



## REVEREND CANON FRANCIS TREMAYNE

1829 – 1919

Reverend Canon Francis Tremayne was born in England and immigrated as a young man to Canada in 1847. Tremayne had a long and significant career as a religious leader. He was ordained as an Anglican Priest in 1853, and was a traveling missionary prior to serving at Mimico's Christ Church in 1877. In 1879, the congregation bought a house and lot on Church Street to build a rectory, which

served for many years until a new rectory was built and dedicated in 1924. Tremayne became the first rector to live in Mimico. The parish at Christ Church stretched over the south part of Etobicoke Township and out to Islington and Lambton.

In 1891, Tremayne formed a mission of Christ Church, where congregants also benefited from the guidance of theological students. Meetings were held in a coach house on the property that is now the site of the Humber Wastewater Treatment Plant. In 1894, he built, at his own expense, a Mission Church at Humber Bay, located on Frederica Street (now High Street). Initially supported by the registers at Christ Church, Tremayne sold the church building to his congregation, requesting and receiving far less than it had cost him to build. In 1920, the Mission Church became its own Parish and registered as St. James' Humber Bay. Tremayne was also involved with St. George's-on-the-Hill. Always a generous soul, he donated a portion of his income to St. George's-on-the-Hill, endearing himself to all.

Tremayne served as rector of Christ Church from 1877 until his death in 1919. In 1907, Tremayne's son Reverend Herbert O. Tremayne came to Christ Church to assist his father and subsequently served from the time of his father's death until his own death in 1934. Both father and son are buried in the Christ Church cemetery. Reverend Canon Francis Tremayne led and served congregations for a remarkable sixty-seven years.

*Inducted into the Etobicoke Hall of Fame in 1974*