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confidence. Our instructions were to proceed to St. Vincent, buy a cargo of wheat, or as much as we could collect, take it to Coldwater and get it ground. A dollar a bushel was the price we were instructed to pay for the wheat. On reaching St. Vincent we dropped anchor off what was then known as Mallory's mills (Meaford had no existence at that time). Young Mallory came on board and asked me ashore to spend the night at his father's, and as the distance was not very great I gladly accepted his kind invitation. The construction of the Mallory dwelling with its surroundings, internal arrangements, the dress and manner of its inmates, formed a fair representation of the homes of Canadian pioneers. My impression of the proprietor formed at the time was, that though evidently past the prime of life he was quite unconscious of having sustained any loss either in mental or physical vigour; and while his countenance displayed a fair share of good nature, the man who attempted to impose upon him would have found himself sadly mistaken in the character of the person with whom he had to deal. He entertained me till a late hour with a history of the settlement, in the prosperity of which he manifested a lively interest. I do not know that he was the first settler in the township, but he was certainly one of the first. He came from Prince Edward's County, bringing with him a number of land claims, belonging to himself and others, which he disposed of to intending settlers who, after having made certain improvements on the lots selected, obtained a patent from the Crown. The township at that time contained about 75 families scattered over its surface. The following is a list of those whose names I remember, some of whom I met the following day and others I became acquainted with subsequently:

Price Mallory, Robert Mitchell, Thos. Mitchell, Ebenezer Clark, William

Whitelaw, William Corley, John Londry, David Miller, John Dagan, James Story, Walter Story, James Robertson, John Douglas, John Williams, Samuel Saunders, Thomas Cooper, Renneslaer Levans, Reuben Cunningham, Steven Wilcox, Steven Wilcox (son), Steven Wilcox (nephew), William Hallock, Benjamin Hallock, Donald McLaren and sons, Duncan, Archibald, Peter and Donald), Robert Atkins, Joseph Atkins, Adam Long, Hiram Bond, Peter Emery, James Carson, Robert Carson, David Doran, Adam Frank, Colonel Watson, John A. Vail, John Kirvan, Steven Boroman, Joseph Cox, Richard Cox, William Stephenson, Matthew Beebe, Jacob Slunck, Samuel Eagle, Frederick Baker, William Gibbons, Thomas Mackie, Solomon Robins, William Raven, Jason Burchell, Samuel Flowers, Miles McDonald, Asa Blanchard, S. Blanchard, Isaac Johnson, Samuel Cook, Morris Ashcroft, James and Francis Bowls, Donald Baxter, John Doherty, David Youman, David Seaman.

Being completely isolated from the older settled portions of the province, and having neither gristmill nor store, their mode of living was very primitive. Their clothing was chiefly of home manufacture, and those who used tobacco grew it themselves. They had a post office kept by William Stevenson, who carried the mail from Barrie on his back. Owen Sound was not favoured with a post office for three or four years after this time, consequently all our mail matter had to pass through that of St. Vincent. The opening of the Owen Sound district was the beginning of a new era to the inhabitants of St. Vincent. It furnished a market for their fish and farm produce, and afforded them the opportunity of obtaining such goods as they required or the circumstances warranted. During the four or five years following this date I met frequently with those whose names appear above, often stopping at their