

buildings on the farm. They had planned everything to save time and money.

At that time the tract of land most appropriate to their needs was situated about where the Jacob road is today. Most of the first pioneers settled along the Pain Court Creek where the land seemed the best and most suitable to them; and along the Creek they traced the first permanent road in Pain Court, as can be seen to-day.

In order to avoid any trouble in the future, these first settlers asked the Government to survey their lands. Shortly after, Mr. Rankin, a land-surveyor, who was also a military officer in the British army, surveyed what is known today as the "Pain Court Block." This tract of land extends from lot one to lot fifteen, and embraces 773 acres of land in all. This was the extent of the families of Pain Court in 1815, but at that time the name of Pain Court was unknown.

MANY NAMES WERE GIVEN TO THE PARISH

Since the settlement of the French-Canadians in this part of the country the name Pain Court has survived all others.

The first name used to mention this parish, was the name "La Tranche," a name that was given to the river by the French. The best proof that we have are the letters sent to the people by the Bishops, in which they used to begin their letters by, "Aux fideles de la paroisse La Tranche," that is to say, to the faithful of the La Tranche parish.

The Bishops used to send Missionary priests to visit these people once in a while, and during these visits they used to read the Bishops' letters giving them advice and exhorting them on their duties towards God and men.

Gradually the people became more numerous, and they bought a tract of land (three acres- on lot 12, in order to erect a church and to have a cemetery of their own. For this they paid \$50.00.

In 1851, Bishop Charbonnel of Toronto wrote a letter to the people telling them to prepare for the erection of a chapel giving it the name of "Immaculee Conception." The Bishop and the Missionary priests had put the people under the protection of the Blessed Virgin with the title of Immaculate Con-