

in a Literary and Social sense as well as fraternal for many years.

There were singing classes, sometimes weekly in the early days. These were held in the Temperance Hall.

In the athletic field at picnics, bees, etc., were to be found some who were excellent baseball players. Here we make note of "Ab" Wilson who as "pitcher" on his local ball team, joined Frank Dunn, catcher on Douglas team, to play baseball on the Renfrew team in later years.

Early picnics sponsored by the "Division" and later on by "Division and "Ladies Aid", were held in Ferguson's grove, the fine maple grove now owned by Erwin Jeffrey. Later picnics were held in Gibbon's grove at Admaston Station, the last real picnic of the community being held there May 24, 1912.

About the beginning of the 1900 decade the commercial life of the community was added to by Mr. Sam Brown (father of Mrs. Arthur Campbell) who opened a general store and Post Office at Oak Grove, Lot 17, Concession 6. Mr. Brown had previous to this taught school at one time in S.S. No.5. That Post Office closed when Mr. Brown closed his store.

A cheese factory owned by Mr. Livingstone and Mr. Chas. McCready began operations near Lynch's corner, farther west on Road 80. Later Mr. McCready moved the factory to a site near Admaston Station and operated it as owner and maker until forced to retire. Mrs. McCready conducted a store in connection with factory.

Extracts from the Diary kept by Mr. John McDonald, grandfather of Gerald and Harold McDonald, who lived on the McDonald homestead now occupied by Harold McDonald.

- 1855 Mr. John McDonald came to Admaston from Pakenham.
- 1865 The Good Templars were being organized.
- June 5, 1892 Severe thunder storm and cyclone wrecked buildings in Gratton, Admaston and Horton townships.
- May 31, 1893 Ground still too wet for seeding.
- June 3, 1893 Sowed wheat.
- July & Aug. 1893 Continuing wet weather - crops were good.
- May 12, 1894 Finished seeding.
- April 14, 1896 Walkers and Bains and the cedar bridge (across Bonnechere at Northcote) swept away by flood waters.