

The first cheese factory of the township was built about ¹⁸⁶⁰ 60 years ago by Mr. J. D. Knowleton, a mile and a half north west of Crosby. Then Mr. T. C. Singleton an owner of several factories, built one across the road on the property owned now by Mr. Earl "eady. He sold to Mr. J. H. Singleton and he built the present factory owned and operated by Mr. L. C. Emmons. Mr. Edward Halladay leased property across the road from Mr. James Stout and built the cheese factory and residence in 1895. After his death his son operated the factory and in 1905 sold to Mr. Wing Derbyshire of Forfar. The following winter the factory was burned. This caused the death of Mr. Derbyshire shortly afterwards due to contraction of pneumonia. In 1906 Mr. R. E. Derbyshire, a brother rebuilt and the factory and residence is still owned and operated by him. It is now electrically equipped and prominent in modern cheese making.

Stephen Knowleton settled $\frac{1}{4}$ mile north of Crosby on the property which borders Newboro Lake much of which was submerged when the Rideau Canal was built.