

Davis, living three miles to the South of us, formed the society of young men in this part of the township. In these days we were obliged to go long distances to get help for our raisings and bees and as we were often obliged to stay over night we became very intimately acquainted. Generally we spent the night in a spree, dancing to the sound of the fiddle. As whiskey was then king, a considerable quantity of it was generally consumed and it was not considered proper etiquette to leave until the whiskey was all drank. At a marriage in our own family twelve gallons of whiskey and one gallon of rum were provided. As bees and raisings did not happen very often, we made appointments to meet on Sundays and spent the day in playing ball and cards and other amusements. The climax was reached when we made a bee on Sunday to mow a meadow in the southeast corner of London Township, now called Dreaney's Corners. Thus it will be easily seen how soon people removed from under religious influences, will become hardened in sin.

The first wedding in the township was that of the late Donald McDonald to Miss Sarah Cameron, sister of the later Squire Cameron. They were married by the late Charles Ingersoll, J. P., at the house of Mr. O'Brien, step-father of the groom. Most of the young people of the township were invited. It was a genuine Scotch wedding and the Scotch reel was first introduced to my notice. It would amuse the young dandies of the present day to have seen some of the elderly men dancing reels clad in buck-skin breeches and tow shirts. It was customary in those days

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