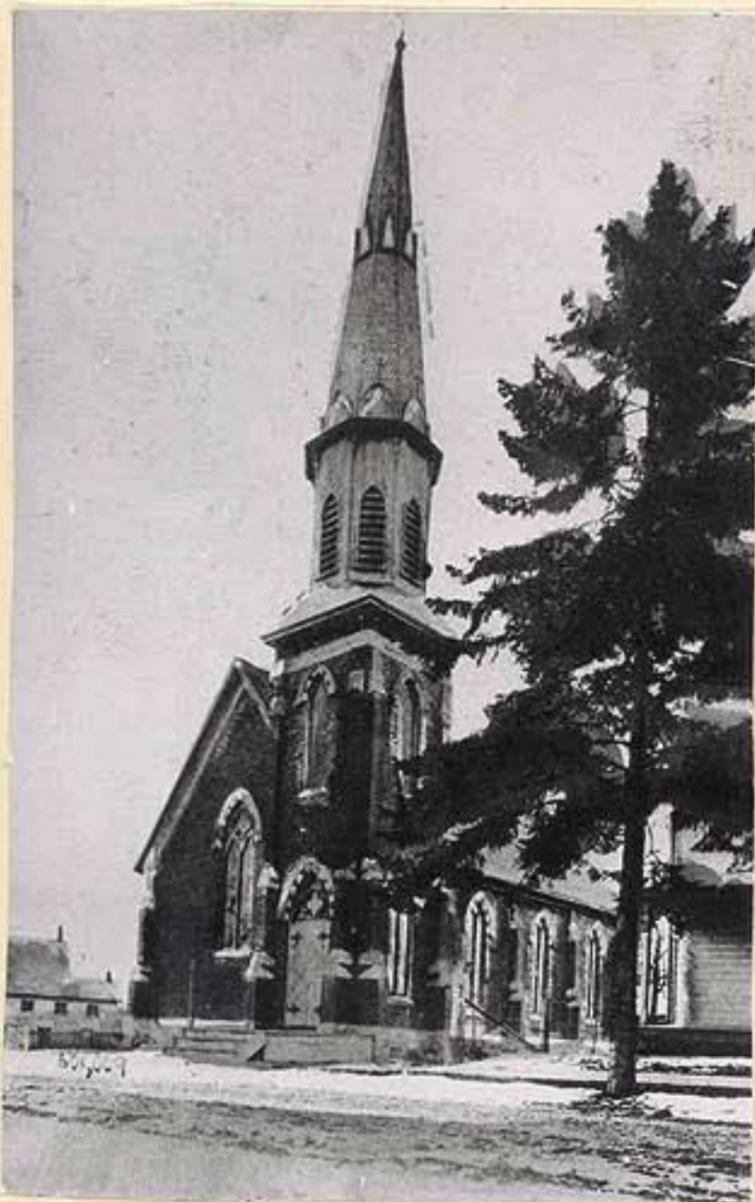


SCHOMBERG UNITED CHURCH



PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW,
PRAISE HIM, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW.
PRAISE HIM ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST,
PRAISE FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST.



METHODIST CHURCH 1881 - 1925

The first record available of the United Church is that of the Union Sabbath School of Brownsville in May 1856. The Sabbath School and church services were held in a one roomed building that stood on the site now occupied by Mr. William Crane's house. This building was formerly a school house and stood on the ninth line of King on a piece of land now included in the farm of Mr. Stephen Leonard and was moved when the frame school house was built on the site of the present school. Rev. James Caswell, who was stationed at Aurora, conducted a series of revival services in this building, resulting in many being brought into the church.

Later, the new Connection Church was built almost on the site of the present Presbyterian Church. This was a wooden building and was often spoken of as the Sugar Bowl due to it's shape. Some time later, the Wesleyan Methodists built the church that is now known as the Masonic Hall. The Sabbath School was a Union School and was held in the upper part of the Temperance Hall that stood where the present Market Hall stands.

The Methodist Church was built in 1881 and was formerly opened in March, 1881, with Rev. David Cattanach as Pastor. The following is a list of the ministers of this church:

Rev. David Cattanach	1881 - 1882
Rev. Wallace Stewart	1882 - 1885
Rev. George Brown	1885 - 1888
Rev. Herman Moore	1888 - 1891
Rev. Alfred Bedford	1891 - 1894
Rev. Reuben Toye	1894 - 1897
Rev. G.W. Robinson	1897 - 1900
Rev. Hugh Brown	1900 - 1902
Rev. Asher P. Latter	1902 - 1903
Rev. George Hewitt	1903 - 1904
Rev. J.H. Stonehouse	1904 - 1905
Rev. W.H. Madden	1905 - 1908
Rev. John Humphries	1908 - 1912
Rev. J.A. Petch	1912 - 1913
Rev. Thomas Scott	1913 - 1916
Rev. F.A. Mourse	1916 - 1919
Rev. Wm. R. Clements	1919 - 1922
Rev. George R. Kitching	1922 - 1925

About the year 1901 the Methodist Church in Lloydtown was closed and the congregation united with this Church.

In June 1925, during the Pastorate of the Rev. George Kitching, the Methodist Church entered the Union with the Congregational Church and many of the Presbyterian Churches in Canada to form what is now known as the United Church of Canada, so that the Rev. George R. Kitching was the last Methodist Minister and the first Minister of the United Church of Canada in Schomberg. Other Ministers since that time were:

Dr. J.T. Caldwell	1925 - 1928
Rev. Wm. Mair	1928 - 1931
Rev. T.R. White	1931 - 1933
Rev. W.A. McKay	1933 - 1936
Rev. R.S. McMillan	1936 - 1938
Dr. Mercer	1938 - 1938
Rev. John McEwen	1939 - 1947

Rev. J.C. McLean came as Minister in 1947 and it was early in his Pastorate that the Church building was condemned and the present church was erected and dedicated on May 19th, 1948. The building Committee being Harvey Leonard, Dr. Kay, Burnel Graham and John Rainey.

The following Ministers have since served:

Rev. J.C. McLean	1947 - 1950
Rev. Gordon Hunter	1950 - 1953
Rev. W.M. Lee	1953 - until the present time

It seems worthy of noting that the Union Sabbath School of 1856 was the commencement of the United Church of Canada in this village.

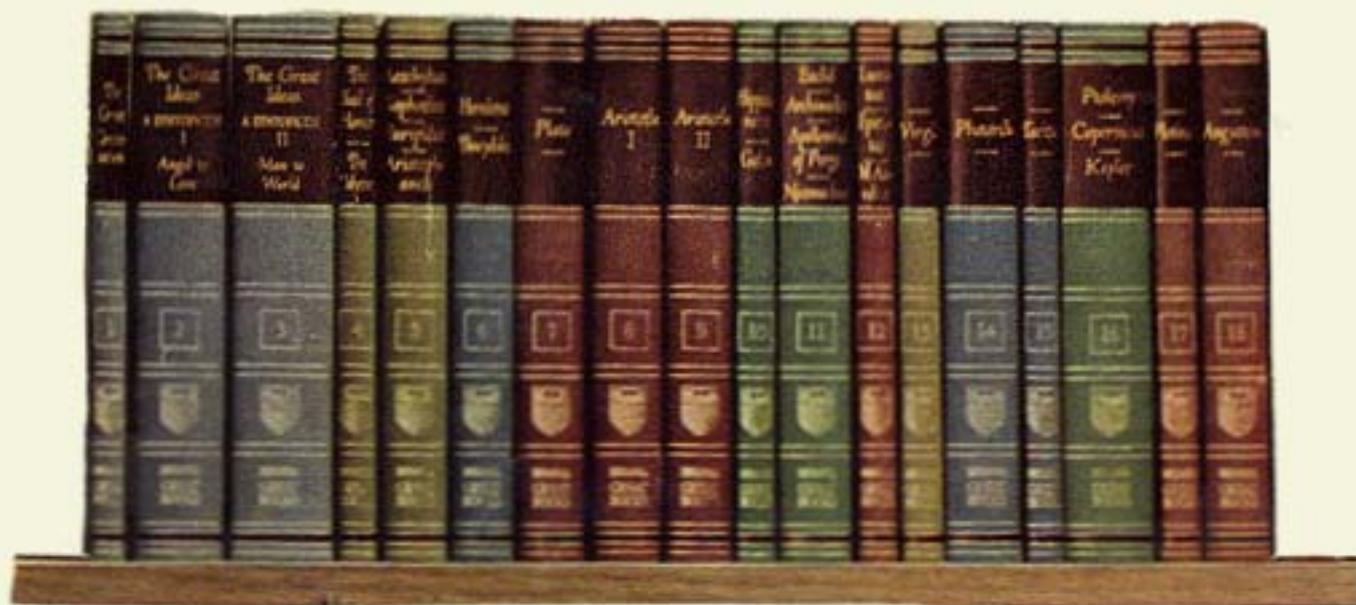
In 1958 Mr. Lee retired from the Ministry and left Schomberg to reside in Alliston, Ontario. He had been an enthusiastic member of the Lions Club, and an ardent sportsman. He was succeeded by Rev. Sheridan Bole who came here from Smithville, and who along with Mrs. Bole has taken up the duties of the large congregation and a Sunday School numbering over one hundred.



the old rectory after Mrs. Manning, but the following names do come to mind: Wells, Dowds, Grant, and Jos. Morrissey from whom the present owner, Mr. Art Gray, purchased it in 1946. Being an ardent collector of books he converted part of the house into a home library type of book store and remodelled the remainder into a charming old home. In 1959 it was all destroyed by fire and with it went this precious collection of books.

Mr. Gray's great love of good books prompted him to begin again, and he not only built a beautiful home on the same site, but he converted the old barn that had been built in 1854, to house the rectors' horses, into a most interesting book shop with the pleasant, friendly atmosphere that invites people to browse and enjoy his excellent collection of some twenty thousand books.

I am sure if any of the old rectors has been asked to choose an ending for this wonderful old building site, they could not have suggested anything more fitting, for cheap fiction and trashy literature has no room on Mr. Gray's shelves.



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Compiling local history is a never ending process and stories already written must be added to as information trickles in from most unexpected sources. To all those kind people I extend my appreciation and hope that on this page I may do justice to facts I had neglected.

I had neglected to include the following facts about the Old Church Bell that summoned the congregation to Church at St. Mary Magdalene's for many decades. It was not until 1903 that a bell was purchased for the tower that had remained empty for sixty years. This bell was brought from Menelly Company of Troy, New York and cost the sum of \$64.00 F.O.B. Aurora. It weighed Two Hundred and Five pounds. In 1925 it was moved and placed in the tower of the new Church, where it is seldom heard for congregations are not summoned to Church in this generation.

Another interesting story is told about the old Church. The interior furniture was all hand made by a devout Anglican named Mr. Walter Wregett. While he was making the pews a dispute arose which resulted in his withdrawal from the Church. He became a Methodist and is buried in the old Community Cemetery.

Since the writing of the History of the Church, many changes have taken place - chief among them is the honour of having two more of our young members enter the Ministry, namely, Rev. Howard Matson and Rev. Robt. Hulse. Mr. Hulse is Rector of "Saint John the Evangelist" in Elora, Ontario, and Mr. Matson, former Rector of "St. Phillips" Church, Weston and with permission to officiate in the Diocese of Toronto.

My story ended with Mr. Vollick's incumbency which ended in 1967 when he was succeeded by Rev. Arthur Allerton, who is the present incumbent. In 1972 it was decided to erect a rectory on the lot donated by Mr. Fox for this purpose. The old rectory was sold and the new building was ready for occupation the end of the year.



Congregational Picnic at Jackson's Point, 1909, during the incumbency of Rev. J.E. Gibson, seen in the centre of the flock. Picnics were not easy to arrange in those days. The whole party travelled by the old steam railway to Schomberg Junction and then by Radial to Jackson's Point. It was indeed a gala occasion.



Sunday School Picnic at Roches Point, 1910, when the children had their once-a-year outing. Rev. J.E. Gibson keeps an eye on his young charges.

THE CAIRN



Although the old church was reverently abandoned after eighty-two years of faithful service, as a memorial to those pioneers who have crossed the Great Divide, and seemed appropriate as an ancient and honourable landmark surrounded by the tombstones that mark the last resting place of those faithful pioneers, yet it was reasonable to concede that to stand in disuse would mean ultimate crumble and decay. Largely through the efforts of one staunch pioneer, Mr. Edward Marchant, it was thought advisable to take the old building down and replace it with a suitable cairn to mark the spot whereon it stood. Consequently a beautiful cairn of large brown stones used in the foundation of the first church in 1842 was erected by Mr. Richard Oldfield. The inscription reads:

"To the Glory of God and in Memory of the Pioneers of Lloydtown and Vicinity"



Mrs. Edward Marchant and Mrs. Robt. Hulse - both members of the original church for over half a century - unveiled the cairn at a dedication service held July 29th, 1940 during the rectorship of Rev. F.V. Abbott and on the occasion of the Lloydtown Old Boys Reunion when hundreds of sons and daughters of those early settlers returned to the little town for a one day celebration. A suitable background of various coloured shrubs form a beautiful background and the little cemetery around remains well kept and peaceful on the historic hillside in a once thriving village - and now a quiet hamlet.



LLOYDTOWN ANGLICAN RECTORY



We are indebted to Mr. Alden Winter for this very fine picture taken in 1938, and which has inspired me to research all available information about it, as it was certainly one of the very old houses in the village.

Although the Church was built in 1843 it was not until 1853 that the first movement was made toward the building of a rectory. For those ten years Rev. Osler lived in Bond Head and travelled by horse back to serve the parish of Lloydtown. In 1854 four and one-half acres were purchased adjoining the Church property from Mr. T.W. Tyson, for the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars, and on it was built the parsonage pictured here. It was a spacious two story building 38' by 28', and cost, including the fence surrounding the lot, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars. A large summer kitchen and woodshed were added a little later.

Sixteen rectors and their families occupied it until the new Church was built in Schomberg in 1925. At this time the rectory was sold to Mrs. Manning for Eighteen Hundred Dollars and the Rev. and Mrs. Robinson, who were incumbents at that time, moved to the house purchased from Mr. Harry Amey only two doors east of the new Church. A complete record is not available of the number of families who occupied

November 6th, 1963, was a very special day in the lives of the Members of St. Mary Magdalene's Women's Auxiliary when seventy-five years of service in the Missionary work of the Church was celebrated when visiting Church women from the village and friends from greater distances, gathered with us for a service of Thanksgiving and Joy. The accompanying pictures show the attractive setting in the Parish Hall which added character and charm for the occasion.



PAINTING & LITERATURE



CANADA
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POSTES POSTAGE
SUZOR-COTE
1869-1937

1969 "Return from the Harvest Field"
Canada's first full colour
art stamp.



1970
Group of Seven 50th Anniversary
Arthur Lismer's "Isles of Spruce"



Paul Kane CANADA 7



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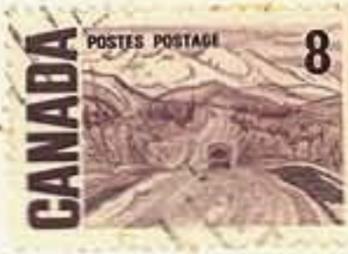
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1971 "Indian Camp on Lake Huron" Paul Kane 1871-1945

1871-"Big Raven" Emily Carr 1871-1945

1972 "Blacksmith Shop" Cornelius Krieghoff 1815-1872

1967 Centennial Issue



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Tom Thomson



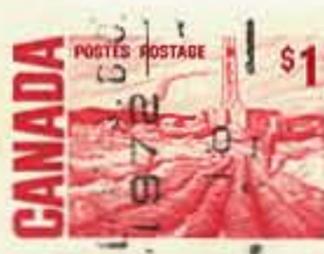
Bylot Island
Lawren Harris



The Ferry, Quebec
James W. Morrice



Summer Stores
John Ensor



Imp. Wildcat
H.G. Clyde



The Solemn Land
J.E.H. MacDonald



1969
S. Leacock
1869-1944



1965
Sir W. Churchill
1874-1965



1960
P. Johnson
1861-1913



1968
H. Bourassa
1869-1952



1968
John McCrae
1872-1918



1968 Hon. George Brown 1818-1880