



Standing High on a Knoll the Community Hall Serves the People of Horton Township in Renfrew County.

Wide Use of Community Hall.

Horton Goes to the Hall for Dances and Wedding Receptions as Well as for Meetings.

WHEN the South Renfrew Women's Institute District Annual met in the Horton Community Hall, we were interested in the bright, clean, well-lighted appearance and in the spacious basement where lunch was served. We talked to Mrs. John Stewart who was president of the W. I. the year they began to raise a fund to build the Hall and who burned the mortgage in 1945 when costs were finally all paid. Mrs. Stewart was a charter member of her Institute and is a Life Member and still greatly interested.

Back in 1924 the Institute raised money in all the time-honoured ways from bazaars to strawberry festivals and community parties. A cook book was a profitable venture, recently repeated. The Township Council gave a grant and the men turned out with their teams and did much of the work, such as levelling the ground. Under the Community Hall Act the Provincial Government paid one-quarter of

the cost of about \$8,000. A big dinner celebrated the opening in 1928 and the Hon. John S. Martin, then Minister of Agriculture, spoke on that occasion. Plans were approved before the grant could be claimed and the building of concrete blocks, with metal roof, size 60 by 30 feet, still serves the community.

For parties such as wedding receptions, rent of the Hall is \$10.00. Where an entrance fee is charged, as at a dance, the rent is \$15.00. The Hall is in fine condition and had been cleaned so that it looked fresh as a daisy for the District Annual.