

Terra Cotta Man, 96 Pioneered in Early West

Thomas Mansfield, who lives with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Doole at Terra Cotta, has a tremendous store of knowledge about early days in the Canadian west.

This one of two parts of his story, as it appeared recently in the Brampton Times and Conservator, where Mr. Doole is publisher.

Thomas Drummond Mansfield, 96, on September 23rd, recalls Sir John A. Macdonald's election posters flanked by Union Jacks with the rallying slogan, "Get Behind the Old Man, the Old Flag."

Mr. Mansfield, whose forebears, the Mansfields and the Dicksons, floated squared pine timbers down the Ottawa river to Montreal in the days before J. R. Booth and the Bronson family in the heyday of Ottawa's lumbering years, has witnessed a grand slice of Canadian history.

He was born in Drummond Township, Carleton County. His parents, James Mansfield and Caroline Dickson, farmed for a time near Perth. When Tom was 10 his father and he set out a head of the family to drive the herd to a new farm home on the Rideau River at Manotick. It took three days on foot. For a lad it was a long journey, and on the last night he clung sleepily to a cow's tail to help guide him through the dark.

The farm, Meadowbank, remained in the family until Mr. Mansfield's younger brother, Lee, sold it to real estate developers a few years ago.

The beautiful old stone farmhouse still stands, and Tom can remember Sundays of long ago when his fastidious mother insisted on highly polished harness and carriage for the trips to church.



THOMAS DRUMMOND MANSFIELD

Caroline Dickson Mansfield, Morden had sold his cattle the previous year, but when the fall round-up came in three head with his brand were spotted, and he sent Tom and another cowboy down to cut them out.

Cattle grazed the open range in the summer, and the big ranchers sent a man each to the fall round-up. The big cattle drives were over then, and Mr. Mansfield recalls that only 200 head were brought up in 1902.

In the winter the cattle were turned out to rustle for themselves, and if the winter wasn't too hard they generally survived. Some ranchers put out hay for their cattle, and if the winter wasn't too hard they generally survived. Some ranchers put out hay for their cattle, others, like Kettles, the storekeeper at Pincher Creek, kept a cowpoke riding among their herds to cut out and bring in any that were getting thin.

At that time, the cattle buyers came out to buy, and the cattle were loaded into rail cars at Brockle siding, six miles from the Mansfield homestead, which was called Halifax ranch. Later cattle auctions at Pincher Creek became the established way of doing business.

Barbed Wire
Ranching was driven back into rough country as more homesteaders arrived to string barbed wire around their quarter section grants to protect their grain crops from straying herds.

The spring of 1903, when Mansfield and a playfellow were finishing a house for Dore, six miles from Frank, they heard and felt a loud rumble which they identified as thunder. Two days later, when they finished the job and rode back to Pincher Creek, they learned the rumble had been the famous Frank Slide which buried the entire community.

When Edna Oliver came to Pincher Creek as a fill-in teacher, she applied for a permanent school for the next term. The petite Miss Oliver was born in 1878 in Ingersoll, Ont., and lived during her girlhood in Portage La Prairie, Man.

Halton First to Experiment With Schooling Year-Round

The first experiment with year round schooling will take place in Halton County when the new Lord Elgin High School is opened in Burlington in September, 1970.

Halton school trustees last week accepted a report which outlined a program of schooling on a 12 month basis at Lord Elgin.

Construction on the school has started but has been delayed by strikes.

The trimester system proposed by Wayne Burns, principal-designate of the new Lord Elgin School in Burlington divided the year into sessions from September to January, from January to June and a third division for July and August.

The student could then proceed with Grade 13, start work or try to get early admittance to university. "We want the third semester in July and August to remain flexible. Students could pick up one subject such as Home Economics, Shop, Theatre Arts or Physical Education in a month by taking it all day during the third semester," Burns said.

Halton Education Director James Singleton, said: "As far as I know, this will be the first time it has been tried in Ontario although there are experiments in all kinds of semestering throughout Canada."

Car Wash Successful Event for Ventures

Fourth Georgetown Venturer Company held their first car wash Saturday, a very successful project at Delrex Sunoco Station at the corner of Guelph St. and Sinclair Avenue.

Jim Rea, Tom Smarda, Bruce Suceer, Mike Warman, Bob Lyons, Jim Colter, and Rick Grue washed 58 cars between 10 a.m. and four p.m.

Venturers are Boy Scouts between the ages of 14 and 17 years. Dan Crawford is their Advisor.

Venturing helps a boy make full use of community resources, reach for maturity through activities as being at adult level, participate in a variety of cultural and social activities have fun and co-ed activities.

Venturers gain recognition through adult skills, driving licenses, ham radio licenses, hunter safety awards, etc.

Halton 4H Field Crop Club
Corn: 1st, John Nurse; 2nd, Ken Austin; 3rd, Joe Anderson; 4th, Philip Agnew; 5th, John Alderson.

The above mentioned 4H members are eligible to exhibit their corn samples at Erin Fair.

Halton 4H Sheep Club
Showmanship: 1st, Keith Aitken; 2nd, David McKinnon; 3rd, Doug Gardhouse.

Breeding Eve Class: 1st, Janet Hunter; 2nd, Doug Gardhouse; 3rd, Keith Aitken.

Market Lamb Class: 1st, David McKinnon; 2nd, Keith McKinnon; 3rd, Susan Currie.

Picket Premier Exhibitor At Black and White Show

Halton County Holstein breeders had a decrease in numbers at their Black and White show held Sept. 27 at Milton. Eighteen exhibitors brought out 76 head, compared to 28 exhibitors and 106 head in 1968. Judge C. M. Bottema, of Bridgeport, Indiana, continually commented on the high quality of the show, and both the exhibitors and rineside were well pleased with his fast, efficient work. They appreciated his helpful comments on the classes.

For the first time, Claude Picket, Georgetown, was Premier Exhibitor and H. C. Reid, Milton, Premier Breeder at his show. H. C. Reid and Howard Tarzwell, Georgetown, tied for second place as Premier Exhibitor, and Gordon Sinclair & Sons, Burlington, second for Premier Breeder.

The first prize aged cow, Oak Ridges Texal Peg, shown by Claude Picket, was Senior and Grand Champion. She has won at many shows in the past few years. The first prize four year old cow, Romandale Sylvia Honey Bea, shown by Howard Tarz-

well, was Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Champion. The senior yearling heifer class contained both Junior and Reserve Junior Champions, with Plumbroke Nellie Supreme, shown by H. C. Reid, standing first as Junior Champion. The Reserve was Besview Mark Sue shown by Bert Stewart, Hornby.

The Grand Champion bull was the Junior Champion, Glenafon Rocket Future, shown jointly by Claude F. Picket and James W. Carney, Georgetown. The Reserve Grand Championship went to the Senior Champion, Romandale Maple Toro, shown by Howard Tarzwell. The Reserve Junior was the first prize bull calf, Surodana Marquis Appollo, shown by T. H. McGee, Norval, had a tall, sharp dairy calf who was Reserve Junior Champion for Howard Tarzwell at the recent Canadian National Exhibition. Claude Picket had the winning heifer, first junior yearling heifer, and first get of sire, a group by Thornlea Texal Supreme. T. H. McGee, Norval, had the winning heifer calf, and Reserve Junior Champion for Howard Tarzwell the first prize progeny of dam, a pair from Romandale Honey Maple. Last year's Grand Champion, Maple-ning dry cow, the first prize 2 or Perseus Maisy won the inter-year old heifer, first 3 year old breed best udder class.

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