

Dissenting Presbyterians - anti burghers
Kirk - Established Church of Scotland

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Many immigrants chiefly from the Highlands of Scotland belonged to the Church of Scotland or the Kirk. They had to attend the Anti-Burgher Church, the only Presbyterian church within their reach. While Mr. MacGregor (& Mr. Ross) were the ministers they became elders & office bearers and everything was harmonious.

However when Rev. D. A. Fraser came from Scotland to Pictou in 1817 a large number of people (Kirks) withdrew and formed the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia. Under Mr. Fraser's ministry they organized a congregation at McFennan's Brook - about 40 families all Highlanders. They built a frame church seating about 500 persons, and a log house for Rev. & Mrs. Fraser.

Later a church was built at Fraser's mtn (25 families) the nucleus from which St. Andrew's Church, N.S. was formed.

For 26 years the Kirk became strong & influential.

However as in Scotland so in Pictou Co. an ecclesiastical disturbance took place and the Free Church in N.S. was formed. Rev. John Stewart was one of the first ministers. He took 145 families with him & they formed the Knox Church. (Westminster?)

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Presbyterians in Pictou Co. built a church near Loch Broom and one in New Glasgow near the old Duff cemetery. Rev. James D. Mac Gregor was the first regularly established minister in this section of the province and for nine years he was the only Presbyterian minister in this area.

In 1803 the log church near N.G. was replaced by one in Frishtown (now Plymouth).

- Albion Mines people worshipped in New Glasgow at first -

St. Andrew's Church, N.G.



St. John Presbyterian
dedicated in 1863

James Pres. (united with people who broke away from St. Andrew's)

Sharon Presbyterian
dedicated in 1856
1866

Pictonians at Home and Abroad - Rev. J. P. MacPhee M.A.

For nine years Rev. James McGregor was the sole minister in Pictou County, preaching visiting traveling on snow shoes in winter & in summer literally paddling his own canoe. His congregation was widely scattered, & his mission field extensive P 37.

The second sabbath after his arrival from Scotland (July 11, 1786) he preached at the East River a little below what was afterward Albion, N. S.

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P 65. In 1787 a log church was built on the west side of the East River (near Huff cemetery). This was used until 1803 when a frame church was built at Irishtown (now Plymouth). In 1834 the congregation was incorporated under the name of James Church and in 1852 a large wooden building was erected in the town of N. S. The first minister was the Rev. James McGregor D. D.