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Markham Township Population Unchanged Over 75 Years

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 from Dorsetshire, England, in 1820, and built a residence on the bluff overlooking the Don. The early settlers of Thornhill were principally English. Among the pioneers was Mr. Parsons, another emigrant from Dorsetshire, who as associated with Mr. Thorne in several business enterprises. An English church was organized in Thornhill at an early date. One of the first incumbents was Rev. Isaac Fidler, who attained some celebrity as the author of a book entitled "Observations on Professions, Literature, Manners and Emigration in the United States and Canada." It was a good deal in the style of Mrs. Trollope, Capt. Basil Hall, and other early British critics of American democracy. Rev. Geo. Mortimer subsequently occupied the pastorate. He was a man of earnest spirituality and energetic temperament; though not physically strong, his labours for the advancement of the cause of religion were unremitting. He died suddenly in the midst of the active duties of his sacred calling. Another incumbent of this church was Rev. Dominic E. Blake, brother of Mr. Chancellor Blake, and uncle of Hon. Edward Blake, at present leader of the Reform party in the Dominion Parliament. Rev. Mr. Blake came to Canada in 1832, from the County Mayo, Ireland. Like most of his family he was a man of unusual mental calibre. His death, which was sudden and unexpected, occurred in 1859. His successor was Rev. E. H. Dewar, author of a book published at Oxford in 1844, entitled "German Protestantism and the Right of Private Judgment in the Interpretation of Holy Scripture." His thorough acquaintance with the condition of religious-faith in Germany was gained while residing at Hamburg, as chaplain to the British residents in that city. His death occurred at Thornhill in Thornhill in 1862. It will be seen that the English congregation of Thornhill was exceptionally favoured for a village community in the high intellectual standing of its successive clergymen.

An advertisement published in the Gazette of May 16th, 1798, shows that at that time salmon was caught in large numbers in the Don at this point. The announcement offers for sale by auction a valuable farm, situated on Yonge Street, about twelve miles from York, and after expatiating on the richness of the soil and other inducements, adds, "above all it affords an excellent salmon fishery, large enough to support a number of families, which must be conceived a great advantage in this infant country." The present population of Thornhill is upwards of seven hundred. Three or four miles north of Thornhill, on Yonge Street, is the incorporated village of Richmond Hill, which is partly in the township limits. It will form the subject of a separate notice. A short distance to the north of Richmond Hill in Markham was the residence of Colonel Moodie, who was shot at Montgomery's tavern in the troubles of 1837. Colonel Moodie was a retired officer of the regular army, having been Lieut.-Colonel of the 104th regiment, and having seen service in the Peninsular war and the struggle with the United States in 1812-13.

The Toronto and Nipissing Railway enters the township from the south in the fifth concession, and proceeds in a northerly direction to Unionville, then making a considerable easterly detour to the village of Markham, and from that point it runs north-easterly to Stouffville, in the north-east angle of the township. The latter village is partly embraced within the limits of Whitechurch, and, with Markham village, will be dealt with separately.

Unionville is the place of meeting of the Township Council, and is pleasantly situated about two miles and a half west of Markham village, on the River Rouge. The population numbers about three hundred. Smith's "Canada" published in 1851, states that it then contained "about two hundred inhabitants, a grist mill with three run of stones and a saw mill, two churches, Congregational and Wesleyan Methodist." It is a thriving and prosperous community.

Buttontown about two and a half miles west of Unionville, was named after Major John Button, who came to Canada in 1799, and after a residence of two years at Niagara settled in Markham. He raised and commanded a troop of cavalry, known as the "York Light Dragoons" which did good service in 1812. His sons William and Francis, were members of the body, the former being lieutenant. In 1837, the family were again to the front, John Button as major and Francis as captain. Col. W. M. Button, at one time reeve of the township, is the son of the latter. The smaller unincorporated villages of the township include Gormley's Corners, Almira, Victoria Square, Headford, Cashel, Milnesville and Mongolia, in the northern portion; and Dollar, Brown's Corners, Hagerman's Corners, Milliken, Cedar Grove and Belford to the south.

Mennonites Plan For Leper Colony

Paraguayan Project Is "Thank You" for Accepting Refugees
 Paraguay has 30,000 lepers and only about 200 of them are taken care of. Building a leper colony for these unfortunates will be the latest project of the Mennonite Central Committee.

Announcement of the leper project was made last week by Cornelius J. Dyck, director of the South American program of the Mennonite Central Committee. Visiting the Canadian headquarters of the Mennonite relief agency here, Mr. Dyck said the leper colony will be a "thank you" to Paraguay for accepting 5,000 Mennonite refugees from Europe.

After the war Mr. Dyck was in Germany helping to administer Mennonite relief supplies from Canada and the United States and endeavoring to make possible the emigration of a large number of Mennonites to Canada. At that time the Canadian immigration rules proved insurmountable but overtures to the government of Paraguay filled the gap for at least 5,000 European Mennonites who were accepted into Paraguay.

These new settlers have an extremely hard time and still endure pioneer conditions. But they, and the entire Mennonite community of North America, are so grateful for the haven that they wish to show their appreciation through building the leper settlement for Paraguay. They have been assured assistance by the American Mission to Lepers at New York.

Arriving in Paraguay in 1947, the Mennonite settlers have endured two years of crop failure and rigorous hardships such as Mennonites settling in Manitoba 75 years ago faced. But prospects for a crop this year and continued relief from North America have given them continued hope.

Mr. Dyck, in North America on a short visit, will be returning to the Paraguay field in May.

He said Mennonites settling in Paraguay from Canada have not been helped by the Mennonite Central Committee. They took implements, supplies and money with them.

The European immigrants arrived with absolutely nothing. Developing into a great program since opening of the last war, the Mennonites' world-wide relief work is to become a permanent phase of Mennonite church program.

"Alleviation of suffering all over the world," was the way C. J. Rempel, director of the Kitchener headquarters described it.

The Mennonite program since the war has been for all nations, races and creeds. At one time in the worst postwar days in Germany the Mennonites were feeding German children en masse. It was estimated the food handouts to children were the equivalent daily of having two guests every day at each Mennonite home in North America. Similar free food handouts were made in Austria, France, Italy and Poland.

Turning back to Paraguay, Mr. Dyck said the Mennonite Central Committee hopes these Mennonites will soon be self-supporting and have adequate sources of income. But regardless of how soon this day comes the Mennonite relief aid program will continue and grow throughout the world.

"Actions speaks louder than words," said Mr. Dyck. "If you tell a poor widow woman in Paraguay or any other country to be of good cheer because the Lord will provide, this assurance is not as powerful as when she is given some immediate material assistance by a worker."

Mr. Dyck said belief that Mennonites are interested in the welfare of their own people alone and that they have little concern for other citizens of countries in which they settle is a mistaken one. The proposed leper colony is one proof of that. Many of the European Mennonite immigrants of Paraguay will give their time and skill in building the colony and operating it.

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WILLIAM HENRY COWAN

William Henry Cowan, 68, well known in insurance circles and associated with the Western Assurance Co. for 30 years, died in Toronto last week.

Born at Greenwood, Mr. Cowan was a member of one of Pickering Township's pioneer families. He was a member of the C.O.F.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jean Weier; two daughters, Mrs. J. D. Rodgers, Indiana, and Mrs. J. A. Butcher, Willowdale; a son, Dr. Robert J. Cowan, Vancouver; and a sister, Mrs. A. J. Little, Agincourt.

DR. EDWARD A. JONES

A former resident of Whitby and a native of Pickering Township, Dr. Edward A. Jones passed away at Winnipeg on March 23 in his 78th year.

The deceased spent his earlier years in Whitby. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Jones of Pickering Township and he attended Whitby public and high schools. He left Whitby to enter the medical school at the University of Toronto and upon graduation, first practised in Toronto and later in the West. He had been in

Winnipeg for many years. Surviving are his wife, Donnell McRae, two sons, Dr. Edward Jones and McRae Jones, both of Winnipeg, one sister, Mrs. James Horlop, Whitby, and one brother, W. P. Jones of Balsam. Funeral was held in Winnipeg.

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9.45	5.45	2.00	10.00	Bay and Edward	8.40	9.35	5.20	9.35
10.10	6.10	2.25	10.25	Danforth and Luttrell	8.10	9.10	4.55	9.10
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10.35	6.35	2.50	10.50	Malvern	7.45	8.45	4.30	8.45
10.38	6.38	2.53	10.53	Brown's Cor.	7.42	8.42	4.27	8.42
10.40	6.40	2.55	10.55	Town Line	7.40	8.40	4.25	8.40
10.50	6.50	3.05	11.05	*Cedar Grove—Markham	7.30	8.30	4.15	8.30
11.00	7.00	3.15	11.15	Locust Hill	7.20	8.20	4.05	8.20
11.05	7.05	3.20	11.20	Green River	7.15	8.15	4.00	8.15
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