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History and Progress of Our Three Churches.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, JARVIS
The church dates from 1846 when Rev. Francis Evans began to hold services in the Jarvis Hall, which was used for the purpose. In 1850, the church was organized as the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Jarvis, Ontario. The church was built in 1852 on the site of the Jarvis Hall. The church was consecrated on the 1st of September, 1852, and has since that time been the centre of religious life in Jarvis.

KNOX CHURCH, JARVIS
In the summer of 1856 the first regular Presbyterian services were held in Jarvis, and were conducted in the public school. It was on the 30th of September, 1856 that the Presbytery of Hamilton authorized the Rev. William Craigie of Port Dover to organize the congregation of Jarvis and to dispense the communion. In a short time the organization was effected and in connection with Chalmers Church, Walpole, constituted one pastoral charge, and this union has been maintained ever since.

WESLEY UNITED CHURCH.
For some years before an appointment was made in Jarvis, the Primitive Methodist Minister used to preach at intervals in the school house, which at that time stood on the south side of the street near what is now known as Peacock's Hall. In 1859 Rev. C. E. Morrow was minister and he was followed in 1862 by Rev. C. T. Bennet, who was followed by Rev. M. McCartney in 1866 who remained for one year. Rev. Thos. Boyd became pastor in 1866 and it was during his term the church was remodelled and rebuilt and the Sunday School room added to it, at a cost of somewhere around \$3800.00, which amount was raised by subscriptions, payable so much each year for three years. It is only fair to state that the largest subscribers, \$200 each, were made by Mr. Wm. Parkinson and Mr. E. A. Walker, and to these two gentlemen belongs the honor of taking the most active part in raising the money to pay the cost of rebuilding and adding the Sunday School room.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, JARVIS
The next incumbent was Rev. James Morton, 1864-1868, during his ministry the parsonage or rectory was built. He was succeeded by Rev. John Francis, who remained for ten years and who was followed by Rev. Gabriel Johnston, who remained till 1889, when Rev. Robinson Gardner was appointed to the charge and who was succeeded by Rev. F. C. Piper, 1896.

KNOX CHURCH, JARVIS
The corner stone of the new church was laid July 27th, 1897, and the new church was opened for service July 30th, 1899. In 1899 Rev. P. L. Spencer was appointed rector and under his able guidance the church greatly prospered. He was succeeded for a short time by Rev. Mr. White, who was followed by Canon Telt, followed by Rev. H. J. Ross, 1912-1919, a man dearly beloved by all who knew him and who was followed by Rev. Mr. Worsfold, 1919-22, and then Rev. Archdeacon Irvine, 1922-25, who was succeeded by Rev. F. C. Piper, 1925-28, then Rev. Mr. Walling, 1929, and Mr. F. G. Lamb, 1929, and the present rector, Rev. J. Hirst Ross in 1930.

WESLEY UNITED CHURCH.
In 1860 Rev. Wm. Byrnes was sent by conference as superintendent and Rev. J. C. Willmott as his colleague. Rev. Byrnes living at Hullville and Rev. Willmott at Nanticoke. Both these men appear to have been the most prominent of the circuit, attending to thirteen appointments. They built three churches, Chesapeake, Jennings, and Jarvis. Willmott being chiefly the one who secured the subscriptions for the building of the church in Jarvis and during the winter of 1867-68 Jarvis was placed on the ground, by the method known then and now as 'bees'.

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Hockey News

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LOCAL NEWS

HAMILTON DAIRIES 6; RANGERS 1
The greatest exhibition of hockey ever witnessed by fans was played in the local arena on Monday evening when the Hamilton Dairies defeated the Rangers by a score of 6 to 1. The Dairies were led by their star player, the local boy, Brodie, who scored four goals and one assist. The Rangers were held to one goal by their goalie, Brodie.

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WEDNESDAY March 8 and 9
Haines and
Wallingford
The land on which the church stands was given by the late John Jones, who with his sons helped to build the first church.

PITOL
TUES, March 7-8
Globe, No. 5 and
numerous Comedy

SIMCOE
THURSDAY, March 4-5
Rainbow Trail—
GEORGE O'BRIEN—
Lecture to "Riders of Sago."

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