

On The Main Street

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When favored, fortunate summer cottagers at Pleasant Point, Sturgeon Lake, feast their eyes on the splendor of the slow, setting sun — that is a picture no artist can accurately paint.

The beauty of the scene is mysteriously enhanced by the towering trees decorating the shore of the summer resort of Long Beach, once called Ball Point, a mile or more distant across the lake. Slowly the tall pines and elms and the odd silver birch across the lake cast their increasingly long shadows far out into the lake and finally both the shoreline, the trees and the sun become enveloped in the abyss of the night.



Visitors to the Point still talk of the glorious sunsets at Pleasant Point and also wax eloquent later on in the night when they look into the Heavens in another direction and see the beautiful moon which suddenly appears to illuminate the landscape. There is the big dipper and the little dipper and at times the fascinating North Star.

Truly Nature is wonderful and the handicraft of the Mighty One becomes literally marvellous and beyond the description of mere man.

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Do you remember William Hewie for many years a prominent figure in the Township of Fenelon and especially as the operator of the Hewie Store of Cameron? Recently a friend recalled that when Mr. Hewie was upwards of 100 years old he could be found in the general store with a pleasant word for all customers. The store was for many years known as Hewie Brothers General Store and there were 10 members in his family.

In the latter years of his life William Hewie could be found assisting his son Clayton in the operation of the store and one of his assumed duties was the marking of names on newspapers awaiting collection by customers. As a storekeeper he was once heard to remark that the biggest change in the modern stores of today was the increasing trend toward canned and processed foods. In his earlier days the basic lines he stocked were flour, sugar and salt and he had to dip in a barrel for these. Then of course, there was always a tub of lard and a good supply of plug tobacco. The name of William Hewie will long be remembered by the good people of Cameron and district.