

FORD MOYNES

on the MAIN STREET

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Earl Mark is custodian at the Central Senior Public School and comes in contact with many boys and girls and he is right when he vouchsafed the remark that Canadian people should endeavour to let their children see Canada first and see sights and districts.

His holiday this summer was spent in taking his family first to the village of Eaganville where they were fascinated when they visited an ancient cave and where a guide told the story about the inroads and markings on the underground passages and walls. The spot is now the mecca for tourists and the story an interesting one of historical facts.

On the last lap of their holiday the Mark family motored north to Manitoulin Island where the industry is chiefly farming. But the story that is still more interesting brings into print items from a newspaper very few people have ever heard of, namely the Omeme Warder, or Emily and County of Victoria Weekly Gazette, published 104 years ago. Despite its age the newspaper is well preserved.

Items of interest in this old paper include:

"Money, Money, Money! — Money to Loan at eight per cent, apply to Geo. Dormer, Solicitor, &c., Lindsay, Sept. 20th, 1864."

"Dissolution of Partnership. The law firm of LaCourse & Dormer is dissolved by mutual

consent. Mr. LaCourse will collect debts due the late firm. A. LaCourse, Geo. Dormer, Lindsay, Sept. 20th, 1864."

"New Hardware Establishment in Lindsay, Kempt's Block, General Hardware, Paints, Oils, Glass &c — John Bertram, Lindsay, October, 1865."

"Beaver, Pilots and Whiteys — Broadcloths, Cassimeres, Doeskins, for Dress Suits &c. — Good Canadian Tweed Suits — \$10.00 to \$15.00—A. Cadotte, Lindsay, October 4th, 1865."

Headings of some of the articles include: "The Fenians"; "Explosion at New York"; "Victoria Fall Assizes"; "The Rebellion in Jamaica"; "A Priest in the Hands of Orangemen"; "Fatal Accident; Man Killed by the Kick of a Horse"; "The Fenians to Invade Upper Canada"; "Effects of Fenianism on Ireland"; "Agent of the Irish Republic"; "Death of Lord Palmerston".

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Many readers will remember Jack Hutchinson, the drayman or carter, names — which are forgotten today. He was seldom called John, not even by his wife — just plain Jack.

As a lad of 14 he lived in the hills of Manvers, near the village of Bethany and the story goes that he had a bit of a rough time as a boy. In the fields he was a real

worker — long hours and short pay.

It is said that he came to Lindsay and worked as a Plumber's helper, but his foresight was not good, and he forsook this "lucrative" job and went into the cartage business and one then, or since, was as expert at moving furniture, especially bulky, heavy pianos.

He moved pianos down and up narrow staircases with ease and many times these ponderous pianos had to be hoisted by pulleys and ropes up an outside wall and squeezed through a window.

He was kind and generous and was fair and considerate, as evidenced when he had a cottage at Pleasant Point. One hot and sultry Sabbath afternoon all his relatives visited the cottage but no one brought a tiny fish or a loaf

of bread "to feed the multitude". That was not the first time Mrs. Hutchinson slaved over a hot stove for the 'gang' but it was the last.

Jack put his foot down and the conversation kept on and on — and still no signs of supper. Finally two by two the friends left for they were thirsty and hungry, but as Jack remarked later: "It was a good Sunday lesson and Mrs. Hutchinson was able to enjoy herself."

Many a sleigh load of young people enjoyed a ride behind Jack Hutchinson's fine team of little blacks.

Politically he was a supporter of Sam Hughes, so he was a Tory. Incidentally, it was the Jack Hutchinson's lovely black horses that hauled the gun carriage that carried the body of Sir Sam to Riverside Cemetery.