

A WOMAN WITH

A Feather In Her Cap

MRS. MARY ANN DOWN, of Brighton, 92, has just, in her own words, "published her first book." The book, entitled Ours To Remember is a history of the families of Mutton, Philp and Dunnell—Mrs. Down's ancestors who came to Canada from England and settled at Shiloh, northeast of Brighton.

Mrs. Down began to compile the information for her book 20 years ago.

CANCELLATION

The original information was to be read at the 70th anniversary service of Shiloh Church, the minister died shortly before the scheduled anniversary service—and the arrangements were cancelled.

Mrs. Down had by that time caught the collector's germ, and continued to search out little known information concerning her ancestors.

Last year, her niece—Miss Marion Mutton of Peterboro—who is a school teacher—revised and typed the book and arranged for its publication.

Mrs. Down, who was the former Mary Ann Mutton, is rather proud of her accomplishment. She does all her own housework and keeps busy with her writing and crochet work.



MRS. MARY ANN DOWN

Publishes Book

(Contributed by Mrs. L. Mutton)

To publish her first book in her 92nd year is the unique experience of Mrs. Mary Ann Down (nee Mary Ann Mutton) of Brighton. But to her many friends it comes as no surprise. Mrs. Down, who only recently gave up spading her garden, has always lived an active life and is presently engaged in crocheting tablecloths for her great grandchildren. During her long and busy life she found time to piece quilts, knit bedspreads, make rugs, engage in reed work and other crafts as well as teach a Bible class at Sunday School.

And then she decided to write a book. She began to jot down memories and tirelessly went from person to person compiling facts and information. Now the book is off the press.

Entitled "Ours to Remember" it is a history of Shiloh, its pioneers, their forebears and descendants. Penryn, a Cornish name, was the one given to its one-time post office but the community, church and school have gone out two ministers. Shiloh. Situated north-west of Brighton, it comprises about 14 homes with a population of approximately 50. From its midst, according to the author have gone out two ministers, several teachers, a magistrate, a doctor, as well as farmers and others to many parts of Canada and the United States. From the Philp family alone there have been 800 descendants.

In the introduction to her book Mrs. Down describes it as a labor of love. But it is much more than that. It is an extremely interesting and accurate account of the pioneer families and their descendants who dwell in the community, their trials and hardships, their

accomplishments, early industries and customs as well as amusing anecdotes. It would seem that Mrs. Down has missed nothing in her history of the community and its people.

But above all "Ours to Remember" is a notable achievement by one of Brighton's oldest and most respected citizens who has already passed the four score years and ten mark while retaining an interest and zest for life which is frequently missing in the lives of others many years her junior.