

descendants are scattered; just three live near the old home.

When John Carmichael and his family left Scotland in 1818, they had a pleasant voyage and just three months after leaving they reached London township. He was the first person that drove cattle through the Medway Creek. He cleared a place and built his log shanty on the ninth concession. The plot of land is now used as the Carmichael cemetery, and many brave Highland pioneers are now resting there. He was one of the surveyors of the township, and with the help of his sons cleared five hundred acres of land. John Carmichael, jun., had one evening a thrilling adventure with an immense she-bear and two cubs, whose presence in a tree above him was revealed by deep growls. Being unarmed he retreated, the hungry beast following, and only narrowly escaped by the help of his faithful dog, and the timely arrival of his brother Alexander with a gun. Wolves were very common and bothered them a great deal, stealing poultry and young stock. They always had plenty of good substantial food, but for one half year they could not get any salt, and the children were obliged to chew rennet.

Mr. Carmichael also contributes particulars of the family of Malcolm McPherson, who with his wife, brother Archibald, son John (b. 1830) and three sisters emigrated from Argyleshire in 1842, and settled on lot 5, con. 2. Archibald settled on lot 22, con. 10, d. 1873. The son John after some years sailing on the lakes, went to live with his uncle Archibald, who was unmarried, became heir to his property, and died in 1902.

The first town meeting was held the first Monday in January, 1819, at Joshua Applegarth's house under authority of a warrant issued by Thomas Talbot and Daniel Springer, Magistrates. Joshua Applegarth was elected Clerk, but Duncan McKenzie filled the position at once. Richard Talbot and Christopher Oxtoby were Assessors. In 1820 the meeting was held at John Getty's house, when the following were elected: Duncan Mc-

Kenzie, Clerk, Wm. Morden and John Lee, Assessors, James Goulden, Collector. The following acted as Clerks for the first thirty years: Duncan McKenzie 1819 to 1825, and 1827 to 1830, Wm. Geary, 1826, '34 to '38, Joseph Hardy 1831 to 1833, Jas. Williams 1840, Wm. Grant 1841 to 1844, John Sifton 1845 to 1848, Jas. Ferguson 1849.

THE TOWNSHIP OF WESTMINSTER.

Next to Delaware this is the oldest settled township in the county. Lieutenant Governor Simcoe and his party in the course of their journey through Western Ontario in 1793, camped one night at Westminster ponds. The survey was commenced in 1809-10 by Deputy Provincial Surveyor Simon T. Z. Watson, continued by Col. Mahlon Burwell in 1812, and finished by Col. Bostwick in 1820. Albert S. Odell settled in Westminster in 1810, and was followed in 1811 by James Odell, John Odell and James Lester. But as far as can be learned, there were not for many years any Highland settlers.

Miss Flora McColl, one of the prominent teachers of East Middlesex, contributes some valuable sketches of the early Highland pioneers of this township. There were comparatively few of them and the dividing line was the sixth concession. South of that and bordering on Yarmouth, the majority were Highlanders from Argyleshire and Invernesshire. The names, places of origin in Scotland, and date of settlement of the following are given: John Munro, Melford, Argyleshire, 1831, with sons Malcolm, Archibald, John, the last now living, aged 80, with sons, Dr. George, John architect, Kenneth and Edward; Colin and Duncan Ferguson, Melford, 1832; Wm. Buchanan, Lochgilphead, 1832, son Malcolm now on old homestead; Duncan McDougall, Kintyre, 1832, grandson on the old farm; Donald and Duncan Crawford, Lochgilphead, 1832; Alex. McCallum, Craignish, 1836; Donald and John McGregor, Perthshire, 1836, left in 1890, son James came to Caradoc; Peter Smith, Lochgilphead, 1836, died in