



OLD TIMES IN ONTARIO



AN INDIAN CAMP, SKETCHED BY ANNE LANGTON

Pioneer Heritage of Langtons

John Langton and his sister Anne, among the more highly endowed and public-spirited settlers in the Lindsay-Fenelon Falls region in the 1830's, added greatly to our heritage from the era of pioneering.

Their letters and journals and John's great services to municipal life, as well as on the provincial and dominion levels, form only a part of their contribution, for Anne left a notable collection of sketches, water-colors and miniatures.

The originals are rather widely scattered, the main collections being in the public

archives in Ottawa, the archives of Ontario in Toronto, and the Fenelon Falls public library to which the Langton family gave two large sketchbooks and some framed sketches. These have all been photographed, and copies have been placed in both the archives of Ontario and the dominion archives. The importance of photographing such records is obvious, for they may be lost or destroyed by carelessness as well as by fire and water.

John Langton, like his neighbors, Thomas Need, founder of Bobcaygeon, and Samuel Strickland, founder of Lakefield, was

on good terms with the Indians, whom he treated with every consideration. His sister's sketch accompanying this article depicts an Indian encampment on the Langton settlement, "Blythe," on the shores of Sturgeon lake.

The Langton home still stands, but it is unoccupied and rapidly falling into decay. In spite of the achievement of the Fenelon Falls Historical society

in preserving the district's heritage of the past, and of activities by the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario to save the house, it will soon be but a memory. Fortunately, the Royal Ontario museum has obtained the fine butternut woodwork, as well as staircase, doors and windows, so that the main room may be reconstructed for the admiration of future generations.

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Woodville: Mr. McSweyn had the Presbyterian church lit up with Gasoline last Sabbath evening. It is a decided improvement on the coal oil.

Henry Toole, of Emily, sold a porker last week which weighed 478 pounds. \$30. was paid for it. - Mr. George Bell of the Township of Oro, had two excellent horses killed by the falling of a tree on the 8th inst. It appears that he was drawing cordwood, and as he was driving along the road a tree fell across their backs killing them instantly. It was fortunate that he escaped.

On Saturday last a young lad working on the farm of Mr. Christopher Allwell 14 con. Mariposa in climbing a strawstack with a pitchfork is his hand slipped and fell, the prongs of the fork entering his side. Medical aid was at once summoned and the wounds although very painful were not dangerous.

Selling out - retiring from business - A.C. Campbell and Co. Woodville.