

The Time That Was

The project just grew!

Originally it was to have been a 75th anniversary project of the Chesterville WI, Dundas District, but with the enormous amount of material in the Tweedsmuir History Book it seemed a pity to have it merely microfilmed just for the sake of posterity.

Why not share this history of the village and community with all? The Branch formed a Heritage Committee and set out to gather information not only from the Tweedsmuir book but from other old publications already in print. Among the many chapters in the book, there is information about the school sections, family trees (which added a third onto the cost), the churches, service clubs, family farms.

"The Time That Was" is a multicultural history of the village and district which was settled in turn by United Empire Loyalists, French Canadians, Scots—following the Highland Clearances, the Irish—following the great potato famine and finally the Dutch, following the second world war.

More than 100 persons contributed material, which

was edited by Miss Marion Casselman and Mrs. Allison Graham. The two women headed the WI's Heritage Committee, which also comprised business manager Mrs. Graham Smith; treasurer Mrs. A. E. Jarvis; secretaries, Mrs. Charles Graham and Mrs. Robert Gilroy; publicity committee Mrs. Isabel Forward, Miss Madge Campderros, Miss Addie Campderros, Mrs. George Merkley, and Mrs. Albert Smith. Mrs. George and Ken Merkley also acted as filing clerks, Mrs. Eric Casselman did the typing.

Miss Casselman says with the increase in costs due to the family histories, the WI would not have been able to publish the book without support from Wintario and the New Horizons program.

Two-hundred and fifty copies were pre-sold and another 100 were ordered before the book appeared in print. Money from the presales was used to apply for Wintario grants.

Chesterville WI now have a best seller in their community, the 460-page, blue and gold bound volume is a credit to the WI.



Heritage Committee of the Chesterville WI, Dundas District eagerly looking at the book just off the press "The Time That Was". L-R Miss Isabel Forward, Miss Madge Campderros, Miss Marion Casselman, Mrs. Eric Casselman, Miss Addie Campderros, Mrs. George Merkley, Mrs. C. Allison Graham, Mrs. A. Jarvis, Mrs. Graham Smith, Mrs. Kenneth Merkley. Not available at picture taking time, Mrs. Karen Graham, Mrs. Ruth Gilroy and Mrs. Albert Smith.