

Georgetown's Joe Martin Older Than Canada Itself

crete block house, which is standing to this day. There are no longer members of the Martin family living in it, however.

Looking Back

Looking back, Mr. Martin can recall awaiting the weekly paper from Toronto, then Little York, to discover how the Boer War was progressing. He talks, reverently, of the incredibly peaceful and silent Sundays, when the Sabbath was truly treated as such. He says that after the church service, everyone sat down to a large and succulent dinner. Then people usually read the Bible, or took a short walk across the fields to visit a neighbour or just sat with their thoughts or held sporadic conversation.

He remembers, too, when Caledon East consisted of one log hotel, one log store and a blacksmith's shop and remembers visiting the site where one of Peel County's early grist mills was being built. It was the Millburn Mill on the Third Line of Albion where they afterwards made flour and whiskey at the same time.

The fast pace of today's living neither impresses Mr. Martin nor distresses him. Almost with a quiet satisfaction, he tells of taking an entire day and night to drive his team of horses to Toronto, with a cart laden with butter made by his wife, eggs, chickens, ducks, geese and grain, and how after he had sold his goods the next morning he would have a bite to eat then begin the long trek home again to the Albion hills. It was part of his way of life — he accepted it, was content with it, and so looks back on it with affection. He admits that, one way and another, he saw many ups and downs, but he does not regret any of them and if he had to live his life over, he would do again, exactly, as he did before.

Mr. Martin's schooling took place only during winter months. Spring, summer and fall, he worked on his father's farm. He loved working the land, and chose to become a farmer, living off the land until his retirement, after his 70th birthday. While helping on the farm, he became "crazy about horses." He was allowed to have his own horse from which he bred and raised standard bred horses. He trained them for racing and when only 19 entered his favourite steed in the annual July races at Orangeville. The horse's name was Valentine and it and its owner won a purse of \$100, a great deal of money in those days. At times, Mr. Martin had 10 horses on his farm, bred and raised by himself.

Married at Home
On June 4, 1890 Joseph Martin married a Caledon maid, Clara Sanderson. The ceremony was performed in her home near Belfountain. They went to live on the Martin farm and raised a family of three boys, John, Clinton and Fred and two girls Hazel and Edna.

The eldest son, John, inherited his father's passion for horses. He breeds and raises standard breeds at his home in London, Ont. The second son, Clinton, died 12 years ago and the youngest son, Fred, is a station agent at Concord.

For the past 21 years, Mr. Martin has lived with his eldest daughter, Hazel and her husband, G.W. Glasgow. His youngest daughter, Edna (Mrs. John T. Armstrong) with her husband and three sons, also live in Georgetown.

Until 1913, Mr. Martin and his family lived in a log farmhouse, and he declares, it was a wonderful home. He purchased the farm opposite to the one he inherited from his father, and just prior to the First World War, built a large con-

Long Life

Asked to what he attributed his longevity, he replied that his father lived to good age — 94 — so it must be partially inherited. Mainly though it is simply being "content with your lot," he said.

He said he had a very happy married life. His wife died in 1940, aged 74, and his home was always filled with laughter and song. He admits that a piece of worldly advice, given him by a 90-year-old Irishman, Mike Grady, on his wedding day, helped him. Mr. Grady told him, "Don't both ever get mad at once." It worked like a charm. On the rare occasions Mrs. Joseph Martin did get cross, well Mr. Joseph Martin kept an amicable silence, and all was well in no time at all.

His family, horses and music, all played a large part in making Mr. Martin's life worthwhile, and they continue to do so. Another thing he loved, too was step-dancing. An acquaintance of his youth spent time in the United States learning step-dancing, and Mr. Martin picked it up from him.

He danced and sang and played his 'bones' at dances and gatherings, right up to a few years ago. When he was 90, he was invited to compete in a dancing contest at Shelburne and carried away a prize of \$50, winning over men considerably younger than himself.

What are 'bones'? Four ebony sticks, like ribs, that are held two in each hand, and clicked rather like Spanish castanets.

Mr. Martin hasn't a pet theory to ensure long life. True, he doesn't smoke, but he might have done, had he waited. He tried to smoke when only nine and that cured him for ever.

A Mr. and Mrs. Wallace were visiting his parents, Mr. Wallace a magnificent figure, sitting in his buggy smoking a fine briar pipe. The pipe fascinated young Joe and he just had to try it. After consent from the pipe-smoker and his parents, Joseph Martin took a couple of deep lung-filled puffs of

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tabacco — he was sicker than he had ever been, before in his young life. He never wanted to smoke again and he never did.

He is not against drink, although he does not make a habit of it himself. He approves of a little brandy for medicinal purposes, but maintains that the most satisfying thing to possess throughout one's life is contentment.

A truly contented man, Joseph Martin almost 101 years old, continues to enjoy life to the full, even to reading the newspaper and studying old faded photographs, without the aid of spectacles.

Charley's Aunt Plans Two Day Visit to Town

Charley's Aunt started out from London in 1892 and arrives next week in Georgetown. In her travels she has become the most famous Aunt in the world with her story translated into every known language.

Often hailed as the funniest play ever written, 'Charley's Aunt' will be presented by the Georgetown Little Theatre as their special Christmas production.

Charley's Aunt, from Brazil (where the nuts come from), points out that she will only be in town, only Friday and Saturday evenings (December 9th and 10th) in the high school auditorium. For the children there is a special 10 a.m. Saturday morning matinee.

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