

at the end of lot number 2, near the bay, by the lake, and where most of the barges coming from the lake moored.

3. Guillaume (William) Sayer, had begun the winter with Pierre Chartrand, and when the latter left to build a house on the shore of the lake, he was left alone in the house. The Métis called him "Dion". He also took care of the missionary, bringing him his food, until Father Gascon left for St. Norbert. It is this Guillaume Sayer, who was arrested in 1849, for having traded furs with the Indians, in spite of the Hudson Bay monopoly. He was set free, when 3000 armed Métis surrounded the house where the Court of Inquiry was being held.
4. Jean-Baptiste Lavallée lived a mile-and-a-half to the north. Jean-Baptiste was Michel Lavallée's father. Today (1935) he is 86 years old. His house was on a little hillock on lot 8, between the house of Michel Chartrand, who lives with Octave Chartrand, and the Winnipeg-Lundar road.

Besides the families mentioned above, there was no one else living close to the chapel, when it was built. The closest residents were grouped together around the Hudson Bay Post at Oak Point.

WHY BUILD A CHAPEL FOR SO FEW PEOPLE?

It is always difficult to find reasons for certain acts, when they have not been noted, or when the people concerned are not living any more. However, on due consideration, it may be surmised that the following facts had something to do with it.

The site of the Pangman-Chartrand-Sayer homes was a strategic point for the Métis and the Saulteaux from the north of the lake, who came and went on the prairie. These people spent the winter in the forests and marshes of the north, hunting and trapping. In the spring, they came down the lake, on huge barges, with oars and a sail, headed first for Fort Garry, and then for the buffalo hunts on the plains. They came with their large families, their ponies and carts and all their chattels. Often they landed on the sandy beach, facing the ruins of what was supposed to be the hotel of the Manitoba Beach Company, but most of the time they came in to a beautiful bight, which was a sure shelter for their craft. It is this bight that was supposed to be deepened later on, and made into a port.

From there to the homes of Pangman and Sayer, there was only about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. So, the travellers pitched their buffalo-hide tents at this point, and in the evening, and sometimes in the day time also, they wandered into the little village to chat. They were not in a hurry, having nothing to do but talk, smoke and sleep.