

timber and having it brought to the sawmill, for the erection of the frame work, I got men to work to put up the store which now stands, 60x63, three storeys, brick clad. I invited my eldest son to come and form a partnership with the other son, and Mr. William Hanna of Port Carling, and continue the business, and I would withdraw and go back again to the lumber business. To this he readily consented, and the firm of Hanna & Hutcheson Bros. was established and continued business for close on twenty years. Thus, I had nine years of general mercantile life. I then devoted my time to the wholesale handling of lumber and the supporting of men who were manufacturing, also to building and contracting, but our country and the timber interests were still at a comparatively low ebb. Prices were not sufficient to warrant any extensive outlook. In due course the sons, connected with the firm of Hanna & Hutcheson Bros. proved to be interested in the lumber line and manufacturing, and after a time established what is now known as The Muskoka Wood Manufacturing Company. During that time, I erected the Methodist Church in Huntsville, a brick building.