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THE 1901 CENSUS

In the last Newsletter, Patti Mitton talked about the great amount of information that was now available through the release of the 1901 Census. On Patti's advice we purchased a copy of the Microfilm Reel and also a Print-Out of the huge sheets on which the information was entered by the 11 individuals of Osgoode who took the Census. Our microfilm reader was not in tip-top condition because of the breakage of a small mirror. Through the expertise and kindness of Terry Colley of Dalmeny, we now have a clearer picture on the reader than we have ever had. Terry manufactured himself a suitable mirror, installed it and thoroughly cleaned the machine. He has been supplying us with bulbs as well since we first were given this reader in 1973.


It was our good fortune to have 2 of our members, Roger and Ora Bradford, sufficiently adept with their Microsoft program to be able to lay out a spread sheet suitable for recording the important information from the Census. With these sheets already available, there has been sufficient interest that we are now practically finished recording the 100 pages of the primary part of the information. A great deal of checking will be required, but with the Print-Out we were able to have several people working at the same time. The Township was divided into 11 groups of its people, beginning at the Rideau and ending in the 11th Concession on the border of Russell.

There has been a tremendous amount of good work done by members of our Society; Shirley Lowe, Bob Usher, Norma Morrison, Ora Bradford (20 pages) and of course Bonnie Abel (our summer student) and Donna Bowen. Now we need volunteers to work in pairs and find errors and decipher names yet unknown. To help us in deciding on some names we use the 1891 Census, the Assessment Rolls and the Collectors Rolls for 1900 and 1901 and the knowledge of those who know the families in question. With continued support, perhaps we can have our own print-out for sale before the end of the year it will be put on sale. But before that happens, we need a meeting of interested members to discuss the layout.

Some interesting observations; There were still a number of people alive in Osgoode who were born in another land and could tell the year of their immigration.

Zachariah McMillan age 81, born 20 April 1819, said he immigrated in 1832. His father, another Zachariah, said in the 1842 Census that he had been here 14 years. That means that he had come before his family. His first wife was Jane Brunton, the 2nd, young girl Betsy Bailey. Father and son both lived for nearly 100 years, one was 98 and the other 97.

A great many "Home" children were arriving at the end of the century. Wm. Reoch, age 22, born March 11, 1878, of of 3 brothers, all great singers, was living with Hugh McCallum. Wm. reported that he had come

 GROWING UP ON THE CASTOR; THE LAUNCHING

On Saturday July 24, 1993, the Historical Society's newest publication, "Growing Up On the Castor River" by the late Allison Dempsey, was successfully launched as part of the 1993 Pioneer Day celebrations. Over 200 people visited the display of Dempsey family artifacts and small display showing the progress of the book from the first handwritten stories to the final manuscript and the finished book. The book was officially launched with the help of Evelyn (Dempsey) Pelton, sister of the author and a major contributor to the book itself. Also present for the launching were James Dempsey, the author's brother, from Barrie, Ontario and members of the Harrison and Carson families, neighbours from the time when the stories took place. Over 80 copies of the book were sold the day of the launch and at least another 50 have been sold since. The true success of this venture will depend on the efforts off all society members over the next few months. When all copies printed are sold, the Historical Society will have enough money to publish another similar book. As agreed by the Dempsey family members, who provided the bulk of the publishing costs, all profits will go into publishing projects. If every member buys a copy for themselves and another as a gift for someone else, we will be well on the way to success. However, an even greater measure of success will be the use of this book in schools. Please mention the book to teachers and school librarians in your area and urge them to introduce our local history to our children by suing this book. The use of local materials that children can identify with, will become even more critical if the current school curriculum changes eliminate traditional history as a separate subject in our schools.

"Growing Up On The Castor River" is available for \$7.95 at the Osgoode Township Museum and by mail from the Osgoode Township Historical Society, and at the Keith Boyd Museum in Russell.

contributed by David Gray

IN THE COMMUNITY

The O.T.H.S. will be taking part in a "Back to School" project at the Vernon Public Library. Visual and audio displays have been planned. See it and hear it at the old brick school house.



1901 CENSUS cont'd

with Hugh McCallum. Wm. reported that he had come in 1881. He would have been age 3 at that time.

Rev. D.J. (Duncan) MacNab, now of Lafayette, Indiana has sent us a copy of his life story. His father had died when he was quite young and D.J. never knew his father's birthday. His father, Duncan, married widow Elizabeth Kennedy Ferguson and they lived beside the Fraser family in the 8th Concession. On that page of the census, Frasers, McNabs, McEwens and others have Gaelic as the mother tongue.

submitted by Elizabeth Stuart

THE BARN RAISING

A lot of time has passed since the days of threshing bees, wood cutting bees and barn raisings. Now why they call them bees, I have no idea but such was the case then as they had nothing to do with the making of honey. I am very proud to say that I have taken part in a few of these happenings, being a much younger man at the time.

Thinking of this brings to mind a story an old departed neighbor of mine used to tell. His father was a very avid sportsman in Highland games and had close relatives in Glengarry County. My neighbour found some letters in his father's old trunk, one of which was from his cousin in Glengarry. The story went as such -

A Barn Raising Bee was taking place in his farming area. The barn was to be erected at an adjacent farm but all of the men were to return to this cousin's farm house for the evening meal of good home cooked food. It was often the custom then to supply a little sip of traditional Scotch Whisky to compliment the workers. A small keg of spirits was acquired for the event.

The afore mentioned farmer said to the rest of the men, "We shall have to hide this while we are away as my wife is very fond of a few sips." Another suggested they should tie it to a rafter up in the barn. A very good idea another acclaimed. This act being accomplished, the men departed for the barn raising.

Shortly after the men were gone, the little lady of the house, knowing that there was some brew stashed on the premises, went in search of it. After a thorough search (Ah ha! There it is!), but how am I ever going to get some? After all, the men had taken all the ladders with them. After some deep thought, back she went into the house. On her return she had a maple sap bucket and the muzzle loading rifle. She fired a shot into the keg, down dripped the contents into the bucket. When the men came home for their evening meal, the little lady of the house was fast asleep on the couch and no dinner was ready.

This story is not intended to be slanderous to anyone, just a little humour of our past.

Murray Little



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

- * copying census
- * copying from microfiche
- * typing and clerical work

call the museum at 821-4062 if you would like a worthwhile project for a few hours either at home or at the museum



- COMING EVENT

Guest speaker at the Oct. 5th meeting of O.T.H.S will be journalist and author Peter Hessel, whose nationally syndicated column "Peter's Point" appears regularly in several local papers. Peter has 2 specialties; Ottawa Valley history and Canadian humour. His talk promises to combine both elements. The meeting begins at 8:00 p.m at the museum in Vernon.

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

From Experience '93 we were fortunate to have Bonnie Abel as a summer student. During her employment at the museum, she has worked on numerous projects and many displays have been changed and the archival storage area has been put in order. For the past few weeks, Bonnie (and our volunteers) have spent many laborious hours transferring information from the 1901 census onto forms. Thanks to everyone's efforts, approximately half of this part of the project has been completed.

Bonnie also aided in indexing and publishing our latest booklet - *Marriages, Osgoode Baptist Church Vernon, 1932-71*.

Our Society has benefitted from Bonnie's work and knowledge in the archival field. Bonnie has expressed an interest in continuing as a volunteer at the museum and we look forward to working with her again.

contributed by Donna Bowen



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

IN SEARCH OF THEIR ROOTS

Ms. Cheryl-Lee Madden, Vancouver, B.C. Great, great, great, granddaughter of Michael Fenning and his wife Sarah Jane O'Brien is anxious to learn more about her ancestral connection. Her request to the Ont. Genealogical Society in Toronto was the first introduction to Osgoode Township Historical Society. We are grateful to the O.G.S for sending Ms. Madden the information on the Fenning connection in Vols. 9 and 12 in *Pioneer families of Osgoode Township* by Michael Daley. Michael Fanning, noted blacksmith in the Township, whose neat and detailed account book dates from Aug. 1838 to 1862, still remains with a family descendent.

Herbert - On August 19, 1993, Chuck and Shirley Herbert of Manistee Michigan, descendants of Patrick Herbert and Bridget, hosted a Herbert Reunion. They were a pioneer couple of Herberts Corners, Osgoode.

by Michael Daley

NOTE OF INTEREST

by Michael Daley

Pioneer family of Osgoode struggle with the devastating and tragic death of family members. From the *Kemptville Advance* March 9, 1893. The paper reads -

Alex and Mrs. John Kennedy poisoned "Rough on Rats" in the porridge.

Coroner's Inquest.

A very sad and mysterious affair occurred in Kemptville on Saturday morning last which caused the death of one of our old citizens and the illness of others. About 10 o'clock in the forenoon the word was flying from one to another on the street that 'Sandy Kennedy', Mrs. John Kennedy and the servant girl are all poisoned and true enough, for ere a few hours had passed away, word was sent broadcast that poor Sandy was dead. Dr. Holmes had been called to give medical assistance. The three already named were found vomiting and in great agony when the doctor and neighbours arrived. Everything was done to prolong life but for no purpose in one case. Alexander Kennedy who was a bachelor and who lived with his brother John and family, had been in poor health for some months but no worse than usual last week. He arose about his accustomed hours, ate his breakfast, but shortly afterwards was taken with violent vomiting and purging. Mrs. John Kennedy was affected in like manner, while Lizzie Pool, the servant girl, was only troubled with vomiting. In fact, from the first, there was perhaps less hope for Mrs. Kennedy than for either of the others, but owing to the unfavorable condition of Alexander, it proved fatal in his instance. Dr. Buckley, coroner, Prescott, was notified and arrived Monday afternoon. The following jury was empanelled; Messrs H. Brownlee (foreman), J. Martin, A. Patterson, W.H. Mundle, R. Parkinson, E. Sproule, G. Perry, W. Corbett, W. Eligh, Jas. Anderson, C. Waterton, E. Cumming, S. Martin. After visiting the home of the Kennedy family, about 4 o'clock, the coroner and jury proceeded to the council chambers of the Town Hall to hear the evidence.

April 15, 1893 After many hours of listening to witnesses, the verdict reads - "The verdict that the late Alexander Kennedy came to his death from arsenical poison, administered by some person or persons unknown."

DEATH NOTICE - March 4, 1893

Died - Alexander (Sandy) Kennedy of Kemptville, suspected poisoning, inquiry follows, born Parish of Kergill, Scotland 1825, came to Canada with parents in 1853.

March 7, 1893

James Kennedy of Osgoode came here to attend his brother's funeral which took place at 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening. While he was at the church, one of his horses kicked the other, breaking one of its legs. The animal was a large mare valued at \$80.00. She was taken away and killed.

DEATH NOTICE - March 7, 1893

Died - Mrs. John Kennedy nee Ann Burns, married John Kennedy in Scotland, age 64 years, both natives of Scotland.

March 16, 1893 (Kemptville Advance)

John A. Kennedy's family removed to Boston.

Feb. 8, 1894 (Kemptville Advance)

Died - Kennedy, John on Sunday evening about 6 p.m. Born in Scotland on May 19, 1818, came to this country 1853. Blacksmith in Kemptville.

FAMILY OF JAMES KENNEDY

The family of James Kennedy and his wife Grace Campsie came to Canada in the early 1850's, settled on lot 35, Conc7, near the village of Vernon in Osgoode Township at what was known for many years as Kennedy' Corner. They were blessed with 4 sons and 2 daughters. David was a blacksmith, and farmed beside his brother James, noted house builder and barn framer, Alexander (Sandy) resided with his brother John and his family near Kemptville, both blacksmiths. Two sisters, Isobella with her husband Charles MacPherson resided in Metcalfe, Elizabeth married Alex McRae in Scotland and moved to Chicago.

Kemptville Advance 1905

Late David Kennedy

Mr. David Kennedy, blacksmith who resided near the village, died Mar. 24th at the family residence, aged 91 years. He emigrated to Canada in 1852 with his wife and one child from Perthshire, Scotland where he was born. He worked up a good trade in the blacksmithing business and is succeeded by his only son in same. He was an elder and a valued member of the Presbyterian church. During his life he made many warm friends. He leaves to mourn his wife and 5 children; Mrs. R.C. McGregor, Maxville; Mrs. J. Angus, Merival; Mrs. J.M. Campbell, Vernon; James in the old home; Mrs. Peter Crerar, Vernon. His remains were interred in Springhill cemetery on Sunday.

Those four stalwart Kennedy brothers, their parents, and wives were carried to their last resting place, their bodies to be interred with those of their country men and women in that pioneer cemetery (Springhill) so far from the land of their birth. (for further information see Vol. V of Pioneer Families of Osgoode)

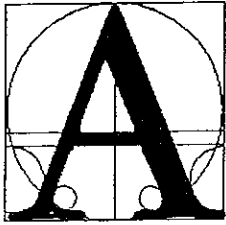


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Recent Publications

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150 YEARS - ST. CATHERINES PARISH by Jim & Joe Rowan	\$10.00
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MELROSE & LONSDALE	\$2.00
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(ISBN #1-895638-14-3)	\$4.00
MARRIAGE ROLLS, OSGOODE PRES. CHURCH, VERNON	\$5.00
MARRIAGE ROLLS, BAPTIST CHURCH, KEMPTVILLE 1897-1912	\$3.50
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1893 - 1989 VOL. I BY ELIZABETH STUART	\$6.00
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1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1916, 1917	
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1912, 1913, 1914-15, 1918, 1919, 1920	\$6.00

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STEP BACK IN TIME

by Michael Daley

A step back in time is another aspect of our Township History: the orphan children of the British Isles, known to many as the "Home Boys and Girls." The Barnardo Home in Brockville one of a number in Canada and from which these children were distributed to the various farms in eastern Ontario. In 1970, Dr. Barnardo outlined his plans for the immigration of English children to Canada, an infant country with great open spaces and untapped natural resources as a possible home for the thousands of impoverished and orphaned children whom Barnardo had rescued from London's teeming streets.

Thousands of British children had already been settled on the farms in rural Ontario and Quebec, where a new life away from the overcrowding and the poverty of Britain's industrial cities awaited them. It seemed to him an ideal way of easing the burden of Britain's poor and homeless children. It all started with an English woman, Maria Susan Rye. In 1868, she came to Canada and bought an old jail house on the outskirts of a small town, Niagara-on-the-Lake. It was refurbished and used for a distribution point. Dr. Barnardo's first party of 51 boys made the journey in 1882. In all, nearly 100,000 children came to Canada between 1870-1930, 30,000 of them sent by Thomas Barnardo. By 1897, 28,945 of them had been registered on farms in Ontario.



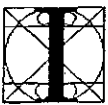
GREEMENT

made in duplicate, this 14th day of August 1899 between ALFRED B. OWEN, Agent of DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES and Thomas Saunders of the Township of Osgoode in the County of Carleton respecting the boy Frank Henry Jones aged 11 years, recently an inmate of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, and at present under the guardianship of the Managers of said Homes.



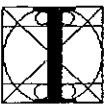
WITNESSETH

that the said Thomas Saunders agrees to engage the said Frank Henry Jones for a period, dating from the twenty ninth day of December 1898 and ending on the first day of April 1905, to furnish him during that period with Board Lodging, Washing, Clothing and necessaries and to pay the said Alfred B. Owen, or other authorized Agent of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, in trust for the said Frank Henry Jones and for the sole use and benefit of the said Frank Henry Jones the sum of one hundred dollars at the expiration of the above mentioned period.



IT IS AGREED,

that this engagement may be terminated by either party giving one month's notice of the same to the other in writing, but the said Alfred B. Owen reserves to himself, or other authorized Agent of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, the right to remove the said Frank Henry Jones summarily and without notice, should such action be rendered necessary by any ill-treatment to which the said Frank Henry Jones should be subjected.



IT IS AGREED

that should the engagement terminate prior to the expiration of the above mentioned period, then the sum of one hundred Dollars shall be proportioned as follows, and paid in that proportion by the said Thomas Saunders viz: at the rate of ten, twenty, thirty and forty dollars per annum respectively for the years dating from April 1st 1901 to April 1, 1905.

The said Thomas Saunders agrees to send the said Frank Henry Jones to school for at least four months in each year for a period of three years to promote the attendance of the said Frank Henry Jones at Church and Sunday School, to communicate occasionally personally or by letter, with the Agents of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, as to the progress and welfare of the said Frank Henry Jones and to cooperate generally with the Agents of the Homes in exercising judicious supervision over him, and in promoting his interests and well being.

(signed) Alfred R. Owen

Thomas Saunders

Witness (signed) Geo Griffith J.P.

The above Indenture was given to the Historical Society by Doris (Jones) Mickles, daughter of the above Frank Jones. Frank, a home boy came to Canada at age 11 years to the farm of Thomas Saunders, who farmed lot 31, Con. 5. He went to school in Dalmeny, married Florence Brownlee in 1916, bought a farm, Lot 29, Con. 4 and raised a family of 5.



THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

It's birth in 1878 was dedicated to the task of rescuing hundreds of thousands of abandoned children from the teeming squalor of Glasgow's back streets. William Quarrier and Thomas Barnardo were more or less contemporary, launching their pioneering salvage work in the east end of their cities, Glasgow and London, in the 1860's. Both men were driven to a blazing desire to help deprived and hapless children; both expanded their work into creating custom-built

children's homes.

William Quarrier, born Sept. 29, 1829 and brought up in grinding poverty, was sent out at age 7 to support his widowed mother. For 10-12 hours a day, 6 days a week, he sat at a table and fixed the ornamental head tops on pins, for one shilling a week. When he was about 8 years old, his mother realized he needed a proper trade, she had him apprenticed to a shoemaker in the High street. He worked hard at his trade. At only 12 years of age, he was a journeyman shoemaker,

at age 24, he opened his first boot and shoemaker shop and soon became the city's first multiple store owner.

It was a cold raw night in November 1864, William Quarrier on his way home from work caught sight of a small figure in the shadows. It was a match seller, crying bitterly. The lad told him an older boy had just stolen all his stock and his nights earnings. Though William comforted him and gave him enough money to replenish his stock, he could not put the incident out of his mind, a constant reminder of his own poor beginnings. He knew of Thomas Barnardo, who was labouring among the children in London's teeming streets and he had met a young woman who had left Glasgow for London to work among the poor in London east. He was especially interested to hear of her Canadian immigration scheme which she had started in 1869. She believed such children would have a better chance at life if they worked as farm hands and domestics in homesteads in Canada. In 1872 William was proposing nothing less than the construction of an entire village for children, complete with houses, shops, school and a church. Yet for all its scale and magnitude his latest plan was the natural progression of his work with the destitute. By 1874 Quarrier had several homes in operation, many of these children were being sent to Canada.

In April 26, 1876 Quarrier bought a small farm with 40 acres of land near Renfrewshire village of Bridge of Wier and the children's village was well on its way. In 1882, with the increasing work load, Quarrier gave up the last of his shops. He was the motivating work force, the inspiration and the sole manager of a vast organization which now stretched from the smoky centre of Glasgow to the green hills of Renfrewshire and across the Atlantic to Canada. In Ontario, Quarrier homes and distribution points were set up in Brockville and Belleville.

By the early 1890's, the target of 34 cottages was in sight. What had once been 40 green acres was now a thriving community of 46 buildings and over 800 children. Due to the changing times, by 1980, the Quarrier Homes would be reorganized to create a new community for needy groups like the elderly and the handicapped.

McLEAN, CHRISTINA

June 3, 1892: Christina, said to be 5 years of age. She is sent here by the Society For Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Edinburgh who took her away from John Duncliff, 9 Oakfield Ct. Edinburgh on account of neglect. Duncliff lived for years with the mother but was not married and as the child is not registered in his name and he denies paternity, he can't be made responsible. He signed a note giving the child over to Mr. Quarrier's care destined for Canada.

May 26, 1893: Christina was slated for the Quarrier Home in Brockville, but arrangements were made to be picked up at the Ashton railway station by a gentleman driving a white horse and a black buggy, Mr. Hugh Crawford. She remained a number of years. Later working in Ottawa she married a man by the name of Foley. He died of Tuberculosis, leaving her a widow with 3 children. Eventually she went to take care of an elderly woman, Mrs. John Alexander who was living with her unmarried son Paul at a farm at Hawthorne. She had gone to the wood shed for coal oil for the lamp and fell. Christina married Paul Alexander and they had 2 children

This information was contributed by Fred Alexander, son of Christina McLean and Mr. P. Alexander.

Picture with me if you will 5-14 year old children leaving friends, relatives and the crowded streets of Glasgow and London and elsewhere, "Destination Unknown." One can perceive the agonizing loneliness of a little child as first nights and days on rural farms. The children from the Bridge of Wier were survivors. They endured the loneliness, the hard work and made lives for themselves across the length and breadth of Canada. They were like our pioneer families, and undeniable asset to the agriculture, industry and the communities in which they lived.

Michael Daley

SUMMERTIME

The night is warm,
the fireflies glow,
The bugs get fat,
as all things grow.

The bats upon the bugs dine well
The frogs prosper as you can tell.
The mice from tunnels underground
Come out to feed on plenty's hoard.

It is a time of luxury grand
That comes each year to our dear land.
Soon summer will be past and gone
And cooler days the land will know.

The moon shines on the harvest grand.
The golden grain can scarcely stand.
The coons in plundering bands descend
And raid the cornfields all around.

And hunters with their dogs and guns
Control the raids as best they can.
But ring-nose has a trick by gee
And fools both men and dogs you see
By quickly finding his hollow tree.

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Raymond Leahy

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KEMPTVILLE ADVANCE 1920

Feb. 26, 1920

At a meeting of Carleton County Council, a motion was made by Councillor Halpenny, seconded by Councillor Wallace that the boundaries of the Municipality of Osgoode Station be increased.

March 4, 1920

Mr. A. G. Schwerdfegar has disposed of his beautiful dwelling in Osgoode to Mr. L. Wilson of Manotick. Mr. & Mrs. Schwerdfegar propose moving to Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

March 18, 1920

The citizens of Osgoode have been enjoying the advantage of the new electric street lights.

April 15, 1920

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Acres of Vernon have purchased the large and valuable farm of Mr. Joshua Watterson at Watterson.

April 29, 1920

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Taylor and family moved from Reid's Mills to Osgoode village on Thursday last and will be greatly missed by their old neighbours as Mr. & Mrs. Taylor had resided in Reid's Mills for 36 years.

May 6, 1920

Manotick hopes to enjoy a tennis court this summer, plans already being underway for the formation of a club.

Mr. Harry Craig has accepted the position of clerk in Mr. O.C. Simpson's general store in Metcalfe.

June 3, 1920

The new station agent at Osgoode, Mr. W. Ferguson of Dalhousie Mills, has arrived in town and took over his duties on June 1.

June 10, 1920

Mr. Jas. Fraser has re-opened his ice-cream parlour in the building lately occupied by Ira Millar and is doing a rushing business in Osgoode.

July 1, 1920

The Palace Hotel of Manotick destroyed in early morning fire. It is now believed by residents of the village that the fire early Monday morning was set by some unknown person. The building is owned by Mr. D. Clark and has been vacant for several years. The Palace Hotel was of brick construction, 2 storeys high and in fairly good repair.

July 8, 1920

The Farmers' Picnic which was held in John Sparks' grove at the river was well attended and all report a good time, with a fine lunch, lots of ice cream and ideal weather.

July 15, 1920

Rev. Frank Corkery of Osgoode has been given a handsome five-passenger Dodge touring car by his parishioners as a token of esteem and appreciation. Father Corkery administers to 2 churches, St. John's on the Old Prescott Road and St. Bridget's on the Rideau River Road.

Aug. 19, 1920

A number of residents of Osgoode and vicinity took advantage of the excursion to Winnipeg on the 9th and also the 16th.

Messrs W.H. and J.B. Taylor of Kansas have been visiting Mrs. Wm. Taylor of Osgoode.

A picnic party boarded the nice little steamer Wanakewan at Lindsay's Wharf enroute for Kemptville and returned the same afternoon.

Aug. 26, 1920

Owing to a drop in the price of flour, Holsum's bread was reduced to 13 cents a loaf or 8 tickets for \$1.00. This was welcome news to the consumer.

Sept. 16, 1920

We are glad to welcome to our village Dr. Dowd who comes to us well recommended. Dr. Dowd is occupying the house on Main street recently vacated by Dr. Ruby when he moved to Kemptville.

Sept. 30, 1920

An interesting comparison showing the popularity of the telephone in Canada has been made by the Bell Telephone Company. The results show that Canada stands second only to the United States in the matter of capita use of the telephone. The figure for Great Britain is 2 phones for every hundred of population. In Canada the figure is 10.8 phones per hundred people.

Oct. 21, 1920

Mr. T.A. Cowling has opened a grocery store business in Ottawa recently. Mr. Cowling has been in business in Osgoode for the past 10 years.

Dec. 9, 1920

A Christmas Tombala was held in the Town Hall, Metcalfe on Wednesday evening, December 8th under the auspices of the Ladies Guild of Holy Trinity Church. Boston baked bean supper was served from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Brilliant illuminated booths decked with Christmas wreaths were well filled with all you could desire in the way of Xmas gifts and homemade candy. A varied program of vocal and instrumental music was rendered during the evening.

Mr. Walter Higgins is erecting a saw and grist mill where the old one was burned in Metcalfe.

Mr. Fred Saunders is learning the blacksmith trade with Mr. S. Pritchard.

Mr. A.P. Wilson has purchased the Dalmeny store and residence lately owned by Mr. Porteous and will open up a general business there in the near future. Mr. Kenneth McCallum will take charge of the store.

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