

clean straw. Being all very tired we soon turned in, and were mightily glad soon to turn out again, for the straw was full of fleas, as the cattle had been sleeping there. I remember that my underclothes were literally blue with them. I took off as many as I could before tramping to Balsam Lake, where we arrived towards evening. I was invited to have tea with a very nice family named Stephenson. But I shall never forget the misery I was in from those pesky fleas.

In the morning we got a canoe and paddled to the peninsula, where were the remains of some Indian log houses. I revisited this spot in August, 1907, and gave my description of its present state in a paper read before this Association in February, 1908.

#### WALKING BETWEEN TORONTO AND WESTON.

When living in Weston I used frequently to walk to Toronto on Saturday night and back to Weston on Monday morning before breakfast hour, but not before I had taken some myself. The distance between the extreme points of my journey was about 9 or 10 miles. There were no street cars in those days, and a walk of nine or ten miles was not thought much of.

I well remember when walking home, on one occasion, falling in with an Irishman who carried an umbrella. The telegraph wires had recently been strung along Dundas street and when we heard the vibration, the Irishman, holding up his umbrella, exclaimed loudly, "Whisht ! they're sindin' the news !"

Speaking of Dundas street reminds me that once in 1854 when we were going to spend the evening with my cousin, Mrs. Harrison, at Foxley, one of my sisters on arriving there discovered that she had lost her watch. She thought that most likely she had lost it in the bus, then running, I think, between the market and the asylum, but on our way home we found the watch lying on the sidewalk, where it had been for probably two or three hours.

#### FIRST TIME IN CHARGE OF A SURVEYING PARTY.

During my apprenticeship I was engaged in surveying part of the Townships of Bentinck and Glenelg. This was the first time that I had charge of a surveying party.