

### Pioneer Days

The closing years of the 18th century proved a time of great agricultural depression in the British Isles. Business was unsteady; labor consequently not in much demand; so thousands finding famine staring them, looked abroad for a measure of comfort and success so uncertain at home and so a little over one hundred years ago our forefathers felled the first trees and made the first clearing wherein to plant homes on forest crowned heights and in picturesque valleys of our townships.

Incidents within the memory of the very aged—tales told by those who may have gone but lately from us, have special interest and as we look down the vista of vanished years and revive the memories of men and women who have lived and died doing their duty preparing the way for us—we learn how by perseverance and loyalty—love and undaunted cheerfulness, they laid a firm foundation for the building of a vigorous national life.

We get acquaint peep of life in the bush as the oxteam conveyed the family with few household goods to the new home site.

What a picture for the artist! The first day trees made into logs for the rough walls, the blazing fire inside casting bright light on tired men and outside on the dense forest, ever and anon revealing sneaking forms of hungry wolves that questioned the right of our "Pioneers" to invade their domain. Soon relatives followed and a neighborhood set themselves cheerfully to overcome the difficulties of the bush.

The means resorted to for the obtaining of meal from corn the methods of preparing food cannot find a place here as this story must be short as possible. How hard it was to vary the eats ever so little for their existence in Scotland, England and Ireland had accustomed them to something different than milk and cornmeal for breakfast; cornmeal and milk for dinner; miss a meal the only change in the day.

Spite of privations, industry flourished. Straw was fashioned into headwear for everybody also into hives for bees. The best rye that sold for 4 York Shillings (fifty cents).

The women were famous spinners. Four skeins of 14 knots each was considered a good day's work but to outdo a rival a maiden was known to produce seven this with the large wheel. The small wheel produced fine threads for the bridal outfit. The farmer passed the wool over to the women who picked, carded, spun and dyed and the housewife discovered that butter nut bark made good brown; onion skins made yellow and many other colors which the red man must receive credit for.

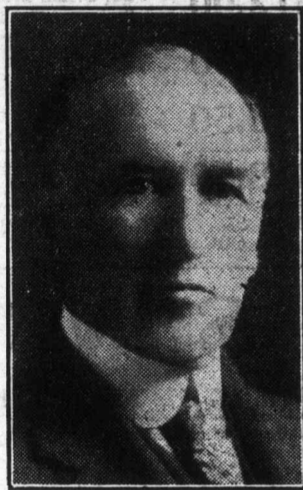
The first stoves used were great generous things that took half a cord wood stick at once called the Burr, the King and Dr. Nott's imported from England, as well as anthracite or "Kilkenny" coal for fuel. We shall not dwell upon the soapmaking industry and the fine, sanitary brands produced by the economic housewife also the potash the men produced

from the hard-wood ashes when burning the fallow.

How good the God of Nature is to His creatures we never know until deprived of outside assistance! Where did our ancestors get harness ropes? The bark of the elm and basswood found out by the Indians long before, solved this problem.

We glimpse the sugaring frolics, husking bees harnessings and stay to smile at the shrewd buttermaker who outwitted the grocer by requesting him to taste the botanical specimen, she had picked on her way and so he could not find the "leek" flavor in the butter.

"Fat" pine knots were the first sources of light, the original spark produced by flint and steel to ignite a piece of "punk" found in the hearts of decayed trees. In course of time shallow vessels containing oil cotton wick came and continued improvement to the present wonders of electricity.



T. B. MITCHELL, of Oshawa

The above is a cut which The Guide-Advocate intended inserting in the article reprinted last week from the Oshawa Telegram dealing with one of Watford's old boys. Mr. Mitchell will no doubt renew old acquaintances in Watford during Old Home Week.

#### THE LESSER EVIL

Here is the equal of the Spartan boy of tradition. A man went to his doctor and requested treatment for his ankle. After a careful examination, the doctor inquired, "How long have you been going around like this?"

"Two weeks."

"Why, man, your ankle is broken. How you managed to get around is a marvel. Why didn't you come to me at first?"

"Well, doctor, every time I say anything is wrong with me, my wife declares I'll have to stop smoking."

#### "THE POWER OF THE PRESS"

Even editors make slips sometimes. An exchange announces that "Owing to a big rush on job printing and for lack of space. A number of births and deaths will be postponed until next week."

#### ARE YOU?

While walking down a crowded city street the other day I heard a little urchin to a comrade turn and say: "Say, Jimmie, don't yer know I'd be as happy as a clam, if I only was de feller dat me mudder t'inks I am."

"She t'inks I am a wonder, and knows her little lad Would never mix wit' nottin' dat was ugly, mean or bad; I often sit and t'ink how nice 'twould be—gee whizz, If a feller was de feller dat his mudder t'inks he is."

So, folks, be yours a life of toil or undiluted joy, You still can learn a lesson from the small unlettered boy; Just try to be the fellow that your mother thinks you are.

Noodles Fagan  
King of Newsboys.

#### WILSON—WILLIAMS

A quiet but pretty wedding took place on Wednesday Feb. 20th, at the Rectory in Warwick village when Sarah M. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams became the bride of John G. Wilson son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson of Arkona. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. C. Jennings.

The bride was prettily gowned in royal blue satin and was unattended. A dainty luncheon was served at the home of the bride's parents, where a number of friends were gathered, after which all spent an enjoyable evening. The happy couple will reside in Port Huron.

Previous to the wedding a shower was held by friends and relatives at the home of the bride's sister Mrs. Gordon Wilson, of Port Huron, on St. Valentine's day, where they received a number of beautiful gifts.

Influenza has broken out in the herd of Fardine Meloche, of the 5th con., Anderson, two of his cows being down with it since last week. They being milking cows, it will be quite a loss in time and money at this time of the year.

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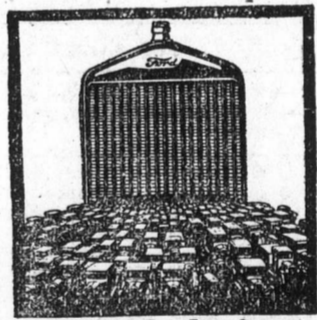
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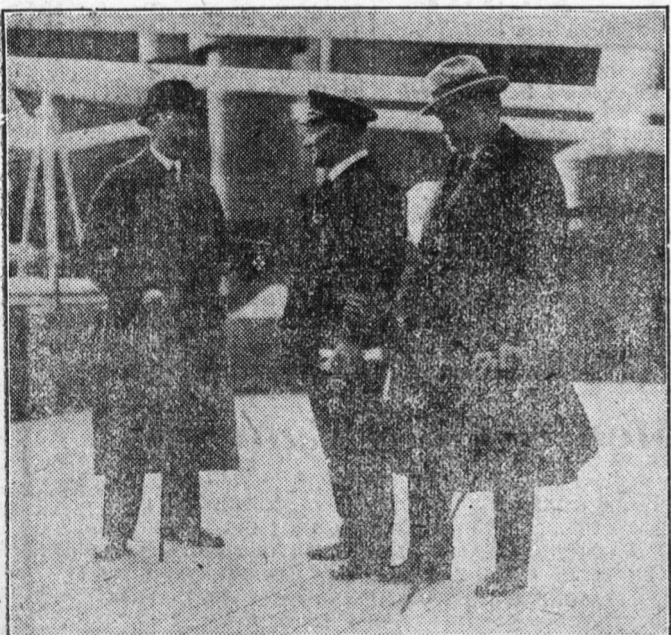
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