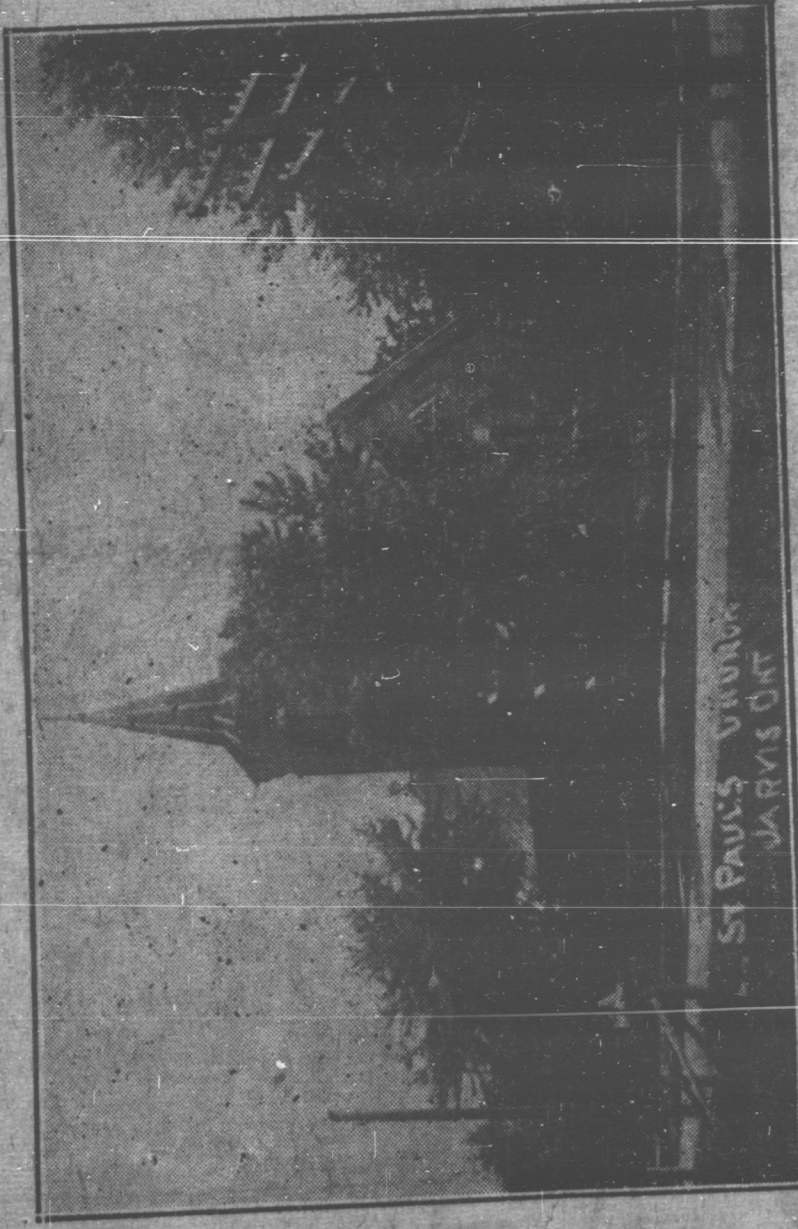


Centenary and Jubilee of St. Paul's Anglican Church



It was on Christmas Day 1858 that St. Paul's Church, Jarvis, was first used for worship. The congregation sat on planks placed on blocks. The Ladies Aid raised the money to furnish the Church in 1859. This Church was built during the ministry of the Rev. Solomon Briggs, who remained until 1864. He was not the first Anglican priest to minister in this district. The Rev. Francis Evans began the work in 1846, holding services in houses and schools, and others followed him, including the famous Rev. Bold Cudmore Hill, who lived for a while at Nanticoke, and from which place Jarvis, Hagersville and Cheapside were served.

The Rev. Solomon Briggs (1858-1864), who built the first Church, was the first resident Rector at Jarvis. When he left, his successor, the Rev. James Morton, built the present Rectory, which was enlarged by the Rev. John Francis (1868-1878). The old Church was consecrated by Bishop Strachan, first Bishop of Toronto, in 1860. The land was donated by Mr. John Jones.

This original church was well built of solid brick and is still in use as a Parish Hall, Chapel and Vestry. The Churchyard at the back of the Church was first used about this time. Under the ministry of the Rev. F. C. Piper (1896-9) it was decided to build a new and larger Church.

Rev. John Francis as a memorial

(to his son Ernest Harold).

On Sunday next, 21st September, at 11.30 A. M., the Church will be re-opened for worship after the re-decoration of the walls, and on that happy occasion the Centenary of the old Church and the Diamond Jubilee of the new one will also be celebrated.



Reverend Brueton, back centre, stands with his son Arthur, right, and daughter-in-law, Jill, and their two young daughters. Rev. Brueton is leaving Jarvis. (staff photo)

Rev. Brueton leaves Jarvis

The Reverend Kenneth N. Brueton, B.A., L.T.H., was Rector of the Parish of St. Paul's, Jarvis, and Christ Church, Nanticoke from 1955 until 1963, when he retired from the parish ministry and decided to remain in Jarvis, Jarvis this week after 20 years as a resident of this community.

A reception was held in his honour in the Parish Hall of St. Paul's, Jarvis on Sunday, July 20, after the morning service when members of Christ Church, Nanticoke joined with members of St. Paul's, Jarvis in honouring Mr. Brueton for his devoted ministry for Jesus Christ in this parish and community for the last 20 years.

Mr. Brueton, who is 79, was born in England in 1896, will take up residence in Cowansville, Quebec where he will be near his brother, Eric and his son, Arthur who both live in Montreal. Arthur married a local girl, Jill Peresky and they have two daughters. Mr. Brueton will be missed by everyone who has come to know him as a warm, friendly person, possessed with a lively and ready wit. We wish him God's blessing and hope that he will enjoy his residency in Cowansville, Quebec.