

ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, WESTMEATH

Submitted by Norah Desjardins, Beachburg.



DIRECTIONS

- In the village of Westmeath

HISTORY

Nestled in the small village of Westmeath along the historic Ottawa River, St Mary's is Gods house to a few dedicated residents. It was built in 1898, completed and dedicated on January 8, 1899, by Bishop Hamilton of Ottawa. The stone was drawn by horse from the farm of Joseph Melancon, and most of the labour done by men of the congregation. Gas lamps

suspended from the ceiling were the means of lighting, and it was heated by wood, also donated. A topic of conversation for our frequent visitors is the old organ. It was placed in the church in May 1921. The organ is an Estey pump model, and to this day it is still pumping out the hymns.



This picturesque edifice catches the eye of many tourists passing through the village.