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The Jeanie Johnston The Proud Irish Emigrant Ship is Reborn

Story and photo supplied by Brian Wharrey

When disease hit the potato crop, the staple diet of the Irish people, during consecutive seasons from 1845 to 1848, disaster struck. Every family in the country was touched in one way or another. For many people, it came down to a stark choice between risking the fearful transatlantic voyage on an emigrant ship or remaining in Ireland to starve.

This is where the famed Jeanie Johnston entered the picture to dramatic effect. The Jeanie Johnston was built in Quebec in 1847 by the Canadian shipbuilder John Munn. A year later, the prominent Tralee, County Kerry hardware merchant, Nicholas Donovan, purchased the ship in Liverpool, originally intending to use it on the North Atlantic route as a cargo vessel. The dire circumstances of the starving Irish soon altered his plans. During the great famine, she brought Irish emigrants, fleeing the famine, from Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland to Canada and the United States. The famed Jeanie Johnston was constructed from Quebec oak and pine, the square-sterned, three masted ship weighed 408 ton's.

The ship was altered and made its maiden voyage as a passenger ship to Quebec on April 24, 1848 with 193 emigrants on board. Over the next seven years, the sturdy wooden sailing vessel made 16 voyages to North America, sailing to Quebec, Baltimore and New York. From 1848 to 1855, the ship carried over 2500 Irish people safely across the Atlantic. Of all Ireland's emigrant vessels, the Jeanie Johnston was one of the most famous and had the proudest record. On her 16 voyages to Quebec, New York and Baltimore she never lost a passenger to disease or to the sea. The hazardous journey offered few comforts, but it was also far removed from the infamous "coffin ships" most notably associated with the thousands of emigrants who perished on the transatlantic voyages in 1847. An estimated one and one-half million Irish people emigrated from 1845 to 1851, upwards of 30-45% dying in the "coffin ships" on their journey or shortly after their arrival at their new home. The average length of the journey between Tralee and Quebec on the Jeanie Johnston was 47 days. The fare was 3.10 shillings.



bunk, with two children counting as one adult! On one trip, the ship carried a total of 254 passengers and 17 crewmembers.

During the years that the Jeanie Johnston sailed out of Tralee, she had a regular pattern leaving every April with passengers for Quebec and returning in July with timber; leaving again in August and returning later in the winter with timber via Liverpool, Cardiff or Cork.

The decreasing profitability of the cargo/passenger trade and more stringent passenger legislation prompted the Donavans to sell the Jeanie Johnston in 1856. She was sold to William Johnson of North Shields in England and he continued to sail her on the North American route. On October 31, 1858 she became waterlogged in mid-Atlantic with cargo of timber and sank slowly. Fortunately, there was adequate time for the crew to be picked up by the Dutch ship "Sophie Elizabeth" en route to New York, keeping Jeanie's remarkable safety record intact to the end.

The recreation of the Jeanie Johnston is one of the most ambitious maritime heritage projects undertaken in Ireland. The Jeanie Johnston departed Tralee on February 15, 2003 for her North American voyage. The Jeanie Johnston will be coming to the port of Quebec in late August or early September.

The Companion Diocese Committee will be planning a trip to visit the Jeanie Johnston when it arrives in the port of Quebec. We are expecting her to arrive late August to early September. If you are interested in joining us for this excursion please contact Brian Wharrey at bwharrey@yahoo.com or 819 842 1379 (home) 819 842 2286 (Quebec Lodge) or Kay Hartwell at 819 822 2242 or kathleen206@hotmail.com



Warden of Layreaders Graham Jackson, newly installed Layreader Irvin Todd and the Rev. Canon Rodney Clark, Incumbent of the Parish of the Mauricie with includes St Andrew's La Tuque. All bear the markings on their foreheads from the Ash Wednesday Service.

Irvin Todd Installed As Layreader in La Tuque

Photo and story supplied by Graham Jackson

On March 5th 2003, during the Ash Wednesday service, Mr. Irvin Todd was officially installed as layreader in the Historic Church of St. Andrew's, La Tuque. On behalf of the Bishop, the Rev. Canon Rodney Clark, in the company of Graham Jackson, Warden of Layreaders, presented to Mr. Todd, in a simple ceremony, the Bishop's official license. The newly appointed layreader has served St. Andrew's faithfully for many years, and, following the service at an informal reception, the members of the congregation had an opportunity to congratulate him.

The La Tuque congregation is enjoying a period of renewal and plans are afoot to refurbish the church and to add a fully equipped Church Hall.

Canon Clark is the Incumbent for the Greater Parish of St. James and also of the Parish of the Mauricie, St. Andrew's La Tuque is one of the ten churches he serves. At the time of writing, it is interesting to note that there are now 65 layreaders who serve in all parts of our diocese assisting the incumbents of the parishes in which they serve.

A workshop for layreaders is being organized to take place on the afternoon of Thursday October 16th during the Synod to be held October 16-19th, 2003 at the Mont Orford Art Centre.

St Michael's Searching for Its Memories

In 2004 St Michael's Church will be celebrating its 150th anniversary. Among other things the parish will be publishing its history.

To prepare the ground for this publication, work has been progressing on the arrangement of the parish archives. This work has enabled them to determine that there are large gaps in the documentary record of the life of the parish.

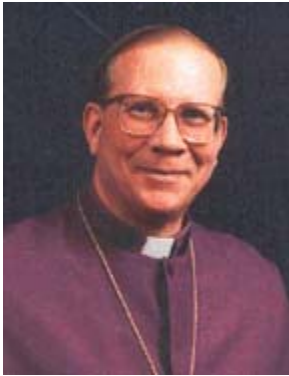
If you have memories of life at St Michael's and would be prepared to share them with us by being interviewed, or if you know of someone who would be, or again if you have documents of any kind reflecting any aspect of the history of St Michael's - such as letters,

newspaper clippings, photographs, minutes of meetings of Vestry, the Corporation or any committee - and would be prepared to share them with us by giving them to the parish or allowing us to photocopy them - your contribution to the re-creation of the past life of St Michael's would be greatly appreciated.

If you can help us, please contact me by phone, mail or e-mail, James Lambert, (418) 687-0015 (evenings and weekends), (418) 656-2131, ext. 6506 (weekdays); 1728 Chemin Saint-Louis, Sillery, Québec, G5S 1H3; or by e-mail to: James.Lambert@sg.ulaval.ca

Your contribution will be acknowledged in the publication, or, if you wish anonymity, your desire for it will be respected.

From the Bishop's desk:



Dear Friends,

Very critical problems have come and are in the process of emerging for an important region of the Diocese of Quebec. The ten Anglican congregations of the Lower North Shore and four of five other communities where there are no Anglican congregations are facing very serious difficulties.

This has been a particularly hard winter on the coast. The storms have been vicious, the cold more intense than usual, and the build up of ice in the straits of Belle Isle unusual. An ice storm of enormous proportions left five communities without power for about a week in February. However, problems with weather and their inconveniences are something reasonably routine for the hardy coasters.

What is much more disturbing are the challenges looming related to employment and services and the almost total neglect of the needs of the people by those who might help. Three crises in particular converge at the same time as I write. They are first, the threatened collapse of what little is left of the cod fishery and severe restrictions on the crab fishery; second, the financial failure of one of the airlines which services the coast and carries the mail; third, the complete isolation of the coast from information about the provincial election campaign.

By the time you read this, some important announcements will have been made by the federal department of fisheries, there may have been some alternative airline service provided to smaller communities, and the provincial election will have taken place. However, the three issues really do hurt the people. The further collapse of the cod and crab fishery hurts the most. Others in eastern Canada have been affected by this as well, but this hurt is first that so little information is provided and little warning or planning in advance of a crisis appears to have taken place. Something like 400 fishermen and way over 100 plant workers are likely to lose their livelihood in the next weeks in just three communities at the eastern end of the Coast. Cut-backs in other fishing zones may affect plant workers in another three communities. The pending crisis is so severe that a large number of fishermen have proceeded by ski-doo up the Coast to Natashquan, then by truck to Sept-Iles, and some to Ottawa, to demonstrate before offices of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

As you read this, many proud Anglicans in a number of communities will be without work as well as Employment Income they may have had over the winter.

Two other issues add insult to injury. Around the end of March, one of the two airlines which have served the small communities of the Lower North Shore ceased operation for financial reasons without warning. Mail service was halted for a few days. Arrangements I had made for a priest to visit a part of the coast had to be cancelled. As I write it is not clear what new arrangements have been made for the other small airline to cover the slack.

The matter of commercial air travel on the Lower North Shore is of considerable concern to me. It involves a vicious circle of the cost of travel on the Coast being so expensive that few people can afford to travel by air - and the airlines saying they cannot make it because there are not enough people travelling.

Finally, another frustration is that in the process of the provincial election campaign, I understand there has not been one sign posted, one information brochure mailed to anyone or one visit to an Anglophone community by any candidate since the election was called. The English-speaking communities of the Coast clearly don't count and are not important to provincial politicians of any party. This is the "forgotten" and "ignored" coastline.

This was not always the case. I lived for five years, twenty five years ago, in this wonderful part of the diocese when there was member of the National Assembly who really cared. M. Denis Perron was Parti Québécois - but knew and worked for the people, whether voted for by Anglophones or not. That interest in the needs of the Coast no longer seems to exist.

I wanted to lift up these concerns of the people of the Coast. Please remember them in your prayers!

+Bruce

A Grain of Salt



PEACE NEVER HAD A CHANCE

Statements condemning the war on Iraq, made by Christian leaders throughout the west, have left society with the erroneous impression that Christians can never go to war. Of course the view of the church's position is quite different from the perspective in the Middle East where the current conflict is portrayed as "The New Crusades" - a clash of two great world religions - Islam and Christianity. Western Christians sometimes portray themselves as the flower children left over from the 1960 and give the impression that they are pacifists at all costs. Those making that argument would quote Jesus saying: "Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other side." (Matthew 5:39 NIV) But scripture is not as clear as that. When John the Baptist was preaching repentance in the wilderness soldiers came to him and asked him what they must do to be saved he answered: "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely - be content with your pay." (Luke 3:14 NIV) Nothing was mentioned about laying their arms down.

Historically the Christian church has allowed that adherents to the Christian faith can take part in armed conflict. The Thirty-nine Articles of Religion that are the statement of faith on which the Church of England is founded say: "It is lawful for Christian men, at the commandment of the Magistrate, to wear weapons, and serve in wars." (Article 37) I presume it is therefore also allowable for them to serve in various forms of law enforcement in our society. There is no doubt in my mind that there are times when force is allowable and even necessary for those following Jesus. But Jesus also said: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called sons of God." (Matthew 5:9 NIV) We don't seem to have many peacemakers in the world today. The failure of the world leadership has been their inability or maybe unwillingness to resolve the problems in Iraq with diplomacy rather than with force. Diplomatic efforts were underway but it seems there was no patience to see the process through. As a result many lives have been wasted and hardship has come to many others. Peace never really had a chance - but don't blame God or Christianity. The world's most powerful nation was on the warpath. It would have been "too expensive" to keep so many armed forces on alert for a long period of time.

As long as we continue to believe that we are always right and that might makes right we are going to miss out on the blessings that God would bestow on us. Jesus also said: "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." (Matthew 5:5 NIV)

*The Venerable Richard Salt, formerly of this diocese, has for several years been writing a bi-weekly article for the local paper and a monthly column in the **Huron Church News**. He has offered to share these columns, called "A Grain of Salt", with us and the **Quebec Diocesan Gazette** will run them periodically as part of our series of columns.*

BISHOP'S CALENDAR FOR MAY – JUNE 2003

May 2 & 3	CQGN Conference	Montréal
May 5	Convocation – Montreal Theological College	Montréal
May 7	Matrimonial Commission	Québec
	Citadel Foundation Annual Meeting	Québec
May 8 – 13	Visitation	Gaspé
May 15	Synod Planning Committee	Orford
May 18	100 th Anniversary, St. Paul's	Bury
May 23 – 24	Bishop's University Corporation	Lennoxville
May 25	Rededication, Church of the Ascension	Inverness
May 30-31	Diocesan Executive Council	Québec
June 7	Bishop's University Convocation	Lennoxville
June 8	Visitation	Bishopton
June 9	Matrimonial Commission	Québec
June 15	Confirmation	Sillery
June 22	Confirmation	New Carlisle
June 23	Episcopal Ordination	Fredericton
June 24-25	Provincial House of Bishops	Fredericton

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The National Church wants your opinions

The General Synod of the Anglican Church is interested in finding out the opinions of the Anglicans across the country. At its 2001 Synod it mandated the Council of General Synod to participate in an "intentional listening process" to gather views from Canadian Anglicans. As part of that process the Environics Research group conducted a cross-country survey and as well as three face-to-face focus group meetings with clergy and laity. The results of this work have been published in a book **Stained Glass, Sweet Grass, Hosannas, & Songs**.

The third part of this gathering of views is now underway in dioceses across the county. To do this they have asked the member of the Council in each diocese to contact members of the diocese to collect their opinions and comments on the state of the church in Canada.

Here is your chance to participate in the process. Some of the opinions gathered so far have been presented in statements listed below along with the percentage of people who agreed with that statement, this is followed by four questions.

If you would take the time to read the statements and then reply to the questions, your responses will be fed into the mix to be presented to the next General Synod in 2004 where the delegates will be debating the future direction of our national church. Responses can be sent by e-mail to jsweeny@abacom.com or by regular mail to James Sweeny, P. O. Box 247, Waterville, Qc J0B 3H0. In order to meet the national deadlines for the report, your comments **must** be received by Thursday May 29th. Thank you for your participation.

Most important issue facing the parish:

- Declining membership (31%)

- Attracting more young members (18%)

Most important characteristics of a parish:

- Reaches out to young people (90%)
- Uses church contributions for outreach to the needy in their local community (90%)
- Helps worshipers achieve personal spiritual growth (79%)
- Concerned about the financial health of their parish (74%)
- Concerned about the future of their parish (70%)
- Become more welcoming to gay and lesbian church members (yes 33%, no 29%)
- Hope sense of community in their parish will remain unchanged (21%)
- Unwilling to change (20%)
- Not wanting to see any changes in the liturgical aspects of worship (14%)

Most important issue facing the national church:

- Residential school litigation (28%)
- Declining membership (18%)

At the national level it is important to:

- Do more to reach out to young people (90%)
- Help people achieve spiritual growth (79%)
- Attract new members (76%)
- Reach out to aboriginal communities (50%)
- Respond to the needs of the poor and dispossessed (71%)

In your opinion:

- To what extent do the statements and survey results resonate with you and your parish situation?
- Which of the above statements interests you most and reflects your understanding of the church?
- How can the church at the national level provide a sense of hope and vision concerning these issues?
- What other comments would you make concerning the future of the Anglican church of Canada?

ACW Meditation

By Cecily Hinton
1 Thess. 4:9-12

Paul and his fellow leaders are writing to the Christian cell living in the capital city of Thessalonica commending them for practicing what God has taught them. He tells us their love of their 'fellow believers' has spread throughout the whole province of Macedonia.

However, the message does not end there: Paul tells them to continue to live good lives, so that non-believers seeing their life-styles might respect them.

It is easy for us to practise fellowship and love for people who share the same values as ourselves. But we are told here to stand up for our principles and live holy lives. Our choices and actions speak louder than our words. What message are we spreading by how we live?

Prayer:

Lord, we pray for peace,
But just as long as we do not have to change
Or give up any of the good things that we take for granted.
Help us to know that real peace means justice for everyone,
And not just ourselves and those who are like us.
Show us the way to real justice and peace,
So that peace may be a reality for all. Amen

PWRDF News

Article by Debra Fieguth
Submitted by Cecily Hinton

The nickname for the central African country of Burundi is "mille collines" – "a thousand hills." It could also be "a thousand smiles" for the joy that shows on the faces of its people.

The women I met in Burundi, where I travelled for a peace festival the first week of March, were unstoppable in their expressions of joy. Happy choruses punctuated every report. Laughter was in abundance. Dancing accompanied everything they did.

And what is so amazing is that, to an outsider, the women have every reason to be despondent: they've lost family members to AIDS; they have little income and no property rights; education is a struggle; sexual assault and abuse are commonplace; war has taken 300,000 of their people in the past decade.

But the 200 women who gathered for the peace festival, organized by the Conseil National

des Eglises du Burundi and supported by the Primate's Fund, are determined to see enduring peace come to their country. And the way they understand it, there can be no lasting peace without development. This is where partnership with the Primate's Fund is vital: through supporting the Women and a Culture of Peace program, Canadian Anglicans assist in the development of Burundi.

The denominations and dioceses represented at the two-day festival in Bujumbura gave reports on what they have been doing since the last peace festival five years ago. Despite a lack of resources, they have managed to:

- provide micro-credit loans for women to establish their own small businesses and generate income
- hold AIDS education workshops
- provide essential health care, including the training of birth attendants
- initiate agricultural projects
- teach literacy and numeracy
- give assistance to widows and orphans
- open up several women's centres for training and meeting
- give leadership in evangelism, prayer and preaching

They have also worked hard at

breaking down the barriers that pit ethnic group against ethnic group and which are at the root of the conflict. Through songs, through drama, through workshops that encourage people to talk about what divides them, they have truly been peacemakers in their land. They still have a long way to go: despite a ceasefire in December, fighting continues in the countryside.

But these are women who are not ready to give up. They are not weary in well-doing. And when the peace festival concluded with a march through downtown Bujumbura on March 8, International Women's Day, hundreds of women danced their way through the city, singing joyfully and, instead of being exhausted by two days of meetings and a morning in the hot sun, were ready to go home and share the joy some more.

The theme of the festival was from Psalm 150: "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." The Christian women in Burundi obviously derive their strength and joy from God, and they give it back to God. As Perpetue Kankindi, project coordinator of the Women and a Culture of Peace program, said, "when we praised the Lord, I could see the joy in heaven."

Yes, I want to support the Diocesan Residential Schools Settlement Fund!

I wish to make a donation to assist the First Nations' victims of physical and sexual abuse that took place at some Anglican Aboriginal Residential Schools across Canada prior to April 1st 1969. If every household receiving the **Quebec Diocesan Gazette** gave \$50.00 it would cover the diocesan contribution to the fund! I wish to support this with a donation of:

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Make your cheque payable to "Church Society – Settlement Fund" or pay by credit card
_____ VISA or _____ Mastercard

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Please print your name and address clearly below so that a donation receipt can be mailed to the correct address:

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Cut this form out and send it to: Church House, 31 rue des Jardins, Quebec, Quebec, G1R 4L6



Diocesan Residential Schools Settlement Fund

Word from Michaelgarth

By Mia Anderson



I write from Michaelgarth, the green space, still white as I speak, that hugs one of the churches dedicated to St Michael here in Sillery. There is another, and I've things to tell you about that, but today I'm writing about something that many of you may be beginning to be particularly curious about. Almost two years now it is, since the diocese has come together in synod. Happens again this October, in the Townships, in the lovely setting of the Orford Centre for the Arts, from Thursday afternoon October 16 to Sunday October 19 after lunch. The planning committee had a desire to bring synod to the Townships, where the parishes are still in the process of working through the implementation of the Potentials study of their region; we thought it might be a way of standing in solidarity with them in a period of change. We also wanted to bear witness to the region as a substantially agricultural one, and intend to reflect this in the fare that is served, in every sense. One of the planning committee members hopes to give us a taste by video, sampling the terrain, the stuff of farming, of animal husbandry, of stewardship of the land. Pastors getting to see the pastoral, making acquaintance with what they're named after.

The synod has a theme: prayer – Everything by Prayer. "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." The speakers who have been invited will speak to that theme. The Revd John Guernsey is an episcopal priest in Dale City, Virginia, on the outskirts of Washington. He has quite literally grown his parish with prayer. He cannot stay for the closing of synod because that Sunday is his parish's Stewardship Sunday, an importance you will understand when you hear that they have outgrown their church (looked pretty big to me when I visited it!) and have bought 28 acres on which to plant a bigger one. Building is in full swing. Some years ago, the parish council started praying its way through meetings instead of arguing. Makes for a quiet meeting, that. You'll hear about it. Some of it is hilariously funny, but all of it is grippingly pertinent. You don't need to outgrow your church to be interested in this. He will give four addresses, the first at the opening eucharist.

As he leaves, another speaker arrives, from Harvard Divinity School this time: the Revd Dr Sarah Coakley. Dr Coakley, originally from Britain, has an ability like that of the Archbishop of Canterbury, with whom she taught at Oxford, of holding together the scholarly and the pastoral. She has been involved in a profound experiment with contemplative prayer in Boston with a cluster of participants of different denominations, who were drawn together into the way of silence, beyond images or words. Sarah will speak late Saturday afternoon and will preach at the closing eucharist. The subjects of her scholarship range from the theology of body and gender to issues of law, and from the 4th century Cappadocian mystic Gregory of Nyssa to the early 20th century theologian Ernst Troeltsch.

Anglicanism is nothing if not wide around the middle. One hip is evangelical and one is anglo-catholic. We have both at synod. In the workshops, we hope to continue to explore this 'width' in as many as a dozen different aspects of prayer, from prayers of the people and praying the office, through praying the psalms and the scriptures, healing prayer, centring prayer, walking the labyrinth, singing Taizé, to journaling and spiritual direction. There are, of course, the nitty-gritty workshops on canons and budget, and one by the bishop on the matrimonial commission.

Our aim is that the worship, all of it on site, will reflect the same breadth of Anglican ways with liturgy: after all, we can worship to the sound of electric instruments, and we can also worship to the sound of a 60-voice cappella choir singing Rachmaninoff's Vespers – both of which we expect to do. But not at the same time.

It will be possible for visitors to attend the public events, in three different subscriptions (prices TBA; no charge for opening and closing eucharist): Friday midday (Address II, lunch, workshops 1 and 2); Friday evening (supper, Address III, Rachmaninoff Vespers, reception); and Saturday midday (Address IV, lunch, workshops 3 and 4, Address V). And then there are the trees, and the view, and the wind blowing where it listeth, and the walk by starlight across the site through the pines to your residence. No hardship in that.

The Reverend Mia Anderson, Incumbent of St Michael's Sillery, has joined the Diocesan Gazette's growing list of columnists. Her contributions will be appear periodically in rotation with our other contributors.

Calling all youth!

A chance to travel!

There are two opportunities for youth from this diocese to participate in the wider church. The Synods will cover all costs except for personal spending money for these events. For more details on either of these please contact Quentin Robinson at Quebec Lodge Camp 819-842-2286 or quebec lodge@accglobal.net

1. The Diocese is looking for a young person, between 16 and 25 years old, to attend the Ecclesiasti-

cal Provincial of Canada Synod as the youth delegate from the Diocese of Quebec. The Provincial Synod meets September 18 to 21 in Québec City. If you are interested contact him before May 31st

2. The Diocese has also been invited to send two participants between the ages of 13 and 21 to the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island's weekend youth conference being held Friday evening, October 24 to Sunday afternoon, October 26, 2003 at the Atlantic School of Theology, 660 Francklyn Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The theme this year is "I AM .

CHRISTIAN", a look at what it means to be a Christian in the Church and in our world today.

They are planning a weekend of fun with worship, fellowship, workshops, keynote speaker, and lots of music. Bishop Fred Hiltz will be present during the weekend to share in fellowship and worship. They anticipate that youth from some of the Lutheran parishes from across Nova Scotia will also be in attendance. The leadership team will be comprised of clergy and lay from around the Diocese with an appropriate ratio of adults to youth.

Nuggets from the past

Compiled from past issues of the Diocesan Gazette by Dr. M.E. Reisner, Diocesan Historian

The May 1903 issue of the Diocesan Gazette featured a report "recently received" from the Rev. F.G. LeGallais, SPG Missionary on the Labrador, based in Mutton Bay, since 1901. In it he describes sailing for the North Shore from the Baie de Chaleur on the Mail Packet Nellie Morrow, a sailing schooner of about 100 tons, crossing the Gulf of St Lawrence in five days, and casting anchor at Mingan.

"Here I met the Rev. J.G. Ward, my new assistant, who had spent two months in the western part of the Mission extending from Seven Islands to Mingan, a distance of about 100 miles. On the 6th [of September] ... we began to move down the Coast, and after two days' pleasant sailing we arrived at Natashquan about 4 p.m. on Sunday. In the evening we had Divine Service with a small congregation of seven, who comprise the whole of our people in this quiet Settlement, chiefly occupied by French Canadians.

Here we were obliged to remain two weeks awaiting the arrival of the Labrador Mail Boat, a small open boat of about 30 feet over all. As it was now getting late in the season, we had to travel down very cautiously. The Settlements along this part of the Coast are small and scattered, usually two or three families living 30 or 40 miles apart.

At Kegaska, 30 miles below Natashquan, we met our Lay-Reader, Mr G.W. Willis, who had been holding Services and teaching school on the Labrador upwards of 20 years. He accompanied us over 100 miles further down the Coast, and thus the three of us had a very pleasant time together, having the good fortune every night to reach a Settlement and sleep on shore.

Owing to rough weather and head winds it took two weeks to make a trip which is usually made in four days. All things, however, worked together for good, as it gave us the opportunity of spending a few days with the families at the scattered Settlements, and of holding regular daily Services with our people who are very isolated on this part of the Coast, and who naturally appreciate the visit of their Missionary. In this way, therefore, on our way down, we visited every family."

LeGallais goes on to recount arriving at Harrington Harbour where his Assistant remained a few weeks "to attend to the spiritual needs of our people here." He and Willis continued on to Mutton Bay where he himself remained for two weeks.

"On October 15th [the report continues] I left Mutton Bay on board a small trading schooner for St Paul's River, about 100 miles further down the Coast, and our largest winter Settlement. I arrived safely after a three days' voyage, and settled down for three months.

Under the management of the Rev. George Pye, a new Church was erected here last year, and it is proving a great help to me.

Shortly after my arrival, I induced the people to erect a new School Building, and in three weeks' time I began teaching school with 28 scholars in a neat, comfortable building erected by the people themselves. And now I am quite busy holding regular Sunday Services, Sunday School and Confirmation Class, together with teaching in the day school.


I will continue at this work till the beginning of the New Year, when I will set out with comitque [i.e., dog sled] and dogs to again visit and minister to the scattered Settlements throughout my extensive Mission."

QUEBEC LODGE CAMP


<p>June 29 - July 5 -1st Pioneer Camp (12-15 yrs.) \$295.00</p>	<p>June 29 - July 12 -1st Senior Camp \$555.00 -1st Camp Anglais Langue -2nd Senior \$695.00 (10-13 yrs.)</p>	<p>July 13-19 -1st Junior Camp \$295.00 -1st Camp Anglais Langue -2nd Junior (5-11 yrs.) \$345.00 -2nd Pioneer Camp (12-15 yrs.)</p>
<p>July 20-Aug. 2 -2nd Senior Camp (12-15 yrs.) \$555.00 -2nd Senior Pioneer Adventure Camp (12-15 yrs.) \$675.00</p>	<p>Aug. 3-9 -2nd Junior Camp \$295.00 -2nd Camp Anglais Langue -2nd Junior \$345.00 (5-11 yrs.) -3rd Pioneer Camp (12-15 yrs.)</p>	

A Great Place to Be!

- * Archery
- * Basketball
- * Canoeing
- * Hiking
- * Swimming
- * Wide Games
- * Barbecues
- * Bible Study
- * Chapel



- * Sailing
- * Talent Shows
- * Windsurfing
- * Campfires
- * Crafts
- * Soccer
- * Baseball
- * Volleyball
- ... and MORE!



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