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Ken Meeks Farm
South Half of Lot 19 Con. A Ald.

The first known owner was K.S. Spaford. Succeeding owners were Wesley Welch, John Bonn, and Emerson Smart. The present owner who bought the farm in 1970 is Ken Meeks.

Victor Fisher Farm
Lot. #21 Concession 3 Ald.

The first known owner was Duff Leverington. Succeeding owners were Jack Humphrey and the present owner bought it in September 1971, Vic Fisher.

Edward Schnekenburger Farm
Lot.18N,19S. Con. 3,4. Ald.

The first known owner was Archie J. McColl. Succeeding owners were Ernest Trudell, Norman Schnekenburger, and Edward Schnekenburger. The present owner who aquired the farm in 1969 is Edward Schnekenburger. The first buildings were wood frame while succeeding buildings that were added were: 4 kilns, 3 greenhouses and two homes on Lot.19 Con.3. The owners of these homes are Norman Victor Schnekenburger and Josephine Emma Schnekenburger.

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Andrew Kuhyda Farm
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 22 Con. A Ald.

From Charles Boley - September 22, 1854 to Peter Johnson.
From Peter Johnson - about 1860 to Duncan M. Johnson. He died
November 5, 1891 and the farm remained in the estate of the widow,
Harriet Johnson and ten children until the final heir sold. Duncan
D. Johnson had possession from February 2, 1914 until November 1,
1948 when it was bought by the present owner Andrew Kuhyda.

James D. Johnston Farm
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 22, Con. 2 Ald.

From William Bottel - December 28, 1882 to Duncan m. Johnson.
From Duncan M. Johnson - during 1920 to 1922 - to Duncan D. Johnson.
From Duncan D. Johnson - October 30, 1967 to James D. Johnson.

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CRINAN, ONT.

History of Argyle Presbyterian Church, Crinan, Ontario.

The Crinan or Argyle Presbyterian church was built in 1861, and a history from its foundation to the Jubilee in June 1911 was written and recorded in book form and from this book I write the following article.

Though the congregation was not properly organized until 1861, occasional services were held from 1853 to 1860. Rev. W. R. Sutherland of Ekfrid visited and dispensed ordinances to the few families then located here. Mr. Sutherland had the spiritual oversight of a very large territory, but because of his self-denying spirit he found time to minister to the spiritual needs of the Presbyterians making homes for themselves in this part of Ontario.

In 1853 and 1854 the late Rev. Archibald Currie of Duart, being then a student missionary, occasionally visited the people here, holding service in the house of the late Peter Johnson, in whose house services were continued until the erection of the schoolhouse on lot 21, concession 1, in 1855, and in this they worshipped until the church was built.

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In 1860 an agitation was set on foot to form a self-sustaining congregation by the union of the Presbyterians of Wardsville and Crinan. This union being happily consummated in 1861, a call was presented to Rev. Neil McKinnon who was then a missionary. Accepting the call, he was settled over the united congregation, having his residence in Wardsville. Immediately he took steps to organize the Crinan congregation by the election of Elders and Deacons. The first session comprised the Rev. Neil McKinnon, Moderator; Elders, Peter Johnson Farquhar McRae and Gilbert Stalker. The first Deacons' Court: James McLean, Donald Currie, James Stalker, and Duncan Stalker.

The erection of a place of worship next engaged their attention. Meetings were held, committees appointed, subscription lists started and in a short time the congregation felt justified in proceeding with the building of a church.

The contract was awarded to Wm. Watterworth, late of Ingersoll. On the completion of the church in the Fall of 1861 it was opened for divine worship by Rev. Jas. Greenfield, afterwards of Glengarry County. Mr. Greenfield, who had some time previously been on a missionary tour in Western Ontario, was a great favorite with the Crinan congregation. The records of the number of the members at its organization are not available as none of the original members were alive.

Mr. McKinnon's pastorate continued for ten years till 1871. Being the first settled pastor, his reception was all the more cordial. The people of Crinan whose youth was spent under Mr. McKinnon's spiritual direction still hold his name in veneration. The following ministers received their public school education in the old log school house at Crinan and enjoyed the spiritual ministrations of Mr. McKinnon: The late Rev. Hector Currie, B.A.; the late Rev. Dugald Currie, B.D.; the late Rev. Daniel C. Johnson; the late Rev. Daniel Stalker, B.A. the late Rev. Elias Battle; Rev. John D. McMillan; and Rev. Arch. McLean.

In 1871 Wardsville wished to dissolve the union and form a separate charge, uniting with Newbury. The Presbytery granting their request Crinan was thrown on its own resources. Mr. McKinnon having resigned the pastorate of the united congregations, Wardsville and Crinan each presented him with a Call. Much to the disappointment of Crinan he accepted Wardsville and Newbury. However, with but little delay a Call was extended to Rev. John Milloy of Lingwick, Quebec. Mr. Milloy accepted, and was duly inducted in October 1871.

During all the years of his happy ministry among them there was never a jar or discord to mar the harmony of their relations as pastor and people. Through the long pastorate of thirty years he continued to labor among them until no longer capable, owing to age and other infirmities. Having resigned the pastorate, he with his family joined the exodus to the West, settling in Midnapore, Alberta, where in 1907 he was called to his reward.

In 1872 a manse was built at Crinan which was occupied by Mr. Milloy during his pastorate. In 1903 the manse was disposed of and the proceeds applied towards building a vestry to the church. In 1885 the old frame church was remodelled, brick veneered and re-seated; the old pulpit removed and new platform and desk put in. Re-opening services were conducted by Rev. Neil McKinnon of Mosa, the former pastor who preached two eloquent and impressive sermons. Believing that a merciful man is merciful to his beast, the congregation erected fine comfortable sheds for the accommodation of their horses in the year 1896.

Until 1893 the temporal affairs of the church were attended by a Deacon's Court. At this time it was decided to effect a change, a Board of Managers to take the place of the Deacons' Court. This would put the congregation in a position to avail themselves of the help of a larger number of the congregation.

During Mr. Milloy's pastorate the Michigan Central Railroad was built and the village of West Lorne having sprung up and assumed such proportions as made it necessary to hold Presbyterian service there, Mr. Milloy gave them, at first, occasional service. Towards the close of his pastorate West Lorne congregation was organized fully, a church was built and the union between the two congregations fully consummated, the charge being known as Crinan and West Lorne.

In 1901 Mr. Milloy resigned and a call was extended to Rev. A. H. Kippan. Mr. Kippan remained four years residing in a "hired house" in West Lorne, as the manse in Crinan had been disposed of. Under Mr. Kippan's ministry the two congregations increased rapidly. He was an able preacher and a thorough organizer, and it was with deep regret that he accepted a call to Harrington.

Mr. Mann the next minister remained only two years but in that time the manse in West Lorne was built costing about \$3,000 and was practically free from debt three years after it was finished.

Rev. A. McD. Haig, B. A., the next minister was inducted May 1909. He remained ten years. Mr. Haig proved a faithful and earnest pastor and preacher.

The years following Mr. Haig's retirement until church union in 1925, - Mr. Carr had charge of the pastorate. Crinan congregation voted to remain as a Presbyterian, while West Lorne went into the union so Crinan and Duffs Church, Dunwich, are together under one pastor, - the minister living in a manse beside Duffs Church, Dunwich.

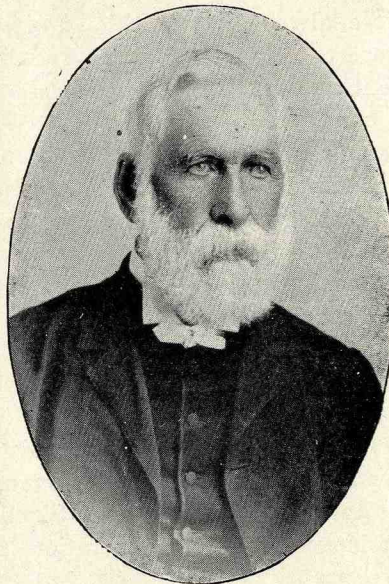
The first minister after union was Mr. V. Williams and following him was Mr. Hutchison. Dr. McLean succeeded him and was pastor for fifteen years. He retired in March 1946, on account of ill health, and he passed away in April 1947.

A call was extended to Mr. W. Sutherland in June 1946. At the beginning of 1947 the congregation decided to remodel the church, which during the war years had been neglected.

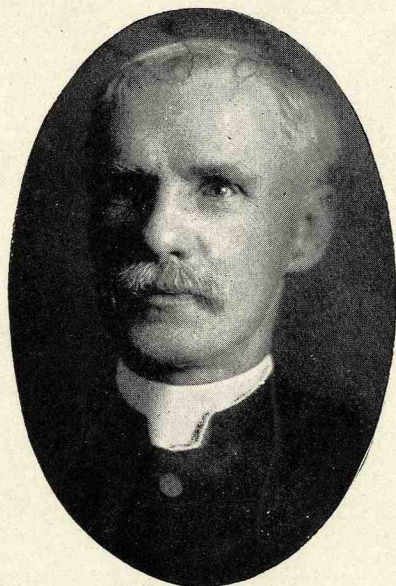
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from 1861 - 1925



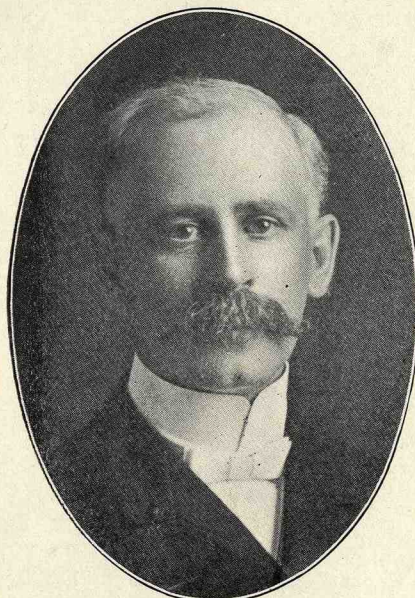
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