

QUEEN ST. UNITED CHURCH:::::

1897 *opened*

In 1895 the Methodist congregation in Fort Erie, who were at that time using the church building of Baxter on lower Bertie, bought the Queen St. site from Ernest and Julia Cruikshank. The original trustees were Charles Treble, Martin Harvey, Shepherd, Robert Martin, and Edwin Finch. The Church was built, and for almost thirty years was part of the Bridgeburg-Amigari -Fort Erie Methodist Charge.

In 1924 it became a separate charge under Rev. Van Loon; and in 1925 it entered the United Church of Canada.

In 1954 under the pastorate of Rev. John D. Wood the congregation commenced alterations and additions to the church edifice which were completed in 1957. In that year the membership of the church was 150. The Sunday School enrolment was 182.

The Queen St. United Church had its beginning with the small frame church on the north side of lower Bertie st. built in the early 1870's [redacted]; known as Baxters Church.

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The original building on Queen St., belonging to the Wesleyan Methodist Church, was erected in 1895 on lot # 8 & part of lot # 9 on the north side of Queen St.; purchased from Julia Cruikshank. The lot was 43 X 132 ft, and valued at \$600.00.

The church was 30 X 65 ft. with a stone foundation, walls of wood, a shingle roof and valued at \$3500.00. The furnishings cost another \$500.00.

Pictured is the plan of ALONZA G. MATHER for a bridge to cross the Niagara River, from Fort Erie to Buffalo ; invisioned in 1897.

Plan included a harbor at Fort Erie , and the harnessing of water rushing between the abutments, for centrual power. Interests in the U.S.A. defeated, and it was not till 1927 that the Peace Bridge was built on the very spot that Mather had picked for his bridge.