

This book was started in April 1953 and closed at Christmas 1972. It therefore was twenty years being assembled. The first curator was Mrs. Henry Wilson. It was turned over to Mrs. Neelands and after Mrs. Neelands it went back again to Mrs. Wilson. In 1969 Mrs. Wilson resigned and Miss Mary McKenzie was elected to the office. She kept it almost four years. She added enough pages to fill the book and call it closed at the end of Bolton's Centennial year.

Some think the book of not much importance while others consider it very valuable. Your curator saw its importance different times when she was very anxious for some information but all sources of the information were gone forever. Surely it behooves us to think of those who have gone before us and also those of the present time who are adding something to the happiness of the local people.

"In every village of our infant country we have the quiet graves of those who subdued the wilderness, who beautified the land by their toil, and left not only the fruits of their labours, but the thoughts and feelings that cheered them in their solitude, to cheer and stimulate us amidst the inferior trials and multiplied enjoyments of a more advanced state of society." These words, well chosen and true were written by the great Canadian - Joseph Howe.

The previous paragraph pays tribute to the early settlers and rightly so but there have been four *or five* generations since (1972). Many of these later people are worthy of a story. Of course it is impossible to even mention everyone and your curator hopes no one is offended at relatives being left out.

Mary McKenzie, Curator

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