

## REMINISCENCES OF THE OLD PRINCE EDWARD HOMESTEAD

(By D. Noxon, in The Picton Times)

There is no occupation so rare, free, independent, enjoyable and healthful as that of a farmer. That my adolescence was spent on a farm, and not until some years after I had passed my teens did I take flight to find a coveted spot that I could call my own is one that has been a benediction to me all through my ascending years. The recollections of my boyhood days under the parental roof are among the fondest and most impressionable of all my varied experiences. Our home was not that I am aware more attractively located than many other homes in the neighborhood, but I am nevertheless still boyish enough to think that our facilities for enjoyment were of a kind. With a pond of a goodly size within thirty feet of our front kitchen door which afforded easy access for swimming, skating and boating, and surrounding hills for coasting, our cup for what is dear to the heart of a child was well nigh overflowing. My parents were members of the Society of Friends, and the interest they evinced in the upbringing and welfare of their large family was as affectionate as it was responsive and intense. Never in all my recollection did I hear a cross or discordant word pass between my father and my mother. Love and a mutual understanding of what was required of each other was the one dominating spirit. For both I have the most endearing remembrance, but for consolation and heartfelt sympathy when in trouble and distress mother was always the one first sought, and only those who have a real mother to go to can fully realize the magic touch and soothing words of a mother's love.

What a unique and impressive sight we must have presented when at the table for the family repast.

Each one seated in their allotted place.

With head humbly bowed in silent grace.

An epitome of Friends form of worship in communing with their Heavenly Father.

Our family consisted of three girls and eleven boys, the two oldest being girls having married and left home before I was old enough to know and to fully realize our relationship. Just now many years ago it was, as I have no data at hand, but it was at least some years after we had all reached adult age that we were, during a re-union of the family, photographed in groups of four which was enlarged and united in one picture, the like of which I am convinced is in many notable respects without a parallel and well worthy of a place among the archives of the county.

While we were all robust, healthy children we did not escape the usual run of childhood diseases such as mumps, whooping cough, chicken-pox and measles, and I have a vivid recollection of old Dr. Steele who was then the family physician, a man in my estimation of a most remarkable personality; tall and graceful of figure, a voice resonant and inspiring, and a professional skill that made his services sought far and wide until he was at times forced to conceal himself among his friends that he might obtain sleep and rest. On one occasion I remember him saying to my father that he had been looking around for a student, but that some of them knew too much, while others did not know enough. Being a seventh son without interruption of sex, I was told that I should study for a doctor as such a person was endowed with extraordinary healing powers. Such at least must have been the belief of a Mr. Ketchum who came to our place to ask father and mother for the privilege of my going to his home, which was but a short distance away, to treat his grown up daughter, who was ill with the quinsy. Seated in a chair behind which I stood with my hands clasped around her neck for some 20 minutes when I was told that I might desist from further attendance, and so a fee was given, a picture book and a penny. As I was not called in again I have no further recollection of the case. The holding of yearly and half yearly meetings were events that we children looked forward to with the utmost delight. Our home was for Friends at a distance a favorite "putting up place," and for many nearby who would stop for dinner, the guests rooms being filled quite to repletion. Our mother was a most excellent cook and was always provided with plenty of hired help. To me it was a time of the greatest intellectual enjoyment. Speaking the language for which Friends were so well known in those days. Kindly of expression and action toward each other, and indeed toward everyone with whom they came in contact, no more stalwart, commanding and upright men and women could be got together anywhere, and certainly not in these degenerate days. And while this conversation was generally of a practical turn upon every important subject it did not lack in good humored repartee. Upon one of such occasions several of the youngsters planned a little surprise when going to our beds for the night which in order to reach we had to pass through the large sitting room where the company were seated, and so on upstairs, but instead of retiring as usual passed out through an upper window onto the kitchen roof from which we easily descended to the ground and so returned again by way of the sitting room, which prank we repeated several times, when one Friend was heard to remark to father as we were passing through, saying, "Samuel, are all of these boys thin?" which having effected our object, our playlet ended. To the ennobling Christian example of our parents and the principles which they inculcated into our young lives, we were kept from the temptations of forming bad habits and the frequenting of questionable places of all kinds. In nothing were we stunted in what was for our comfort and rightful enjoyments which in common with so many other farmers' sons we were each made a possessor of a top buggy and a cutter, and the use of a horse when we had time and occasion to go anywhere. In this I may say we were careful not to give offense by needless driving about. During the summer we made occasional trips to the Sandbanks, and once a year all who were then living at home, including father and mother, would go there for a day's outing. A small bush cherry which grew there on the low bottom places near the lakes, were very sweet and palatable, but which sheep were allowed to destroy in the long ago. In the raspberry season we also took a day off going to the farm of William Thomas where there was a large berry patch. There was also small patches on our own and adjacent farms and many a morning two or three of us would hurry off early to go a "picking" before some of the neighbors would get there ahead of us. Our farm which fronted on the main road through the Village of Bloomfield, consisted of three hundred acres, more or less, as deeds are drawn, one half of which was under cultivation and in old pasture, the balance being heavily wooded, hard maple predominating. The first half of days of spring found us astray in the sugarbush, tapping the trees, breaking roads through the snow for the collecting of the sap and getting the boiling place in readiness. From kettles which afforded no protection from the whirling heat and smoke one soon took on the hue of the Redman, but when boiling pans, set in archways, were introduced, and a good building enclosing it all such as we had, the reducing process of the sap into syrup, combined with the novelty of a few weeks' stay in the woods was so unlike the old primitive method of sugar-making that one was quite loath to leave when the season was over. Then followed ploughing and seeding, and from the time on there was plenty to do until winter again set in. But even then there was wood to be chopped and hauled and sawed and split and piled in the woodshop for next year's use. Threshing peas and buckwheat on the barn floor with the horses three abreast, husking corn and doing the chores twice a day for a large number of stock took up no small part of the time between daylight and darkness. In the evenings

which lasted for some time, apple paring and stringing, and slicing, and slicing pumpkin for drying until we became drowsy and quite ready to surrender the task when it was all over, was another of our annual requirements. Our orchard bore some of the most toothsome apples that I have ever tasted, the trees of which I think came from an American nursery. So much was required for the family that could not be so readily bought in those days that implements for making this and that, such as a flax spinning wheel, and carders, spinning wheels for converting wool into yarn, a loom for weaving cloth. Shearings and carpets, sticks for holding the wicks to be pipped into a large kettle of melting tallow for making candles, and cheese, and butter making utensils and appliances. A complete co-operative outfit that father used in the making of pork barrels for his own requirements and a blacksmith shop in which to do his own ironing, repairing and horseshoeing was among his varied accomplishments. Twice a year seamstresses and a shoemaker came to make up what was needed in the doing of which we seemed to take a special interest, watching them at work in the evening by the hour. A saw-mill driven by water power were hundreds of logs were cut into lumber every year, and a workshop fitted-up with light machinery for the turning of broom handles and the making of other small articles for carriage makers and others were acquisitions that gave some practical scope to an inherent mechanical turn of mind of the whole family. Even a threshing machine was made for one of the neighbors. To our father's business foresight and careful management of everything about the farm we were greatly enriched in those things which made for honest dealing and success, but which if in the devious courses pursued by some of us the pendulum swung less evenly we knew the frailty and failure was due to our own misconception, and not to that of another. But as onerous as was our father's care in providing for us all, and in assisting us financially to start out into the world on our own account when we were ready, the lot that befell to another was even more solicitous and responsible not one-half of which is expressed in the old couplet of which is expressed in the old couplet

A man's work is from sun to sun,  
A woman's work is never done.

Think, which I am afraid we men seldom do, of the deep concern and anxiety of a woman with the interest and loving care of a home, during it may be long, painful years, given to travel in the rearing of a large family? To such a woman even a nation should bow its head in respectful reverence and homage. The Old Homestead now has altered by other hands, though the house, I believe, is in much the same condition can never be so changed or even distorted, as to obliterate from my memory the years that guided me as by—Divinely touched hands from dawn until eventide, and from eventide until dawn.

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Mrs. C. A. Leach of Wooler spent Saturday evening with Mrs. E. W. Brickman.

Miss Loretta Reid, of Rossmore, is spending a few weeks with her aunt, Mrs. C. E. Brickman.

A large number of friends of this vicinity attended the funeral of Mrs. Oscar Glenn on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Delong of Trenton took tea at Mrs. E. W. Brickman Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams, of Melville, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wood of Centre, took tea at Gilbert McMurtter's Sunday evening.

Mr. F. Shorey and Miss Myrtle Bowers spent a few days visiting with friends near Tweed.

Mr. S. Redick and Miss Lena Redick spent Sunday with his brother Mr. L. Redick.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Bell spent Sunday with Mr. W. Gray of Thurlow.

Master Harold Bowers is on the sick list with measles.

Mr. G. Bradley had the misfortune to lose one of his horses.

Mrs. W. Johnson of Thurlow and Mr. Louis Bell's sister of Toronto, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. L. Bell.

Mr. Fierstone Smith of Chatterton spent Thursday of last week visiting friends in this place.

Mr. W. Blakely of Belleville, spent Sunday evening with Mr. T. Rowan.

Mr. L. Robin and family of Picton, motored up and spent Sunday afternoon with friends in this neighborhood.

The threshing machine has started on this line.

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### WELLINGTON.

Mrs. Davidson and son has returned home to Brighton.

A number will go to Picton to attend the Orphans' Home Picnic.

Mr. Albert Bowerman is at Brighton, the guest of his son and family at their summer cottage.

Miss Macdonald has returned home from a visit at Brighton.

Rev. Mr. McRae has a new rubber-tire buggy.

Miss Jean Young of Kingston is a visitor at Miles S. Harrington's.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peterson, of Bowerman's, was at W. Luffman's and Mr. Russell Crage's a day last week.

Our harbor will be completed in September.

Always glad to see Dr. Clinton and family of Belleville, among us.

The William Luffman family are moving to Niles' Carriers. Mr. Luffman will work W. P. Niles' farm.

Belleville carpenters are engaged at Mr. Calliven's building.

Mr. Ed. Titus was at Hillier on Wednesday.

The Methodist Ladies' Aid held their annual bazaar on Saturday. A good sum of money was made.

Quarterly meeting was held at our Methodist church on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Harston of Bowerman's called on Rev. Mr. McRae an afternoon last week.

Mr. Walton Clapp has returned home to Toronto after a visit here.

Mr. Joe Redmond and Mr. C. Clapp was at Wellington from Picton an afternoon last week.

Miss Annie McCarthy and a lady friend from Picton visited Miss Murphy one day last week.

A number went to Belleville on Wednesday to enjoy the Firemen's day.

Dr. Will and Mrs. Garrett will arrive this week from Yonkers, N.Y., for their holiday.

The Weir family have moved to Coe Hill.

Two young ladies from Palmerston, Ont., are at Hotel Alexandra.

Mrs. A. Wilson has arrived home from a visit at Belleville with relatives.

Our hotel Alexandra had a number up from Picton on Thursday afternoon holiday as well as Sunday afternoon.

Mr. John J. Garratt shipped cherries to Ottawa this week.

The Upton family will stay in the Raulan House.

A number of our girls and boys will attend Picton Collegiate after the holidays.

A number go to Picton now by autos as well as drive down.

The Jason Tice family from Brighton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. F. Young.

Rev. John Webb of Newmarket, will take charge of Friends Brick church.

W. M. S. Friends meet at home of Mrs. S. C. Saylor on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Arthur and daughter of Trenton visited the Miss Blakely's on Wednesday.

Mr. W. Stapley has arrived home from a visit to his daughter's at Sulphide.

Misses Bessy and Mary Stapley are visiting at their sister's, Mrs. Brouge, Sulphide.

Mr. E. G. Roige and son, who visited here from Detroit, enjoyed Wellington scenery.

Miss K. Kennedy, of Toronto, is guest of Mrs. H. Busfield at Mr. L. Luffman's.

Miss Lena Luffman has arrived home from a visit to her brother in Toronto.

Glad to welcome so many picnics at our park.

Very sorry Mrs. H. Busfield had such a severe fall, hurting her arm.

Miss Saunders of Toronto is guest of Miss Farnell.

The Dr. Garnet Morden family had a picnic at Sand Banks on Wednesday. A number of their friends are at the Banks camping.

Miss Villa Fennell is near Trenton on a visit to her brother, Sherman, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, of Toronto, are at Hotel Alexandra.

A number of autos from Picton passed through here this week with children from Orphans' Home on their way to Wiggins Point.

Mrs. S. A. Lane and Mrs. H. Vanalastine, of Port Hope, are visitors here at Mr. and Mrs. James Lane's.

The two Miss Hatts, of Belleville, are at Mrs. E. A. Titus' boarding.

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### SHANNONVILLE.

The hum of the threshing machine is again heard in the community. Mr. Frank Dostater commenced the threshing season Monday on the Second Concession, at Bidwell Kimmet's and Robt. English's.

Mr. Clayton and Miss Thelma Hicks of Belleville visited relatives in the village last week.

Rev. S. C. Moore, B.D., chairman of the Belleville District, attended the meeting of the Quarterly Board, at the Methodist Church, Wednesday evening.

A very successful Lawn Social was held Thursday evening on the School ground, under the auspices of the Spencer's Ladies' Aid Society. A splendid musical and literary programme was rendered by local talent, and Rev. J. N. Clarry, B.A., of Belleville, gave a short but interesting address.

Mrs. L. E. Mills spent last week at Bif Island, visiting friends.

Mrs. Albert Burt and children are spending a few days at Trenton.

Mr. E. Hicks, who for two years has run the bake-shop, has resigned his position and with his family moved from our midst.

Messrs. Robert and John Browning of the 2nd of Thurlow have enlisted for service.

The village was fairly forsaken Wednesday, the stores being closed for the weekly half-holiday. A number attended the Firemen's Demonstration at Belleville.

Very impressive services were held at the Methodist Church Sunday. The sacramental service in the morning was well attended. In the evening the anniversary of the Declaration of War was celebrated. Rev. J. G. Robeson spoke briefly in review of the progress of the war and concluded with a strong appeal to rally, with men and means to the need of the Empire.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Palmer and family were entertained at tea, Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jennings.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Orin White, Sunday Aug. 1st, a son.

Mr. David Abrahams of Athens, Ont., has been employed as baker to succeed Mr. E. Hicks.

Miss Lydia Sutton is visiting Mrs. John Sine for a few days.

Rev. J. G. Robeson will conduct Quarterly Meeting services at Mt. Pleasant and Salem Methodist churches Sunday morning and afternoon and preach at Melrose in the evening.

Rev. Wm. Mair will in exchange conduct regular services for the day on the Shannonville Circuit.

Roy Milligan, three years of age, son of Dayton Milligan, met with a painful and serious accident Monday morning. Mr. Milligan was running the binder and the little boy by some means became entangled in the knives and received an ugly gash on one leg. Doctor Moore rendered first aid and found it necessary to send the unfortunate lad to Belleville Hospital. Hopes are entertained that amputation may not be necessary.

The Epworth League have announced their Annual Lawn Social for Tuesday, Aug. 17, on the parsonage grounds.

### Fourth Con. Ameliasburg.

Friends from Toronto motored to J. H. Parliaments on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Neville Gooding were Sunday visitors at L. Murphy's.

Mr. and Mrs. Lont of Centre were at E. Wycoats last week.

Mrs. Murphy still continues very ill. Mrs. J. Mitchell and girl friend of Ottawa are spending some time at T. Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Mastin of Pleasant Bay were Sunday visitors of Mrs. T. Price.

Several from our locality were present at the funeral of the late Mrs. O. Glenn on the third.

Mr. and Mrs. Stillman Mastin and family visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. H. Spencer was the guest of Mrs. D. H. Vancott's on Saturday.

Mrs. Audrey Reddick is entertaining summer visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Price and Mrs. C. Sager spent Thursday most enjoyably fishing on Robin's Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Noxon were in the neighborhood Friday evening.

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The regular Quarterly Service was held in this church Sunday last.

Miss B. Hinman, Brighton, is spending a few days with Mrs. C. Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Simmons, Johnstown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. Pitman.

Miss Maybee and Miss Moray, Brighton, are visiting at Mrs. O. Mathers.

Mr. T. Coulter and daughter Nellie, Gilead, called at Mr. B. Fairmans Sunday evening.

The Misses Eva and Lena Sullivan spent Sunday at Oak Hill Pond.

Mr. H. Ross and mother took dinner at Mr. J. Vandewater's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Peterson spent Sunday with friends in Stirling.

Mrs. H. Spencer and daughter Myrtle, Gilead, also the Misses Helen and Leah Gilbert took dinner at Mrs. J. Pitman's one day last week.

Miss Helen Gilbert is spending the week at Halston with Mr. and Mrs. S. Moult.

A number of our young people attended the Garden party at Zion Hill Thursday last.

### FOXBORO.

The farmers in this vicinity are having splendid crops this year.

Miss Nellie Donovan, of Belleville is visiting at the home of Mrs. Robt. Burd.

Mrs. G. Potts and little daughter May were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bailey on Sunday last.

The Misses Flora and Hazel Wootton of Belleville, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wickett.

Miss Clara Gay has returned home after visiting her friend Miss Marie Melnes at Onemee.

Mr. Eldar, of Toronto, has been spending a few days at Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hetherington's recently.

Quarterly meeting was held at Marsh Hill last Sunday morning.

Mr. Roy Aiyca, of Belleville, and Miss Gertrude Caverley called at the home of the Misses Gladys and Nellie Stewart last Sunday.

Mr. Ernest Kerr and also Miss Jean Kerr spent Sunday in our village.

Miss Stella Davis returned home last Friday after visiting her grandmother Mrs. Davis at Madoc Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Chisholm returned home this morning after spending a couple of days with friends in Stirling.

Mrs. Walter Wickett and children are visiting relatives in Madoc.

Mr. and Mrs. Daloe of Moira were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Wait last Sunday.

The Misses Gladys and Nellie Stewart were the guests of their cousin Miss Helen Davis last Thursday.

We are very sorry to know that Mr. W. R. Prentice is on the sick list.

Miss Lena Bonkin returned to Montreal last week after spending her vacation at the home of her mother Mrs. Bonkin.

Master Charlie and Harold Stewart spent Sunday with their friends Master Robert and Frank Keweenaw.

Mr. T. McEwen returned to his home in Belleville after spending a couple of weeks with his brother Mr. John McEwen 5th Con.

The farmers are very busy in our vicinity getting ready for threshing.

Mrs. A. J. Bell and Mrs. Finnegan of Point Anne visited at the home of Mrs. James Stewart recently.

### ZION NOTES.

Cutting grain seems to be the order of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Harvey and little daughter Hazel and Mr. and Mrs. Will Caldwell and Miss Mary spent Sunday with friends over the bay.

The lawn social which was held on the Zion Church lawn was well attended. The proceeds being ninety dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Denyes motored through here on Sunday.

A number of the young people of this place spent Sunday at the Oak Hill Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Carey entertained some friends on Sunday.

Miss Beatrice Hemmen of Brighton is spending a few days with her friend Mrs. Fred Denyes.

Miss Madeline Almy of Kingston is visiting her friend Miss Minnie Ketcheson.

Mr. and Mrs. Windsor Dawes spent Sunday visiting out of town.

Miss Marjorie Thompson of Belleville is visiting her friend Miss Keitha Caldwell.

### WEST HUNTINGDON.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gordon of Stirling, Mr. and Mrs. Peter McInroy of Ivanhoe, and Mrs. N. Searles spent Sunday with Mrs. John Kingston.

Mr. Willie Adams and family visited at Eggleton on Sunday.

Mrs. Ed. Pitman and Children spent Tuesday with Mrs. John Adams.

Miss Myrtle Ashley and Albert spent Sunday on the Oak Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cooke spent Sunday at the Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Cooke of Corbyville and Mr. Denyes of Belleville visited Mrs. J. C. Dickens on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett, of Belleville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Pitman.

Rev. Mr. Reddick and family spent Thursday and Friday camping above Hoard's.

### VICTORIA.

The death occurred of Mrs. Oscar Glenn at the family home, 2nd con., of Ameliasburg, on Friday evening, July 30, aged 53 years and 6 months.