

purpose. Oxen were hardly capable of making this trip at least in the summer time, and as a result supplies of flour, sugar, bacon, etc, often ran low.

In 1885 the Grand Trunk Railway was extended from Bracebridge to North Bay, thus bringing the railway facilities as near as Finsdale.

The first lumbering was done by Flatt & Bradely Hamilton Co. at Sand Lake in 1881-82. Mr. John Leahy came to Kearney in 1890, and started the first shingle mill and lumber mill, on the point now known as Poplar Point. He also built and lived in the house now occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Bice.

The Craigs from Welland, homesteaded the old farm in 1885. Evidently, it had been an Indian Sugar Bush, at one time, as the maples were cut near the bottom, and cedar troughs were found.

About 1884 the McGills moved in by the 8th Concession from Scotia. He had three sons and four daughters, and between them all, had over 1000 acres of land, extending from Shaw's store (Esther Street, so called for one of the daughters) to approximately 2 miles S. W. of Kearney. The father had a small water mill at the outlet of Sullivan's Lake. The lumber from here went towards the local buildings and construction of saw mill and factory by the station.

J. R. Booth logged Butt Township around 1900 taking out square timber. These were loaded at Loon Lake on flat cars of the Canadian Atlantic Railway. The first freight over this line came to Kearney in the fall of 1896, and consisted of machinery for the chair