

# ON THE MAIN STREET



It is surprising how many hundred sons and daughters left farms, bountiful orchards, cider mills and tin mines in the County of Cornwall on the southern tip of England to come to Canada. They sailed across the turbulent and treacherous Atlantic lured by the advertised rich agricultural lands of Canada.

One of these families were the Nethertons who are listed among the early settlers in the Little Britain Mariposa area.

On Saturday Feb. 17, Franklin Netherton of R.R. 2 Lindsay, will observe his 95th birthday.

His father and mother emigrated to Canada more than one hundred years ago and hewed out a home in the days when the woodsman's axe was mightier than the sword or pen.

Franklin Netherton was born on the old homestead two miles south of Little Britain. As a boy he helped clear the land of stones and boulders, and helped plant and harvest the crops and drive wagon or sleigh loads of grain to Port Hoover or Port Perry. He later raised a family, attended church at Little Britain and took in a variety of functions.

Franklin Netherton was generally too busy to participate

in sports events but in time he came to love the game of hockey. Even his advanced age has not kept him away from the TV and he is a devoted

Maple Leaf fan.

The many friends of Franklin Netherton will join in wishing him many more happy healthy birthdays.