

ALDERSHOT CHANGES FACE RETAINING INDIVIDUALITY

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Affectionately known as "the Front" by her sister residents, the township of East Flamboro, due to the fact this concession was termed the "broken front" on the early maps, the district of Aldershot is rapidly growing into a densely populated suburban area.

Once famed as the finest market gardening centre in the province, the enormous subdivision of the rich farm lands in the last three years has resulted in a startling decline in the amount of fruit and vegetables produced. The few growers predict the complete extinction of the local market gardening industry in five years.

Aldershot now boasts a population two-thirds as great as that of the town of Burlington with over 1000 homes, two businesses and a dozen industries. Still termed merely as a post office in official records, Aldershot affairs are administered by Council of East Flamboro, with the front represented by Deputy Reeve John O'Brien and Councillor William C. Tyrell.

Growing pains are being felt in all phases of Aldershot life and the first step to ease the pressure has been the introduction of a water system. The need for water was made imperative by the alarming rapidity of the growth along the front and through the efforts of the Township Council, an agreement was reached with the Inter-Urban Area Water Board of Burlington-Nelson to supply services to this part of East Flamboro. Work was begun on the construction of mains early this year and one quarter of the homes are already using water supplied by Burlington.

Perhaps the next biggest problem is the lack of sufficient schools. With both schools filled to capacity, plans have been drawn up for a new school of six rooms to be built at the estimated cost of \$280,000. to be located on Townsend Ave. Some measure of relief has been accorded with the completion, this month, of the new Holy Rosary Separate School with its enrolment of 60 pupils.



OPENING CEREMONY—His Excellency, Most Rev. J. F. Ryan, Bishop of Hamilton, is seen in the above photo, cutting the ribbon stretched across the doors of the new Holy Rosary School, Aldershot, to officially open the building. Seen above with the Bishop are left to right, Robert Read, member of the school board; Rev. B. W. Harrigan, pastor of Holy Rosary parish; and Rev. J. A. Mattice, Hamilton.

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