## THE DOLAN FAMILY



public school years. In 1944 she married Kingsley Kennedy and her new home was only a couple of miles from her old one. Four grandsons carry on this line of the Dolan family.

The telephone did not reach the Mountain till 1950 when a line was built. Hydro followed the next year and soon the house had kitchen taps and a bathroom. A power line had c crossed the Dolan farms in 1931 but this was of no help to the local inhabitants except that they were paid a certain

amount for each tower erected on their land. Two more lines followed in later years. Irene still has a vivid memory of jumping into one of the holes dug to construct a tower and of not being able to get out. At one time a mining company became interested in iron possibilities but they never started drilling because they could not get an option on enough land. Probably the most exciting time was in the summer of 1955 when a fire raged on the blueberry rocks across the road and Tommy and Ruby's home became a soup kitchen for fire fighters. The fire was stopped at the town-line of Torbolton but had crossed over



CUTTER RIDE

into March before rain came and saved the situation. The road to the Mountain had improved greatly over the years as hills were cut down and straightened but the number of vacant houses increased and more and more farms were given over to pasture.

For about 5 years following the Second World War, Tommy worked with the Agricultural Loans branch of the Soldier Settlement Board which was helping to rehabilitate weterans. The Division had its headquarters in Ottawa and covered all territory between Pembroke and Cornwall. At times this work

CHARLOTTE

Besides various trips in connection with County Council work Tommy and Ruby had a very nice holiday when in company with Emma and Johnnie they went by train to Vancouver and visited Harry and Alice (Rowe) who had lived there since their marriage.

