

Brougham Celebrated Hundred Years Of Worship In That Community

BROUGHAM: The people of Brougham and district did not only celebrate the annual 'Memorial and Decoration Day' last Sunday, they also recalled the 100 years of worship in the community. The decoration services were held in the Union Cemetery prior to the Centennial Services being held in the Brougham United Church.

The Christian Church used to be on the property which was purchased from the late Thomas Hubbard who settled on a 200 acre farm on Lot 19 in 1792. Although the old church has since disappeared the cemetery is still in existence and still in use. The old Christian Church was sold after the Church Union in 1925 and the members joined the United Church of Canada. The church building was sold but the bell from the Christian Church steeple still calls the people of the community to worship on Sundays. The bell is in the United Church steeple and was used as a fire bell before the more modern day fire siren was installed in the Fire Hall at Brougham.

The Rev. C. E. Fockler was the guest speaker at the services in the United Church on Sunday. He recalled the days 45 years ago when he preached for two years in the Christian Church in Brougham. Rev. Fockler said that there is one other living minister of the Christian Church of Canada and 'he is a lot older than I am.' When I was here in Brougham there were three churches in the Village. There was the Methodist Church down the road (indicating Highway 7 in an easterly direction) this

United Church which was the Presbyterian Church and the Christian Church. This church was located on Brock Road where 'the cemetery still remains'.

"This is the 100th anniversary of worship in the Village of Brougham," said Rev. Fockler, as he spoke on the growth and development of the Church in Canada and in the world. "Where there is no worship there is no church. Where there is no church there is no morals and where there is no morals there is no government," said Rev. Fockler, as he continued to explain that these words 'were written by George Bernard Shaw who was a thinking man.'

As the overflow congregation left the church they were interested in seeing the communion cup, the plate and decanter used for communion services in the Christian Church and the silver trowel which was used to lay the cornerstone of the Brougham United Church when it was the Presbyterian Church. Also seen were Bibles and Old Testaments, one of which was printed in 1824. The articles were loaned to the church for the Centennial Services by the Miller family of Brougham.

In 400 years about 2,200 vessels Pennsylvania's greatest industry have been wrecked near Cape come is from coal and steel industries, but more than half the land area of the state is in farms. Hatteras, N.C., reports the National Geographic Society.