

spent, by Hydro to build a three phase circuit to the Stella dock, where buildings were erected to house the generators on both the Stella and Millhaven docks, where they were accessible to engineers on the Amherst Islander for oiling, as well as starting and stopping.

Eventually these motors had to be replaced, at great cost.

My opinion: It was at that point of time that consideration should have been given to the laying of a tunnel from Kerr's Point to the mainland.

I learned many years later, when in attendance at the Ploughing Match in Stirling, and in conversation with the Dept. Minister of Agriculture, that it was due to pressure from the Milk Marketing Board that this whole project was undertaken. At one point, when milk producers were more numerous on the Island that consideration was given to the laying of a pipe line to pump the Island milk production through, the local cheese factory having been closed.

When crossing on the ferry, one always sought the company of Syl Apps, for an interesting visit. He talked the common man's vocabulary and I learned from him that he always valued, his Pole Vaulting accomplishments more highly than his hockey skills.

Syl Apps never indulged in foul language, his favourite word was "By Gumm". In my experience in the winter of 1929 in Montreal, where I enjoyed a seat in the new Montreal Forum, associated with the then Montreal Maroons, and where many waited outside the teams dressing room to get autographs on your program. One knew something of the language that went on as they changed from skates to street clothes.

As was customary, hockey enthusiasts made annual trips to Toronto to attend a Toronto Leafs home game. We usually obtained seats far from the ice in the grey's section at a cost of \$4.00 each. I have lost count of how many games I have watched in the old Gardens, soon to be replaced I understand. Everything has to be bigger and better!

Now to get back to Amherst Island. I do not know how Syl and his wife Molly came to be attracted to the Moutray home in Stella, but it is a good thing that they did!

The residence, occupied the Agent for the Irish landowners, most recently



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occupied by the W. H. Moutray family, long bearing the name Farnham, had fallen on depressing days. The large family of Moutrays, consisting of 5 daughters and one son, were as follows: Annie had married an Anglican clergyman, Rev. Wilkinson, separated and returned home with a son and daughter. Emily had married another Church of England clergyman, Rev. Lindsay (they

were the first couple to occupy the newly erected Rectory, adjacent to St. Albans Church, they had two daughters). Meta had taken a responsible position in a home in Montreal and recognizing her need at home, had come home to help care for the rest of the family. She was a real supervisor and I admired her abilities. Many nights, during the winters that we lived in the Village, she would call upon me to correct some problem with their pressure pump, which drew water from the harbor for the bathrooms etc. Bessie was a great help in the kitchen and Mary also, who always milked the Jersey cow the milk from which was used in the kitchen, the surplus being sold to Village residents at 10cents per quart. Maxwell's abilities lay in getting the cow stabled for Mary to milk, and perhaps look for the eggs in the henhouse.

Mary passed away with cancer, after a long period of nursing care under Ruth Glenn R.N., I cannot remember what happened to Bessie and finally Maxwell.

During her life time Meta guided the Wilkenson family, Margaret and her mother had gone to Montreal where she had met and married a young man by the name of Adams, they had three daughters Patty, Barbara, Mary: Betty persevered in education, trained as an R.N. and employee of the Amherstview Health Clinic, now retired, succeeded by her daughter, also an R.N. Married a man who was a mail courier as well as a cemetery caretaker in that area. Barbara went to Oshawa where she married and I do not know anything of her family.

Such was the circumstances of the big Irish home when Syl Apps and his wife purchased it, I think with the purposes of using it as a summer home. Syl's purchase of a J.D. riding lawn mower with which he cut hours, restoring the grounds to a beautiful condition. Changes were made in the interior, what had been the office, at the front of the house became

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