



**Church Magazine Honors Teacher**

Miss M. Z. Bennett is honored in the April edition of the United Church Observer. With her picture is the following article.

**Teacher for 25 Years**  
Miss M. Z. Bennett is teacher of "The Friendly Circle," a Sunday School Class in Acton (Ont.) Church which was organized under her leadership 25 years ago. Girls in the Sunday school are reaching 19 graduates into this class, which has thus become a link between the Junior Classes and the Bible Class for adults.

It began with seven girls and is now a class of over 70—one of the strongest organizations in the Acton Church. Members have come and gone but Miss Bennett has remained to give leadership to the group, which has contributed much to the spiritual and material welfare of the Church.

For working purposes the class is divided into four groups. Of the \$1,000 raised yearly, 90 per cent goes into direct projects of the Circle and also provides teachers for the Sunday School.



HORNBY AND ITS NAMESAKE are shown in these reproductions of old photographs. At right is Hornby Castle, in Great Britain, which lent its name to the present Halton county village. At left is Horn-



by shortly after the turn of the century showing, from left, Hornby Orange Hall, Farleton Baptist Church, Old Red Lion Hotel.

**Halton's Pages of the Past**

**Fortunes Made and Lost in Hornby, a Village Of Vanished Industries and Altered Business**

BY GWEN CLARKE

The village of Hornby, five miles north-east of Milton, is located in two townships—Esqueving and Trufalgar. Hornby West is on the Seventh Line Esqueving and the Base Line between the two townships. Here we find the present post office and general store, the Orange Hall, Biffon's Garage and the village school. Hornby East is on the Base Line and Seventh Line Trufalgar and includes St. Stephen's Anglican Church and the Canadian Pacific Railway station.

Hornby is the site of many vanished industries; a village where fortunes were made—and possibly a few were lost. It was settled about 1818 and so firmly did the pioneers put down roots that many of their

direct descendants still live in and around the village; and many of the finest farms in the county may be found adjacent to the village.

Thus we may still come across well-known pioneer names such as Brain, Brownridge, Brooks, Cowan, Chisholm, Cunningham, Fisher, Hall, King, Lindsay and many others.

**Romantic Touch**

The story of how the village got its name has quite a romantic touch. As was usual the district was first known only by its lot and concession number but as it reached the status of a village the choice of a fitting name became necessary. For this purpose five prominent pioneers met together. They were Robert Barker, John Howson, Thomas Preston, Robert Hall and Robert Atkinson.

The first named—Barker—was elected chairman. From the names suggested those considered most favorably were "Hornby" and "Farleton." Before a vote was taken it was agreed the losing name should be given to the Baptist Church soon to be built. The vote resulted in a tie. The chairman was then called upon to break the tie. He voted in favor of "Hornby" which had been proposed by John Howson.

Why was Hornby suggested? We have to go back to the Old Country to find the answer to a romantic story linking the Old World with the New.

John Howson was born in Lancashire in 1775. He married Ann Foster of Melling Parish. There were 11 children. The first-born was named Ann who later married James Skirrow. The Skirrows were English "gentry" and their country seat was "Hornby Castle"—the exact location we have yet to discover. Religious fanaticism was rampant at that time. The Skirrows were strict adherents of the Church of England. The Howsons were Baptists. No doubt the marriage was solemnized without parental blessing—or so one

would suppose—as James Skirrow was subsequently disinherited because he had married a Baptist.

**Perpetuate Hornby Castle**

In 1821 James Skirrow and his wife Ann came to Canada and settled on the Seventh Concession. For a time they kept a store at Hornby. It would appear that Ann Skirrow spoke well of Halton County in letters written home to her father in England as, in 1831, after the death of his first wife, John Howson and seven of his children came to the Esqueving-Trufalgar borders and settled near the Skirrow family.

Obviously the desire to perpetuate the memory of Hornby Castle among the children of James Skirrow was behind John Howson's suggestion that the newly incorporated village be called Hornby. Many years later, Dr. Mary Preston, while travelling in England, visited Hornby Castle. Giving an account of her visit she mentioned having stood in the grounds of the Castle, and looking up had thought: "But for the difference in religion, my great-grandmother's children might have lived in this grand old ancestral hall."

The name of the village having been decided upon the name of "Farleton" was duly conferred upon the little Baptist church. But Farleton belonged to more than the church. A busy little "suburb" sprang up in the hollow just north of Hornby and became known as Farleton—now long since disappeared. Here in the hollow were two big lumberyards and sawmills. There also were a number of workmen's houses, the Farleton Baptist church and, up on the hill, the residence of George Cook.

**First Hornby Hotel**

In 1825 Robert Atkinson and Thomas Preston built a steam sawmill on Lot 3, Concession 7. After doing a good business for 20 years they rented the mill for a time. Eventually it was sold, first to Robert Hall and then to George Cook. The business continued to expand until Mr. Cook was cutting a million feet of lumber annually, most of which was teamed down the "Plank Road" to Oakville Harbour and thence across the lake in schooners. The lumber provided profitable winter work for the farmers, and the land, when cleared of the massive pines, proved to be excellent for growing wheat. In 1863 John Irvine built a sawmill on the east side of the 7th Concession. He also did a good business.

Naturally, to keep pace with such a thriving community there had to be churches, schools, stores and taverns. The first Hornby hotel was

built in 1830 by John McKinsey, whose son later became Senator McKinsey. The hotel eventually became a general store, known as the McMillan Store. In 1835 Gillis Adams opened a tavern—the Rosin House—on the east corner. There was another on the south corner run successively by Mr. McCollum, W. Woody and Fred Smith.

In Hornby West the first hotel to be built was owned and operated by a Mr. Henry. This was later replaced by "The Red Lion Hotel" built on the same site and run by David Lindsay. It was a very popular place of business and carried an excellent reputation for the accommodation it offered to traders and travellers, both men and women.

**History of Hornby**

After the hotel ceased to function as such it was converted to a general store. William Lindsay kept store for many years but eventually sold out to Harry Robertson. By this time Farleton Baptist church had discontinued its services so the building was moved to the rear of Robertson's store and was used as a storehouse. During Mr. Robertson's ownership the store and the old church were burnt to the ground. The store was rebuilt and still does a good business under the present owner, W. J. Thompson.

At one time, the enterprising John White, M.P. also owned a general store at Hornby East. This was managed by a Mr. Duggan. Other storekeepers from time to time were Crawford, Kyle and Johnson. Then there was John Simpson who made an excellent living at custom tailoring. One of the largest potteries in the county was at Hornby East. Mr. McCluskey had come from the Old Country and was known far and wide for his skill as a potter.

In 1844 John Brain built a brewery on the northern fringe of Hornby East. It was a log building with a capacity for using 300 bushels a year. This was soon replaced by a large brick building where 10,000 bushels of hops each year were converted into beer, said by those who had reason to know, to be of excellent quality. A small village of workmen's cottages was grouped around the brewery as the industry provided profitable occupation for a large number of men. John Brain's sons, John and Edwin, succeeded their father in the brewery, eventually selling out to a Mr. Kemp. Now the old brewery is nothing more than a derelict landmark and the cottages have long since disappeared.

(To Be Continued)

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**VETERAN MEMBER**  
Hampton, N.B. (C.P.)—Samuel William Sprague received a 70-year medal from the Masonic Lodge. Actually he was initiated 72 years ago, at age 23, by Corinthian Lodge No. 13.

**BIG CONTINGENT**  
Saint John, N.B. (C.P.)—Provincial executive of the Boy Scouts Association hopes to send between 150 and 200 New Brunswick scouts to the big jamboree at Niagara-on-the-Lake Ont. this summer. It will cost each scout about \$100 for the trip.

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