

good pay and even at that Sundays were often given free by the laborer upon the farm.

About the year 1852, the Hon. Jas. Skead purchased a large tract of land north of the present Canadian Pacific Railway Tracks and part of the Thompson farm, erected one of the largest lumber mills in Canada upon this property, greatly helping to increase the population and build up the village.

Many of Skead's employees afterward purchased homes in Birehtown and lived there permanently, and the sons and daughters of these oldest residents live in the town to-day.

Because of Jas. Skead's great enterprise the residents of Birehtown changed the name of their settlement to Skead's Mills as a signal mark of honor to him.

Mr. E. S. Skead, at present a resident of the Aylmer Road, just opposite Westboro, on the north shore of the Ottawa River, is a son of the Hon. Jas. Skead, who risked his all in the interest of this locality.

Two mills in all were built at Westboro by Skead, and both fell a prey to the flames. The first while not so large as the second, from all accounts accidentally caught fire on Hallow-eve. The second mill was considerably larger and was most modernly equipped with a large furnace for burning refuse, sawdust, etc. A well regulated elevated railway was constructed to connect with this furnace that ran to all portions of the mill property. After a number of years of prosperity Skead's Second Mill was attacked by fire and every vestige of what was once a large and prosperous industry was entirely wiped out. The day the second mill caught fire resembled much the same kind of weather as prevailed the day of Ottawa's big fire. A very strong wind picked up the burning embers and tossed them right and left, many going for several miles across the country. During Skead's commercial activity, he built a permanent roadway from his property to the Richmond Road, which still remains to this day as a memory to the once budding existence and enterprising efforts of the Hon. Jas. Skead. But even with the odds so greatly against them the residents of Skead's Mills were never daunted and although several families removed from the village

others soon came to take their place, who together with the large number already there turned their thoughts to the tilling of the soil and sold their products in Ottawa, where there always was a ready demand. The richness of the soil of Westboro could always and can to-day, be counted upon to produce the best garden and farm stuffs to be grown anywhere.

After many years of continuous prosperity to the pioneers of Skead's Mills and the ever increasing numbers who began to flock to the village, the change to a residential section began. Some of the newer arrivals deeming Skead's Mills not an appropriate name for such a fine section, started an agitation for a new name to the village urging as their claims that there were no mills there. After a considerable number of meetings held in the town hall, and many were the long winded debates and speeches the progressives held sway and the name of the village was then changed to Westboro.

Not long after the Ottawa Electric Street Railway extended its tracks to this thriving centre and gave a through service direct to Ottawa every twenty minutes. This service was after increased until now within a short lapse of a little over ten years, Westboro enjoys a railway service second to none. Cars being scheduled to leave Westboro every five minutes throughout the summer and every 10 minutes in winter time.

Shortly after the coming of the street railway, Mr. John E. Cole, whose father had some years previously purchased the Thompson property and rechristened it Highland Farm, subdivided a portion of his property into building lots and placed them upon the market at very low prices as an inducement for new residents to locate here. Simultaneously Mr. Cole started a progressive campaign in the Ottawa newspapers setting forth the advantages of home life in Westboro and the small cost of locating in Highland Park. This was the name Mr. Cole gave his subdivision which was called after Highland Farm. The great results obtained by this enterprising movement is best shown by the large increase in the village population of which fully two-thirds have located in Highland Park.

The Baptist Church in Westboro'

Under the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Brick, of the Hintonburg Baptist Church, the Baptists of Hintonburg hold Sunday School in the public school house in Westboro. Their initial Sunday was February 1st, 1913, and services are held at 3 p. m. in the afternoon. The average attendance so far has been fifty, which is considered to be very satisfactory considering the short time services have been held. Already this small congregation have bought a lot situated at the

corner of River and Sunset Avenues, for the purpose of building a Church and Sunday School. Building operations will be commenced in the very near future.

Those who are most actively connected with the present Sunday School are: Superintendent, Mr. Ed. M. Zavitz; Teachers, Madam Zavitz, Cook and Clark, and the Misses Sproule and Thompson. Also Messrs. Zavitz and Bird. The secretary treasurer is Mr. Dewar and the librarian, Mr. M. Thompson.