

time to load for Saturday night. They also agreed with me not to ask the unloading of the car on the Sabbath day. This was a special agreement; to these terms I had to agree or take the wagon road. The car came according to agreement on Saturday evening at a sufficiently early hour to get my goods upon it before twelve o'clock, when I returned to my friends home in the hope that a little after twelve I would, with my family, get started for Huntsville, but in their difficulty, they were unable to make a start until ten o'clock on Sunday, owing to the breaking of a coupling in the attempt to get out from the station at Gravenhurst, and even then, the station master at Gravenhurst refused them to back up on the Grand Trunk line, so that they might get started before touching the grade that was more than their engine was able to handle. However, with a little persuasion I succeeded in getting the agent of the Grand Trunk at Gravenhurst to comply with a request in this matter, and we got started from Gravenhurst about ten o'clock in the morning. This car contained three of my daughters and three of my sons. Upon arrival at Huntsville, I went to my home over the store, to rest. In a very short time I got a message to get to work and unload that car. I reminded them of my agreement and remained where I was until Monday morning, when, at an early hour, I was on the job and had the car unloaded at seven o'clock according to my agreement with the Company, getting the last of my goods into the home just as rain set in, to my delight and great satisfaction. I accomplished the task of moving, and my goods were in good condition notwithstanding the fact that they were carried upon a flat car. Thus began the task of offering to the public a general line of dry goods and groceries.

My eldest son arranged to be with me; my second son was in Waterloo, still a student at law; my third son, R. J. was with me in business. My other sons, S. A. and T. W., were too young to take part, and they and the younger daughter, Hattie, attended school in Huntsville. My eldest son, W. E. remained with me for three years in the business. My second daughter, Emmie, remained with me un-