

# On The Main Street

with Ford Moynes

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On a recent Sunday morning Hon. Leslie Miscampbell Frost was sitting in his usual aisle seat two rows from the back, in the quaint, quiet, Interdenominational Union Church in the wildwood at Pleasant Point, Sturgeon Lake. This was not unusual but it was coincidental that he was called on impromptu to read the Scripture Lesson on the 46th anniversary of the Church. It was just 46 years ago that this same gentleman, a young lawyer, stood before the pioneer congregation and read the first constitution. He prepared the Lesson by stating that at that time the lot on which the Church was built cost \$15 and today the Church Board wished to buy a vacant lot next door and the owner is asking \$4,000.

Fifty years ago a handful of zealous cottagers held prayer meeting in a cottage in the pines where Leslie Frost has his summer home. The large centre and main room in the present Frost cottage was once the only store on the Point, owned by George Hayes, but today it is surrounded by beautiful rooms

dressed up in antique and modern furniture. One of the many priceless articles of furniture is a majestic Grandfather's clock which was once the property of Hon. Cecil Rhodes.

Mr. Frost's summer home sits on a strip of elevation with a panoramic view of Sturgeon Lake, and only a few miles up the lake was once the battle area for the Hurons and Iroquois Indians and history records also that this part of the Land was also traversed by Champlain. In times long past hundreds of Indian arrow heads and pieces of pottery were unearthed by farmers and cottagers in the area. A huge boulder known as Treaty Rock, rests at Thurstonia Park and the bronze plaque tells the story.

Mr. Frost recalls the days when there was an Indian camp at Pleasant Point a few hundred yards from the Frost cottage. Here the men slouched around and did some fishing while the women sat in front of wigwams making baskets for visitors.

Guests at the Frost summer home admire the well built walks and patios at the front and at the rear of the cottage and the rear garden sit-out is at times more popular than the front elevation.

When the statesman was in the height of his political

career as Premier of the Province of Ontario and when he became known as the "Great White Chief", a title he still receives, he built a snug and inconspicuous "hide-away" across the road at the rear of the cottage. This well laid out log cabin was originally surrounded by rows of shoulder high evergreens and these hedges have grown fast and tall and today almost obscure the retreat.

Fishing and hunting are Leslie Frost's favorite sports whenever he finds time for this type of relaxation.

In his busy life he has found time for another type of recreation and relaxation. He has penned many stories and published pamphlets.

If Leslie M. Frost has a hobby it is probably his love for and his great interest in collecting historical data and gathering in old and valuable pictures and he has a voluminous collection in his scrap books.

Hon. Leslie Miscampbell Frost is perhaps enjoying life to a greater and wider extent today by being actively associated with a more diversified field of activity than he enjoyed in the hectic days when he was Premier of Ontario.