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Thirty-seven years have elapsed since the writer abandoned the roving but by no means unpleasant life of a British Tommy, doffing the bright scarlet uniform, the jaunty little forage cap, and the snowy white gloves of the dashing young sergeant of infantry, to commence a new and entirely different life in the backwoods; to don a suit of tiger like, striped homemade fulleloth, to engage in pursuits of which he had not the slightest knowledge or conception, having never before performed a single day's labor. Therefore it is no wonder, nor does he feel ashamed to confess, that he found himself as awkward a manipulator of the axe, the handspike and the flail, as ever came into the Stone Settlement.

Time and perseverance, however, is a universal and effectual remedy which enables the willing adventurer to overcome the many difficulties which may lie in his path, and when these difficulties are cheerfully and perseveringly encountered they merely form the stepping-stones to ultimate success, which has been clearly demonstrated by thousands of the early pioneers of this Canada of ours.

It is needless to dwell on the hardships and disadvantages encountered by the first settlers in their endeavors to make independent and comfortable homes for themselves and families, as they were much the same as in other parts of the province, and which has been often described by abler pens than mine, and well known to the thousands throughout this broad land, who, to-day, are enjoying the fruits of the arduous toil of those who came before them.

For the information of the rising generation who know nothing of the experience of their fathers and grandfathers, of their arduous task in transforming the primeval forest into the smooth fields and meadows of to-day, and which are now cultivated with so little manual labor, it may not be inappropriate to give a brief sketch of the early history of this settlement, and relate a few of the disadvantages under which the first settlers were compelled to labor.

The first family to arrive as settlers on this line, were Mr. and Mrs. John McArthur and their four children, from East Gwillimsbury and settling on lot 10, in 1852. Towards the close of the following year every lot along the line, except 8 and 9, were taken up, but the settlers had not yet arrived. Next came Mr. Wm. Stone from Innisfil and secured the two lots (8 and 9), which had been passed by, and after making such preparations for the reception of his family as time and circumstances would permit, he left for Innisfil, returning to Artemesia with his wife and seven children to settle in their new home, in March 1854, thus becoming the second family to settle on this line, and from that time to the present, this section has been known as Stone's Line or Settlement. With Mr. Henry Stone now lies the claim of being the oldest resident.

The new settlement was not, however, destined to remain long in its primitive state. New arrivals followed closely on the heels of the first comers, the ring of the axe was heard in every direction, small clearances were made, rude log shanties were built, and roofed with bark or clapboards; wreaths of smoke were to be seen curling upward through rude chimneys of mud and sticks from a spa- built in a corner or at one end of the shanty, or perchance from a stove-pipe protruding through the roof of those who were fortunate enough to own a stove. Lumber was scarce and a quilt might occasionely be seen hung in the doorway as a substitute for the door in front of which the small children were playing in their bare feet, or perhaps taking care of the yet smaller ones; the bigger boys assisted their father to chop and enlarge the little clearing, or neatly piled the brush as it was chopped from the trunks of the fallen trees; while the patient housewife was kept busy from morn till late at night in her endeavors to make the pioneer home as snug and comfortable as existing circumstances would permit, and everybody seemed happy and contented in their new surroundings.

The work of chopping and clearing went steadily on; small fields were sown with grain. The grain around stumps which the old V shaped harrow had left uncovered was covered with the hoe, a heavier and much clumsier instrument than the hoe of these days. In harvest time the grain was cut with the reaping hook, stacked near the shanty, threshed with the flail, in many cases being pounded out with a stick on the shanty floor, then carried outside where it was winnowed by dropping it into a sheet spread on the ground, the wind blowing away the chaff. There were no grist mills convenient in those days and the farmer had to take his grist on a homemade sleigh (or jumper, as it was called) drawn by oxen, to Durham, picking the best way he could find through the bush, the roads not being then open. The journey to the mill and back generally occupied three or four days and even longer should the miller be found very busy, as each man had to await his turn to get his grist ground.

Another arduous task was the breaking up of the new land; this was done by oxen, there were no horses in the settlement in those days, and the rising generation should be thankful that their patience is not often tried and their ribs as often punched by ploughing a network of green roots in the stumpy fields, as were those of their forefathers. The hardy industrious settlers still continue their work of improvement, and when the writer arrived in September 1866, this section had to a great extent lost the appearance of a new settlement. With one or two exceptions all the first settlers were still living on their homesteads, their sons and daughters had grown into sturdy young men and women, now able to relieve their parents of the heavier portion of their labor; or into rosy cheeked boys and girls who were of material assistance in the easier occupations of the farm when not at school. The clearance on each farm had increased to thirty or forty acres, most of the old shanties were replaced by commodious and comfortable log houses. Mr. Stone had built and was occupying a substantial stone house, and Mr. McPhail a spacious roughcast house apposite. On most of the farms were also erected good log barns and stables, a number of which yet remain, though some are replaced by new and improved frame buildings. The stumps had nearly disappeared from the original clearings, and the clearings were fenced off into smaller fields; the roads, too, wherever they were opened were in a fair state, though in some places there were long stretches of bare and very uneven corduroy roads, which made travel very unpleasant. These crossways, however, have entirely disappeared, not a vestage of them are to be seen to day. Most of the farmers were now owners of horses and waggons, though a yoke of oxen was usually kept on each farm for the purpose of logging and breaking up new land, and the condition of the farmer and his family was to a marked degree, comfortable and happy. Still the settlement was in a back country, thirty five miles from the nearest railway, or market town. All work on the farm was performed by hand, there being no machinery of any kind, (threshing machines excepted) in the country. The grass was all mown with the scythe, buxom lasses raked and bound in the hay and harvest fields, frequently building the loads and driving them into the barn, and everything moved along in those good old days as smooth and cheerfully as a wedding march.

There was certainly less money in circulation in those days, but there was less demand for it; people lived more frugally and dressed plainer; the flour barrel was kept replenished by the grist ground from the farmer's own wheat, the larder well stocked from the hog pen, the sheepfold and the poultry yard, and the dairy from the sleek looking cows, grazing in the pastures or roaming in the woods feeding on the young browse and cow cabbage which there abounded. The family table was laden with coarse but substantial and healthy food. The many delicacies of the present day were seldom brought into requisition, which may perhaps, to some extent be responsible for the less frequent visits of the doctor in those days. Then the male portion of the family dressed in good stout homemade fulleloth, while the female vied with each other in their comfortable dresses of homespun and homemade flannel of various patterns and bright colored stripes, which were in perfect harmony with the rosy cheeks and healthy appearance of the cheerful wearers. These and many other comforts being the products of the farm and with but little outlay, the scarcity of money was not to be so much deplored as in these days of progress, when so much cash is required to keep pace with the times.

(To be continued.)

Maxwell

Last week's budget.

Died—On Sunday night—at his late residence, on the Kinnear farm, Mr. W. George Ottewell passed peacefully away in his fifty-second year. The funeral will take place to-day. Mr. Ottewell was a son of Mr. Geo. Ottewell of the 12th line of Osprey. He was born at sea while his parents were coming to this country. They first settled in Pickering township and afterwards moved to Osprey. He spent most of his life in Osprey and had to endure many disadvantages in the pioneer days. He married Mary, daughter of Mr. Douglas, Feversham, who now survives him. They have been prosperous and lived comfortably together. Mr. Ottewell has been ailing all summer and has had to keep his bed for the last three or four weeks. He passed peacefully away on Sunday night. Mr. Ottewell was a stauch Methodist and a good honest citizen. His relatives have the sympathy of the whole community.

THIS WEEK'S ITEMS.

Clemes—Ewing—On Wednesday, Oct. 14th, at the residence of Mr. J. Phillips, half brother of the bride, by the Rev. T. Scott, M.A., Mr. Robt. Clemes of Osprey, to Miss Emily Ewing of Toronto.

Rev. Sinclair of Eugenia and Scott of Maxwell exchanged pulpits on Sunday last.

Rev. J. S. I. Wilson, B.D., will preach the anniversary sermon of the Methodist church, Maxwell, next Sunday at 11.30 a. m. A fowl supper will be served in the hall on Monday night. The choir and Miss Allie Joy of Flesherton will assist with the singing.

Kimberley

The young men of Kimberley enjoyed a scrub hunt on Saturday, the captains being Hugh Hammond and Fred Stuart. Fred's side was victorious by about 1100 points. Two foxes were secured in the fusilade, Geo. Stuart securing one and Fred Lawrence the other. There are hints afloat that the hunt extended over more than one day. A choice supper was put up by Mine Host Currie at expense of the losers.

A deer strayed over the mountain and into the village on Thanksgiving day. It was chased by dogs from its haunts on the east mountain.

Mr. John Hammond, of Toronto, was home for the holiday.

Mr. Bishop's new brick veneered residence is an up-to-date structure and is an ornament to the village.

Mr. Reid took possession of his new blacksmith shop a fortnight ago.

Mr. R. D. Carruthers is out of town—presumably in Muskoka assisting the Reform organization there.

Miss Bricey Magee, who has been visiting friends here, returned to the city on Monday.

Charley Stewart, who is attending Meaford Model school, spent Thanksgiving at home.

The apple crop has not been a very large one in the Valley this year. Those who had them got $1.25 per barrel, so we are informed.

Mr. Wm. Cook of the 4th concession of Sullivan had a valuable draught mare killed by lightning during the severe electric storm which visited this section on Wednesday of last week. The mare and her mate were standing together in the Baptist church shed at the time and her mate was not affected by the lightning. She was a valuable animal and, the loss, though partly covered by insurance, is considerable.—News.

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128 yards Coating Dress Serge in navy and black, full 56 inches wide, made from pure wool worsted yarn, very suitable for customers or separate skirts, good value in regular way at $1 per yard. Our price only 68

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