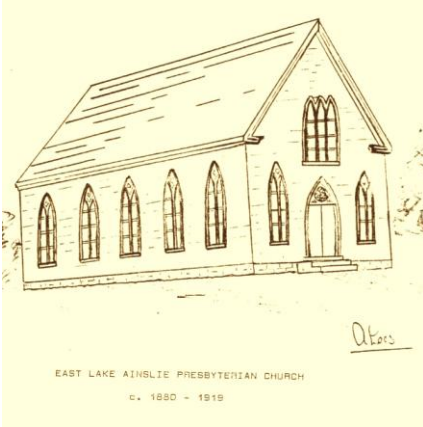


Memorial Bell Tower

***They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.***



The original church did not have the Bell tower. (See above).

At a congregational meeting in January 1918, it was decided that a tower should be built on the South-West corner of the church. From various sources \$974.97 was raised for the building of the tower and it is believed that this included the cost of the bell which was purchased from the "MC Shane Bell Foundry Co. Baltimore, MD in 1919.

The inscription on the East side of the bell gave the manufacturer:

MC Shane Bell Foundry Co.

Baltimore, MD 1919.

While the inscription on the West side read:

Our Heroes

1919

East Lake Ainslie.



The church was re-opened in the middle of September 1919, and the tower dedicated to the memory of the First World War veterans and casualties from the area. They were:

Colin MacRae, West Lake Ainslie

Malcolm MacKay, Trout River

Danial MacGregor, Scotsville

Morris MacLean, East Lake Ainslie

John Grant MacKay, Scotsville.

A few years ago, a memorial plaque was placed on the tower by the Whycocomagh Legion and a 2nd World War Casualty from the area was added:

Webster MacKinnon, East Lake Ainslie



1919-2011



Bell Tower Plaque following fire

Y. SEPTEMBER 24, 1919

CHURCH RE-OPENED AT LAKE AINSLIE

Special Speakers And
Large Congregations
Take Part

Very interesting services were held last Sunday in the Presbyterian Church, East Lake Ainslie, it being the occasion of the formal reopening of the building. During the summer months carpenters were at work constructing a belfry which adds greatly to the appearance of the structure. A bell was also purchased from an American firm, and about ten days ago was placed in position.

The special preacher on Sunday was D. M. Gillies of Glace Bay. The weather was ideal, and large congregations were present at both services, from not only Lake Ainslie, but also from West Bay, Oranghale, Whycomagh, Little Narrows, Strathlorne, and Inverness. The collections for the day amounted to one hundred dollar. Together with amounts donated previously by natives of Lake Ainslie, now living in other parts of the country, they totalled eight hundred and forty-six dollars, and twenty five cents.

Rev. E. D. McKillop, to whose untiring effort the success of this latest undertaking is due, was inducted into the pastorate three years ago. Both minister and congregation are greatly encouraged in the success which has crowned their work.

Last Sunday, Rev. Mr. Morrison of Strathlorne, and the Rev. Mr. McLean of Whycomagh, both gave brief Gaelic addresses.