

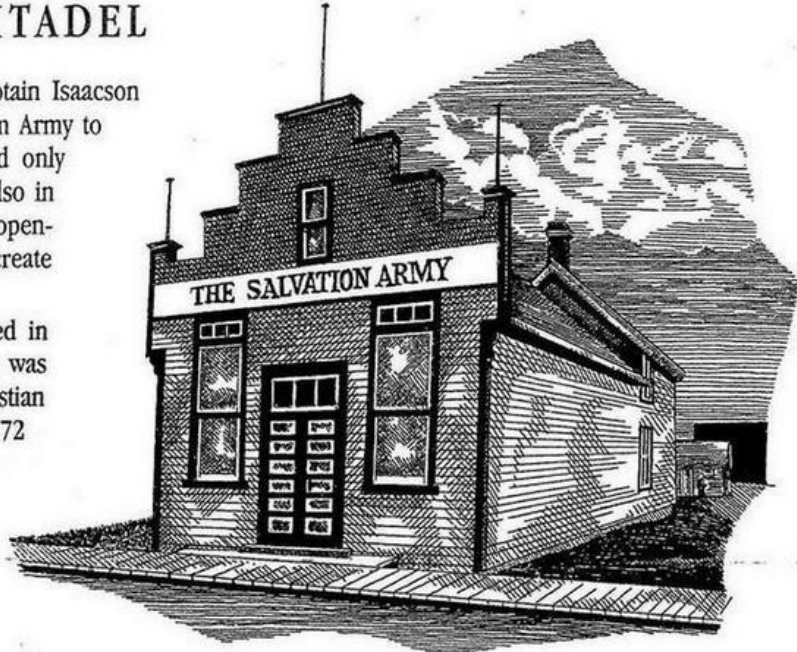
SALVATION ARMY CITADEL

In June 1895, two young women, Captain Isaacson and a lieutenant, brought the Salvation Army to Regina. Their first congregation numbered only four. As part of the great Territorial Fair, also in June, other Army officers came to help hold open-air services at the fair, which helped to create more interest in the Army.

The Salvation Army Citadel was constructed in 1902 at 1738 Broad Street. The building was acquired by the congregation of the Christian Apostolic Church in 1918 and moved to 1772 Montreal Street. It is still in use as the Apostolic Christian Church.

In 1913, the Salvation Army erected the Citadel at 1740 Broad Street. In the early years, beginning in the late 1920s, the Salvation Army Band was a major part of the "Sally Ann" program throughout the world. Whether you were in downtown Regina, or on the streets of New York, in Times Square, it was a common occurrence to see and hear the band performing on a street corner and preaching the gospel and peace making.

The Salvation Army became famous for its dedicated support to the troops in the armed services and became known as "the friend of the soldier" in both WW I and WW II.



1738 Broad Street

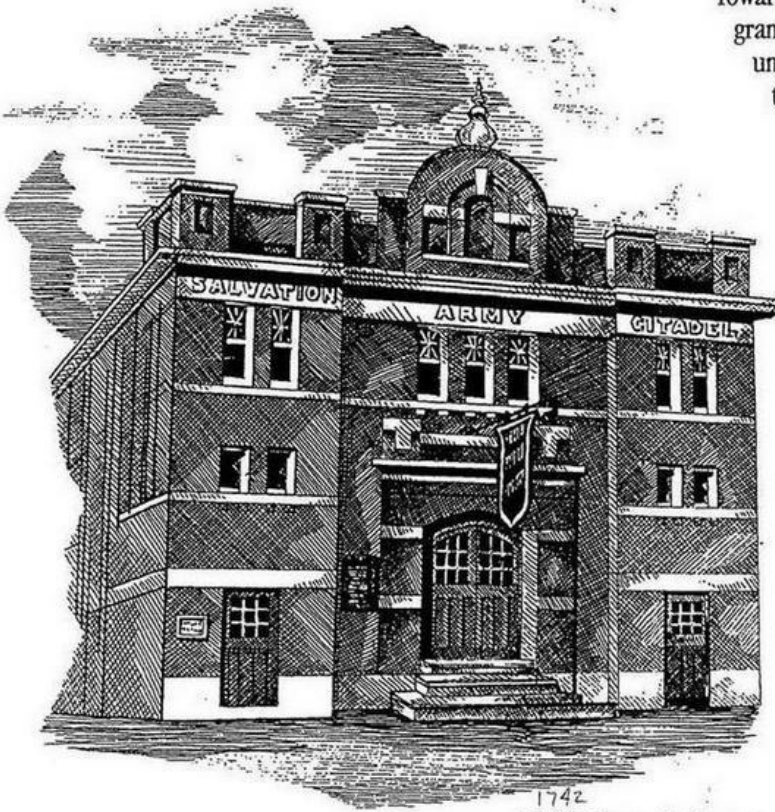
Towards the end of 1929, City Council gave a \$500 grant to the Salvation Army to work with Regina's 600 unemployed single men. These funds only stretched to provide "a bed, two bowls of soup and four slices of bread" for 40 to 50 men daily.

"During 1935 and 1936, a yearly average of five thousand transient unemployed passed through the Salvation Army men's hostel in Regina." – Drake, *Regina*

In 1936 the Army bought the former residence of R. H. Williams and turned the 14-room house into the Eventide Home for elderly men. They also purchased the old North-West Territories Administrative Building on Dewdney Avenue and opened it as Grace Haven, a home and hospital for unmarried mothers.

In the 1930s the Army began a successful Christmas Kettle campaign, to provide food and help for needy families. This campaign has continued with the help of other organizations and service clubs.

The Regina Citadel relocated on March 17, 1973 to 1012 McIntyre Street.



1742
1740 Broad Street

THE HISTORY OF REGINA CORPS

On August 23, 1882 a train arrived in the "Pile O' Bones" district of Saskatchewan. The huge stack of buffalo bones was amassed by Indians in the belief that the buffalo would return to the bones of their forefathers. "Pile O' Bones" was renamed "Regina" - the Latin word for queen - in honour of Queen Victoria. A new name was given and a new life was begun as settlers moved into the area to set up homes and businesses.

The Salvation Army's love for God and dependence on the Holy Spirit's power spread across the Canadian West like a mighty prairie fire. And so it was on April 21, 1895, that Captain L. Isaacson and her assistant, Lieutenant McGee, opened the work of The Salvation Army and the "Blood and Fire" echoed for the first time through our city.

The population of Regina at that time was approximately 1,500, and civic authorities, existing religious denominations and the general public extended a welcome to these two Army officers. From this small beginning, Regina Citadel has grown to be a recognized spiritual centre, and Salvationists have gone out from here to the length and breadth of Canada and all parts of the world to minister to the physically and spiritually needy.



*Regina Citadel circa 1900
Broad Street, Regina*

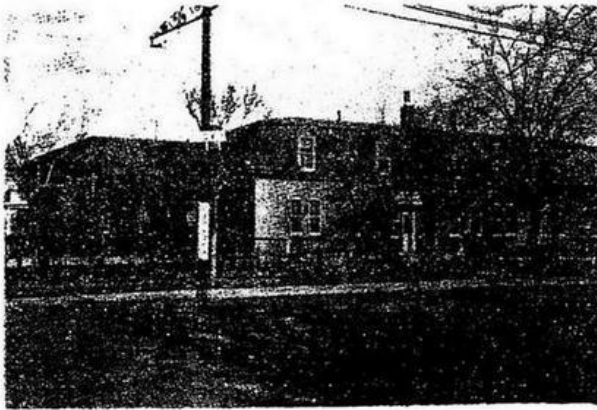


*Regina Citadel Band 1919
Bandmaster J. Henderson, Corps Officers Adjutant & Mrs. H. Orway*

The Army held their first meetings in a room over the McCarthy Department Store, then located at the corner of Broad Street and South Railway Street. The work prospered and many souls were saved and made into Salvation Army soldiers. As time went by, it was soon evident that larger and more suitable quarters were needed, and space was secured over the office and plant of the Regina Daily Standard. This was also later found to be unsuitable for the increasing needs of the corps and a fine frame building was erected on Broad Street.

Near the turn of the century, the Provincial Government in conjunction with the Dominion Government, inaugurated a lively immigration policy and brought to the attention of the people of the British Isles the opportunities and advantages of moving out to this great country. As a result, there was a large immigration of people to the province of Saskatchewan and in a very short time, villages sprang up and towns became cities. Regina was one of these towns, and in 1903 it was incorporated as a city. The city had a population of 3,500.

As the city increased in size, so the work of the Citadel increased and many of the new arrivals were Salvationists from the Old Country. This greatly assisted the local corps and, within a very short time, the frame building was outgrown and meetings had to be held in a theatre on South Railway Street opposite the railway depot.



Grace Haven — Women's Receiving Home.

The Salvation Army in Regina

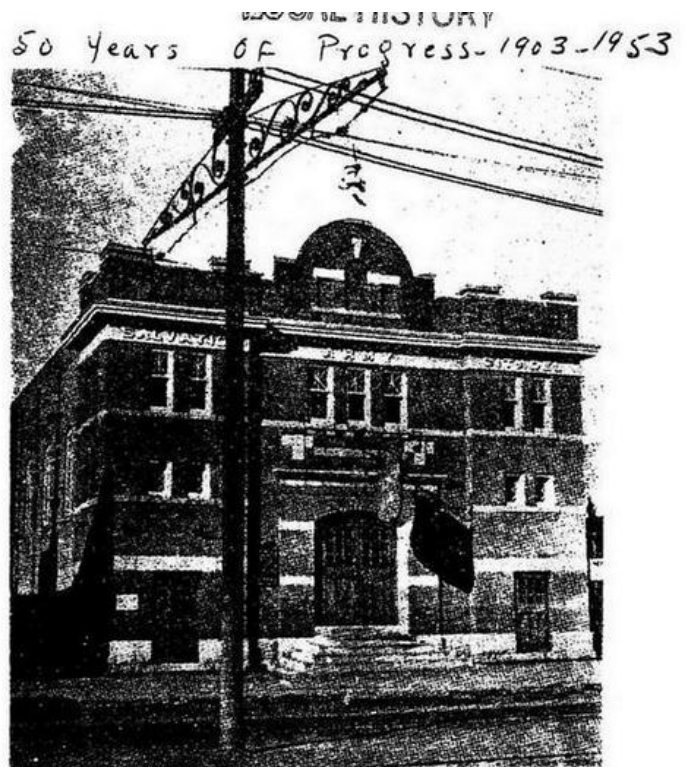
The movement, which in 1878, became known as The Salvation Army, originated in the Christian Mission meetings conducted in London in the year 1865, by the Rev. William Booth. Its primary aim is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to men and women, especially those who are untouched by ordinary religious efforts. As Ian MacLaren once declared: "The Salvation Army makes religion where there was no religion before."

The Christian Mission grew beyond all expectations. In due course, in the interest of more effective 'warfare' against evil, a military form of organization with uniforms and other distinctive features was adopted. To reach the multitudes who would not enter a place of worship, open air meetings and marches were organized. Flags, brass bands and religious songs set to 'Secular' tunes were further means of attraction.

In 1882 the Army commenced in Canada. In London, Ontario, two young men, who had emigrated to this country (Joe Ludgate and Jack Addie) felt an urge to do something for the masses of the unchurched people. Having had contacts with the Army in England, they started holding services along these same lines, the outcome being the birth of The Salvation Army in the Dominion.

When The Salvation Army "opened fire" in Regina in the year 1895, Regina was but a town of 1,500 persons. Apparently, right from the beginning, the people of Regina were enthusiastic in their welcome to this fiery group of evangelists. Captain Isaacson and Lieutenant McCree, two women officers, had the honour of commencing operations in the City fifty-eight years ago. Since then the Army's flag has been kept flying in an unbroken ministry of devotion to the needy of this community.

The first meetings were held in a room over the McCarthy Department Store located at Broad and South Railway Streets. Many members were added to the little



Salvation Army Citadel erected 1913.

groups and it was necessary to move to larger quarters above the plant of "The Regina Daily Standard." Later, a frame building was erected on Broad Street on the same site now occupied by the present Citadel. The old frame building still stands on Montreal Street, just north of 11th avenue.

In December, 1916, the Province of Saskatchewan was formed into a Division for administration purposes. Major T. Coombes was appointed as Divisional Commander with Headquarters at 405-6 Leader Building, Regina.

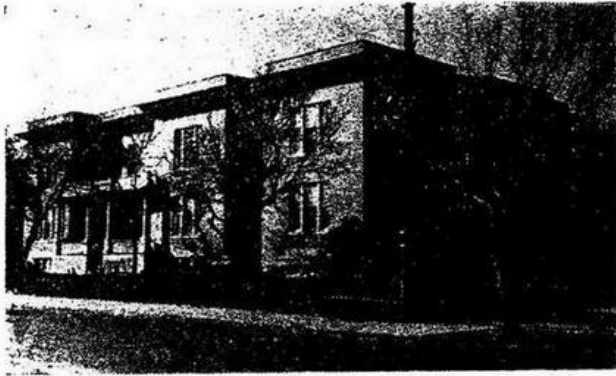
Thus the work developed until June 5th, 1918, when another Corps was opened on Retallack street. The Sons of England Hall was first used, then a building on Scarth and Cornwall streets and finally to the permanent building on Retallack and 7th avenue, erected in 1925.

With the growth of our spiritual work and understanding on the part of the public, we became a centre where people brought their problems. Problems of distress, the homeless, the aged, the hungry, etc., etc. So out of this early day Evangelism grew the other branches of our work, termed "Social Work." "Do something about it" was the cry of William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, when he saw shivering, starving men sleeping on the Thames embankment. Salvationists ever since have sought to obey that charge whenever and wherever confronted with human suffering and frustration.

Eighteen full-time, fully trained officers work in the City of Regina daily giving their time, sympathy and wise counsel to the hundreds who daily knock at its doors.

The following are the various services carried on by The Salvation Army in the City of Regina:

THE CITADEL CORPS under the direction of Senior Captain and Mrs. J. Robertson and the NORTH-SIDE CORPS under the command of Captain Elizabeth

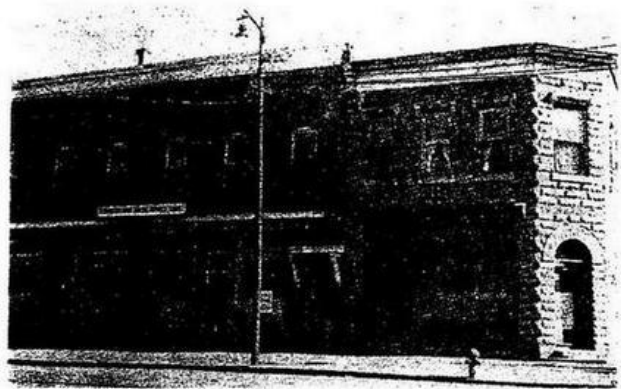


Eventide Home for Men.

Peacocke and Lieutenant Daisy Higgins, are doing a good work amongst the youth of the City. While their duties are chiefly evangelistic in nature and they conduct an extensive ministry amongst their congregations both indoors and out, they spend many hours amongst the needy, giving guidance, comfort and help in many ways. It is also from the spiritual work of The Salvation Army that we look for the full time officers to man the many important posts throughout our organization. In fact without the constant flow of dedicated youth, compassionate in spirit and moved by high motives, this Salvation Army would soon be non-existent.

THE BYRON GATE EVENTIDE HOME FOR MEN, situated at 2505 Victoria avenue, under the direction of Senior Major and Mrs. John Sullivan, are doing a splendid work to meet the needs of aged men. It is regrettable that old age should be for so many the most troublous part of life. Old age often robs a person of physical strength so that they can neither work or care for themselves and their lot becomes a very hard and lonely one. Here, with homelike and comfortable surroundings, this home with accommodation for seventy-five men, and always taxed to capacity, makes the eventide of life bright and beautiful.

The **GRACE HAVEN HOME AND HOSPITAL** under the supervision of Senior Major Nellie Bunnett, and situated at 3302 Dewdney avenue, provides a haven for the unmarried mother. Serious and complex are the problems solved here, but the happy ending of so many who come to us in their distress makes this one of the most worth-while projects of The Salvation Army. A



Working Men's Hostel and Goodwill Centre.

high percentage who seek shelter here find at last the happiness they blundered in seeking.

THE MEN'S SOCIAL DEPARTMENT: This branch of our activities is a most interesting and busy centre. Here the stranded and homeless, young and old alike, find an open door and employment. This institution, under the sympathetic and experienced guidance of Senior Major and Mrs. Percy Alder, do a quiet but efficient job in meeting the needs of so many. It is here where old furniture is repaired and used clothing is made available to those who cannot afford new. It is here where salvage is turned into dollars to meet the operating deficit of this work of reclamation and rehabilitation. Daily in the police court and weekly visits to conduct religious services in the prison, provides contacts that often rescues the first offenders and brings hope to many who have taken the wrong turning in life.

The office of **THE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER**, Brigadier Alfred Dixon, who supervises the religious work in the whole Province of Saskatchewan, is also situated in Regina in the Western Trust Building.

In addition to the above Departments, the **PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT** for Southern Saskatchewan is situated in the Western Trust Building. This office acts as a liaison to a great host of friends who support the many projects of this organization. From here is conducted the many Appeals made under the caption "Red Shield" and contacts made with the surrounding municipalities. This office is directed by Major John J. Smith.

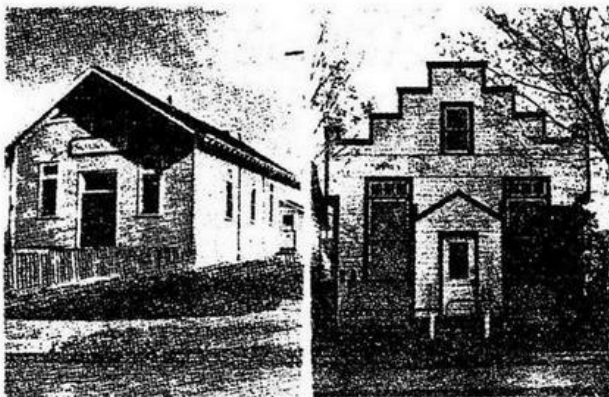
THE SALVATION ARMY ADVISORY BOARD

Realizing the need for expert guidance in business and other matters pertaining to this rapidly growing Army, The Salvation Army called on many influential and interested citizens to give their advice and valuable support to this organization.

The Regina Citizen's Advisory Board was organized on August 11th, 1936 and was the first of such to be registered in Canada.

Its present membership is as follows:

Harry Drope, Chairman; R. M. Balfour, Vice-Chairman; Al Hulme, Vice-Chairman; E. H. Petersmeyer, Daniel Donald, Colonel A. W. Embury, L. J. Gingerick, Clarence E. Hird, W. M. Houston, F. Markham, The Hon. Mr. Justice W. M. Martin, B.A., M. A. MacPherson, C.J.C., G. N. Menzies, R. A. Milliken, Dr. F. D. Munroe, B. L. Neil, J. W. Peart, D. B. Rogers, J. D. Rowand, A. Tomkins, G. A. J. Wilson.

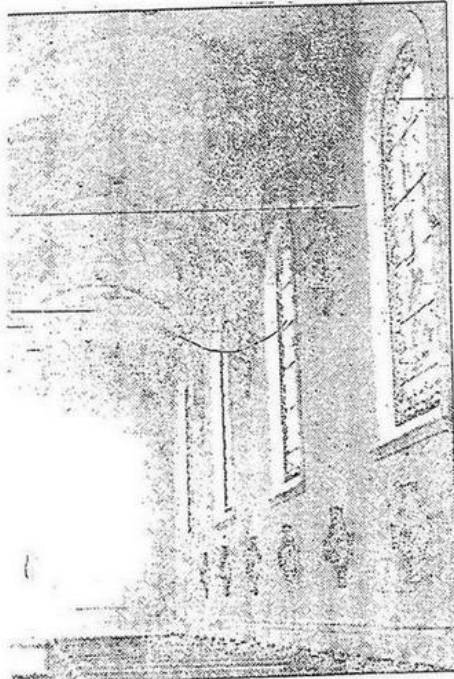
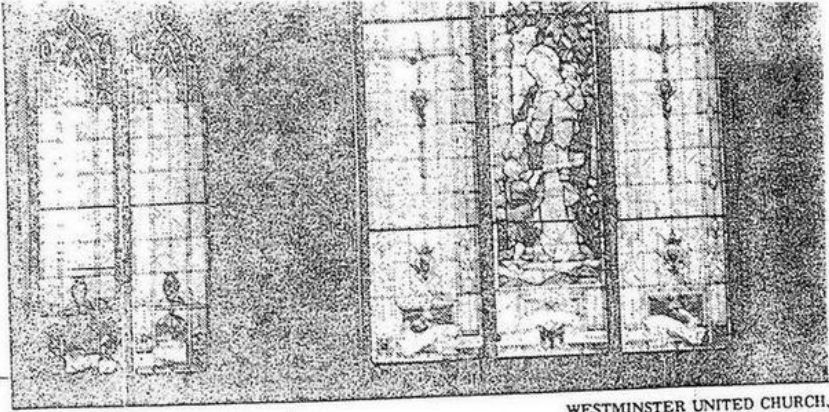


Northside Citadel
Retallack Street.

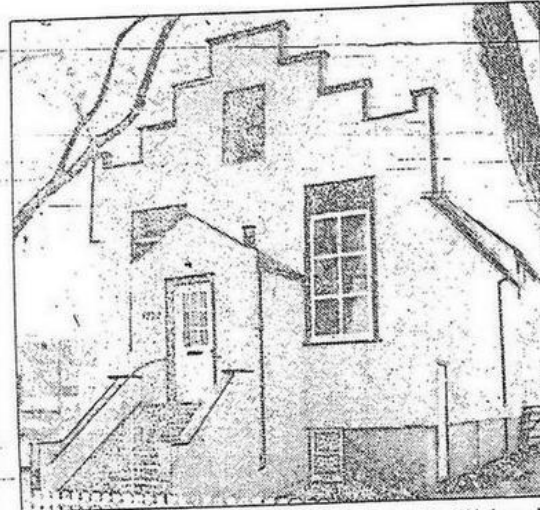
First Citadel.
Still standing on Montreal Street.

conducted in September, 1882, in King Liveryman's Tent. In October, 1882, the Regina Methodist Church, a frame building (located on The Gore (a triangular piece of land in front of the station) was dedicated to the glory of God, and other frame churches soon followed. Today, however, they have all disappeared. The Anglican church, St. Paul's Cathedral built in 1885 on the site of its first (1883) frame place of worship, remains as Regina's 19th century piety.

The oldest churches in Regina, however, are the earliest extant churches in Regina. They belong to the same denomination since first opening their doors and have changed slightly in appearance as well, but all are as old and beloved as they were when their first parishioners arrived on horse and buggy.

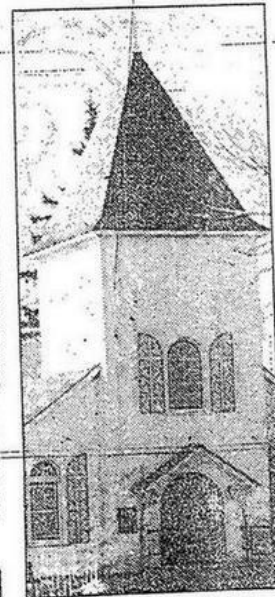


ARMY CATHEDRAL, 13th Ave. and Cameron St.: Construction of the cathedral began in 1912 to a design by J.E. Fortin of Montreal. It was valued at \$35,000 by the Regina contracting firm of Smith Brothers and the same company that handled the reconstruction following the fire in 1976. The 33 stained glass windows, originally by artist Andre Rault of Rennes, France, were not damaged by the fire.

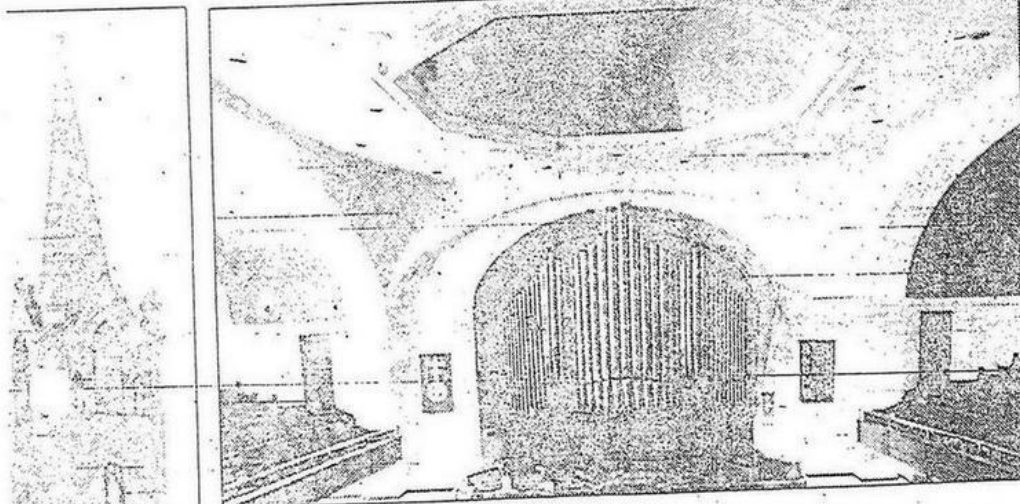


THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 1772 Montreal St.: This is an old church. Salvation Army records state that their first citadel was established in 1902 at 1772 Montreal St. and that services were held here until a new citadel was built on Broad Street in 1912. The City assessors' office, however, states that the church at this same address was built in 1908 while, on the other hand, a Heritage Regina walking tour booklet states that the church at 1772 Montreal St. was built in 1912 as a Nazarene Church and became the Christian Apostolic Church in 1920.

WESTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH, a clone of 1912, construction began on Westminister as an outreach church of Knox Presbyterian (located on Lorne St. and 12th Ave.) in 1925, at the site of the church and the Presbyterian church, Westminister United.



THE RCMP CHAPEL: Originally a canteen, the chapel was constructed in eastern Canada and moved in sections — by flat-cars, steamer and ox-cart — to the RCMP headquarters in Regina in 1885. In 1895, after a fire, it was converted by members of the force to a place of worship. The tower was added in 1939 and over the years stained glass windows were dedicated to RCMP members killed in action.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 2241 Victoria Ave.: The first Baptist pastor visited Regina and preached in the church in 1848.