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**Mr. Joseph Motherhill Celebrated Eighty-Second Birthday Recently**

HAS OFTEN SEEN THREE TIMES AS MUCH SNOW

Twenty years ago half a dozen men armed with shovels accompanied a team of horses in an effort to clear country roads of snow drifts which had made them impassable, recalls Joseph Motherhill, of Brampton, who celebrated his eighty-second birthday recently.

Mr. Motherhill at that time was farming on lot 29, fourth line, west of Chinguacousy. He was born on that farm and was the third generation to work it, his grandfather, Robert Motherhill, having settled there following his emigration from Yorkshire, England. Mr. Motherhill is a son of the late Joseph Motherhill and Elizabeth McKane. His grandfather was one of the very early settlers of the township and occupied a farm deeded by the Crown over a century ago.

Some parts of the road were drifted to such a depth that the horses could make no progress and it fell to the men with their shovels to clear a narrow passageway. That was the time before the comparatively recent introduction of snow plows. Mr. Motherhill explained that there was a road made up of every five feet and he was responsible for supervising the clearing of the roads.

In spite of the amount of snow that has fallen so far this winter, Mr. Motherhill said that he had often seen three times as much snow during a winter.

"I used to walk two miles to school as a child through a good deal more snow than there has been this winter," he remarked. "I can remember when the snow was deep enough that with a crust formed on the top we could take a short cut to the school-house, across the fields without encountering any fences, which were buried under the drifts."

Longevity seems to be hereditary in the Motherhill family for Mr. Motherhill's grandmother, in spite of the rigours of pioneer life, lived to be 103 years of age.

"But I believe that people are living longer now than they used to do," he observed. "Work today is so much easier than formerly, with the chores of the farm that used to be done by hand now being performed by machinery, and the same in other industries. And of course that is the cause of so much unemployment."

Mr. Motherhill disagrees with the educational system which, he says, is training the students to want nothing but "white-collar" jobs. He considers that the best education for a prospective farmer is to be hired out for a few years under one who has made a success of the farming industry. He expressed his opinion that the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph is not worth the money with which the government had to subsidize it last year.

Mr. Motherhill started his training

as a farmer early and at the age of thirteen took part in his first plowing match which was held on lot 17, fifth line, west, Chinguacousy. In spite of the fact that he was the youngest taking part he carried off the first prize. Many plowing matches since that time have witnessed him as a competitor.

Mr. Motherhill left his 300 acre farm and moved to Brampton nineteen years ago. Fifty acres still remains uncleared of its bush growth, and he recalls that the removing of the stumps of trees a few years ago required patience. There would be no cultivation of the land that had just been divested of its growth that year nor for a number of years for it was customary after the timber was cut for the stumps to be allowed to stand for approximately ten years. At the end of that time they would make them easy to remove, either by pulley or by burning them out.

Mr. Motherhill is a member of Grace United Church and in politics is a staunch Liberal.

Mrs. Motherhill died four years ago, but previously her husband celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on November 22, 1932.

Mr. Motherhill told of a coincidence in his family that is of equal interest with many recently related by Claire Wallace in Tea Time Topics. Mr. Motherhill was one of three children, two boys and a girl. Mr. Motherhill had three children, two boys and a girl, and each of Mr. Motherhill's three children has three children, two boys and a girl.

Mr. Motherhill has now one son living, Rev. Elmore Motherhill, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Kirkcubright, Scotland, where he went for his health twelve years ago. His daughter is Mrs. J. A. Willoughby, of Toronto. The other son, Oliver, who practised law in Alberta, died about five years ago.—Peel Gazette.

**THE LIE DETECTOR**

"There is actually no lie detector," says the Journal of the American Medical Association. The present status of the question is controversial. The underlying principles may be sound but these as well as the apparatus in use are exceedingly complicated except to a trained medical psychologist or a forensic medical expert or to an operator skilled in the use of delicate machinery. There are many polygraphs or lie-detectors in existence. The best and highest priced ones are so complicated that they are useless for practical purposes.

"The inevitable result," says the Journal, "is that the majority of those using lie detectors for police departments and commercial firms have no knowledge of underlying principles and are using the method as a psychological third degree."

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