

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

REV. JOHN YOUNG

1759 - 1825

Recalling the career of another
pioneer missionary of the Church
of Scotland in America and early
19th century Gaspesia.

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THE REV. JOHN YOUNGFOREWORD

With a previous article on the Rev. John Mitchell (1765-1841), GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY undertook a recall of pioneer Protestant clergymen who ministered in Gaspesia. Rev. Mitchell came to New Carlisle in 1800 and, while there, married Janet, daughter of the Loyalist settler, Thomas Sherar. He ministered to Protestant settlers westward to Restigouche.

The present article, #173 of the GASPE OF YESTERDAY series, proposes to recall the career of the Rev. John Young with emphasis on his missionary work for the Church of Scotland in Restigouche and the Gaspesian shore of Bay Chaleur. From his base at Athol, near the present City of Campbellton, N.B., he travelled along the Bay Chaleur to Hopetown and beyond. He was in New Carlisle some ten years before that community had a resident Church of England minister. His Register of baptism, marriage and burial, included herewith, is a precious record for the years 1811-1812.

This attempt to trace and record the career of the Rev. John Young has proved to be a particularly difficult and demanding task and has been in progress for several years. During that time a number of persons, interested in the subject, have been involved. Appreciation is due to the following, in particular: Mrs. Earlene Gilker, New Carlisle; Ms. Valerie Gilker, Campbellton; Mrs. John Young, Dalhousie; Mr. Jackson Ross, Campbellton; Ms. Maxine Ross Bain, Campbellton; Mr. William R. Adams, Tide Head; Mrs. Joan Carling, Halifax; Kim Moir, Deputy Archivist, Presbyterian Church in Canada Archives, Toronto; Catherine Ingram, Archivist, United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, London, England; Trudy McLean, Archivist, Pre-Confederation Archives, Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa; Allan C. Dunlop, Assistant Archivist, Public Archives of Nova Scotia.

While the input from many sources has been invaluable, there still remain aspects of the career of the Rev. John Young to be documented. The reason for this may have been expressed succinctly in his Obituary of 1825 in these words:

"...Few persons have experienced greater vicissitudes of fortune in their passage through life..."

ORIGINS

John Young was born at Beith, Scotland, a community south-west of Glasgow and near the present airport of Prestwick. His father, James Young, was the school-master of Beith. Doubtless the household of the Young family, like many another in Scotland, held learning in high regard, and son John would have had a sound primary and secondary education.

In the year of John Young's birth momentous events were afoot across the North Atlantic Ocean in New France. The great French fortress of Louisbourg, built at enormous cost to guard the St. Lawrence, had fallen to the British the previous year. In the autumn of 1759 General James Wolfe's British Army climbed to the Plains of Abraham to defeat the forces of General Montcalm and open the way for the Fall of New France and establishment of British rule in Canada. It would be there, in Canada, that John Young would later find his destiny.

In due time John Young entered Glasgow University that had been founded in 1450 and was, in the 18th century, famous throughout Europe as a seat of learning. Upon graduation he chose the Church for his career and in November, 1785, was licensed by the Presbytery of Irvine, Church of Scotland. The community of Irvine lay to the south of Glasgow near the present City of Kilmarnock. For the forty years that followed the ministry and the education of youth would be intertwined as the priorities of life for the Rev. John Young.

TO AMERICA

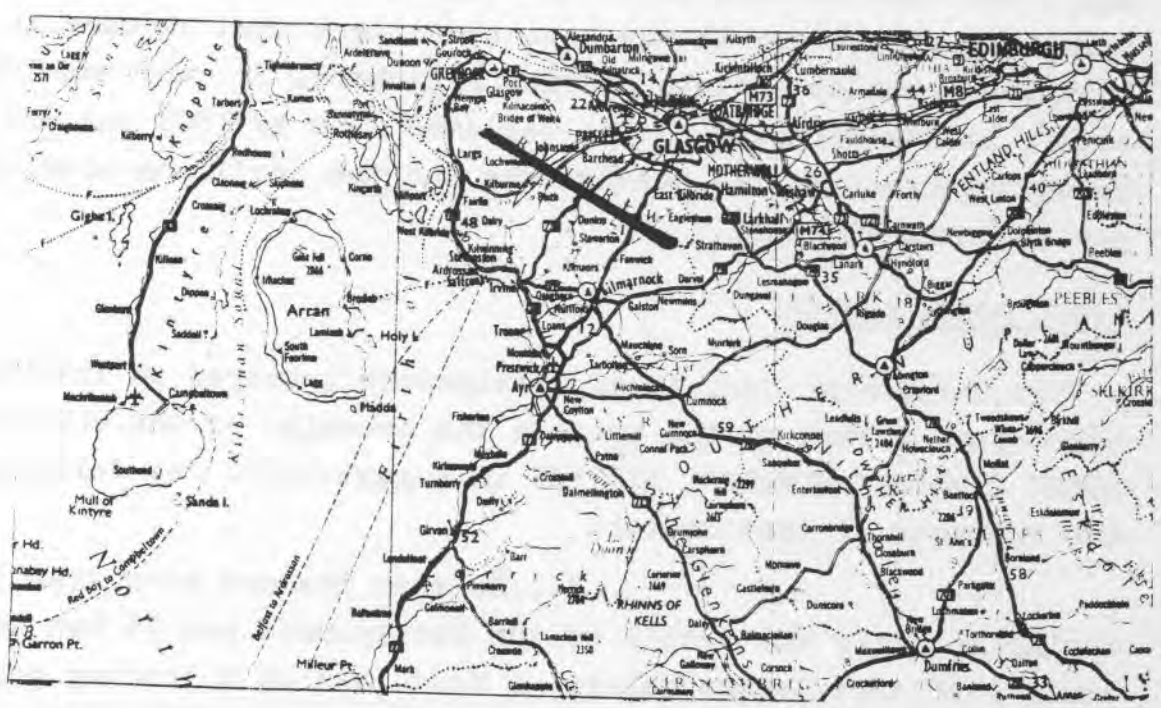
In the late 18th century countless Scots were emigrants to North America with its challenging opportunities. The Fall of New France and the end of the fratricidal War of the American Revolution opened up the vast and resource rich Continent of North America for development. Thus, in 1786, the Rev. John Young chose to emigrate and landed in New York. From 1786 until 1791 he ministered to congregations in New York, Albany and Schenectady.

Meanwhile, to the North in Montreal, Canada, fellow Scots were establishing a vibrant center of the fur-trade and sea-borne commerce at the head of ocean navigation on the St. Lawrence. A

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new Scotch Presbyterian Church was built on St.Gabriel Street and to it, as its Minister, came the Rev. John Young in 1792. While the interesting story of the Montreal Church is beyond the scope of this article it can be found in the volume: " A HISTORY OF THE SCOTCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ST.GABRIEL STREET, MONTREAL"; Robert Campbell, D.D., William Drysdale and Co. 1887.

The congregation to which the Rev. Young ministered in Montreal must have been unusually interesting. It included the Scotch partners of the NORTH-WEST COMPANY who drew a wealth of furs from the vast western wilderness to make Montreal a center of trade and commerce. Such men were the founders of the famed BEAVER CLUB whose traditions persist to this day in Montreal. Perhaps it was the life-style of these fur-trading barons that led the Rev. John Young to alcoholism. Whatever the cause of his alcohol problem he was obliged to leave the Scotch Presbyterian Church and Montreal. In 1802 he moved westward to the developing Province of Upper Canada to succeed the Rev. John Dun as the Minister of the Church of Scotland at Newark (Niagara)



JOHN YOUNG WAS BORN AND RAISED IN RENFREWSHIRE,

NEWARK

As the original capital of Upper Canada, Newark (Niagara) had an interesting history extending back in time to the early years of the French Regime in New France. It was there that the first Parliament of Upper Canada met under Governor Simcoe in 1792. In the rich lands of the Niagara District Loyalists found new homes after the American Revolution.

Newark had a number of loyal Presbyterians, chiefly of Scottish birth, who met together and formed a congregation in 1794. A church was built in 1796 with the Rev. John Dun the first Presbyterian minister. He was succeeded in 1802 by the Rev. John Young. Newark had also a Church of England, St. Mark's, whose Rector was the Rev. Dr. Addison. The historical volumes of William Kirby, F.R.C.S., and of Janet Carnochan provide much interesting detail of the Newark of the time of the Rev. John Young.

MOVING ON

The alcoholism problem that had led to his leaving Montreal continued to plague the Rev. John Young at Newark. Consequently he had to leave that post also. Mrs. Joan Carling of Halifax has found that he ministered to congregations in the Lake Champlain region and it may have been there that he came to know Loyalists such as Captain Azariah Pritchard, Sr. who came to settle at New Richmond. It is believed that by 1808 the Rev. John Young had moved to the Restigouche and the far-flung missionary parish based at Athol.

ATHOL HOUSE CHURCH

The Caledonian Society of Restigouche prepared an invaluable historical sketch of the area on the occasion of the OLD ATHOL HOUSE CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICE in August, 1972. The following are extracts of that sketch:

"...British Traders were slow in moving in after the Battle of the Restigouche and it was not until 1768 that George Walker, a Scot, set up a trading post at Walker Brook. In 1769 Hugh Baillie, another Scot, and a partner of Walker, built up a large trade in fish and furs,

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hides and salted salmon. Baillie sold his property to John Shoolbred, a London Merchant, in 1773. Shoolbred established the first permanent settlement on the Restigouche when his agent, William Smith, brought out eight Aberdeen fishermen and their families and established his headquarters and a salmon pickling factory at Old Mission Point. Samuel Lee leased this property from Shoolbred from 1785 to 1787 but in 1788 Shoolbred lost his title and Samuel Lee obtained a direct grant to the property from the Province of New Brunswick.

...Shortly after Samuel Lee obtained his grant to the property he set aside land for a cemetery, probably about 1790. Rev. Mr. Dripps, a Church of England Missionary consecrated the ground for this cemetery. The oldest existing grave marker in the cemetery is dated 1791.

...Alexander Ferguson, a Scot from Perth, Scotland, settled on the south side of the river (Restigouche) in 1794 and was joined by his brother, Robert, in 1796. They played a large part in the religious and community life and in development of this district. Alexander died in 1803 but Robert carried on the business and in 1810 bought 1000 acres of Samuel Lee's land from Lee's widow, this included the land at Old Mission Point, Ferguson Point, in fact most of the land in what is now known as Atholville. In 1812 Robert Ferguson erected an imposing residence and store combined which was the first estate permanently established on the Restigouche, it remained a land mark for over 80 years until it was destroyed by fire in 1895 or 1896. This imposing building was known as Athol House and was a short walk from this cemetery. (See G.J.Mountain, visit to the Gaspé Coast in 1824) Archdeacon Mountain also states that a congregation of 80 to 100 persons assembled at the church on September 12th., 1824 when he visited there. The Old Athol House Church remained the main place of worship until the Presbyterian Church was built in Campbellton in 1831..."

To this Restigouche community the Rev. John Young came circa 1808.

THE REGISTER FOR 1811 - 1812.

The title page of the Register reads as follows:

Yearly Register
Baptisms, Marriages and Burials
in

Little Nouvelle, Hopetown, Paspébiac and New Carlisle
in Chaleurs Bay, Inferior District of Gaspé.

By the Rev. John Young, Minister of the Protestant
Congregation of the Church of Scotland in the above
Places, who will deliver the same to the Clerk of
the Provincial Court for the Inferior District to be
filed by him of Record after granting his Receipt to
the aforesaid Minister.

To commence from 15 July in the year of God one
thousand eight hundred and eleven in the fifty first
year of our Sovereign Lord the King, George III.

The Register contains the following entries:

- BURIAL.** Eunice, wife to Capt. Azariah Pritchard, Esq.,
who departed this life aged Sixty Eight, was
buried this 29th day of August, 1811 by Jo.
Young, Minister. In Presence of: Azariah Pritchard, Sr.,
and Azariah Pritchard, Jr.
- MARRIAGE** William Wetsel of Grand Shipegan, Trader to
Mehetable Toppam, aged 14 years, with consent,
at Hopetown. August 11, 1811. Witnesses - David
Smith and John Heron.
- BAPTISM** William Craven, son of Joseph of Quebec, Merchant,
and Emelia Murray of New Richmond, born April 5, 1810
and baptised 23 September 1811. God-parents:
Amelia Murray; Duncan Robertson; Ann Robertson.
- BAPTISM** Helena, aged 14 on 9th May last, daughter of John
Gallon of New Carlisle and Christiana Smart, his wife,
baptised October 28th., 1811. God-parents - Jane
Starnes; Elizabeth McHutchison.

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- BAPTISMS Elizabeth Louisa, daughter of Matthew Stewart Esq., of Carleton and Sophia Prust, his wife, born 20th September 1808, and Robert, son to the above, born 5th April 1810, baptised August 25th.,1811.
Signatures of: Matthew Stewart and Sophia Stewart.
- BAPTISM Richard Marshall, son to Richard Clark of the Province of New Brunswick and Mary Doyle his wife, born October 4th last and baptised November 13,1812.
- BAPTISM Martha Sophia, daughter of Oliver O'Hara of Carleton and Annabella Stewart his wife, born November 7,1808 and baptised August 23rd.,1811
[Oliver O'Hara was a son of the Hon.Judge Felix O'Hara of Gaspé Basin and Martha McCormach his wife. Annabella Stewart O'Hara was the daughter of Robert Stewart and Annabella Stewart his wife.]
- BAPTISM George, son to Peter Lynd of New Brunswick, Fisherman and Ann Gilker his wife, born December 13th.,1810 and baptised 1811.
Record signed by Peter Lynd; Ann Lynd; Samuel Gilker and Elizabeth Gilker.
- MARRIAGE James Hacquoil of Pespédiac (sic), Fisherman, and Rose Dugaw of Paspebiac, spinster, both of age, were married September 3rd.,1811.
- MARRIAGE James Neilson of New Carlisle, Cordonner, and Mary Rafter of the same place, spinster, both of age, were married October 7th.,1811.
Witnesses: William Thompson; Margaret Rafter (mother of the bride)
- BAPTISM Andrew Nathan Charles son to deceased Donald Starnes (Starnes) late of New Carlisle and Jane Sprong his wife, born August 5th last and baptised October 28, 1811.
Signatures: Jane Starnes; Philip Starnes.

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- BAPTISMS Mary Ann, born June 9th.,1809 and Elizabeth, born July 18th.,1810, children to Nicholas Renouf of New Carlisle, Carpenter, and Sarah Mann his wife, baptised October 26th.,1811.
Signatures: Sarah Renouf; Elizabeth McHutchison.
- BAPTISM Annabella Stewart, daughter to George Grant of Restigouche, Cooper, and Sarah Wood his wife, born August 3rd.,1810 and baptised September 1st.,1811.
Signature of Sarah Grant.
- BAPTISM Robert, son to Robert Ferguson of Restigouche, Merchant, and Mary Adams his wife, born September 19th.,1809 and was baptised November 3rd.,1811.
[HISTORY OF CAMPBELLTON - Robert Adams was shortly married to Elizabeth Busteed by the Rev. Mr.Dripps, a Church of England clergyman, the first Protestant minister to visit Restigouche. John Duncan's son David was the first male child born of British parents in Restigouche, and Robert Adams daughter, Mary, was the first female child - the latter being a few months older than David. She afterwards became the wife of Robert Ferguson. Both children were born at Old Church Point.]
- BAPTISM Martha, daughter to Alexander Borland of Restigouche, Carpenter, and Fanny Christopher his wife, born January 26th.,last and baptised November 3rd.,1811.
- BAPTISM Mary, daughter to John Adams of Restigouche, Yeoman, and Mary Busteed his wife, born September 14th last and baptised November 3rd.,1811.
Signature: David Connacher
[In 1800 Thomas Busteed,Esq., purchased from Henry Rimpfhoff, Merchant-Trader of Quebec and Bay Chaleur the Restigouche property that had, in the French Regime, been the site of the Fort of Bordeaux. Mary Busteed was a daughter of Thomas and Anne de Bonne Busteed)

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- BAPTISM William, son to David Connacher of Restigouche and Margaret McIntosh his wife, born December 27th.,1809 and was baptised November 3rd.,1811.
- BAPTISM Ebenezer, son to Adam Gerrard Esq., of Restigouche and Sarah Busteed his wife, born November 13th., 1810 and was baptised November 3rd.,1811.
Signatures: Adam Gerrard; Sarah Gerrard.
- BAPTISM Alexander, son to Lieutenant John Duncan of Restigouche and Flory Henry his wife, born December 13th.,1809 and was baptised November 3rd.,1811.
Signature: John Duncan.
- BAPTISMS Dorothy, born December 17th.,1809 and Mary, born October 31st last, daughters to Peter Adams, Carpenter, of Restigouche and Dorothy Sherar his wife were baptised November 6th.,1811.
Signature: Peter Adams.
- BAPTISM Robert, son to Thomas Busteed of Restigouche, Yeoman, and Elizabeth Ann Ferguson his wife, born May 7th., 1810 and baptised November 6th.,1811.
Signatures: The Parents.
- BAPTISM John, aged 19 years, on December 31st last, son to John Gallon of New Carlisle, Farmer and Christiana Smart his wife, was baptised November 30th.,1811.
- BAPTISM Margery, daughter to Patrick Murphy of Restigouche and Annabella Henry his wife, born March 23rd.,1810 was baptised November 3rd.,1811
- BAPTISM Richard, aged 21 years, son to Richard Billingsley of New Carlisle, Farmer and Elizabeth Pearson his wife, was baptised November 19th.,1811.
Signatures: John Rafter; Richard Billingsley.

[Elizabeth Pearson was a daughter of the first marriage of Christopher Pearson, Loyalist. Her father's second wife was the Widow Mary Secord Kroomston Beebe. Ref: GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY - THE BEEBE FAMILY.]

- BAPTISMS Margaret, aged 22 years on April 3rd., last and Elizabeth, aged 14 years on July 13th last, daughters to Robert Flowers of New Carlisle, Farmer and Alice Pennington his wife, were baptised November 13th.,1811.
[Robert Flowers, veteran soldier of the 29th Regiment, his wife, Alice Pennington, and three children reached New Carlisle with the Loyalists on the Snow "LIBERTY" in 1784. Ref: "LOYALISTS OF BAY CHALEUR" - A.D.Flowers. 1973]
- BAPTISM Isabella, aged 20 years on November 28th.,last, daughter to Richard Billingsley of New Carlisle, Farmer, and Elizabeth Pearson his wife, was baptised December 4th.,1811.
Signatures: Robert Flowers; Richard Smith
[Isabella's name came down to her from her maternal grand-mother, Isabel Heywood, the wife of Major Harry Heywood. A native of England, Major Heywood settled in Virginia and fought with the British Army in the Revolutionary War. His only son was killed in battle; his daughter, Isabel, married Christopher Pearson.]
- MARRIAGE Isaac Mann of New Carlisle, Ship Carpenter, and Margaret Smith of Hopetown, spinster, both of age, were married at Hopetown December 10th.,1811.
Signatures to Register: Isaac Mann; David Smith;
John Chisholm; Amos Hall,Jr.
- MARRIAGE James Lambert of Hopetown, Farmer, and Louisa Lamboy of the same place, spinster, both of age, were married at Hopetown March 3rd.,1811.
Signatures: James Lambert; Francis Barter; Mary Young.
- MARRIAGE Richard Smith of New Carlisle, Fisherman, and Isabella Billingsley, spinster, both of age, were married at Hopetown on December 15th.,1811.
Witnesses: John Rafter; Mary Young

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- BAPTISMS Elizabeth, born September 8th.,1809 and Joshua, born February 4th.,1811, children to Samuel Chatterton of New Carlisle, Farmer and Charlotte Beebe his wife were baptised March 24th.,1812.
- [Samuel Chatterton was the son of John Chatterton, veteran of DeLancey's Corps in the Revolutionary War, who settled on River Remsheg, N.S. Samuel married Charlotte Beebe, also of Loyalist background in 1786. After some years in Nova Scotia they returned to live in New Carlisle.]
- BAPTISM Deborah, daughter to William Flowers of New Carlisle, and Mary Chatterton his wife, born April 29th.,last and baptised May 10th.,1812.
- BAPTISMS Rebecca, born November 14, 1803 and Rosanna, Born August 17th.,1807, daughters to William McGie of New Carlisle and Nancy Henry his wife, were baptised May 10th.,1812.
- God-parents: William McGear; Ann McGear.
- BAPTISM Amos Hall, aged 28 years, son to Amos Hall of New Carlisle, Farmer, and Ann Greenman his wife, was baptised May 26th.,1812.
- Sponsors: Amasa Beebe; Joshua Beebe.
- [Mrs. Irene Hall and Donald Hall of New Carlisle and Ken Hall have searched out and recorded the Hall family history.]
- BAPTISMS Amasa, born October 24th.,1805; Judith, born November 24th.,1807, Amos; Amos, born July 6th.,1809 and Sarah, born April 23rd.,last children to Asa Beebe of New Carlisle and Sarah Hall his wife, were baptised May 10th.,1812.
- [Ref. for Asa Beebe - GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY - THE BEEBE FAMILY.]
- BAPTISMS Rebecca, aged 6 years and Barbara, aged 4 years, children to Joshua Beebe and Barbara Hall his wife, were baptised May 10th.,1812.

- BAPTISMS** Sarah, born June 3rd.,1806; Janet, born September 3rd., 1808 and Martha, born December 24th.,1810, daughters to George Forsyth and Nancy Flowers his wife, were baptised May 24th.,1812.
- BAPTISM** Joshua Robertson, son to Jonathan Woodman of New Richmond and Mary Ramfay McCormick his wife, born January 5th.,last was baptised May 28th.,1812. God-parents: Azariah Fritchard; John Cruger.
- MARRIAGE** Jonathan Beers of Restigouche, Sawyer, and Jane Clarke of Restigouche, spinster, were married June 25th.,1812. Witness: The Mother; Samuel Clarke.
- BAPTISM** Alexander, son to Robert Ferguson Esq., of Restigouche and Mary Adams his wife, born January 28th.,last and was baptised June 7th.,1812.
- BAPTISM** Margery Ann, daughter to David Connacher of Restigouche and Margaret McIntosh his wife, born January 29th.,last was baptised June 7th.,1812.
- BAPTISM** William, son to Alexander Malcolm of Restigouche and Mary Moore his wife, born March 19th.,last and was baptised June 5th.,1812.

THE FIRST CHURCH - A VIGNETTE

The following vignette is drawn from THE HISTORY OF CAMPBELLTON.

The old church still standing in the old Athol cemetery was first erected at Miller's Point, in order to be near the river, the only means of travel in those days. It was built by the old settlers who carried out the logs on their backs, and intended to do duty as schoolhouse and place of worship...They afterward moved it to the "Pratts", and finally from there to its present situation. Mr.Young, a Church of England Minister (?) "kept school" on work day nights and preached on Sundays. He is reputed to have been very eloquent. There is a tradition that he once received fifty pounds for a sermon in Montreal. His wife possessed a fine voice and she taught the young people vocal music...

In the time of Mr.Young a meeting was held to decide what church

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the people should adhere to. The Presbyterians carried the day, but they afterwards found themselves unable to support a minister and applied to the Church of England for supply. That church being largely supported by the State could better afford to look after stray flocks in the wilderness...

NEW PASTURES

The above glimpse of the Rev. John Young is supplemented by the following account of his subsequent career found in the publication, SHEET HARBOUR - A LOCAL HISTORY - James E. Rutledge, William Macnab and Son, Halifax, N.S. 1954.

THE CHURCHES - St. James United Church.

An early church edifice was of log construction used also as a school house. It was situate in Campbell Town on lands now occupied by Mrs. Edward Connor, Sr. Visiting clergymen came to the Presbyterians of the villages in the early years, the first being the Rev. John Young who arrived in 1818. He was engaged in a double capacity; as a teacher of youth and as a Minister of the Gospel. He was taken on for a Twelve month period. He was a man six feet six inches tall and his wife was of corresponding proportions. He was said to have had "an eye in his head like a hawk" (notes of Rev. Richard Logan-1910)

After leaving Restigouche the Rev. Young is said to have ministered at Lunenburg, N.S. prior to his move to Sheet Harbour.

OBITUARY

The obituary of the Rev. John Young published in THE ACADIAN RECORDER of March 19, 1825 is interesting not only for what it contains but also for that over which it throws the mantle of charity. It reads:

At Sheet Harbour, on the 10th ultimo, the Rev. John Young, aged 66 years. Few persons have experienced greater vicissitudes of fortune in their passage through life than the individual whose death has now been mentioned. Mr. Young was born and educated in Scotland. He was licensed to preach the Gaspel by the Presbytery of Irvine; and a short time afterwards sailed for the United States of America. He officiated

for some time to a congregation in the city of Shenectady (sic) and after receiving a cery pressing call from the Fresbyterian church in Montreal, he removed to that city, where his public ministrations were crowned with remarkable success. He was instrumental in uniting the presbyterian ministers in that province, and had the honor to be Moderator of the first meeting of Presbytery which ever met in Canada. But the sun of prosperity does not always shine upon our heads. Circumstances which would be invidious to detail rendered it necessary for him to leave Montreal. The late unhappy war between Britain and America (War of 1812-1814) at length freed him from his station in Canada as president of the Academy and minister of the Presbyterian church in Niagara; about 11 or 12 years ago he came to this province and visited various parts of the country till he finally settled about four years ago at Sheet Harbour, where his mortal remains now sleep in the dust. He spent the evening of his days in teaching their children during the week and preaching to the inhabitants on the Lord's day, and notwithstanding the infirmities of human nature, is universally lamented in that infant settlement. He has left behind him in this province an aged widow and one daughter both deaf and dumb, besides several children in Canada.

'Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall'

FINALE

Though the period of the Rev. John Young's ministry in the Restigouche and Bay Chaleur was relatively short, it is of great interest and importance as it occurred prior to the establishment of Protestant congregations in Gaspesian communities and the keeping of regular church records. The 1811-1812 Register above suggests that for many Gaspesian Protestants the visitation of the Rev. Young may have been the first of a Protestant Minister since the departure of the Rev. John Mitchell. This may account for multiple baptisms in a number of families.

As noted in the FOREWORD above, many intriguing questions relative to the Rev. John Young, his family and his career still remain open:

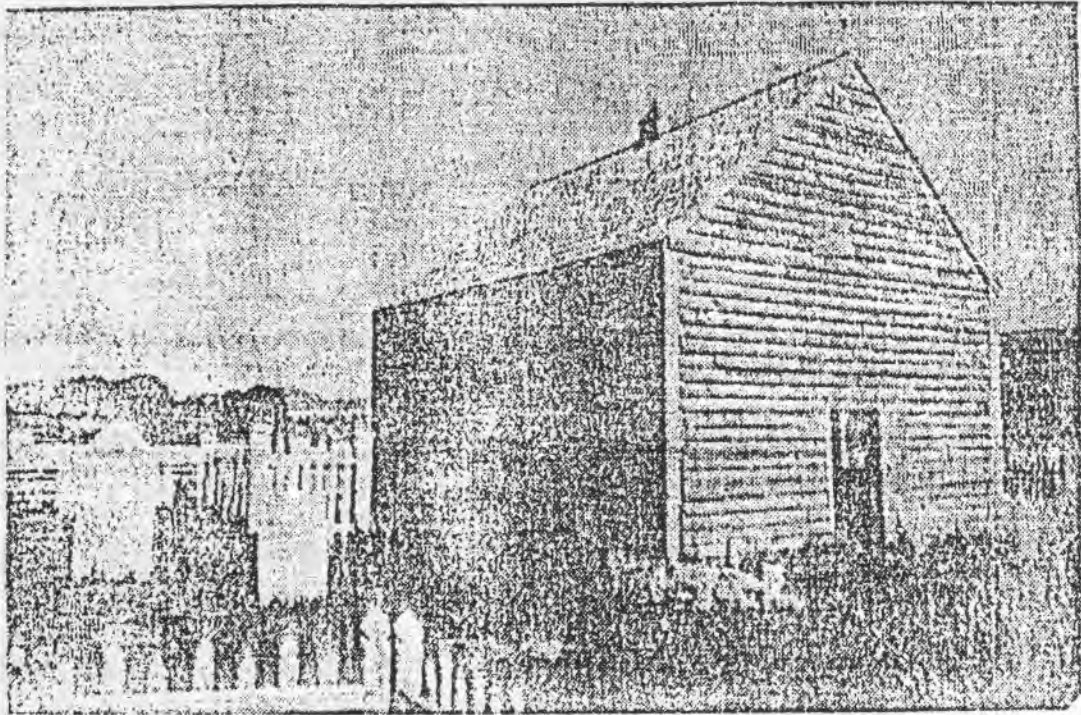
- * Do other church records of the work of the Rev. Young in Restigouche and Bay Chaleur exist ?
- * What were the circumstances of the arrival and the departure of the Rev. John Young and his family from Athol ?
- * Can "those several children" of the Rev. John Young and his wife that remained "in Canada" be traced ?

Had the Rev. John Young kept a diary of his impressions and experiences of life in Restigouche and Bay Chaleur what a treasure it would be for all those interested in the Gaspesian heritage.

Brief Historical Sketch

of

Athol House Cemetery and Church



OLD ATHOL HOUSE CHURCH IN CEMETERY

The Athol House Cemetery is the oldest British Cemetery in Restigouche County. Samuel Lee set aside land for this cemetery about the year 1790 and a Rev. Mr. Dripp, a Church of England missionary, consecrated the ground for the cemetery. The oldest existing grave marker is dated 1791.

The Cairn was placed in the cemetery in 1931, in memory of Rev. James Stevens. The first permanent Presbyterian minister to serve this district. He arrived here from Scotland in 1831 and served this district until his death in 1864, at the age of 64 years.

The Church was placed in the cemetery about 1810, after Robert Ferguson became owner of the property, and remained the main place of worship until the Presbyterian Church was built in Campbellton in 1834.

The Campbellton Cemetery was started in 1892 and few burials took place in the Athol House Cemetery after that date.

The Old Athol House Church served as both a place of worship and a school house and continued to do so until the development of Campbellton when the children of the area attended school in Campbellton. Rev. Mr. Young of the Church of England was the first minister and teacher.

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF RESTIGOUCHE