

EARLY PIONEER: Patrick O'Beirne and his wife came from Lindsay to Port Carling in 1868 and lived in a house formerly occupied by Michael Bailey, who came about 1865 with his brother Alexander when they were the first white settlers at Port Carling. The house stood about where the Port Carling House was later built. Patrick O'Beirne was the second lockmaster and was one of the founders of the Methodist Church in Port Carling in 1877. (Supplied by Mrs. Cope).



WINDERMERE IN 1910: Sid Cowan is pictured above preparing for the onslaught of week-end visitors to arrive at Windermere. Visitors would arrive at the docks in Gravenhurst via the Grand Trunk Railway and be taken by steamer to ports on the lakes. He says he remembers week-ends that were so busy there were more visitors than rooms and many were forced to spend the night in the Windermere boathouse to await the steamer the next day.