

PIONEER DAYS

Away back in 1881 Mr. M. Dunn came to Lake Talon working for the C.P.R. building the track. The wages were \$1.50 on C.P.R. board in camps were \$12.00 a month also in private homes.

There was not roads just trails cut in the bush, no wagons or buggies. Homemade jumpers and a horse was the way people got around on. The material and provisions were brought up the Mattawa River into Lake Talon and over to Shields Point and Mr. Andrew Shields kept post office, store and hotel. He used to buy fur from the Indians and pay them with provisions. It was weighed by placing a board over a log and fur was placed on one end and provisions on the other and it had to balance.

When the C.P.R. was built past here, this place was called Lake Talon and R.glen was four miles west near Larochelle's crossing.

Later on the C.P.R. moved their station and also the name of Rutherglen to Lake Talon.

How Rglen got it name was Worthington and McIntyre contractors for C.P.R. Worthington came from Rutherglen in Scotland so he called it after his birthplace.

When the C.P.R. gang moved up in the winter, they used the ice on Johnston Lake and to where Deyell lives now. The snow was all gone, but the ice was good on the lakes.

In these days grain would be sold in the stook and 12 stooks long 24 sheaves in all and was sold for a \$1.00 a stook.

This story was written as told by Mr. Dunn of Rutherglen who has been Reeve of the Township for 52 years.

By Mrs. Chester Smith