

built a shanty and made a small clearing on it before going to Sanford.

JOHN McCAUSLAND.—He had one "motion" house about where the freight sheds stand now. He also had, where he lived, where Dr. Well's house stands, what he called his mill where he prepared his timber for his "motion." It was worked by horse power, one horse, and to save expense of a driver he had a box of oats fixed in front of the horse just out of its reach, moving as it moved, consequently never reaching it.

FRANK MEIGHAN.—Or Main, as he was called, was a laboring man about town.

PEARSON came to Barrie in 1838.

ALEXANDER WALKER.—His house stood where Mr. Lee's house stands. He left Barrie in 1838. His wife Betsy spent his money as fast as he could earn it in entertaining her neighbors and in buying fine clothes.

Notes by S. L. Soules.

ALEXANDER WALKER was the first settler in Barrie. He was of Scotch descent, a very hardy, uneducated man, daring and intrepid, with natural enterprise, which for want of better judgment frequently led him into serious financial losses. He was a sort of Jack of all Trades and Master of None. He bought 100 acres of land, and on the hill, near where Christopher Lee afterward resided, built a log house, where he and his family lived for many years. When the Sunnidale Road was opened out, he contracted for a number of miles, but was so unacquainted with the nature of the work that he lost money where others made out well. When the contract was given out by the Government for cutting down the hill on Yonge Street near Holland Landing,—a very extensive work,—he took the whole job, and in this entirely failed, which reduced him to a state bordering on beggary. I must not omit to mention, to prove his want of ingenuity, that he at one time borrowed a pocket compass from David Soules when laying out the Sunnidale Road, and such was his ignorance of the working of the compass that he was guided by the letters denoting the various points, which confused him so much that he returned it saying he could do better with his head.

DAVID EDGAR, was the next newcomer. He owned 100 or 200 acres of land in the west part of the town which eventually became very valuable. He also owned 200 acres where Allandale is now situated. He was a Canadian by birth, coming from Napanee to Barrie with his family, whom he left for some time at Dav-