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With rich farm lands and prosperous towns  
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With modern country lots.

Where industry in broad expanse  
Grows year by year;  
Where strangers find a solid ground  
From far or near;

And villages with old landmarks  
Take on new life and start to grow.  
Tis things like these, I guess,  
That make us love our county so!  
Laura B. Dixon

In the year 1951, Canada counted more than 2,500,000 automobiles on the road, including 600,000 trucks.

There was one advantage to the old style wall telephones. The gals had to stop talking when their legs gave out.

### 200 MEMBERS GATHER FOR EIGHTH BROWNRIDGE FAMILY REUNION SAT.

On Saturday, July 5th, 200 members of the Brownridge family held their Eighth Family Reunion at the Brampton Fair Grounds.

Great would be the surprise of Thomas Brownridge, who emigrated to Canada in 1819 from Yorkshire, England, if he knew that in 1952 he would have over 500 descendants extending to the sixth generation born in North America.

In 1822 he married Eliza Ward of Islington and they homesteaded on Lot 4, Concession 7 of Esquesing Township, where seven sons and one daughter were born to them. This homestead has been continuously in the Brownridge name for over 130 years and during this time has welcomed six newly wedded couples.

The present owners are Mr. and Mrs. Ward Brownridge, who are living in the original house built by Thomas Brownridge. On the farm, in the family cemetery, are buried Thomas and Eliza Brownridge and Thomas' brother, William, who came with him from Yorkshire, England.

The first reunion held in 1908 and all since that time have taken place on the homestead but due to the increasing numbers larger accommodation was necessary this year.

The officers elected for the next Reunion, which is to be held in 1955 are: Hon. President, Mr. Foster Brownridge, Milton; Hon. Secretary, Miss Emma Brownridge, Toronto; President, Mr. John H. Brownridge, Toronto; Vice-Presidents, Mr. Jehu Guthrie, Toronto, Mr. Earl Arthurs, North Carolina, Mr. Ward Brownridge, Georgetown; Secretary, Miss Florence Lyon, Brandon, Manitoba; Treasurer, Mrs. Richard Bailey, Mount Dennis.

Directors: Mrs. Forest Halcomb, Riverdale, Michigan; Mrs. Herbert Wheeler, Belgrave, Ontario; Dr. Boyd Arthurs, Arcade, New York; Robert Arthurs, Kingston, Ont.; Mrs. Gordon Feathergill, Hamilton; John R. Brownridge, Toronto; Mrs. Robert Crozier, Milton; Mrs. Evelyn Laidlaw, New Britain, Conn.

Those retiring from office are Mr. Ellery Brownridge of Brampton, president and Mr. John Irvin of Toronto, vice-president.

On the reception committee were the following members of the second generation: Miss Mary Brownridge of Milton who is 90 years old, Mrs. Robert Biggar of Milton, Miss Emma Brownridge of Toronto who was 84 on the day of the reunion and Mr. Foster Brownridge of Milton. Also on this committee were Mr. John R. Brownridge of Toronto; Mr. Thomas Brownridge, of Georgetown; Mr. Ellery Brownridge of Brampton and other members representing the third generation.

Head of the active Sports Committee was Mr. Jehu Guthrie of Toronto assisted by John H. Brownridge of Toronto.

Presentations were made to the following persons: Miss Mary Brownridge of Milton and Mrs. Robert Biggar of Milton, who were the two eldest direct descendants present. Miss Diane Brownridge of Brampton, three weeks old, was the youngest direct descendant present. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Biggar of Milton were the longest married couple present—58 years. Mrs. Wallace Berry of Edmonton, Alta., was the person coming the greatest distance to attend the reunion.

A highlight of the event was an historical display of the old family group pictures, pioneer implements and tools and, as a result of an extensive research of one of the members, Mr. Wilfrid Irvin of Toronto, a detailed Genealogical Chart. This chart which he began as a hobby has now become so indispensable that Mr. Irvin has become the official Family Historian.

During the noon hour meal an illuminated scroll was presented to Miss Emma Brownridge in recognition of her many years of faithful service as Secretary.

Among those attending were: Dr. Roy Brownridge, Birch Hills, Sask.; his daughter, Mrs. Wallace Berry, Edmonton, Alta.; his son, Robert J. Brownridge of Kingston, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. Austin Brownridge and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lyon of Brandon, Manitoba; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cowling of Crandall, Man.; Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Halcomb and family of Riverdale, Michigan; Mr. Earl Arthurs of Charlotte, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. George Brownridge of Riverdale, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Brownridge and family of Lansing, Michigan; Dr. W. Body Arthurs and family of Arcade, N.Y.; Mrs. Fred Arthurs, her daughters Doris, Betty and family; Dr. Stewart Fisher of Bourlambaque, Que. The majority of the family attending were from Ontario.

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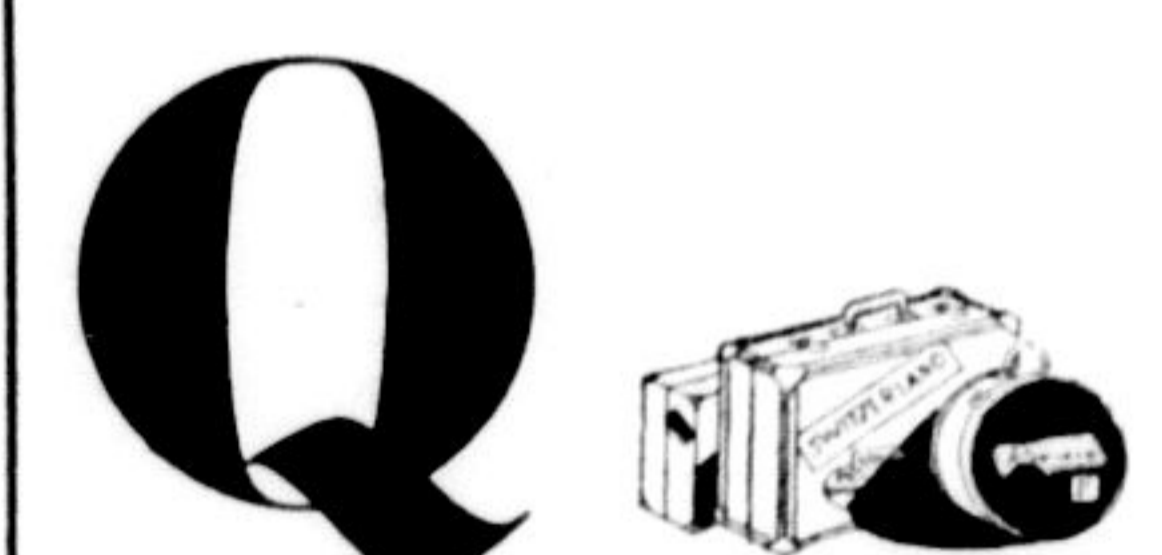
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