

FORD MOYNES

ON THE MAIN STREET

In this the dramatic year of Centennial of Confederation, many pioneer families in the Counties of Haliburton and Victoria have singled out members who have a flare for digging up facts regarding the geneology tree and setting these important items down on paper — the preserving of the family tree for generations yet to be born.

In this connection it is of interest to note that the widely known Hodgson family of Dysart and Somerville Town-

ships will hold another historic gathering on July 22nd, when it is anticipated that the members of the Clan from far and wide will be on hand to celebrate. Members of this highly regarded family have played an important role in many avenues of municipal, civic and governmental life as well as in diversified channels of business.

The family reunion will take place at the homestead, north half Lot 12, Con. 6, Somerville Township. The old homestead was purchased from Nancy McIntyre by John Hodgson in 1890, where he raised a family of two daughters and seven sons.

In 1919 the farm passed to Charles O. Hodgson where his family of three daughters and three sons grew up. Thomas Hodgson, the eldest son, purchased the property from his father in 1959. On this pioneer farm, the third generation, a daughter and four sons, are living. In 1856 the Crown gave patent to Henry Daniels for this lot. It subsequently was transferred to the following persons:

1857 to Wilson and Campbell.

In 1865 from Wilson and Campbell to John English.

In 1867 from John English to James Sired.

In 1881 from James Sired to Hiram Suddaby.

In 1882 from Hiram Suddaby to Nancy McIntyre.

The lands occupied by the United and Anglican churches were part of this farm and from this farm came a Member of Parliament, a County Warden, a Township Clerk, three Township Reeves, four Township Councillors and two Justices of the Peace.



Joseph Hodgson and his wife, the former Elizabeth Watson, with his six sons, Christopher, Thomas, Joseph, Simon, Watson and William, left Cumberland, England, in the early 1800's. They settled in Darlington Township, Durham County, Upper Canada. Descendants of this family are located in six of our provinces, and parts of the United States.

The last reunion was held at Haliburton Lake, where C. W. Hodgson played host to the clan at his cottage in 1955. This year C. O. Hodgson will be the host and will celebrate his birthday.

Supper will be served by the Women's Institute in the Parish Hall. The entertainment and clerical work is being handled by Alf. Hodgson of North Bay, the president of the Association, a gentleman well known in this district as he spent eight years on the Lindsay Police Force and ten years with the Lands and Forest Department in Lindsay. Chairman Hodgson also spent four years in Cochrane and fifteen years at North Bay where he is now stationed.