

ON THE MAIN STREET

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"Tamblyn's who spell their name with a 'y' and live in the Township of Fenelon, originally came from England and many of the same name who use the letter 'i' are the Tamblin Brothers operating a drug store in Lindsay, and settled around the Orono district."

The speaker was a well known former farmer and once cracker-jack baseball pitcher, Howard Tamblyn of Cambray.

"How did Cambray get its name?" he was asked.

"It is told that a man was leading a donkey through the district and the animal was called 'Cam' and when he used the words 'Come on' it became Cameron. Then he came to the present Cambray and when the donkey brayed, the settlement adopted the name. A bit far-fetched, perhaps."

Howard Tamblyn was loath to talk about his baseball abi-

lity but had a lot to say about another athlete of by-gone days, a young farmer named Ernie White of Eden. "He was the fastest runner I ever saw and if he was living today he would be a star. He could beat a horse and once I saw him running on the railroad ties and he stepped on every seventh slab. He was very fleet of foot."

Speaking of baseball Howard Tamblyn remarked: "Baseball tournaments attracted very large crowds and Cambray had a very good team. It was often a pitcher's duel when we came up against pitchers like Jack Oulette of Fenelon Falls and 'Lefty' Hepinstal of Woodville. Ernie Tompkins and Bert Jewell were among the best for Cambray and Lovett and Thornbury were hard to beat from Hartley. Sherman Moore and my son Lloyd became fine players and Lloyd played a lot for Lindsay and semi-professionally for Waterloo. These were the days when good pitchers used to strike out ten and twelve in many a hard fought game. Ball players practiced a lot in those days and young fellows did not run around as much as they do today."

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Many veterans of World War I can recall seeing and at times inhabiting old and beautiful Chateaus when on active service in France and particularly in the Vimy Sector. Many of them remember Chateau de Lahaies, used at times as Headquarters. It is of interest to note that there is a Chateau de Lahaie at Cedar Glen summer resort on Sturgeon Lake, a few miles from Dunsford.

Following the 1914-1918 war a number of former members of the 67th Battery, mostly from Toronto, bought an old

log house from one of the Kennedy's, added an addition and this building has served as a yearly gathering place ever since. The Chateau de Lahaie stands on an elevation overlooking the lake and there also can be seen a large cannon, one which was used in the first World War.