

## **STORIES FROM THE RICH PAST OF OUR PARISH**

*This is taken from the annual report of the Rev. W.E. Ryder, Rector and relates to my note on the heating of the church with two stoves. This describes the first central heating.*

It is my pleasant duty to refer to a very magnificent gift received by St. John's Church. In St. John's Church has been installed during the summer of 1934, by local craftsmen under the able supervision of Mr. A.F.Powers of Lunenburg one of the finest most-up-to-date scientific heating systems to be found in any church or public building on this continent. It was donated and dedicated Sunday, September 16, and is now being used to the great comfort of all worshipers of St. John's, and at the same time replacing the previous antiquated system which involved a great fire risk to the historic and beautiful building.

The gift comes to St. John's Church from the Smith family, the direct descendants of the late James and Sophia Smith, early settlers of the town, together with members of the family by marriage.

Capt. J.N. Smith, the oldest living member of the family was empowered to present this gift to the Church at Divine Service, to the Glory of God, the use of St. John's Church, and a permanent memorial to the Smith Family. A Scroll, bearing the names of the donors will be placed in the Vestry. This gift adds to the many beautiful and costly memorial furnishings found within the sacred edifice.

Finally Warm!

*Submitted by Heritage Chairperson, George Munroe*

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