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Pickering Pioneers of Hundred Years Ago

Settlers Came First to Altona About 1830—Monkhouse Store
Established in 1857 by Present Owner's Father—The
First School House.

(Paper by Mrs. T. Dunkeld Before the Altona Women's Institute)

At the dawn of our provincial history some two hundred odd years ago, we find, according to the records of the French Missionaries, several Indian villages in existence on the north shores of Lake Ontario. The Indians who inhabited these villages were of the tribe of Seneca's, one of the famous Five Nations or Iroquois. Their ancestral territory was south of Lake Ontario with the great forest that stretched from the Niagara to the Hudson, but a considerable portion of the tribe seem to have made permanent homes for themselves on the northern shores of the lake, attracted doubtless by the game and fish which were there, easily obtainable in rich abundance. The French Missionaries M. Fenelon and M. Troupe had established missions in two of these Indian villages, one in Prince Edward county, the other where Port Hope now stands, and in the year 1669 M. Fenelon proceeded still farther westward to a third village, Gandasetiagon, on Frenchman's Bay. This village was later to become one of the best shipping ports on the lake, all the grain and timber from this section being teamed and shipped from there. Now, nothing remains to show any signs of these activities and the lake shore has become a summer resort. In passing we may say that an Indian burying-ground was in later years discovered near the present Atha school. In 1791 the Constitutional Act was passed which divided the province of Quebec into the two provinces, Upper Canada and Lower Canada. On Feb. 22nd of the same year, instructions were issued from the Surveyor General's Office, in Quebec, to one Augustus Jones, to survey and mark the front line of a row of townships from the mouth of the River Trent to Toronto, and to carry the side of each township back one mile. It is interesting to note that the work was completed in the fall, by the surveyor and the ten men he was to employ, the time being 79 days, the salary \$34 11s. 3d or \$172.80. The survey of the township would seem to have been completed and some few settlers located in the township before 1796. The first township meeting was held on the first Monday of March, 1811, when a town clerk, assessors, collectors, path-masters, pound-keepers and wardens were chosen. The census of the township at this time was around 180 persons. In 1811, Centennial year, a suitable celebration was held at Brougham, the population of the township at this time being near the 6,000 mark.

How Altona Settled
The year 1830 marks the beginning of a new era in the history of Upper Canada. It is estimated that 34,000 settlers entered the province in 1831, and during the four years, 1829-1832, fully 160,000 were added to the population. Pickering Township had its growing time in this period in common with the rest of the province. It was during this period that the communities in which we are interested, namely Atha and Altona, received their influx of settlers. Among the first settlers to come to the eighth concession was Nathan Bentley, who came in 1831 and purchased the bush farm, lot 32, con. 9, where he resided continuously till his death in 1874. One of his daughters, Mrs. C. McAvoy, remained on the farm until the death of her husband, the owner now being Mr. A. Carruthers. The Lehman family seem to be one of the next to come. Daniel Lehman came in 1833, bought the south half of lot 35, con. 8 and in 1835 he and his bride settled on the farm. He erected a sawmill, which continued in busy and successful operation as long as he lived. After his death in 1867 one of his sons, Abraham, continued to operate the saw mill, which was later transformed into a chopping mill. The mill at this time is not in use, but the property still remains in the family. Mr. Ell Lehman, being the present owner. John Bell, a native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, came to Canada, with his wife, in 1834, and settled on lot 28, con. 7. One of the sons, John M. Bell, married and remained on the homestead, making stock-raising a prominent feature of his farming activities. His daughter Mrs. Peter Stewart, and her two sons, John and Peter lived there until the death of

the former, also the son John, and the property was then purchased by Mr. Joseph Byer. Michael Nighswander and his wife, Susannah Barkey, came in 1838 and located on lot 34, con. 7. In 1845 he erected a sawmill on the farm in which he did a good business for 45 years. Their family numbered ten, two sons, Michael and Tillman lived on the homestead until their death, and the property is now owned by Mr. Kirton. The Whitson family also came from Scotland, settling on lot 26, con. 7, in 1839. One of the sons John, lived at lot 28, con. 8, and since the death of their parents, the two daughters Misses Ella and Georgie, still reside there. Samuel Hoover of Markham purchased lot 34, con. 8, on Oct. 13, 1843. It was then known as Mercer's Swamp, having been granted in 1806 to Andrew Mercer on his fulfillment of the settlement duties. In 1847, Abraham Hoover, a son, with his wife took possession, a house having been built and about 10 acres cleared prior to that time. He became the owner of about 400 acres of land and the only farm still belonging to the original Hoovers is that owned by Mr. J. B. Hoover, the others now being owned by Mr. Tran, Mr. Louis Hoover and Mrs. W. MacDonald. Adam Spears, a native of Scotland, settled on lot 29, con. 7, in the forties and established a sawmill on the stream running through the farm. Large quantities of lumber were teamed from here to be shipped at French Man's Bay. This mill was continued in operation by his son James till about fifty years ago. The property is now owned by Mr. Frank Bibby. Other pioneer names familiar are, Lapp, Brown, Lott, Harrison, Hisey, but all of these have now left the district and others have taken their places.

The First Yaké Family
One of the earliest settlers in the Altona district seems to have been the Daniel Yaké family, who came about the year 1804 to north half of lot 33, con. 9, Pickering. They came overland to Canada from Pennsylvania, with their family, their little effects and three cattle. Of the children only Michael remained in Pickering. About the year 1816 he married Jane Vanzant by whom he had a family of twelve. One of the daughters, Polly, married Mr. Jones, and spent all her long life on the farm at lot 1, con. 2, Uxbridge. The farm still remains in the Jones name, Ralph and Mary, still residing there. Another son, Abijah, also lives in Altona, his name long being connected with the Union Sunday School. One other name familiar to Altona people, was that of Monkhouse. Joseph Monkhouse came from Cumberland, England in 1849 and began storekeeping in Altona the following year. In 1857 he married Christina Reesor and leaving the store began milling, at the mill built by Abraham Reesor. In 1865 his wife died and in 1871 moving to lot 32, con. 9, now owned by Mr. Wm. Reesor, and for twelve years managed the farm. His second wife was Elizabeth Kester. Besides being a successful business man and farmer he was interested in public affairs. He served ten years on the council. On his brother's death he returned to the store and remained there until his death in 1903. He was succeeded by his son Willis J. Monkhouse. At an early date, Samuel Nighswander built a mill at lot 31, con. 9. For a number of years this mill was operated by Mr. Cliff as a woollen mill, later by Mr. Enos Nighswander as a grist mill, and now by Peter Nighswander as a cider mill. Daniel Barkey was born in Whitechurch township in 1824 and settled on north half lot 28, con. 9, in the early forties. He was a preacher of the Mennonite faith and lived to a ripe old age. The farm is still in the family and occupied by his grandson Charles Barkey. Other pioneer names familiar were Peter Reesor, Samuel Hoover, White, Jacob Stouffer, MacFarlane and Millard.

They Valued Education
A large majority of those who settled in Pickering in the earlier days, were men of fair education, and among them there were not a few who received such training as fitted them for business of a public kind, such as drawing contracts and other legal documents, keeping accounts and recording the minutes of religious and other public gatherings. Such men valued education and were careful at as early a date as possible, to establish schools in which their children might enjoy its advantages. Practically nothing is known of school life in the township till the period of the thirties. It is probable that there were small gatherings of children under instruction before that time, but the formal building of schools, and their systematic maintenance begins about that time. The first schools were rough log structures, crudely chinked and plastered, with

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No less than three counties have petitioned the Ontario Government for permission to call in their outstanding debentures, to reissue them at a lower rate of interest. The governments virtually do this, why not the counties? And then if the counties have the right, why not the individual, who is struggling to meet interest charges at 6 and 7 per cent. Fact is, the private borrower stands as much in need of relief from burdensome interest charges as any class or group, but nothing is done to improve his lot.

How Governments Can Help Farmers
Surely there should be some lightening of the farmer's burdens. The federal government can help him by allowing him to buy his implements and his clothing in the cheapest markets, by not imposing a tax on such a necessity as sugar, by allowing the farmer to have a radio license-free. The provincial government can help the farmer by turning over to the municipality in which the farmer lives a generous proportion of the gasoline tax. A large part of the farmer's tax burden is municipal, including roads and education, and the provincial governments could help the farmer by helping the municipality to a much greater extent than at present with direct grants—Newmarket Era

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