

issued at Severn Bridge the 1st location tickets to 17 settlers who had settled along the Muskoka Road near that place. It was not until 1861 however, that Muskoka, Draper and Macaulay Townships were thrown open for settlement.)

1866:— New Year's Day shooting match at Mr. D's. Mr. H. won 2 geese. (Probably Dale's and Holditch.) Surveyors' party came in. Mrs. Dales visits Orillia. Mr. Wray's 2nd service at Rawson's. M.M. got barrel of oatmeal from Mr. George. Tom George's store, about where Moore Bros.' store now is. Forsyth's purchase bullock from George. M.M. went to Lake Rosseau to see Taylor. M.M. fitted up aunt Ann's house. (Mrs. Hamilton, sister of Mrs. M.M.) Foxley takes Parry Sound road job. Stinson's, Dale's, McNeen's, Rawson's raisings. Mail twice a week. Quinton's bullocks drawing logs for M.M. T. Stinson and R. Stinson logging. S. Holditch's funeral. Young Hogaboam drowned. (Probably a son of David Hogaboam, one of original council of United Twps. of Draper, Macaulay, Stephenson & Ryde which met 2 years later.) Tavern beginning to do well. M.M. had to go 4 times to North Falls (now called Bracebridge) to get 2 bags of flour and a piece of leather. "horrid place, no management, nothing in its place." M.M. joins the L.O.L. Bowers offers \$23 per mo. for driver and bullocks at Parry Sound. Oxen drew in one load 104 gals. beer, 1 bag flour, 200 feet wet lumber on Smith's wagon. M. M saw Mr. Webb about saw logging. M.M. killed pig for shooting match, Stephenson men only.

1867:— For awhile neither flour nor oatmeal can be got "for love or money." Flour prices vary from \$9 00 to \$12.00 bbl. M.M. drew hay from Galloway's. Tibbs' barn roof fell in and his calf died next day. Mrs. Gaffney died in childbed leaving 14 children. M.M. attended meeting about establishing a school. M.M. bought from R. Dales a wagon for \$30 and fanning mill for \$16. Billingsley paid \$28 for Dale's cow. Pinkerins

(Pickering's?) shanty burnt. Threshing at Wingfield's. M.M. goes to Alport's on P.O. business. Smith's and Rawson's raisings. Foxley killed by jamb of logs at South Falls. Quinton went to the Nipissing road with his oxen but found no more wanted. Tom Rawson drives Bailey's team for \$15 month. Bunn buys A. Suffern's oxen for \$110. Mrs. Jack, aged 52, died. North Falls celebrates the Dominion's 1st Dominion Day. Grist mill at North Falls broke down for a time. Mrs. Langton spent a night at Moores'. Alex. Park's oxen put up 18 heaps of logs one day. Tea party at new chapel, Parry Sound Road. (Probably Beatrice Anglican.) Hammell brings in new fanning mill, cost \$16 at maker's in Barrie, freight \$5. Wm. Jack's, Kirbyson's, Tibbs, Kirby's, George's, Brimston's, Moore's logging, bees. Election of magistrates at North Falls. Rd. Tichnor, dangerously ill of fever. H. B. Johnston in again. Settlers Association met at North Falls. Mr. Seldon & Isaac called, so did Lambert. Old Bowen becomes entitled to a good deal of money. Mr. Tait buys Ferey lot for Mr. Grimes, going to put up mill. Josh Pickering buys yoke of oxen for \$110.

1868:— Mr. Stevens and family came in, 3 teams. Smith finds Jack Eradshaw, dead before fireplace in his shanty, dressed all but boots on. Imma Moore sees neighbor "as she's returning from school." (1st mention of school, being held.) Mr. Flareyet in. Mr. Kingshott in. John Campbell home from shanty. (Old Mr. Woods back. Fetterley cutting wood. Weaver back with young yoke of oxen, paid \$60. John Norman gone to The Front with his old horse. (The Front then commonly and still sometimes applied to counties bordering Lake Ontario.) M.M. buys cow from Miller for \$30. Mrs. Woodcock's house burnt. Tom Sefton and Brown, cousins, lose life when small shanty at South Falls burns, one burnt to death, other escapes flames, runs 2 miles naked, is dreadfully frozen and dies later. Railway meeting at North Falls. (To discuss getting a railroad.) Gal-

loway's Brimston's, Mrs. Woodcock's, bees. When Brimston's ox choked, a broom handle was pushed down its throat and saved it. Mrs. Inch's baby dies. Cow bells now 50c each, were \$2 each, 2 years ago. Kirbyson's house roof blown off. Petition for separation of townships circulated. Draper, Macaulay, Stephenson & Ryde, United Townships. M.M. at Mr. Lances. Council meets at Jct. Old Forsyth's, pocket picked. Addition built to tavern. Concessions to be opened. Mr. Schafer in with team of horses, cow and calf. Flour \$8.25 and \$8.50 bbl. Miss Miller, teacher for No. 3 Section, arrived one day and went next day to North Falls for examination, "no, go." Examination for teachers' certificates used to be held in North Falls. Frank Moore engages with road surveyors at \$18 month. M.M. sold Baxter 1 bu. fall rye for \$1.65. New road started, Stewart & Cockburn got contract. Ormsby's team up with flour. Surveyors commence road, 6th & 7th Cons. Macaulay. Council meeting at McDonald's tavern, Bracebridge. (First use of name Bracebridge for old North Falls.) Gurney's and Shaver's raisings. Pay for road work \$4 per day. Tibbs & Pope, Quinton & Inch, take contract for 10 miles each of road 30 ft. wide to be chopped and logged for \$37 per mile. Cattle and agricultural show at Bracebridge. Thurs., Oct. 1st. (This is 6 years before present South Muskoka Agricultural Society claims to have been established.) M.M. agrees with R. K. Stewart to chop and lag for \$34 per mile, new Lake Joseph Road. This road starting at Jct. and running west, was never opened in Falkenburg for travel more than 1/2 a mile.) J. Finel joins M.M. and Frank Moore on road job. Orangemen hold Guy Fawkes Day dinner and dance at Jct. George's house burnt. Mr. Lount up to inspect roads. (Probably Judge C. W. Lount, Bracebridge appointed by Ont. Govt. in 1868, who besides being Division Court Judge of Muskoka, holding courts at Bracebridge and Severn Bridge only, was Stipendiary Magis-