

BITS OF THIS AND THAT:

The Victoria Branch of the Children's Aid Society has been in the news quite frequently of late. Few citizens of today realize that the original Society was called The Home for the Aged and in 1896-97 the officers of the Society included: President - D. J. McIntyre at one time a Police Magistrate in Lindsay; Wm. McWatters, 1st Vice President for many years the owner of McWatters Bakery and Confectionary Store located in the premises now occupied by Henry Houzer; 2nd Vice-President - Thos. Brady, well known grocery store proprietor.

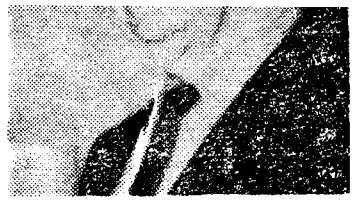
Mrs. H. G. Whiteside who was related to the Mathews

family was treasurer; and the secretary was a well known woman by the name of Mrs. Ellen Sharpe who was also the Truant Officer for Lindsay.

The Board of Management included Mayor Taylor, Thos. Connolly, Geo. Crandell, W. J. Morton, A. Moore, A. Primeau, J. Morgan, J. Kelley, A. Campbell, Dr. Burrows, and Mesdames Trew, Crandell, Weldon, Keenan, Goodwin, Anderson, Ellis, O'Loughlin, Mosley and Arnott. Mrs. D. C. Trew was Home Dispenser and the auditor was W. H. Stevens, B.A., a teacher in the Collegiate Institute.

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In 1915 Sir Sam Hughes was called on to be a witness at a



trial in Ottawa when a chauffeur was charged with manslaughter. Sir Sam was in the full regalia of his rank and was sworn in. "Is it Sir Sam, or Sir Samuel", asked Chief Justice Meredith. "I was christened 'Sam' replied the Major-General.

Sir Sam testified that the accused had frequently acted as Chauffeur for him at Valcartier and he considered him a clever and capable driver. So well did he think of him that he was anxious to get him to go overseas as a chauffeur. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

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Many readers will be interested in learning that the Village of Cannington received its name when Lachlan Davidson, Joseph Davidson and Hugh Munro were sitting on a log in the millyard discussing a name for the the Post Office which they were anxious to establish, some ninety years ago. Mr. Munro wanted to call it "Avington", Mr. Joseph Davidson wanted to call it "Aberdeen" and Mr. Lachlan Davidson wanted to call it "Canning". The name Cannington was agreed upon.

Thus the new post office was named after the Honourable George Canning, the great British statesman of the early 1800's. The first Post Office was opened in Joseph Davidson's store in 1847. Before this time the community was known as McCaskill's Mills.

In 1817 Brock Township in the District of Home, Upper Canada, was first surveyed. In 1827 the first crown grant of land within the village limits was obtained by Richard Morden and William Reitze. The first white children born in Cannington were those of