

With the exception of a short period of time spent on a farm in Fenelon Township, Charlie Edwards has lived in Fenelon Falls for 95 years during that time he had experience of witnessing his livery business gradually slip into oblivion as the horse and buggy gave way to the gasoline buggy. Mr. Edwards can remember when the population was 832, then 1,300 and back to the 800 figure — It is again over 1,300.

The hamlet was originally called Cameron's Falls and Mr. Edwards states that the place was at one time called Fenelon and later the word Falls was added. Once the main business was that of lumbering with at least three busy saw mills providing for many pay cheques. He recalls two major fires and that the curling rink was burned down. R. Smith was at one time a prominent business man, built the old stone mill and was active in other lines of business.

Several historical events were readily recalled to mind. One was when the Fenelon Falls hockey team defeated all teams in four Counties and climaxed the record by trouncing Toronto best amateur seven. His eyes lit up as he told how the little old frame band box of a rink was almost bursting at the seams night after night as team after team went down to defeat. Some of the players were — Alvin "Snake" Gould in goal; Cecil "Dodger" Deyman who resides in Fenelon Falls today; E. J. (Pete) Beteau, B. Burgess, J. Ouellette and R. Sandford among others.

Chas. Edwards has voted the Liberal ticket all his life and although he was not always a winner "I still like placing an 'X' for the Grit candidate."

Charlie Edwards credits the Langton family as being foremost among the pioneer builders of Fenelon Falls in the days when the main road was simply a blazed trail and he gives considerable credit to the Jordan family for building stores. The first locks were dug out of the rock commencing in the fall of 1882. It was a good day for the village when E. D. Hand launched the Gazette newspaper and the village owes a great deal to such business men.

The familiar figure of Charles Edwards is missed on the main stem of the village, a street he walked almost daily for many decades and the neighbors will miss this sturdy man who used to cut his own lawn, shovel the snow off his own front walk and then think nothing of carrying out this type of work for his neighbors. Today the friends of Charley Edwards will be

pleased to learn that he is enjoying life as a resident of the Scott Nursing Home on Russell Street in Lindsay.