MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE

HERITAGE DESIGNATION

Address: 6876 County Road 10

Known as: Perrytown Church

Architectural Style: Gothic Revival

Date Built: Circa 1914

Date Designated: September 15, 1992 to By-Law No. 3187, SCHEDULE B

Lot Description: CON 6, PT LOT 13



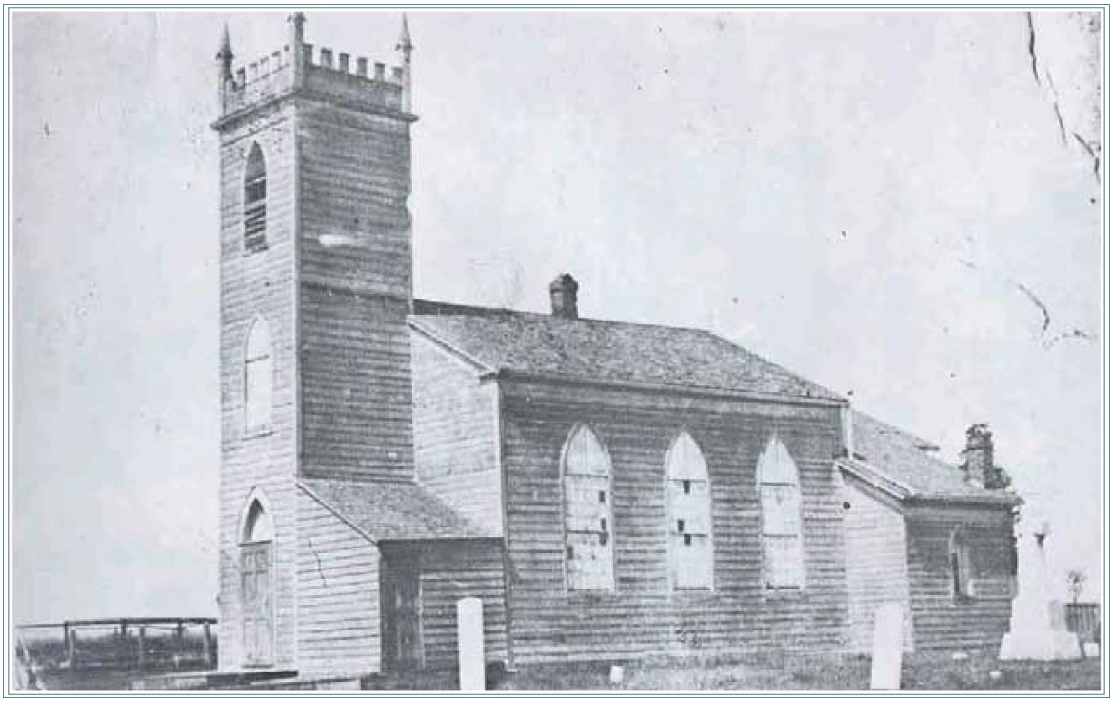
Architectural Description

A good example of the Neo-Gothic of the early 20th Century - built of rough local fieldstone, cast stone, patterned block and concrete dressing, and modelled on an English parish church. The building retains the original exterior design and its interior with beamed church ceiling. The church has a corner tower providing an entrance and an Apse forming the Sanctuary. Windows at the east side are stained glass memorials - one at least is signed by McCausland - the remainder of the windows are of leaded glass incorporating the tulip motif of the Art Nouveau. It stands in a prominent hilltop situation and is a landmark of the Township.

Historical Abstract

The first Anglican church services in the Perrytown area were given by Dr. Jonathan Shortt held in the home of Francis Coates at concession 7, and the present day Highway 28. In 1840, the north part of lot 13, concession 6 was deeded by James Rutledge and his wife to the Reverend Jonathan Shortt and his successors in office as ministers of the Church of England. The original frame church that was the first St. Paul's Church, Perrytown was recorded as being built in 1842 by Philip Fox, the owner of a planing machine and resident of Port Hope. Philip Fox along with carpenter Robert Mitchell (8 King Street) constructed the first frame Methodist Church located on Brown Street in 1833 (a lot across the street from the present day church).

Dr. Shortt, who also provided services for St. John's, Port Hope (51 King Street) gave the early church services. In 1912, Reverend Edward Morris came to the parish. The old wooden church structure was seventy years old and in need of renovating. The need for a new church had become apparent in the late 1880's, as the congregation had grown. A new church was planned with Reverend Morris drawing up the plans for the church modelled after his parish church in England. The contract to construct the church was given to Cecil Mercer. The congregation donated the cost providing labour and gifts of money from within the community. Reverend O'Meara laid the cornerstone on June 24th, and the church was consecrated on November 26th, 1914.



The First Perrytown Church, circa 1842



Architectural Detail

The church cemetery is located on the adjoining property.