

# Main Street

Decades ago the Township of Mariposa was referred by political speakers as the "Garden of Eden" and at a meeting of the Victoria County Public Library Board a few nights ago at Little Britain, the Township of Ops was labelled as the "Land of Plenty".

The Township has been blessed with a large number of fine stalwart pioneer farmers who "set their hands to the plow" in the days when the best plow, the Sylvester, was manufactured in Lindsay and was to a large degree responsible for many fine tillable acres. In a chance interview a few days ago with Vincent Murphy, well known in North Ops, he mentioned a number of tillers of the soil who were hard working, food farmers. These included: Ernie Stewart Past President of Lindsay Fall Fair; Eustace Hopkins, member of the 45th Regiment and Director of Lindsay Fair; Albert Newman, James and Patrick Murphy, Tom Wilson, Tom Arnold who sold meat by the quarter and half carcass on the Lindsay market and who also had the first McLaughlin car agency and also erected the Arnold building on Kent Street, Thos. Dark, Dennis Murphy, Frank Walden, Wm. Kelson, Tom Hickey, W. Roberson, Dick Hopkins, Chas. Walker, John Finnegan, Robt. Corley, Jack Twohey, Wm. Moynes, John Deyell, Vincent Murphy, W. Graham.

Many of the farmers listed above labored from sun up to sun down, when eggs sold for 7 cents a dozen compared to 60 cents today. When 50 cents a day was the pay for those engaged in filling silos. Horses and sheep brought better prices, than today, the days when farmers hauled grain by wagon loads to the Maunder mill at the corner of Victoria Avenue and Peel Streets.