

## History of the Railroad in Bruce County

Nov 30 1871 the first steam locomotive named the Adam Brown, steamed into the town of Walkerton & Bruce County at last had a railway. Many people gathered to see the happy event.

The Hamlets of Maple Hill, Selwyn, Malcolm & Vista did not share in the boon, because in 1872 the railway was completed, up the west side of the township, and railway stations were built at Walkerton, Dunkeld, Cargill, Pinkerton & Ellingwood and it was named the Grand Trunk Railway.

August 27 1881 the first train steamed into Elmwood coming north from Palmerston to Walkerton, giving the east side of Brant top a chance to travel & market livestock & produce, soon railway tracks were all over the province, trains running daily from Toronto to Owen Sound, & Stratford Palmerston north to Walkerton. Every town & village had a station house where folks could wait & meet. Daily mail was delivered to every station. Train whistles could be heard at railway crossings any hour of the day or night.

With the railway came the telephone, radio & Hydro & communications with country & town & village people, eased the loneliness. No one ever dreamed of the telephone party lines, with the crank telephones were a real pleasure for country people to communicate.

Canadian Pacific railway ran a line from Durham to Walkerton, passing through Maple Hill. When I went to school the train whistled south of the school 1 P.M. every day, in the 1930-1940 yrs.