

Brooklin Flour Mills Complete 100 Years Service

Way back in 1848 a man named Campbell became the proud owner of a brand new flour mill at Brooklin, Ont. Today, 100 years later, the same mill is still turning out pastry flour for citizens of Ontario County and the surrounding district, so write Blake Kirby in the Oshawa Times.

Held over the century period by a succession of eight or nine owners, the mill has for the last 29 years been operated by W. C. Wilson, latterly with the aid of his three sons, Alfred, Winston and Vernon. Although there were 18 flour mills in the district when Mr. Wilson took over the property, this is now the sole survivor, having outlived them all.

In the "good old days" the power to grind the flour was provided by the waters of a stream which flowed between earthen banks which are still visible just behind the brick building. During its life, the "old mill" has also been operated by a gasoline engine, by hydro-electric power, by steam, and by the modern diesel engine which today crunches in the basement of the three-storey structure.

The original mill is a brick building, rectangular in shape, which stands with its east end on a steep slope leading down to a river. The basement opens out on this level, and it was formerly used as a stable.

Original Mill Still Remains

Although the original mill still remains, several additions have been tacked on to its sides since Mr. Wilson became its owner in 1919. At one end is an office, and at the other a warehouse. Trucks and wagons draw up to the north side to deposit their grain and to ship the flour and other milled grain to many points.

Although it is the only flour mill in this district, its activities are not restricted to flour milling exclusively. All kinds of grain are taken in, milled, and mixed to order for the neighbouring farmers and dealers.

Two brands of flour are produced there, XXX Pastry Flour and Marvel Pastry Flour. Both are exactly the same, and always have been but such are the tastes of buyers that many will refuse to accept any but their favourite of the two. In a year's time 80,000 bushels of wheat are processed into flour, in addition to all the other grains that pass through the mill.

Three Sons in Business

It is not really surprising that three of Mr. Wilson's sons are engaged in the business, for milling seems to be in the family. Mr. Wilson first learned the trade in his father's mills in Maystone, Kent, England. In 1909 he came to Canada and took over the management of a mill at Greenwood. While there he married Christine Trimble and they later had a family of six sons and one daughter.

Mr. Wilson moved from Greenwood to Port Colborne, where he worked for the Maple Leaf Milling Company. His brother, Ronald A. Wilson, is now superintendent of this same mill.

After working at Port Colborne for five years Mr. Wilson came to Brooklin, where he has owned and operated his own mill ever since. The mill is now doing six times the business it did when first Mr. Wilson took it over, and it is twice the size.

Flour Making Simplified

Almost everyone has some hazy idea of the process of making flour, but very few really know how it is done. The rough wheat which enters the mill is first cleaned and prepared for the milling process. It is then put through a series of four "grinding" operations, each step reducing the grain still farther, until at the end it is the familiar fluffy white flour which goes into cakes and pies.

In the final steps of the reduction of the grain, it is so fine that it is sifted through the meshes of a revolving silk screen before it is finished.

After 100 years, the mill is not quite what it used to be in spots, and right now the basement supports are being strengthened to ensure perfect safety. But it is still substantially the same spot that Mr. Campbell seemed so proud of 100 years ago.

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Udora Postmaster Retires

James N. Umphrey, postmaster at Udora, ten miles north of Uxbridge, is retiring in favor of his son Keith. Mr. Umphrey is also a general merchant. He recalls that he took over in 1908 when eggs were only seven cents a dozen, and butter 11c a pound.

Udora is in Scott Twp., York County, close to the boundary of Ontario County and the Township of Brock.

The opposition store in the hamlet is conducted by W. O. Webster, also a veteran of long standing, and secretary of Scott Fair Board.

PASS THE HORSEMEAT

Saskatoon, Sept. 25—Horsemeat will go on sale shortly, it is announced by the management of the Saskatchewan Federated Co-operative Association. The meat, supplied from processing plants in Edmonton and Swift Current, Sask., will retail in one-pound tins at a probable price of 23 cents.

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Farms Suffer Lack of Rain Southern Ontario

Despite the heavy thunderstorms in some places early last week, farmers still need rain in Central, Western and Southern Ontario, especially around the Niagara Peninsula, says R. G. Boyd in an article in the Evening Telegram. In Grey, Wellington, North Simcoe, York and Northumberland they have enough moisture to germinate winter wheat seedings but, up over the escarpment where most of the Niagara wheat is grown, E. F. Neff, of St. Catharines, said they barely had enough rain to lay the dust.

T. S. Cooper's remarks for Grey County were typical of many areas. "We could still stand a 24-hour rain," he told The Telegram. "Agricultural representatives agreed that more winter wheat would be sown than anticipated a week ago. In Grey and Simcoe, Mr. Cooper and S. L. Page say the crop has not been held up very much by dry weather. Both expect a little more will be planted than last year.

According to R. C. Banbury, farmers in Northumberland are still plowing to sow winter wheat. He expects a normal crop—a little less than last year's acreage.

Dust at 4 Inches

W. M. Cockburn, York, and S. B. Stothers, Wellington, predict much smaller acreages. Mr. Cockburn said some farmers were still plowing to plant wheat but that the rain had not penetrated deeply enough in many parts of the county. At Richmond Hill they are turning up dust at 4 inches. Moisture is still a factor, but both men cited another reason for the reduced plantings.

They explained that the acreage of this year's harvested crop was abnormal. A year ago last spring farmer's couldn't get the usual acreage of spring grains sown because the land was too wet. As a result, the land left in summer fallow was planted to winter wheat. Of the two, Wellington seems to be the hardest hit. Although the rain improved conditions over a week ago, Mr. Stothers still expects only half the normal acreage will be sown. Mr. Cockburn placed the acreage for York at "a little under normal."

Generally speaking, few crops with the exception of pasture and winter wheat will benefit directly from rain at this time of year. Moisture is needed to soften ground for fall plowing but the bulk of the plowing is not done in most counties until October. At present, farmers in general farming areas are finished harvesting spring grains. A few are barn threshing, with the majority filling silo, digging potatoes, or attending fall fairs.

Last Peaches

In the fruit belt, growers are harvesting the last of the peach crop (Albertas), a few late plums, and beginning to harvest late grapes, Niagaras and Concord.

Mr. Neff expects the grapes to be a bit small, doubts whether the crop will be as heavy as it might have been with more rain. "We don't know yet how much the rain will benefit them," he told The Telegram.

Reports on apples suggest that their size will vary with the amount of rainfall. In most districts late varieties are expected to be smaller than usual, although Grey County reported MacIntoshes bearing heavily and top-notch quality in all varieties. "We have an exceptional crop of the highest quality of apples ever grown up here," said Mr. Cooper.

An unusual amount of drainage work is also underway in Grey at present. Two wet springs, Mr. Cooper says, have shown farmers the need for it. Because of the shortage of labor during the war, farmers let the natural outlets fill up. Now, more machinery is available for the work and farmers have more money to spend on ditching. "When farmers get a little extra for the crops they produce," said Mr. Cooper, "everybody, in urban as well as rural areas, benefits."

Although light frosts are reported



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In several counties, they were not early enough to catch the flue-cured tobacco grown in Simcoe North. S. L. Page said that tobacco growers at the extreme north of the county, two miles from Cedar Point, harvested an excellent crop—22 tons from 40 acres. If they had had more rain, he believes the yield would have been higher.

Flin Flon, Manitoba, is named after a mythical prospector, Flintabaty Flonatin, who came to a land where gold was so plentiful they used tin for money.

Royal Fair Chairman

Major General Churchill Mann, C.B.E., D.S.O., has been appointed Chairman of the Horse Show Committee of the Royal Winter Fair. At present General Mann is Vice-Chief of the General Staff in Ottawa but it is expected that he will be retired from the army in the near future.

He, his wife, and family, all enthusiastic about horses, have a notable stable of hunters and have met with considerable success in the hunter divisions of recent horse shows. From 1929 to 1935 General Mann was a member of the Canadian Army Team which took part in the International Competitions at New York, Boston and Toronto.

General Mann is a Director of the Toronto and North York Hunt, a member of the Eglinton Hunt and has been on the Horse Show Administrative Committee of the Royal Winter Fair since 1946.

In World War II General Mann went overseas in 1939 as a Captain on Headquarters Staff, First Canadian Division. He finished the war as Chief of Staff, First Canadian Army with the rank of Brigadier.

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