

RUSSELTOWN FLATTS CHURCH  
1826 - 1990  
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
RUSSELTOWN FLATTS CHURCH  
164th Anniversary  
July 29, 1990

Organist: Mary Aboud  
Choir: St. Andrew's U.C. Hemmingford  
and Wesley-Knox U.C. Covey-Hill  
Guest Minister: Elke Mehnert

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE COME IN PRAISE

Organ Prelude  
"Holy Holy Holy"  
Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach  
Hymn: "O, Worship the King" #21

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD ENACTED

First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-15  
Responsive Reading: Ps. 100 (727)  
Hymn: "A Little Child.." #217:1,2,3  
The Sacrament of Baptism  
Hymn: "A Little Child.." #217:4,5  
Second Lesson: Mark 2:23-28  
Sermon: "...AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE  
THE LORD."  
Hymn: "When Morning Guilds.." #45

AND TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Announcements  
Anthem: "I See the Love of God.."  
Offering and Dedication  
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession  
Maintenance Committee Report by Lyman Roberts  
Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #441  
Unveiling of Memorial  
Commission, Benediction and Choral Amen

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WE welcome today into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism Jason Richard Vaillancourt, son of Hubert and Sharon (Edgerton) Vaillancourt. May God watch over this child and bless him richly that he may be a blessing to others.

T H E U N V E I L I N G

Prayer of Remembrance by Rev. Mehnert

James Pollock Brown, M. P.

by Isabel Templeton, President  
Chateaugay Valley Historical Society

Dr. John Clarke Moore, M. P.

by Alister Somerville  
Long-time M. N. A. Huntingdon County

Donald Elmer Black, M. P.

by Donald M. Black  
Nephew, Calgary, Alberta

O C A N A D A

John Clarke Moore, M.D.  
September 11, 1866 -- May 18, 1943

Born in St. Chrysostome the son of Mary Ann Clarke and Robert C. Moore, John Clarke Moore was baptized along with his brother Thomas and sister Elizabeth on March 13, 1877. Sadly, his Mother died eight days later on March 21, 1877.

After graduating from McGill's School of Medicine he married Laura Bell in 1903 and established his medical practice at Rockburn. Throughout the Chateauguay Valley he was acknowledged as an outstanding physician and surgeon. There were few hospital facilities in the area and it was not uncommon for Dr. Moore to perform emergency operations in the patient's home.

Dr. Moore actively supported the establishment of the Barrie Memorial Hospital and was most generous in donations to the surgical department. He was active in public affairs and was elected to the House of Commons for Chateauguay-Huntingdon in the 1930 election as a conservative. Dr. Moore retired from public life after his defeat in 1935.

At the time of his death a colleague, Dr. C. L. Roman wrote, "The ashes of John Clarke Moore will forever be the sacred soil of memory in which will grow the white flowers of remembrance. The aroma of his personality will persist like the brightness 'of apples of gold in pictures of silver' and the example of his character will remain as a rock in a weary land."

James Pollock Brown  
April 14, 1841 -- May 30, 1913

James Pollock Brown was born at Bean River (now Riviere-des-Feves) the son of David Brown and Jean Pollock both of Renfrewshire Scotland. He was educated at the local elementary school and then enrolled at the Business College of New Haven, Conn.

He married Margaret Stewart on February 19, 1869 and they had three children, Robert Stewart, Margaret, and Annie.

After a period of working in local stores, Mr. Brown went into business for himself and soon became a prominent merchant and businessman in St. Chrysostome. In addition to his store, he operated dairy farms and in 1888 built a grist-mill on his farm to the rear of the Russelltown Flatts Church which bordered on the English River. The Gleaner described the building of the mill as an 'event of importance to the farmers of this section' and '(it) is a neat and well-fitted mill.'

Mr. Brown was elected to the House of Commons as a Liberal for the County of Chateauguay at the general elections of 1891, 1896, 1900, 1904, 1908, and 1911. He died in office May 30, 1913.

It is interesting to note that in 1891 the population of the county of Chateauguay was 14,393 based on the last census. Women still had not won the right to vote and this partially explains the small number on the voter's list, only 3482. However, just under 69% voted and Mr. Brown received 1246 votes to 1148 for his opponent, Mr. R. N. Walsh of Ormstown.

business in Aubrey, dealing chiefly in cattle, horses, feed grains, hay, etc. While he always claimed that he was a farmer, and he did own farms, in reality he was far too busy working with and for farmers to be a full time practicing farmer.

Mr. Black loved horses and his favourite pastime was to be at county fairs either as a judge of horses or as an exhibitor. For a number of years he was a director of the Ormstown Exhibition and then served as its president.

His concern for farmers and in particular the family farm partially explains his election to the House of Commons in 1935 as a Liberal. He won re-election in 1940, 1945, 1949, and retired in 1953. He was generally recognized as 'a constituency member' because of his dedication to the citizens of his consistency regardless of their party affiliation.

As a child, Donald Elmer Black attended The Little White Church and throughout his busy career maintained a keen interest in it.

"For all the saints who from their labours rest  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed  
Thy Name, O Jesu, be for ever blest."

Russeltown Flatts Church Maintenance Committee  
July 29, 1990

Lyle Gilmore  
Chairman

Lyman Roberts  
Secretary Treasurer

Elizabeth Wood Bourassa, Dorothy Curran Clarke,  
Calvin Edgerton, Brand Edwards, Alan Smith,  
Ronald Yull

The Maintenance Committee acknowledges with thanks the generous support it continues to receive from friends of the 'Little White Church'.

Representation at today's celebration of the Chateaugay Valley Historical Society by its president, Isabel Templeton, and by Donald Lang of the Chateaugay Valley Antique Association is noted with pleasure.

The contributions by members of Wesley-Knox and friends in providing refreshments after the service is much appreciated. A cordial invitation is extended to all to linger after the service and share in the hospitality of our hosts.

The financial statement for both the Maintenance and Cemetery Committees are available upon request.

The Church's registry of marriages, baptisms, and burials has been photocopied and copies are on the table at the rear of the church. Feel free to examine these records. The book for 1939-49 is still missing. Any help in locating this book would be appreciated.

The flower arrangements today are by Muriel Edgerton and are dedicated to our loved ones.

Floral arrangements in the cemetery are through the efforts of Elizabeth Wood Bourassa. We would appreciate having your comments.

The warm welcome you received at the door today was by Muriel Edgerton and Lyle Gilmour.