

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

A GLEBE
FOR
THE PROTESTANT MINISTER
OF GASPÉ BASIN
1850

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FOREWORD

"GLEBE, n. portion of land attached to a clergyman's benefice." Oxford Dictionary.

The BILL OF SALE below from John Francis Wilson, Esq., Merchant of Gaspé Basin to the Lord Bishop of Quebec, the Right Reverend George Jehoshaphat Mountain, D.D., "being a Glebe for the Protestant Minister, " takes one back more than one hundred and forty years to a very different community of Gaspé Basin than exists today in 1992.

It will be recalled from the third article of this series, "DR.ANTOINE VON IFFLAND VISITS GASPE", that in June,1821, the first Anglican Church building of Gaspé Basin was burned to the ground in a swift and terrible forest fire. Records of the Anglican Diocese of Quebec show that a replacement Church building was consecrated in 1853. Again in 1884, 1909 and 1944 new buildings of St.Paul's Church were consecrated.

The first resident Anglican Minister at Gaspé was the Rev. John Suddard. Those who followed him at St.Paul's were the Rev. R. Knagg; Rev. E. Cusack; Rev.W.Arnold; Rev. C.Morris; Rev.F.De La Mare; Rev.F.Smith (1864)

St.James' Church, Gaspé Bay South (Wakeham) was,from the outset,part of the Gaspé Parish.

BILL OF SALE
FROM
JOHN FRANCIS WILSON, ESQ. TO THE LORD BISHOP
OF QUEBEC

PROVINCE OF CANADA

DISTRICT OF GASPE

This Indenture made at Gaspé Basin in the County and District of Gaspé on the seventh day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty before me, John Eden, Esq., one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District of Gaspé, and in this case acting in default of Notary Public as by Law provided.

Between John Francis Wilson, Esq., Merchant, of the one part and the Right Reverend Father in God, George Jehoshaphat, Lord Bishop of Quebec of the other part.

WITNESSETH THAT - For and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds current money of the Province of Canada, with lawful interest of six percent until the Capital of the said sum be fully paid to the said John Francis Wilson, Esq., he, the said John Francis Wilson, for himself, his heirs and assigns agreeing and consenting not to require the above stated sum until such time as the parties purchasing can conveniently pay the said sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, He, the said John Francis Wilson, Esq., hath granted, bargained, sold and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto the said Right Reverend Father in God, George Jehoshaphat, Lord Bishop of Quebec, and successors in office, forever - a certain piece or parcel of land situated at Gaspé Basin, in the County and District of Gaspé aforesaid - Bounded on the North by