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neighborhood, and I believe the first in the Province was imported from Rochester, by Daniel McKyes in 1843. The horses used in operating it were driven tandem, and a man stood on the platform to throw off the sheaves. This reaper would cut twelve acres in a day, and did as good work as far as cutting was concerned, as the self-binder of today. Helmand Son of Cobourg began making reapers about 1846, and secured first prize for their machine at the Provincial Exhibition. The mowing machine did not appear until 1850 or 1852. The first I saw was made by Ketchum of Buffalo, and cost one hundred dollars. It was heavy on horses and hard to manage. "Ball's Ohio" was put on the market soon afterwards, and was long a favorite. The revolving wooden horse-rake was introduced about 1840. The first one in our section, being used on Angus Crawford's place. It sold at seven or eight dollars, and I doubt if a greater labor-saver was ever produced at less cost. The first threshing machine made its appearance in 1832. "But," continued Mr. Riddell, "after speaking of the inconvenience of the way the people lived, and despite all the hardships of those days, and even if the larder was not always too well-filled they were the happiest period in our lives."

The highest tax paid by one person in this township in 1826 was \$15.37. The lowest 3 cents. Twenty-eight rate-payers paid 8 cents or less. The first settlers in the township ground their corn by pounding it a hollow stump or log, and such as had wheat were obliged to take it, by boat to Kingston to be made into flour. On one occasion boats carrying grain were driven into Presqu'isle by a storm and frozen up there for the winter. During the winter season it was a common season it was a common thing for a settler to have to carry flour on his back for twenty or thirty miles through the woods."

A few people I might mention as having lived in the township. In speaking of Mr. Riddell I suppose we have a right to be proud of his son, Chief Justice Riddell of Toronto. He holds the highest position the legal profession has to offer. The family are well known throughout the township, and once lived in our immediate neighborhood. Another whose boyhood was spent in this neighborhood, who has done himself and family great credit is Admiral Simms. His mother was a Sowden and they lived where Mr. Adamson lives now. Another person of this township who must be mentioned was Mina Benson, daughter of Mr. James Benson of Bewdley. She was educated at the public school at Bewdley, and in Port Hope high school. She taught school at Bethel Grove, then went to New York to train for a nurse. While there she met Mr. Leonidas Hubbard, whom she married. Mr. Hubbard and Dillon Wallace, a noted writer of boys' books with a small party set out to explore the unknown part of the Labrador, and make observation of a tribe of Indians inhabiting that part of the country. His notes and diary make a very interesting book. This book was completed by Wallace because Mr. Hubbard became ill. Supplies gave out, and he was left in his tent, while the others separated to look for help. Hubbard died before relief arrived.