

Hauled Stone at Night

But ox-teams or teams of horses as it might have been, those sturdy pioneers all worked at assembling material and money for the building of a new church. The sanctuary had been built of Jordan sandstone about the year 1870 or 1871, against the side of the old log church that had served the settlement for ten or twelve years. During the summer season some of the hauling was done at night. The sand was hauled from the shores of nearby Cedar Lake; but the sandstone for the sanctuary, nave, and spire of the edifice had to be hauled all the way from the quarries at Jordan. This was done bravely and uncomplainingly under the enthusiasm of the good pastor, Rev. C.J. Knauff. John Lundberg of Jordan was the mason who built the stone walls of St. Patrick's church. It was finished in 1873 and Bishop Grace dedicated it the following year. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ryan, still living in the township, were the first couple married in the new stone church.