

"If you can't be honest with yourself, you can't be honest with the other fellow." This was the slogan and philosophy which was instilled into the mind of Harold McMullen by his father four score years ago.

On Saturday, June 25th Mr. McMullen passed another important milestone in the ever revolving cycle of time. He was surrounded by his family and congratulated by many friends,

"Hard work never hurt anybody and in my day I had to work long hours. When I was married I was earning \$12 a week and thought I was doing well", said the octogenarian.

Considerable water had passed under the bridge since the early days of Harold McMullen. He has a touch of the blood of the one time Cavan Blazers in his veins as he was born in the above township near the village of Bethany. At a tender age he moved with his parents to Lindsay and it was then that W. J. McMullen founded the dairy business which still bears the family name. The original dairy was located on 14 acres where the Dominion Brakeshoe, now know as Abex Industries, now stands.



As time went on the youngster Harold attended the East Ward school and he considers himself fortunate to have as teachers Misses Fanning, Stephens and Townley.

Harold McMullen worked on the farm and grew up in the dairy business from the time he was a milker until he drove a milk wagon. The dairy owned one single rig and one team wagon.

The day arrived when Harold decided "all work and no play" was not for him. The hours were too long and the work too hard. At this time he entered into a somewhat remarkable business career. His first job was with the R. Neill Limited shoe store on the north side of Kent Street, and later moved to a more remunerative job in the clothing department of the Dundas and Flavelle store.

Still in the notion of advancing himself in business, he returned to the Neill firm but his big venture was when he and his wife decided to buy the W. M. Robson grocery and confectionary business at the northwest corner of Kent and Sussex Streets, which was carried on successfully for a number of years following which a sale was made to James Robson.

Still ambitious and having a hankering for the boot and shoe business Harold established business in the premises now occupied by Kent Cleaners, the property being owned by Mrs. McMullen, the former Lillian Terry. A few years later the young shoe merchant opened an up-to-date store on the north side of Kent Street which in time he sold to Joe Leith.

Having worked many years and having laboured long and

late hours, the young merchant decided to retire to the country once more and selected the farm of George Darke, north of Lindsay, which is now occupied by Gordon Mackey. Being a land owner and a farmer, Harold stocked up with a large flock of sheep and did well.

A few years later the McMullens decided to retire to Lindsay, Apart from the activities reported above, Harold McMullen took his place as a community minded citizen, becoming a member of the Board of Managers of St. Andrews

Presbyterian Church, a member of the Lawn Bowling Club, a member of the Independent Order of OddFellows and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He is the proud possessor of fifty-year jewels from two fraternal societies.

Today he is happy and contented in the presence of his family and grand children.

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Faithful Brethren Masonic Lodge closed down for two months following a special meeting held in the new Temple recently.

The meeting was called to present a Fifty year gold button to Wor. Bro. H. E. Blewett. The Masonic record and history of the recipient was presented by Rt. Wor. Bro. C. H. Heels. The presentation of the jewel was made by Wor. Bro. Ford Moynes who in paying tribute to W. Bro. Blewett as a community minded citizen, referred to the fact that W. Bro. Blewett is a fifty year member of the IOOF, a fifty year member of the COOF and a fifty year veteran of the LOL.

Reference was also made to his service to the church of his adherence as well as to his long and successful career as a member of the newspaper and printing fraternity.

At the close of the meeting, members had the unusual treat of hearing the Lindsay Barbershop group under the direction of Eric Booth. A number of fine vocalizations delighted the audience.

The gathering was treated to strawbebrry shortcake and coffee by the members of the Eastern Star lodge.