

Nomination Meeting

A Meeting of the Municipal Electors of the Township of Esquesing will be held in Esquesing Community Hall, Stewarttown, on

Monday, November 29th, 1954

at 7.30 o'clock in the evening for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors for the year 1955, and two members of the School Board of Township School Area No. 1 for the years 1955-1956.

K. C. LINDSAY, Returning Officer



CAMPBELLVILLE IN EARLY DAYS is depicted in these reproductions of old post card pictures. At left is a view of the village shortly after the turn of the century, looking north over the station. At right is a photograph of John Turner taken in



1908. Station-master Turner was a floral hobbyist who always had plenty of blooms and plants in and around the station, as the picture evinces.

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Halton's Pages of the Past

Campbellville Has Aspects of Modern Living Combined with Rugged Beauty of Bygone Era

BY GWEN CLARKE

This week we are featuring the village of Campbellville. As with other columns there will be omissions. We are not attempting to write a complete history of Halton. That, at present, is beyond our scope. We are merely doing what we can to present a few "Pages from the Past." To cover the entire history of any particular section in one column is impossible. We leave it to our readers to fill in the gaps. Many of them know far more of the history of Halton than is contained in these columns. But of what benefit is that knowledge unless it is shared with others or recorded for generations yet to come?

Campbellville is a busy and prosperous village in the Township of Nassagawunn. It has all the aspects of modern living combined with the rugged beauty of a bygone age. Situated on the Guelph Road it is within easy commuting distance of Milton, Hamilton and Guelph. It has a bank, post-office, two stores, feed mill, lumber and coal yards and is the headquarters for dry dust insecticides known throughout Canada — the King Calcium Products. This industry was started in 1905 by W. O. Morse on the site of the old woolen mill. Succeeding him were Charles King, Wm. Vansickle and S. W. Moore.

Campbellville was named after John Campbell who came to Canada in 1831 with his wife and five children. They crossed the ocean

on a sailing vessel and were six weeks on the water. After landing at Montreal they came sometimes by boat and sometimes on foot through rough, virgin forest until they reached Campbellville. Here John Campbell built a typical pioneer shanty. Then, after setting up a saw-mill, he surveyed the village and named the streets, Colin, Queen and Mary Streets. Later he gave land for the first cemetery. In every pioneer community there seems to have been a saw-mill and a grist-mill which formed the nucleus around which the village grew. As settlers moved in churches and schools were built. Then came stores, taverns and local industries.

Campbellville has always been a well-wooded district, but perhaps the original wilderness of the terrain can better be imagined by the following by-law passed by the township council about 1870. "A By-law for the Destruction of Certain Wild Animals." Any party claiming bounty for killing a bear (1) catamount, lynx or wildcat is required to produce witness that such an animal was killed within the Township. (Catamount sent us scurrying to the dictionary where we found the animal described as a "wild mountain cat.")

Still Descendants
Not many descendants of the pioneer settlers are left in Campbellville, but there are a few. Mrs. Allen Moore and Miss Jane Reid are grand-daughters of the first John Campbell. They are also cousins, once removed, of the late Agnes McPhail, first woman to sit in the House of Commons at Ottawa. Miss Rita Hubbert, the present village post-mistress, is a daughter of Richard Hubbert, and grand-daughter of Michael, the first village shoemaker. Father and son were both famous for their well-made Hubbert boots and shoes. Mrs. Robert Menzies is the widow of Robert, son of James Menzies, who set up his blacksmith shop in 1857. He was always busy and kept two men fully occupied as well as son Robert. James Menzies was also well-known in public and municipal life. He was Warden of

the County in 1885 and County Treasurer from 1896 to 1904. Other pioneer names found in Campbellville today are McPhail, Garrett, Elsley, McLaren, Black, Mahon, Agnew, and probably a few others.

There were at least three hotels in Campbellville before the days of prohibition but the places changed hands so much it is hard to figure out which belonged to whom. Wm. Easterbrook had a tavern on the site of the building now occupied by the Bank of Nova Scotia. He sold out to Andrew Kerr and took over the Colborne House where Early's Garage now stands. Farther along the Guelph Road was the Cargill Hotel, a big stone building. It is now a private residence, minus seven bedrooms that were taken off one end of the building.

Angling Ground
In the old days business men certainly believed in advertising and thereby boosted their own community. Take this for instance: "The neighborhood of Campbellville has long been famed for being the best angling ground in Canada West. In consequence the streams and millponds are teeming with fine speckled trout. While enjoying their favourite amusement sportsmen can have the very best accommodation at Wm. Easterbrook's Hotel where choice liquors and every delicacy of the season can be had at reasonable rates. There is a daily Stage, excellent stabling and attentive and careful hostlers. In season, hunting in the vicinity is equal to any in the county. Proprietor—Andrew Kerr, successor to Wm. Easterbrook."

In the 1880's there were several stores in Campbellville. James Kidney ran a general store where Mrs. Elsley now lives. It changed hands many times. One owner was D. D. Christie who also owned two lime-kilns. Mr. Christie was probably an astute businessman as he also opened a store in Milton and frequently ran full-page advertisements in the Canadian Champion. On one of his trips to England to purchase merchandise he took with him 1,000 barrels of apples for sale or exchange.

The present "Corner Store" was first opened by Lister and Kidney and then successively by two Elsleys, uncle and nephew, followed by Brian Cramp and now by W. A. Collier.

Carriage, Furniture Business
In 1891 Wm. Johnston started a carriage and furniture business where the King Calcium Company now has its office. He was also an undertaker and later moved to Acton where he opened an undertaking parlour.

The woolen mill was owned by one Vickerman, who did a considerable amount of custom work. The mill burnt down and was eventually converted into a chopping mill and a plant for making concrete tile. And it was here that the first experiments with dry dust insecticide were carried out.

A brick plant, owned by Lewis Brothers, was in operation for a few years. The clay had to be hauled from near Lowville for a distance of four miles. This proved too costly so the plant was eventually sold to Murray Crawford who set up a lumber mill and coal yard on the site. The business is still operated by the Crawford and Mahon families.

The main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway goes through Campbellville to Guelph Junction. At one time the station was on the opposite side of the track. It was an attractive little building answering the dual purpose of station and dwelling house for the station-master, John Turner, who also had a wonderful flower garden and house plants. The new station was built on the present site when the first one burnt down.

More to Come
Campbellville is proud of the fact that one of its native sons was honored by the presence of two prime ministers at his funeral. This was Thomas Blacklock, journalist, and a senior member of the Parliamentary Press Gallery at Ottawa. He was born in 1873, died at Ottawa in 1934 and was brought to his native village for burial. Attending the service at Ottawa was Sir Robert Borden, Prime Minister R. B. Bennett, Hon. Hugh Guthrie and Hon. R. J. Manion. Top ranking representatives from practically every news agency in Canada were also present. Pallbearers for the funeral in Campbellville were James Scram, Andrew and George Allen, Robert Menzies and W. M. and Wm. Blacklock.

There is more to be written about Campbellville that must wait for a later date and will be included in "The History of the Guelph Road." (Next feature: Kilbrides "Timothy Eaton")

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