

Then there was the making of wood pumps. This work began in a small way and grew into quite a big business. Pumps were sold over a wide area. Some would be shipped by train to Killaloe, Wilno and Barry's Bay, and to Kinburn, Carp and South March and the townships of Admaston, Bromley, Ross, Westmeath and Stafford and the area around home took a large number. Of late years not so many wood pumps are in use, as steel has been taking the place of wood and many pumps now are operated by electric power. Quite a number of years ago a bush lot was bought, 140 acres. This bush furnished most of the material for the wood pumps, as well as material for buildings. Also, another bush of 50 acres was bought at the north side of Mink Lake. This bush was mostly hardwood. Maple syrup was made there, 400 trees being tapped. The first settlers, after twenty-five years or so, began to get some machinery, grain binders, mowers, seed drills and other machines which made the job of farming less difficult. And so down through the years the making of pumps and other machines, the bush work and farm work, the milking and household chores, kept the working force here, both men and women, steadily employed.

Father and Mother were married in 1880. Mother was a daughter of Arthur McIntyre of Mink Lake. Father whose first name was James, was a son of the James McIntyre who started here in 1856. They had ten children. One boy, Christy, died of diptheria when quite young. Wellington, the eldest of the family died in 1950, and daughter Margaret died recently at the age of 83 and mother died in 1951, her age being almost 93.



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