

7 Later Albert Pickard operated alone. Mr Pickard was a highly respected gentleman, ardent Baptist and fastidious about his person. Shanty life meant evenings of songs jokes and "putting them up in the blanket!" The boss enjoyed all the fun & practical jokes. The boys decided to try one on him. His neatly placed house slippers were <sup>at hand</sup> ~~down~~ when his day's work was ended. One night his feet slid in on a layer of molasses inside the slippers.

His face reddened but we are told he took the lark with good grace! Shanty song favourites were: "Red River Valley", "The Girl I Left Behind", "When the Area left her Harbour to Cross the Georgian Bay", "O blow ye winds aye ah", "That ram he had to horns, six." Big Ed Galbraith's mill was on the Mar Corner Farm of Walter White <sup>between</sup> ~~south of~~ the school grounds and the creek (head waters of Parkin River) about the same time as Pickard's. It was a busy bustling place.

Elbert's mill on the east of Berford lake was moved down from Tamarac Island & set up about 1907. Oliver White was foreman the first year. Logs were brought from the lots north of farms, taken down the <sup>timber</sup> road east of the lake or across the Jim Given place & piled high on the