

FORD MOYNES



# on the MAIN STREET

Ninety-nine years ago and for many succeeding years Hoover was a household name in and around the south-west farming community of Mariposa Township and the Village of Port Hoover was one of the busiest on the north shore of Lake Scugog. A saw mill was the only industry and a barge carried produce and supplies from the busy merchants in Lindsay to the Port. Farmers around the Port depended heavily on their crops of barley and they busied themselves in the winter months hauling bags of barley to Port Hoover and thence over the ice to Newcastle on Lake Ontario which was a busy shipping centre and from which place the barley was shipped to Toronto to form the best malt for brewing purposes. Many farmers stored barley in the summer and delivered the crop across Scugog Lake in the winter as a means of avoiding the very dusty hauls by road in the summer months.

The Hoover's have disappeared from the horizon in these parts and one of the pioneers who resided in the Port Hoover area was Wellington Hoover, who was highly respected by all who knew him.

Several years ago, it is reported, that the then President Hoover of the United States, visited Port Hoover in

an effort to trace some antecedents and about the same time it is slated that the late Lyman Minthorne, also of Mariposa Township, was visited by Americans of the same name looking for family history.

Mr. Chas. Moase of Lindsay was well acquainted with Wel-

lington Hoover, of the Port Hoover clan and he also recalls the day when he farmed in the Port Hoover-Fingerboard district and how hard working farmers took many hundreds of bags of grain to Port Hoover.

Port Hoover was a one time saw mill village and it has been replaced by a summer resort and the name lingers on.