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THEODORE PRINGLE LOBLAW
(LOBLAW & STEVENSON)
FAMILY STUDY

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a) INTRODUCTION

The enclosed information has been compiled to provide insight into the person Theodore Pringle Loblaw, and his family. This information came from a variety of sources, these sources are listed in the table of contents as well as on the various information sheets.

But before going into the collection, I thought it best to clarify a few points about this study. For the past eight years I have been performing family history research, on my family and my wife's family. The intent was to pass on this information to my two sons, so they could learn about their heritage. While performing the research it became extremely clear that our Harrison family is distantly related to the Loblaw family. The connection is through my father (Ivan Harrison) great-grandmother Margaret (Loblaw) Watson, Theodore Pringle Loblaw's aunt. It was because of this family connection that I became motivated to work on compiling the enclosed information.

While producing this collection I tried to remain as neutral as possible, in order to produce a realistic and complete study (without personal bias). However, even though the families in question are distant relatives they accepted me with open arms and provided me, without question, any genealogical information that I asked for. To say the least I was deeply touched by their hospitality and friendship. For this reason you may notice a great deal more warmth in this study than is normally found in historical research papers.

b) ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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c) STEVENSON FAMILY BOOK

The Stevenson family book is a beautiful (dark brown) leather bound book with gold leaf lettering and trim on the front cover. The inner lining on the front and back covers are dark blue matt. This book looks to be designed in the style of the old traditional family bible.

The book is broken down into four sections:

Cover Page
Foreword
Brief History
Member Pages.

Each member page represents a different family member complete with parents, spouse and children. The family information has been documented according to various generations, so the book progressively works through time (front/previous to back/present). The information has been transcribed onto each page by hand in black ink using traditional calligraphy.

It is obvious that a great deal of time, effort and resources has gone into producing this book. It is truly a magnificent family heirloom.

c1) COVER PAGE

DEDICATED
TO THE
GLORY OF GOD
AND TO THE MEMORY
OF
WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH
STEVENSON

STEVENSON FAMILY BOOKc2) FOREWORD by T. P. Loblaw

My purpose in preparing a permanent record of the Stevenson Family and their descendants is not merely to preserve an historical record of the information I have been able to obtain, together with some of my personal knowledge, but that we have a record that will convey to us, their descendants, a greater knowledge and appreciation of our ancestors and that will make for a better understanding of them and of each other, and if I accomplish this I will feel amply repaid.

The data has been difficult to obtain and proved sometimes impossible to fully verify; but otherwise the record is accurate. My sincere thanks are due to all my friends who have contributed in any way to this work, especially to Mr. W. J. Wood.

This book, with its name-story of those brave and pious spirits, but for whose pioneer vision and energy the Stevenson Farm would never have had their being, is dedicated to the memory of William Stevenson and his wife Elizabeth Pringle with the homage of all their descendants, proffered in gratitude and pride.

It is now almost 100 years ago since Grandfather and Grandmother settled in the forest-girt land that is known as "The Stevenson Farms". To them, ten children were born, inheritors of the devout spirit, and of the simple and earnest faith, of these brave and God-Fearing pioneers may those whose names are or may yet be inscribed within this volume be animated by a desire, not only to commemorate the rich freedom, social joy and cordial hospitality which was ever the glory of Grandfather and Grandmother, but also to recall, and to emulate, the purity of heart and earnestness of life, which were the crowning splendour of those early settlers whose memory we honour and revere.

"God of our fathers, be the God of their succeeding race."

Alliston, Ontario, Canada
December 1932

Signed T. P. Loblaw

STEVENSON FAMILY BOOKc3) BRIEF HISTORY OF THE STEVENSON FAMILY by T. P. Loblaw

The pioneers that settled in the counties of Ontario in the twenties and thirties of the last century do not deserve to be forgotten by their descendants, but unquestionably merit a place of distinction in the history of these settlements.

If we possessed a more intimate knowledge of the circumstances under which they had to live, the work necessary to hew a home for themselves out of the virgin forest, the hardships endured, and fine spirit in which they overcame their difficulties, we would be enthusiastic in honouring them as real heroes and heroines.

They were modest and humble people who never sought recognition and praise, but the memory of them should be revered by us with affection and honour, and we hope that their worthy descendants in the future will carry on, with gratitude and appreciation, the work that we are attempting to do.

I consider it an honour that my relatives and the descendants of the late William and Elizabeth Stevenson have asked me to write the story of our Grandparents as I remember it, and as I have often tried to tell it at our family gatherings from time to time.

It was my privilege to live almost as much with Grandfather and Grandmother as I did at home, as mother was living nearby, and on account of my being the youngest of the family. The nearest details I have is that Grandfather was born May 7th 1807 at Smailholm in Scotland. His father was a weaver, and I believe had several weaving shops in and around Smailholm. Grandmother was born, we believe, on the estate of Lord Haddington near Edinburgh, where her father was Stewart for the estate, and in 1930 I had the privilege of visiting this estate in company with Mrs. Sinclair, a sister of Charlie and Elie Brown.

William and Elizabeth Stevenson were married in Scotland on April 6th 1832, and at once set out for Canada and spent many weeks crossing the Atlantic on a sailing vessel. We who can cross the ocean to-day in less than a week on a fine steamer with all the conveniences and comforts of the finest hotels, cannot realize what crossing in those days really meant. The passengers were expected to bring their own food and they spent from 10 to sixteen weeks on a voyage, and sometimes suffered untold hardships during the storms. And as far as I know, they landed at Quebec and made a visit at Kingston to the Turnbull's who were Old Country friends living about fifteen miles from that city in Lanark County. They continued their journey from there to Toronto by boat, and leaving Toronto they walked sixty miles north west through unsurveyed lands to Alliston, crossing the rivers on logs. We believe the Ruthven's were before them, but we are not sure for how long. From what Grandmother told me I believe that they came in only a short time before.

c3) BRIEF HISTORY OF THE STEVENSON FAMILY <contin.>

Hunter's history of the county of Simcoe mentions the Ruthven's, Stevenson's, and other scotch weavers as being the first settlers west of Cookstown District. We can visualize them setting up their log house and although it lacked many conveniences, it was appreciated by them as a home, for they had left their homeland and were making a start in a strange country with the visible supplies for their daily needs not very plentiful. They were thankful to God for having so successfully completed their long journey, and they set to themselves the task of establishing a home and of making a living out of the land they had chosen for a homestead. They were content and loved their home.

Grandfather Stevenson was not usually a man of many words, yet he had a kindly sociable disposition and loved to visit among his neighbours, discussing with them politics or current topics. He was very intelligent and acquired a wide range of knowledge through his readings. He was a loyal citizen, a sincere Christian, and highly respected in the community, along with many of the pioneers of that day, and after the rebellion of 1837 he was a strong supporter of the reform principles, and was a Commissioner of the Peace for twenty years.

Space will not permit me to enlarge on the fine, honourable life of these worthy pioneers, but I must mention the attitude which Grandfather and Grandmother took towards their church. I am not sure to what extent they took part in the Methodist Church that was established at West Essa Corners. But I do know that very soon after they arrived, a Presbyterian missionary occasionally visited the settlement and the services were held in Grandfather's log barn. A new frame house was built about the year 1850 and the services were then held in this house, as it was one of the first large frame homes in the community. I have met friends who have told me of how the early pioneer children used to think it a great treat on Sundays to go to the services at the Stevenson's log barn and later on in the new house, and that many of them came in their bare feet. Grandfather and Grandmother later helped to build and support Burns Church, where Grandfather was an elder.

This new house contained twelve rooms and a large woodshed, in which stood the old wooden pump, and as it was built before the age of woodworking machinery, it was necessarily all built by hand and the fine work done on this house still stands as a monument to the skill of those who built it. I may say that in remodelling the house, after I purchased the farm in 1927, I incorporated this house almost entirely as it was into the present building.

c3) BRIEF HISTORY OF THE STEVENSON FAMILY <contin.>

About the first year after they settled, Grandfather walked or in some way journeyed, to Toronto and brought a boy Tommy Scott back with him, whom they took into their home and raised. I can remember quite well my mother telling me that she and Tommy Scott grew up as great pals, and I know she always spoke of and looked upon him as a brother. To Grandfather and Grandmother were born eight girls and two boys, two of the girls died in infancy and Uncle Willie died when he was thirteen years of age. This was always a great sorrow to Grandmother, and she spoke of his death many times during her life, for she had set her son apart to become a minister of the Gospel.

As the family grew, the new house became a social centre, and we have often heard of the many good times that were spent there by neighbours and friends. Grandfather and Grandmother celebrated their golden wedding April 06, 1882.

Grandfather died April 27th, 1884 while Grandmother lived till October 28th, 1895, Uncle John lived with her until her death.

We grand children have very many recollections of the wonderful times we had in and around the old home, and often uncle Tom Loblaw's family of Meaford were down, and I know all of us look back on the many happy days, especially the evening and holidays, spent here.

One of the outstanding events was the "Paringbee" when the family connection and neighbours gathered to core and peel apples, string them on cords, hanging them to the ceiling of the dining room, where they would dry, and later be used for making pies and applesauce. This following a "Quilting bee" in the afternoon.

We also remember helping Grandmother to boil her soft soap on the back "Green" as she called the yard north of the house, which was always well kept, having a beautiful green sward. We also watched and helped her make tallow candles, which supplied the light for the house.

I am sure we all remember her as a woman of sterling character, with a certain sternness of manner, a thoroughgoing business woman, systematic housekeeper, thrifty to a degree, and yet she always counted it a pleasure to lend a helping hand or assist in any way possible any person who might need her help, her spirit of self sacrifice was very marked.

It has been a great pleasure during the past few years for me to be able to purchase the old homestead and adjoining land, and to have the privilege of having here, as my guests, gatherings of the Stevenson connections, such as we have had, and I hope in some way that the descendants of William and Elizabeth Stevenson may long be permitted to assemble here from year to year, from wherever their homes may be and so perpetuate their memory.

c3) BRIEF HISTORY OF THE STEVENSON FAMILY <contin.>

Many of us remember the old house as one of the social centres of the district, and we all hope that it will continue so to be, and that the descendants will endeavour to carry on, especially those who remain in and around this section, showing that same kindly spirit and helpfulness to others that was shown by the early pioneers one to another.

There is an old saying that no man lives unto himself, and the same is true of families, and the Stevenson family was blessed with good neighbours, among whom were the Ruthven's and Turnbull families. As we have said before, we believe the Ruthven's came in a short time before the Stevenson's, or about the same time.

The Ruthven's were always very close friends of Grandfather and Grandmother, having the two hundred acres immediately to the south of this place and the four hundred acres immediately north, four of the Ruthvens, to my knowledge, had come out from Scotland: Alexander, lived on the east half of Lot 10, first concession, Essa; William settled on two hundred acres of land known as lot number 9, first concession; George settled on the east half of lot number 8, first concession; Grandfather taking the west half of this lot; and Robert on lot number 7, first concession. John Ruthven, son of Alexander who married Aunt Frances Stevenson, settled on the west half lot 8, second concession. These lands comprised the lands that the Stevenson and Ruthvens settled on, and to-day are either in the lands comprising the Stevenson Farms or still retained by the descendants of the Ruthvens.

"Granddaddy" Alexander Ruthven was a weaver by trade and wove all the cloth worn by the pioneers of the district. I remember his little weaving shop and how I used to wonder, when I was small, how he even got all the yarn untangled.

In 1836 Granddaddy and Grandmother Turnbull, with their family of six children (Uncle Robert then being the youngest and only six months old), made the journey from Kingston with one horse and a wagon, and settled on the north east corner, which was later known as West Essa Corner or Turnbull Corners, which farm I was able to purchase. We have the three volumes here of "Granddaddy" Turnbull's old bible, which he brought from Scotland, and which is now covered with hide of old FAN, the horse that brought them up from Kingston. These volumes were given to me by his Grandson William Turnbull, to whom I am greatly indebted.

Granddaddy Turnbull, until the town of Alliston became established, was really the only doctor at West Essa Corners. He, as we remember, came as a young man to New York from Scotland and studied medicine, returning to the Old Country at a time of great depression in Scotland to help in the winding up of his father's affairs. He married and returned to Canada, settling somewhere about fifteen miles from Kingston in Lanark County before moving to Alliston district.

c3) BRIEF HISTORY OF THE STEVENSON FAMILY <contin.>

One of the first things Granddaddy Turnbull did when settled on the land was to give a plot of ground for the building of the Methodist Church, which was erected on the north side of the road, east of the four corners. Although he apparently was not a Methodist, and we are not quite clear as to what Church or denomination he really did belong to, we know that he was a good Christian man, and often occupied the pulpit of the church. Quite a village sprang up where this Methodist Church was erected, at one time consisting of four stores, as well as a hotel, a blacksmith shop, a tailor shop, a shoemaker shop, and it was, we know, quite a village before Alliston became a business centre.

I can remember the side walk running down from the corner and the old store with horses standing back from the sidewalk and have a faint recollection that one of them was operating as a general store, that would be about the year 1876 or 1878. Mr. Dave Henderson store was west of the four corners and on the south side, and the old building is still there. The only other house of the village now standing is one on the west side, south of the four corners, which was the house my mother moved into with her family of four children - my brother Will, the eldest being about eight years of age; my sister Maizie, around six years old; my other brother Jack, around four and a half; and myself three years. These are the only two buildings left standing to-day.

The descendants of William and Elizabeth Stevenson, the Ruthven's, Turnbull's, and McGirr's (whose memory we would honour), and all the descendants of the early pioneers who came in here and helped settle this community (especially those who made up the Burns and West Essa district, such as Hood's (Gammell), Mitchell's, Reid's (John), Bryc's, Bruce's, Graham's, Todd's, Connell's, Buyer's Drury's, Fletcher's, Cameron's (Angus), Latimer's (Thomas), Crosby's, Allen's and many others, greatly appreciate the early achievements in hewing out the dense forest, which virtually covered the area, so establishing homes and villages, and in so doing over coming great obstacles, in fact triumphing over what appears to us to-day to have been almost insurmountable difficulties, especially when you realize that many of the settlers had never had any previous experience of even a similar kind and did not even know how to use an axe, as was the case with Grandfather Stevenson. Not only do we admit these achievements, but even more the sterling character displayed which they have handed down, and which we trust will in turn be handed down by us to our own descendants.

O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Signed T. P. Loblaw

C4) MEMBER PAGES

Theodore Pringle Loblaw

- William James Loblaw (brother to T.P. Loblaw)

- married: Agnes Dixon
Agnes was born on December 09, 1865 in Leith, Ontario
- children:
 - Glenna Isabella Moss born: 1891/06/15
 - Gladys Margaret Loblaw born: 1892/10/27
 - died: 1893/09/05
 - Theodore Loblaw born: 1896/01/28
 - Ruth Agnes Watts born: 1897/11/22
 - died: 1920/01/11
 - William James Loblaw born: 1901/10/26
 - George Hunter Loblaw born: 1903/04/17
 - Miriam Iris Loblaw born: 1909/02/03
 - Miriam died out west of sleeping sickness
 - the last 5 children were born in Sheboygan, Michigan, USA

NOTE:

Refers to records that were not part of the original Stevenson book. Info provided by Mrs. Eleanor Boulthbee.

c4) MEMBER PAGES <contin.>

Mary Jane Loblaw (sister to T.P. Loblaw)

- married: Henry Edgar Kinsey
Henry was born on May 24, 1858 in Newmarket, Ontario
- children:
 - Herbert Abel Kinsey born: 1894/05/25
 - William Edgar Kinsey born: 1898/03/05
 - John Nelson Kinsey born: 1902/11/04
- the children were born in Preston, Ontario

Frank DeWitt Loblaw (cousin to T.P. Loblaw)

- son of Thomas Loblaw Jr. and Rachel Stevenson
- married: Elizabeth Newhook Pilgrim on March 25, 1909
- children:
 - Elizabeth Marjorie Loblaw born: September 05, 1910
- Marjorie was born in Buffalo, N.Y.

Glenna Isabella Loblaw (niece to T.P. Loblaw)

- daughter of William James Loblaw and Agnes Dixon
- married: George Oliver Moss on January 3, 1912
George was born on October 12, 1889
- children:
 - Glenna Elizabeth born: 1912/12/19
 - Lillian Ruth born: 1916/06/28
 - Isabella Florence born: 1918/07/12
 - George William Moss born: 1922/02/25
 - Theodora J. Moss born: 1923/07/13
 - Margaret Josephine born: 1925/05/08
 - James Joseph Moss born: 1928/10/03
- the children were all born in Mossleigh, Alberta

Theodore Loblaw (nephew to T.P. Loblaw)

- son of William James Loblaw and Agnes Dixon
- married: Lucy Lawson on November 03, 1922
Lucy was born on June 28, 1906
- children:
 - Theodore Joseph Loblaw born: 1923/10/05
 - Stevenson Hunter Loblaw born: 1925/04/27
 - Marion Agnes born: 1927/02/20
 - Marjorie Kathaleen born: 1928/05/22
 - William James Loblaw born: 1930/10/10
 - ** Rennold Bruce Loblaw born: 1932/08/13
 - ** Theodora Lucy Loblaw born: 1934/08/10
- the children were all born in Hespra, Alberta

NOTE:

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c4) MEMBER PAGES <contin.>**William James Loblaw** (nephew to T.P. Loblaw)

- son of William James Loblaw and Agnes Dixon
- married: Violet Lillian Mickle on August 1, 1927
Violet was born on February 05, 1908 in Cochrane Alberta
- children:
 - John William Loblaw born: 1928/02/05
 - Theodore Charles Loblaw born: 1929/09/04
 - ** Lorraine Lillian Loblaw born: 1933/07/24
 - ** William Lennox Loblaw born: 1936/07/24
 - ** James Clifford Loblaw born: 1938/11/16
 - ** Leona Gayle Loblaw born: 1940/07/19
 - ** Ross Patrick Loblaw born: 1948/03/17
- the children were born in Banff, Alberta

Ruth Agnes Loblaw (niece to T.P. Loblaw)

- daughter of William James Loblaw and Agnes Dixon
- married: Paulett Watts on June 1916
- children:
 - Jean Agnes Watts born: 1917/07/27
 - Jean Agnes adopted by T.P. Loblaw when her mother died.
 - Jean Agnes had a daughter Martha.

Elizabeth Eleanor Loblaw

- married: William John McInnes on March 12, 1901
William was born on June 2, 1871 in Cape Rich, Ontario
and died on April 10, 1909.
- children:
 - John Gordon Loblaw born: 1902/09/13
 - Jean Ella born: 1903/12/25
 - Archibald Colin Franklin born: 1906/12/18
- the children were born in Meaford, Ontario

Herbert Abel Kinsey (nephew to T.P. Loblaw)

- son of Mary Jane Loblaw and Henry Edgar Kinsey
- married: Mildred Hall on August 20, 1919
- children:
 - Marjorie Helen born: 1920
 - James Robert Kinsey born: 1924
- the children were born in Edmonton, Alberta

William Edgar Kinsey (nephew to T.P. Loblaw)

- son of Mary Jane Loblaw and Henry Edgar Kinsey
- William was born in 1898
- married Lillian Alice Browning on May 2, 1922
Lillian was born on August 27, 1904 in Croydon, England
- children:
 - William Murray Kinsey born: 1924/05/02
 - Marilyn Margaret born: 1926/08/06
 - Jack
- both children were born in Toronto, Ontario

c4) MEMBER PAGES <contin.>

1.1 Stevenson

daughter of Elizabeth Pringle and William Stevenson

married Thomas Loblaw in 1857

Thomas was born on February 3, 1831 in Healaugh, North
Yorkshire and died on January 13, 1919

children:

James Stevenson Loblaw	born: June 30, 1859
Thomas Burgess Loblaw	born: July 3, 1861
	died: June 26, 1904
William John Loblaw	born: December 10, 1863
Pringle Loblaw	born: July 23, 1865
	died: July 10, 1931
Martin Luther Loblaw	born: November 29, 1868
Elizabeth Eleanor	born: May 31, 1873
Seymore George Loblaw	born: January 21, 1875
Frank DeWitt Loblaw	born: March 4, 1877
	died: February 26, 1914
Mary Margaret Isabella Maud	born: October 6, 1880
	died: February 29, 1888

all the children were born in Meaford, except James Stevenson
Loblaw and Thomas Burgess Loblaw who were born in Elmgrove.

1.2 Stevenson

daughter of Elizabeth Pringle and William Stevenson

Elspeth was born on June 9, 1837 and died on December 28, 1912

married George McGirr on May 24, 1860

George was born on August 5, 1834

and died on November 2, 1914

children

Elizabeth Pringle Moore	born: March 25, 1861
Mary Margaret Dale	born: December 21, 1863
	died: October 19, 1955
William Joseph George McGirr	born: July 23, 1871
	died: January 22, 1905
Nettie May Wood	born: November 10, 1877

all the children were born in Alliston, Ontario

1.3 Stevenson

daughter of Elizabeth Pringle and William Stevenson

Mary was born in 1841 and died in 1893

married Robert Turnbull on June 6, 1859

Robert was born on April 4, 1836

and died on September 28, 1912

children

James Richard	born: June 9, 1860
John Stevenson	born: July 24, 1864
William Stevenson	born: July 4, 1866
Elizabeth Olive Blanche	born: August 25, 1870
Evan Stewart	born: February 10, 1882

all the children were born in West Essa

c4) MEMBER PAGES <contin.>**Nettie May McGirr**

- daughter of Elspeth Stevenson and George McGirr
- Nettie was born in 1877
- married William John Wood on September 20, 1904
William was born July 23, 1875 in Lisle Ontario
- children
 - Mary Elspeth born: November 15, 1905
 - Jean Elizabeth born: August 5, 1908
- both children were born in Alliston, Ontario

John Turnbull

- son of Mary Stevenson and Robert Turnbull
- John was born in 1864
- married Mary Carrina Stewart on September 2, 1895
Mary was born on February 13, 1871 in Cambridge Wisconsin
- children
 - Mary Helen born: September 7, 1896
 - Frances Willard born: February 19, 1898
 - Roland Alexander Turnbull born: December 5, 1899
 - Robert James Turnbull born: February 23, 1908
died: March 24, 1924
- all the children were born in Rockdale, Wisconsin, USA

William Turnbull

- son of Mary Stevenson and Robert Turnbull
- William was born in 1865
- married Mary Elizabeth Price on March 27, 1896
Mary was born on April 10, 1876 in Georgetown Ontario
- children
 - Kenneth Harold Turnbull born: December 15, 1897
 - Charles Stevenson Turnbull born: August 8, 1900
 - William Turnbull born: February 10, 1904
 - Lorne Bruce born: May 25, 1909
 - John Lambert Turnbull born: May 29, 1918
- Kenneth was born in Sault Ste. Marie, all the other children were born in West Essa

Evan Stewart Turnbull

- son of Mary Stevenson and Robert Turnbull
- Evan was born in 1882
- married Ethel Walker on May 11, 1904
Ethel was born on August 6, 1882 in West Essa
- children
 - Clifford Turnbull born: June 4, 1905
 - Minerva born: January 8, 1910
 - Vernard born: May 29, 1912
- all the children were born in West Essa

c4) MEMBER PAGES <contin.>**Bertha McGirr**

- daughter of Margaret Stevenson and George McGirr
- Bertha was born in 1869
- married John Williams on January 29, 1896
 - John was born on July 6, 1862 in Kilmanagh
 - and died on March 31, 1930
- children
 - Margaret Mildred born: October 15, 1899
 - Mary Frances born: July 8, 1903
 - John Ross Williams born: April 30, 1911
- John Williams had a daughter named Jennie Isabel Williams born on June 14, 1893 in Alliston, by a previous marriage to Isabel Aiken
- all the children were born in Alliston, Ontario

Archibald Colin Franklin McInnes

- son of Elizabeth Eleanor Loblaw and William John McInnes
- Archibald was born in 1906
- married Ann Laura Geldart on July 28, 1927
 - Ann was born on February 23, 1905
- children
 - Jean Elizabeth born: December 27, 1929
 - Ann Laura born: August 28, 1931
 - Jacqueline Agnes born: June 24, 1935

Elsbeth Mary Leith Moore

- daughter of Elizabeth Pringle McGirr and John Moore
- Elsbeth was born in 1895
- married William Thomas Alderson on October 24, 1917
 - William was born on August 13, 1889 in Emlgrove
- children
 - John Gordon Alderson born: May 26, 1920
 - William George Alderson born: April 8, 1924
 - Margaret Lois born: October 7, 1926
 - died: October 7, 1926
 - Elizabeth Ann born: May 25, 1935
 - died: May 25, 1935
- both children were born in Alliston, Ontario

Ross Victor Dale

- son of Mary Margaret McGirr and George Dale
- Ross was born in 1891
- married Mary Jessie Ellen Wells on August 16, 1930
 - Mary was born on June 24, 1899 in Walkerton, Ontario
- children
 - George Gordon Dale born: June 19, 1931
 - Janet Margaret born: June 4, 1933
- George was born in Toronto, Ontario

c4) MEMBER PAGES <contin.>**Mary Helen Turnbull**

- daughter of Mary Carrina Stewart and John Turnbull
- Mary was born in 1896
- married John Henry Wall on November 28, 1918
John was born on November 13, 1888 in Elkhorn Wisconsin
- children
 - Mary Elizabeth born: April 29, 1921
- Mary was born in Elkhorn Wisconsin

Frances Willard Turnbull

- daughter of Mary Carrina Stewart and John Turnbull
- Frances was born in 1898
- married Walter W. Niederer on April 19, 1928
Walter was born on November 2, 1895 in Madison Wisconsin
- children
 - Nancy Ann born: November 24, 1929
 - Robert Walter Neiderer born: November 15, 1932
- both children were born in Madison Wisconsin

Roland Alexander Turnbull

- son of Mary Carrina Stewart and John Turnbull
- Roland was born in 1899
- married Inez Lenore Adeline Strommen on May 27, 1922
Inez was born on April 5, 1903 in Cambridge Wisconsin
- children
 - Lorraine Jane born: July 12, 1923
 - Jean Evelyn born: April 24, 1925
 - John Martin Turnbull born: July 25, 1930
- all the children were born in Rockdale Wisconsin

c4) MEMBER PAGES <contin.>

FAMILY MARRIAGES (PEOPLE WHO HAD NO CHILDREN)

John Alvah Loblaw

- married Matilda Mitchel on July 04, 1899
Matilda was born in Griersville, Ontario

James Stevenson Loblaw

- married Sara Isabella Young on February 16, 1893
Sara was born in Meaford, Ontario

Thomas Burgess Loblaw

- married Ella Dean

William John Loblaw

- married Isabella Young on November 1, 1894
Isabella was born on November 19, 1869 in Meaford, Ontario

Martin Luther Loblaw

- married Mary Ida Brinkman on October 26, 1896
Mary was of Griersville, Ontario

Pringle Loblaw

- Pringle was born on July 23, 1865 and died on July 10, 1931
- married Louise Patterson on February 16, 1898
Louise was born on April 8, 1877 in Meaford, Ontario
Louise died on May 10, 1953
- adopted child: Theresa Viola Patterson born on June 16, 1918

Elizabeth Turnbull

- married Charles Kerr-Brown on July 19, 1897
Charles was born on October 14, 1872
in Chester, Roxborough, Scotland
- Charles was a millionaire from New York City, New York

d) LOBLAW INFORMATION COLLECTED BY ELEANOR BOULTBEE

Mrs. Boulton is a descendant of the Watson family. The following sheets deal with the Loblaw family members, as it was extracted from Mrs. Eleanor Boulton's Loblaw file.

Mrs. and Mrs. Boulton have also compiled a 48 page, chart style, Loblaw family study. They have also produced a, chart style, Watson family study. Some of the information inclosed in this study was extracted from these charts.

Mark Burgess Loblaw

- son of Thomas and Mary Loblaw
- married Christina Young (1st marriage)
- married Margaret Bowser (2nd marriage)
 - Margaret was born in 1837
 - Margaret died on February 4, 1869
 - Margaret was buried at Mount Zion Cemetery in Euphrasia
 - Margaret father was William Young, buried at Mount Zion
- children (from 1st marriage - Christina Young)
 - Hannah Isabella born: January 22, 1862
 - married Robert Whiteside
 - Mary Margaret born: February 2, 1863
 - died: February 20, 1923
 - William Thomas Loblaw born: July 12, 1864
 - married Hettie Suzanna Hipwell
 - died: June 5, 1944
 - John George Loblaw born: October 20, 1865
 - died: August 6, 1887
 - Mark Hugh Loblaw born: August 19, 1867
 - married Jennie Carolina Hipwell
- children (from 2nd marriage - Margaret Bowser)
 - Rebecca Kate born: October 24, 1871
 - married Marshall Hipwell
 - died: in 1937
 - Caroline Ellen (Carrie) born: December 26, 1877
 - married Percy Phillips
 - James Edgar Loblaw born: February 4, 1874
 - died: in 1940
 - married Pearl Hunter
 - Elsie May Winnifred born: June 25, 1880
 - married Dr. Athol Moon
 - Blanche Louryeld born: April 14, 1884
 - married Jack Glenn
 - died: in 1955

Martin Luther Loblaw

- son of Thomas Loblaw and Rachel Stevenson
- married Mary Ida Brinkman on Oct. 26, 1896
 - Mary was born on Oct. 12, 1871
 - Mary died on Oct. 26, 1968
 - Mary was the daughter of William and Hannah Brinkman
- children
 - Phyllis Irene (adopted) born on February 18, 1929 in Meaford

d) LOBLAW INFORMATION COLLECTED BY ELEANOR BOULTBEE <contin.>

Pringle Loblaw

- son of Thomas Loblaw and Rachel Stevenson
- married Louise Patterson on February 16, 1898
 - Louise was born on April 8, 1877
 - Louise died on May 10, 1953
- children
 - Theresa Viola born on June 16, 1918 in Meaford

Thomas Burgess Loblaw

- son of Thomas Loblaw and Rachel Stevenson
- born on July 3, 1861
- died on June 26, 1904 and is buried in Thornbury Cemetry
- married Ella Dean on April 1, 1896 in Griersville
 - Ella was born on May 24, 1867
 - Ella died on June 8, 1950 in Dundalk
 - Ella was the daughter of James and Ellen Dean

e) LOBLAW FAMILY SUMMARY SHEET

HUSBAND : **THOMAS LOBLAW** PROFESSION : FARMER
 BORN : 1803, , PLACE : HEALAUGH, N.YORK. REG. #:
 MARRIED : 1828, , PLACE : REG. #:
 DIED : 1885,05,16 PLACE : MEAFORD, ONTARIO REG. #:
 CAUSE : BURIED : LAKESIDE CEMETERY, MEAFORD
 HUSBAND'S FATHER : THOMAS LOBLAW
 HUSBAND'S MOTHER : MARY

WIFE : **MARY ????????** PROFESSION : HOUSE WIFE
 BORN : 1800, , PLACE : REG. #:
 DIED : 1878, , PLACE : MEAFORD, ONT. REG. #:
 CAUSE : BURIED : LAKESIDE CEMETERY, MEAFORD
 WIFE'S FATHER :
 WIFE'S MOTHER :

CHILDREN

<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>GIVEN NAMES</u>	<u>BORN</u>	<u>MARRIED</u>	<u>DIED</u>
WATSON,	MARGARET	1832,06,11	, ,	1906,12,22
-	MARIETTA	1857,01,21	, ,	, ,
-	JOHN THOMAS WATSON	1859,01,19	, ,	1940,06,19
-	GEORGE FREDRICK W.	1860,04,28	, ,	1898,05,19
-	JEMIMA WATSON	1861,08, ,	, ,	1861,11,14
-	WILLIAM EGERTON W.	1862,10,06	, ,	1899,05,25
-	LUCY EMMA	1865, , ,	, ,	1938,10,17
-	CLARA ADELAIDE	1866,06,07	1899,07,17	1953,03,25
-	ALVAH H. B. WATSON	1869, , ,	, ,	1915,02,28
-	MARGARET WATSON	1872,04,05	-----	1872,09,10
-	MORLEY MARK WATSON	1874, , ,	, ,	1940,12,01
LOBLAWS,	WILLIAM JAMES	1840,08,06	, ,	1873,04,24
-	WILLIAM JAMES L.	1864,10,15	1889, , ,	1943, , ,
-	MARY JANE KINSEY	1866,03,28	1858,05,24	1911,09,28
-	JOHN ALVAH LOBLAW	1871,01,29	1871,07,04	1959,10,04
-	THEODORE PRINGLE	1872,07,01	1895,06,02	1933,04,03
LOBLAW JR.,	THOMAS	1830,02,03	1857,10,12	1919,01,13
-	JAMES S. LOBLAW	1859,06,30	1893,02,16	1941,01,10
-	THOMAS BURGESS L.	1861,07,03	1896,04,01	1904,06,26
-	WILLIAM JOHN LOBLAW	1863,12,10	1894,11,01	1943,04,29
-	PRINGLE LOBLAW	1865,07,23	1898,02,16	1931,07,10
-	MARTIN LUTHER LOBLAW	1868,10,29	1896,10,26	1956,03,05
-	ELIZABETH E. LOBLAW	1873,05,31	1901,03,12	1958,03,23
-	SEYMORE GEORGE L.	1875,01,21	, , ,	1902,02, ,
-	FRANK DEWITT LOBLAW	1877,03,04	1909,03,25	1914,02,26
-	MARY M. I. M. LOBLAW	1880,10,05	-----	1888,02,29
LOBLAW,	MARK BURGESS	1838,05,02	1861,03,13 (1)	, , ,
Mark had 10 children from 2 marriages (5 & 5).				
1ST	- HANNAH ISABELLA	1862,01,22	1880,12,22	, , ,
WIFE	- MARY MARGARET LOBALW	1863,02,02	, , ,	1868,04,30
	- WILLIAM THOMAS L.	1864,07,12	1888, , ,	1944,06,05
	- JOHN GEORGE LOBLAW	1865,10,20	-----	1887,08,06
	- MARK HUGH LOBLAW	1867,08,19	, , ,	, , ,
2ND	- REBECCA KATE LOBLAW	1871,10,24	1893, , ,	1937, , ,
WIFE	- JAMES EDGAR LOBLAW	1874,02,04	1906, , ,	1940, , ,
	- CAROLINE ELLEN	1877,12,26	1905, , ,	, , ,
	- ELSIE MAY WINNIF.	1880,01,25	, , ,	, , ,
	- BLANCHE LOURYELD	1884,04,14	1913, , ,	1955, , ,

e) LOBLAW FAMILY SUMMARY SHEET <contin.>NOTES:

- 1) Thomas Loblaw was born in Healaugh, North Yorkshire, England.
- 2) Thomas Loblaw married a widow Jane (Bell) Howsen on August 28, 1878 after his first wife (Mary) died.
- 3) Thomas Loblaw Jr. was born in Healaugh, North Yorkshire, England and married Rachel Stevenson.
- 4) William James Loblaw & Isabella Stevenson were both of Alliston. Their son THEODORE PRINGLE LOBLAW is the founder of Loblaws Foods. Theodore is buried in the family plot in Union Cemetery in Alliston.
- 5) William James Loblaw died on April 24 1873, in a carriage accident. Theodore Pringle Loblaw was less than 1 year old at the time of his fathers death. Isabella Helen (Adam) Loblaw died in 1888 when Theodore Pringle was around 15 years old. Theodore Pringle was then adopted by his grand-parents, William Stevenson and Elizabeth Pringle.

f) STEVENSON FAMILY SUMMARY SHEET

HUSBAND : WILLIAM STEVENSON PROFESSION : FARMER
 BORN : 1807,05,07 PLACE : SMAILHELM SCOT. REG. #:
 MARRIED : 1832,04,06 PLACE : EDIN., SCOTLAND REG. #:
 DIED : 1884,04,27 PLACE : ESSA TWP. ONT. REG. #:
 CAUSE : BURIED :
 HUSBAND'S FATHER : JOHN STEVENSON
 HUSBAND'S MOTHER : ISABEL FAIRBAIRN

WIFE : ELIZABETH PRINGLE PROFESSION : HOUSE WIFE
 BORN : 1810,12,25 PLACE : HEDDINGTON SCOT REG. #:
 DIED : 1895,10,28 PLACE : ESSA TWP. ONT. REG. #:
 CAUSE : BURIED :
 WIFE'S FATHER :
 WIFE'S MOTHER :

CHILDREN

<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>GIVEN NAMES</u>	<u>BORN</u>	<u>MARRIED</u>	<u>DIED</u>
STEVENSON,	RACHEL	1833,10,13	-----	1833,11,01
LOBLAW,	RACHEL	1836,03,09	1857,10,12	1907,03,10
-	JAMES STEVENSON	1859,06,30	1893,02,16	1941,01,10
-	THOMAS BURGESS	1861,07,03	1896,04,01	1904,06,26
-	WILLIAM JOHN	1863,12,10	1894,11,01	1943,04,29
-	PRINGLE LOBLAW	1865,07,23	1898,02,16	1931,07,10
-	MARTIN LUTHER	1868,11,29	1896,10,26	1956,03,05
-	ELIZABETH ELEANOR	1873,05,31	1901,03,12	1958,03,23
-	SEYMORE GEORGE	1875,01,21	, ,	1902,02,
-	FRANK DeWITT	1877,03,04	1909,03,25	1914,02,26
-	MARY M. I. M.	1880,10,06	-----	1888,02,29
LOBLAW,	ISABELLA	1834,07,17	, ,	1888,03,06
-	WILLIAM JAMES	1864,10,15	, ,	1943, ,
-	MARY JANE KINSEY	1866,03,28	1858,05,24	1911,09,28
-	JOHN ALVAH	1871,01,29	1871,07,04	1959,10,04
-	THEODORE PRINGLE	1872,07,01	1895,06,02	1933,04,03
McGIRR,	ELSPETH	1837,06,09	1860,05,24	1912,12,28
-	ELIZABETH PRINGLE	1861,03,25	1894,03,31	, ,
-	MARY MARGARET	1863,12,13	1890,02,13	1955,10,19
-	WILLIAM JOSEPH G.	1871,07,23	, ,	1905,01,22
-	NETTIE MAY WOOD	1877,11,10	1904,09,20	, ,
-	MARY MARGARET	1863,12,21	, ,	1955,10,19
STEVENSON,	MARY	1839,04,12	-----	1840,04,18
TURNBULL,	MARY	1841,02,23	1859,06,06	1893,08,07
-	JAMES RICHARD	1860,06,09	, ,	, ,
-	JOHN STEVENSON	1864,07,24	1895,09,22	, ,
-	WILLIAM STEVENSON	1866,07,04	1896,03,27	, ,
-	ELIZABETH O. B.	1870,08,25	1897,07,19	, ,
-	EVAN STEWART	1882,02,10	1904,05,11	, ,
STEVENSON,	JOHN	1842,11,23	, ,	1908,11,03
McGIRR,	MARGARET	1846,03,22	1868,03,26	1875,12,26
-	BERTHA	1869,03,26	1896,01,29	1951,03,12
RUTHVEN,	FRANCES	1848,09,29	1868,03,26	1888,11,26
-	HIRAM CLIFTON	1868,09,12	, ,	1932,12,31
-	ELIZABETH L.	1871,11,16	-----	1872,07,14
-	WILLIAM JOHN	1881,08,20	-----	1881,09,26
-	HATTIE ROSS	1886,03,02	-----	1886,04,30
STEVENSON,	WILLIAM	1852,02,03	-----	1865,12,13

g) CONVERSATION WITH MRS. MARY ELSPETH (WOOD) MILNE

September 19, 1995

The conversations between Mrs. Milne and Robert Harrison took place in Theodore Pringle Loblaw's old house, on the Stevenson farm. The farm is situated on Simcoe Concession 15 just outside of Alliston.

Arrival of the Stevenson family to Alliston

When William Stevenson and his young wife Elizabeth Pringle arrived in Toronto (1829) there was no regular route to get to Alliston. The couple had to walk the entire distance. They used Indian trails and trekked through the woods.

William James Loblaw's Accident

William James died at a young age (33) due to an accident. A runaway carriage rolled down a hill and crushed him. The accident took place along the river near the Union Cemetery in Alliston.

Theodore Pringle Loblaw Growing Up

When Theodore Pringle Loblaw was young his father died and in his early teens his mother died. When his mother died he moved in with his Stevenson grandparents. They continued his training and upbringing in the strict traditional Scottish way. During his stay with his grandparents he got to know and became close friends with one of his relatives Mary Elspeth Wood.

Mary Elspeth Wood later married Mr. Milne.

Theodore Pringle Loblaw's Job in Toronto

When Theodore Pringle Loblaw was around 18 years old, he left the farm in Alliston and went to Toronto to find a job. After some searching he found a job working in a grocery store. Every Monday morning he would get up early and bicycle to Toronto. And on Saturday night after work he would bicycle back to Alliston.

Theodore Pringle Loblaw Took in Children

Theodore Pringle Loblaw adopted a baby girl Jean Agnes when the mother Ruth Loblaw (daughter of William James Loblaw) died, possibly in childbirth. Theodore Pringle also fostered three boys that he brought over from Scotland when their parents died. It turned out that Theodore Pringle and his wife could not have children of their own.

- James F. Burr-Loblaw - died of diabetic attack.
- John Burr-Loblaw - died of a heart attack.
- Alexander Burr-Loblaw - died in Florida, heart attack 1990.

Theodore Pringle Loblaw's Nicknames

Theodore was known to many people as Uncle THEDE.

Mary Elspeth Wood Stayed with Theodore Pringle Loblaw

When Mrs. M. Elspeth Milne was a young girl she attended Teachers' College in Toronto. During this time she stayed with T.P. and his wife. Miss Wood went on to teach languages (French & Latin) in the high school system. To this day a few of her students drop by the Stevenson Farm in Alliston to visit.

g) CONVERSATION WITH MRS. MARY ELSPETH (WOOD) MILNE <continued>
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Loblaw's Cottage

Theodore Pringle Loblaw had a home in Mimico along Lakeshore Blvd. and a cottage just down the property on the lake front. In summer Theodore Pringle would have the staff cover everything in the main house with sheets and they would move to the cottage. In the fall they would move back to the main house again.

Theodore Pringle Loblaw Sinus Operation

In late March 1933 Theodore was worried about his upcoming sinus operation. He called Mrs. Milne up and asked if he could drop by and talk. Although, he had two Cadillacs and two drivers he wanted to come over alone so they could talk about personal matters. Theodore and the Milnes family had a wonderful dinner and then he discussed his concerns about the next days surgery. Mrs. Milne re-assured him that it was minor surgery and that his doctors were extremely good. This seemed to make Theodore feel alot better. During the operation Theodore died. Mrs. Milne feels that she was probably the last family member, other than his wife and children, to see him alive.

Mrs. Milne's Doctor Visit

Around a week after Theodore Pringle died Mrs. Milne went to have a checkup at her doctor's on University Avenue. She was the only person in the waiting room and was quietly sitting in the corner. She overheard two doctors in the back talking about Theodore's operation. The first doctor said it was a shame that Theodore Pringle had died, the second doctor said it should have never happened. The second doctor went on to explain that the surgical team had accidentally cut into Theodore Pringle's brain and he died on the spot. Mrs. Milne got very upset and ran out. For years she never told a single person about what she heard. She felt that the family had already suffered enough pain.

Theodore Pringle Loblaw's Generosity

Many newspaper articles have been written about the many things that Theodore Pringle donated money to or was involved with. These things will be remembered in history by their large and extensive nature (building the Alliston hospital, building the Alliston sewage system, paving the main roads in Alliston, financing a Toronto Hospital). However, Theodore Pringle quietly helped a large group of people. These were average people that he came in contact with on a day-to-day basis. Theodore Pringle strongly believed in his roots and respected the hardworking man. In a great many cases when Theodore Pringle heard about one of his people having a problem he quietly went to the person and helped him through his troubles. For these actions Theodore Pringle got no recognition or credit, only his family and the person involved knew.

At Theodore Pringle Loblaw's funeral service there were banks of beautiful flowers. But in the middle of all these flowers was a pyramid of simple flowers. These flowers came from a group of people that Theodore Pringle had quietly helped over the years.

g) CONVERSATION WITH MRS. MARY ELSPETH (WOOD) MILNE <continued>

November 05, 1995

Theodore Pringle and Children

Theodore Pringle Loblaw loved children and took in whoever needed a place to stay. He not only provided them with a place to stay and a family home-type setting but also took them with his family when he travelled on vacation. For all intents and purposes they became blood family members. In one such trip the entire group travelled to Europe.

When Theodore Pringle died the gang of teens travelled to Europe for six months to try to get over their feelings of great loss. Mary Elspeth (Wood) Milne was part of this group.

Theodore Pringle Loblaw and Chicago

Loblaws opened a large number of stores in Chicago in the late 1920s, and Theodore Pringle went there to instruct the staff. This was in the time of Al Capone. Theodore Pringle instructed all the staff that if the Mob came in with guns just give them all the money and do not cause any trouble. He told them that the money was not worth getting killed for. Later on Theodore Pringle sold all the American stores as it was too far a distance to manage from his home office in Toronto.

Loblaw Store Openings

All of the various stores were opened by W. J. Wood. Mr. Wood was a close friend to Theodore Pringle and the only man that Theodore Pringle trusted to perform such an important function. Mr. Wood was so busy that his daughter Mrs. Milne remembered seeing very little of him, during this period.

Theodore Pringle Loblaw and his staff

According to Mrs. Milne some of the men in the office gave Theodore Pringle a hard time because he was from a small town and they were from the big city. They acted like they thought they were better than him. But Theodore Pringle just ignored them as he was the founder and head of the company. But it must have bothered Theodore Pringle somewhat as he made a point to discuss it with his close friend Mrs. Milne.

Theodore Pringle Loblaw's last Will

At the time Theodore Pringle died he was busy creating a new will. In this will he was having much needed money sent out west to relatives. However, when Theodore Pringle died this new will was not signed and therefore could not be administered.

Mrs. Milne and the Horse rides

Mrs. Milne loves animals, dogs cats and horses. She remembered that on a number of occasions she and several of the family children rode the horses down into town to visit the general store.

g) CONVERSATION WITH MRS. MARY ELSPETH (WOOD) MILNE <continued>
November 05, 1995

Theodore Pringle Loblaw and Cardboard Milk Cartons

According to Mrs. Milne Theodore Pringle was always thinking of new ideas to make his business better and more efficient. As is the case with some ideas it took years to implement, but he never gave up on an idea. On one train ride to Toronto (late 1920s) he mentioned to Mrs. Milne that he thought it could be possible to put milk in a cardboard box.

Theodore Pringle Loblaw and Widowed Ladies

When ever Theodore Pringle heard about an older lady who was alone or a widowed lady with a family, he tried to do the Christian thing and help them out. In some cases he sent them money to make ends meet and in some cases he helped them get into business. In one case a widowed lady from Scotland was visiting the house and she brought the family some traditional Scottish shortbread cookies. Theodore Pringle asked her if she could make more cookies and she said "Yes". For years the lady baked cookies for the Loblaw Stores. In this way she was able to provide for her family.

Mrs. Milne's Health

At the time of these visits (September 19, 1995 and November 05, 1995) I found Mrs. Milne to be of a strong and independent spirit. She mentioned that at one time she was almost 6 foot tall, but now she is around 5 foot and suffers from a bone illness.

Around October 20th, 1995 Mrs. Milne went into the hospital for cancer treatment and surgery. She mentioned that this has not been the first cancer surgery she had gone through.

Theodore Pringle Loblaw and the Stevenson Memorial Hospital

Theodore Pringle built the first Stevenson Memorial Hospital, a building made of wood. He also left money to construct the second building made of brick.

Mrs. Milne's Family

Mr. Milne worked for Ontario Hydro, working his way up from the bottom to become the head of Human Resources (province wide) before retiring. Mr. and Mrs. Milne son is a Doctor in the Owen Sound hospital.

Theodore Pringle Loblaw's Disposition

Mrs. Milne indicated that both Theodore Pringle and his older brother had very easygoing personalities. They never showed or lost their temper, and did not seem to worry about things. They just went about their business with total determination.

h) STEVENSON FAMILY NAME

The following description of the name Stevenson was extracted from a Stevenson family lineage chart.

"It's one of the oldest family names on record. The Bible name Stephen and the Hebrew Stefansky moved with enlightenment and commerce across Europe; Stefanopoulos in Greece, Stefanyshyn, Stefanouski, Stefanschi in Ukraine, Poland and Italy, Stefanson in Scandinavia and Stuyvesant in the Netherlands. There are over thirty spellings.

Stephensons arrived in England in 1100 AD with the Normans. The name means 'son of the crowned one' probably inspired by the usurper King Stephen de Blois 1097 - 1154 AD, named for the great Plantagenet martyr St. Stephen 975 - 1038 AD. The Stevenson spelling first appeared in Scotland in Ayrshire, Moray and Angus in the 12th century. By 1567 in the time of James VI of Scotland, he was son of Mary Queen of Scots, the country was gripped in a struggle between the Catholic Party and the Presbyterians. Many of the latter fled after the trouble to Ireland. Among them were some 16th century Stevensons."

i) STEVENSON FARM PLAQUE

Notes:

- 1) The Stevenson farm is situated a few miles north of the town of Alliston, on the east side of a main road that runs from Hywy 89, in Alliston, up to Camp Borden.
- 2) Mrs. Mary Elspeth (Wood) Milne, an heir to the Stevenson estate still lives in the main house on the farm. The 600 acre farm is worked by the Ruthvens.
- 3) At the entrance to the Stevenson Farm there is a steal gate with a brass plaque on it. The following message was transcribed from that plaque.

"In 1829 William Stevenson with his young wife Elizabeth Pringle settled on these lands having come from Edinborough Scotland the same year, died in 1884. In 1899 the property was purchased by W.A. Ruthven and remained in his possession until 1927 when it was purchased by Theodore Pringle Loblaw son of W.J. Loblaw and Isabella Stevenson, (eldest daughter) and developed as a tribute to the memory of his grandparents and his associates, the Ruthvens, Turnbolls, and other pioneers who settled in these lands around about."

j) UNION CEMETERY (ALLISTON, ONTARIO) STONES INSCRIPTIONS

There are three plots in the Union Cemetery that relate to the Loblaw family (A, 21 & 630).

PLOT A: Loblaw Family

- William James Loblaw:
died April 24, 1873; age 33
- wife
Isabella Stevenson:
died March 6, 1888; age 53
- Theodore Pringle Loblaw:
born July 01, 1872 at Elmgrove, Essa County Township, Simcoe
died April 02, 1933
- wife
Isabella Helen Adam
born September 19, 1875 at Old Meldrum Scotland
died May 27, 1930
daughter of David Adams and Margaret Summer
- Mary Margaret
born February 02, 1863 at Elmgrove
died February 20, 1923
daughter of Christina Young and Mark B. Loblaw
- John Alvah Loblaw
born 1871 at Elmgrove
died October 4, 1959
- wife
Matilda Mitchel
born 1869
died 1941
- William James Loblaw
born 1864
died 1943
- wife
Agnes Dixon
died August 21, 1942 in her 77th year
- Mary Jane (Mazey)
born 1866 at Elmgrove
died September 28, 1911 in Edmonton
daughter of William James & Isabella Loblaws

Several small stones are situated around the base of the main stone. The small stones display the following names:

John, Matilda, William, Agnes

j) UNION CEMETERY (ALLISTON, ONTARIO) STONES INSCRIPTIONS

PLOT 21: BOWSER FAMILY

Front: Mathew Bowser
died February 12, 1889
also beloved wife
Catherine
died July 11, 1883

Side: Captain Athol A Moon, M.B.
Husband of Elsie W. Loblaw
died January 13, 1924
served with RAMC - CAMC
in Mesopotamia & Egypt 1914-1919

Side: John George Loblaw
died August 6, 1887
age 21 years, 9 months

Back: Mark B. Loblaw
died February 25, 1926 age 87
- wife
Margaret Bowser
born December 12, 1846
died August 03, 1916

PLOT 630: GEORGE HUNTER LOBLAW

born April 17, 1903
died April 27, 1979
husband of Margaret Corrigan

k) GRAHAMSVILLE CEMETERY (MALTON, ONTARIO) STONES INSCRIPTIONS

There are several plots in the Grahamsville Cemetery that relate to the Loblaw family. The information for these plots (extracted from the O.G.S. listing) is as follows:

NAME: JAMES WATSON RELATIONSHIP: SON OF JOHN G. WATSON
BIAL # : AGE (YEARS): 22 MONTHS: DAYS:
RESIDENCE: GRAHAMSVILLE, ONTARIO
DEATH: 1866/10/21 BIAL: / / CAUSE:
KIN: SON OF GEMINA ROOK & JOHN GEORGE WATSON

NAME: GEORGE WATSON RELATIONSHIP: SON OF JOHN G. WATSON
BIAL # : AGE (YEARS): 41 MONTHS: DAYS:
RESIDENCE: GRAHAMSVILLE, ONTARIO
DEATH: 1874/07/05 BIAL: / / CAUSE:
KIN: SON OF GEMINA ROOK & JOHN GEORGE WATSON

NAME: MARGARET LOBLAWS RELATIONSHIP: WIFE OF GEORGE WATSON
BIAL # : AGE (YEARS): 74 MONTHS: DAYS:
RESIDENCE: GRAHAMSVILLE, ONTARIO
DEATH: 1906/12/22 BIAL: / / CAUSE:
KIN: SON OF GEORGE WATSON

NAME: GEORGE F. WATSON RELATIONSHIP: HUSBAND OF LUCY
BIAL # : AGE (YEARS): 38 MONTHS: DAYS:
RESIDENCE: MEDINA ONTARIO
DEATH: 1898/05/19 BIAL: / / CAUSE: HANGED HIMSELF
KIN: MRS. GEORGE F. WATSON

NAME: LUCY WATSON RELATIONSHIP: MYRTLE'S MOTHER
BIAL # : AGE (YEARS): 74 MONTHS: DAYS:
RESIDENCE: CORNER OF QUEEN & WEST STREET, BRAMPTON
DEATH: 1930/01/26 BIAL: 1930/01/29 CAUSE:
KIN: MRS. WILLIAM EDWARD HARRISON, WEST STREET, BRAMPTON

NAME: SAMUEL SCALES RELATIONSHIP: FATHER LUCY WATSON
BIAL # : AGE (YEARS): MONTHS: DAYS:
RESIDENCE: GRAHAMSVILLE, ONTARIO
DEATH: / / BIAL: / / CAUSE:
KIN: DAUGHTER: LUCY WATSON

NAME: HANNA WINTERS RELATIONSHIP: WIFE OF SAMUEL SCALES
BIAL # : AGE (YEARS): MONTHS: DAYS:
RESIDENCE: GRAHAMSVILLE, ONTARIO
DEATH: / / BIAL: / / CAUSE:
KIN: DAUGHTER: LUCY WATSON

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THE ALLISTON HERALD - APRIL 06, 1933
.: DEATH OF MR. T.P. LOBLAW

News of the death of Mr. Theodore Pringle Loblaw which reached town a few minutes after the dissolution took place Sunday afternoon was a distinct shock to the people scarcely any of whom know that he had on Friday morning submitted to the minor sinus operation in the Western Hospital in Toronto. Meningitis asserted itself shortly after the operation and quickly sniffed out the life of this big business man, genial friend of everybody and extensive benefactor.

His private secretary, Miss Hyland called to see Mr. Loblaw Friday afternoon and found him quick sick, Saturday afternoon when she called the Doctor thought it inadvisable to disturb him. About this time he became delirious and rapidly sank till the end came shortly after 3 O'clock Sunday afternoon.

The passing of Mr. Loblaw removes a remarkable man, one who by his own efforts built up an immense business along new lines, and amassed great wealth which in no way turned his head. On the contrary it merely gave him the means with which to alleviate distress and build up the better things in life.

Born on the second line of Essa in the house now occupied by Mr. W.J. LeSlaw he soon went to live with his grandfather his own father having been deceased while the future chain store magnate was yet in tender infancy. He went to No. 1 School in Essa and this was all the technical education he ever received. The writer heard his circumstances of leaving the farm and going to the city when (we think) he was 15 years of age. He had a decidedly checkered career for a few years but never admitted defeat and always determined to learn everything about the grocery business with the subconsciousness of an ambition to conduct a business of his own some day using methods never before brought into action.

He lived to achieve his ambition today in association with J. Milton Cork, a son of his first employer, and some others he headed an organization doing a business running into many millions of dollars annually.

The present Dominion stores grew out of Mr. Loblaw's first conception of a chain store which he established and which did not suit him. He had conceived the idea of a self-serve store spotlessly clean and determined to establish this type of groceteria. He sold the first chain to the late W.J. Pentland and some associates and established Loblaw Groceterias Limited.

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DEATH OF MR. T.P. LOBLAW <continued>

Mr. Loblaw was a man of many parts and has some rigid principles inherited from his Scotch forbears. The sanctity of the sabbath was always upheld by him and he refused to let visitors inspect his farm on that day. When he threw the golf course open to the public of the district his one stipulation was that there should be no Sunday golf. In the matter of strong drink he was a total abstainer and any brewed or malt liquors were never served at his homes, either here or in the city. He was always interested in church and was a generous supporter of Burns Church which is located close to his farm. That he should become interested in the Oxford Movement was only natural and the enthusiasm he showed for it was another of his characteristics, into whatever he undertook he put the full force of his dynamic energy.

Of his many interests and hobbies one most dear to his heart was the Stevenson Memorial Hospital. He seldom spent a day or a weekend at the farm that he did not ride down to have a look at the interior and chat with the superintendent. Members of the board of governors will realize that he has gone when they no longer receive brief and unexpected visits from him at their meetings. This magnificent gift is an enduring monument to his munificence and will perpetuate his memory in this town for many a year.

Funeral service is to be held in Toronto, but a final service will be held at the farm home Wednesday afternoon after which interment will be made in the family plot in the Union Cemetery where Mrs. Loblaw was interred three years ago this spring.

m) Various Family Newspaper Obituaries

THRESA VIOLA LOBLAW

THRESA VIOLA LOBLAW: At the Southampton Nursing Home on Saturday, October 24th, 1981, Thresa Viola Loblaw, in her 64th year. Daughter of the Mr. and Mrs. Dan Patterson. Niece of the late Louisa and Pringle Loblaw. Sister of Pearl (Mrs. Neil Cassidy) of Port Elgin and Hazel (Mrs. Roy Eagles) of Meaford. Funeral service will be held at the Ferguson Funeral Home, Meaford, Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. Rev. Douglas Aikman officiating. Interment at Lakeview Cemetery, Meaford.

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ALLISTON HERALD - July 26, 1930

\$3 WEEK GROCERY CLERK HEADS VAST CHAIN STORE ENTERPRISE

The career of Theodore P. Loblaw is an interesting study for young and old alike; especially is it a challenge to the youth of independent spirit who have the determination to face the world and that quiet courage to evolve his own philosophy and follow it to the bitter end.

Theodore Pringle Loblaw does not preach philosophy, yet the discerning mind can read it in his career, his very success in the business world and, above all, in his own life, since material possessions have changed from vague chimeras to definite possibilities - should he desire them. This millionaire, who once worked in a grocery store in Toronto for \$ 3 a week, is never the pacifist in his outlook upon life; life is a continual challenge to add that is best in a man and from his business record alone it can be seen that Theodore Pringle Loblaw ever is on the aggressive. Without knowing his tastes in literature, one might assume that Browning's almost eager challenge to death, one fight more - "the best and the last." would grip him far more than Tennyson's hope that there might be "no moaning of the bar when I put out to sea."

SAVE A PORTION OF INCOME

Loblaw saved money when he was a clerk in a grocery store earning \$ 3 a week and, what so many others have failed to do, he continued to save as the margin between earnings and expenses widened. He once succinctly stated: "The longer I live, the more I am convinced that the difference between the clerk who saves part of his salary, and the one that spends all of his, is the difference, in a few years, between the owner of a business and the man out of a job."

Mere savings, however, is but the means towards an end. And having a goal in sight, young Loblaw went to business school those week-nights he was not employed in the store, took up bookkeeping and accounting and so was able to instal a more efficient method of keeping records where he was employed. Moreover he studied the grocery business from all angles, became convinced that the popular idea of the corner store could be revolutionized by reducing inventories and increasing turnover and, incidentally, putting up goods in more sanitary fashion and where the housewife could see them, rather than stored away in some dark corner of the shop.

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VENTURE INTO CHAIN FIELD

More efficient accounting methods and chain stores were inter-linked in his mind. J. Milton Cork, his employer and son of W.C. Cork, with whom Mr. Loblaw has first entered the grocery business, was a sympathetic listener to young Loblaw's proposals. Loblaw and Milton Cork formed a partnership to operate chain stores, Loblaw investing all his savings. Nineteen of these stores were in operation in 1910.

The chain store was but one step in revolutionizing the trade. From the chain stores system evolved the groceteria system - cash and carry. Reduced prices to the consumer; reduced overhead to the proprietor, no loss of interest on outstanding accounts or heavy write-offs for bad debts. To-day the name Loblaw is a household word not only in this province but in many of the larger cities of the United States as well, the company having expanded greatly in Canada and also organized an American subsidiary.

Thus the clerk has become head of an extensive network of stores; figures show that the ratio for profits to sales is one of the highest in the Dominion, proof of the thoroughness of Theodore Pringle Loblaw's work.

OLD FRIENDS BEST

The millionaire chain store proprietor is an unpretentious man. It is not part of his philosophy that he should aspire to social pre-eminence. Old friends are best, and on that principle he acts. Relaxation mostly is a trip to his farm near Alliston, Simcoe County, one which his grandfather owned 100 years before, where he loves to draw a line behind a team of horses, to walk in the ploughed furrows, inhaling wholesome invigorating air. And let it be known that Mr. Loblaw is a ploughman of repute. As a lad before he came to the city he worked on a farm, was an adept ploughman and has never lost the art.

Mr. Loblaw is a generous given to worthy causes, only last year contributing along with his partner, J. Milton Cork, one million dollars towards a new hospital in Toronto. But he was generous when his salary barely covered the weekly budget. Only the responsibility of his wealth worthily handled is so much greater now.

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ALLISTON HERALD - April 3, 1933

T.P. LOBLAW IS DEAD FROM COMPLICATIONS OF MINOR OPERATION

President of Loblaw Groceterias Limited Passed Away in Western Hospital - Started work in Toronto at 17 Years of Age, Making Three Dollars a Week. (NOTE: He died on Sunday, April 02)

FIRM SUPPORTER OF OXFORD GROUPS

Men in commercial life and hosts of friends were shocked yesterday afternoon to hear of the sudden death of Theodore P. Loblaw, President, Loblaw Groceterias Company, Limited. Mr. Loblaw died in the Western Hospital, where on Friday he underwent a minor operation. Complications developing Friday night were responsible for the fatal termination of the brief illness.

The name Theodore Pringle Loblaw was widely known both in Canada and the United States, his spectacular success as a chain-store executive reading like a romance. Coming to the City of Toronto as a country boy of 17 years. Mr. Loblaw began his career as a clerk in a grocery store at \$ 3 a week. Ill prepared indeed was the country lad for the job of salesman, never having had even the opportunity of habitual trade at a village grocery store. Twenty-one years later he won distinction in the realm of commerce as the owner of the Loblaw Stores, chain groceries. The last annual report of the company showed sales for the year to have been more than \$ 15,000,000. It was not all probable that the country boy being initiated into the routine of the small grocery store, earning his paltry \$ 3 and spending his two nights off duty at night school, ever imagined himself head of a company with 107 stores in Ontario and 50 stores in the State of New York.

In January 1929, together with J. Milton Cork, Vice-President of Loblaw Groceterias, Mr. Loblaw made a contribution of \$ 1,000,000 to the Western Hospital, which was to make provision for the extension of hospital activities carried on at Bathurst and Dundas Street. Mr. Loblaw was a member of the Board of Governors of Western Hospital.

The unexpectedness of Mr. Loblaw's death was accentuated in that he had been scheduled to address the Sunday evening service at Dale Presbyterian Church. Mr. Loblaw had during recent weeks, come into prominence as a public speaker at religious gatherings, claiming during the visit to Toronto of Oxford Groups Movement, to have experienced a "changed life" which he was eager to share with many Christian congregations in Ontario.

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Mr. Loblaw was born in Alliston, Ontario, July 1, 1872, the son of William James and Isabella (Stevenson) Loblaw, both of whom belonged to Alliston. The scanty education afforded the boy destined to win a fortune and become the head of a great Canadian merchandising business was received at the Scotch Line School, Essa Township, Simcoe County, and Alliston High School. His father died when he was a mere infant, and at the age of 15 years, at the death of his widowed mother, he was adopted into the home of his grandparents.

It was here on his grandparents farm, sixty miles distant from Toronto, that the boy became imbued with the determination to strike out into the world and seek success. For two months working as a plow boy and apple picker, he earned the sum of \$ 20, with which he started out on his momentous journey to Toronto. Only recently, in speaking before a meeting of unemployed men, Mr. Loblaw referred to those early days in Toronto, when at the Christmas season he tramped the streets of the city hunting for a job.

The job was eventually discovered in the grocery store of W.C. Cork, King Street East, the father of J. Milton Cork, who became the Vice-President and head of the Merchandising Department of the Loblaw Groceries.

With his first savings, Mr. Loblaw bought an interest in a store owned by Mr. Cork, and located on College Street. While engaged in that business he got the idea of the chain stores. A partnership was formed with J. Milton Cork, and in 1910 some nineteen small chain stores were being operated by the partners. These stores were eventually sold to the Dominion Stores Company. In 1919 Mr. Loblaw conceived the idea of the cash-and-carry system.

Questioned as to the success of his great venture, Mr. Loblaw once remarked: "I can now see that such success as I now have had, has been due to a variety of causes. I've worked hard and thought hard - which is work too, of a kind. I had a pretty big stock of energy to begin with and my judgement has proved itself sound in the main. But the one thing more than another to which I attribute my success, is the fact that I always gave the other fellow a fair return for his money. You can call it a square deal, or you can call it service. I like to feel that there is a personal relation between myself and each one of my customers. I like to feel that each one of these customers is satisfied - that he's getting his money's worth and a little more. That's the principle on which I've always worked. That's why, I think, I got and kept the confidence of my customers from the beginning. And public confidence, in my estimation, is the biggest asset a business man can have."

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TRIBUTE TO OXFORD GROUP

During the last few months, since coming under the influence of the Oxford Group Movement, Mr. Loblaw repeatedly stated in public, "Of all the success, of all the things that have come into my life, the greatest of all is this that has come to me the last few weeks," when, he declared he "had found the living God."

Typical of the late Mr. Loblaw's recent thoughts on life are some words found pencilled in his notebook. They constitute the last notation in his book, and at the bereaved Loblaw home, they are now greatly treasured. Mr. Loblaw wrote: "Going over the top by a complete surrender of your life to God would mean honesty in commerce, sincerity in the Church, sympathy between employer and employee, purity and common decency in social life, idealism and earnestness in politics."

Loblaw Groceries Company, Limited, of which Mr. Loblaw was President, with its chain of self-service stores, represents a huge business venture, including 107 branch stores in the Province of Ontario and 50 branches in New York State. The office and warehouse of the Loblaw Groceries is located at Fleet and Bathurst Streets.

Mr. Loblaw's generosity was represented in many benefactions, outstanding among these being the gift of a fine hospital at Alliston. The name of Loblaw stood, for hospitality, and guests were ever cordially welcomed at the Toronto home of Mr. Loblaw, 385 Lakeshore Road, and also at the farm residence in Alliston.

He was actively interested in the Kiwanis Club, serving as a member of the Executive Committee - Downtown Kiwanis. He was a director of the Y.M.C.A., member of the Board of Governors Of Toronto Western Hospital, and a member of the United Church of Canada and a member of the A.F. and A.M. and the I.O.O.F.

Mr. Loblaw's wife predeceased him in 1930. Surviving are one adopted daughter, Jean Agnes, and three foster-sons, Alexander Burr-Loblaw, John Burr-Loblaw and James Fraser Burr-Loblaw. To brothers also survive, William James of Alliston, Ontario and John Alvah of Carman, Manitoba.

The remains are resting at A.V. Miles's Undertaking Parlour until 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, and will be in state at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church until the funeral service, which will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The funeral cortege will be leaving by motor for Alliston, where a service will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the farm residence. Interment will be in Union Cemetery, Alliston.

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TRUST FUND TO BE SET UP for KIWANIS CLUB FOR BOYS' WORK

The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, Alexander Burr-Loblaw and Roy S. McPherson, executors, are making application for probate of the will of the late Theodore Pringle Loblaw, former president and general manager of Loblaw Groceterias Company Limited.

The statement of assets as prepared by the executors discloses an estate having an inventory value of \$ 2,196,301.66. These assets include real estate valued at \$ 129,755.13, life insurance and cash, accounts receivables, etc. \$ 321,906.93, stocks including shares of Loblaw Groceterias Company Limited and Loblaw Groceterias, Inc. \$ 1,744,639.60.

Under terms of the will, the real estate at Mimico is bequeathed to the daughter, and Meldrum Apartments, Queen Street east, and stores at 261 College Street are bequeathed to Jas. Fraser Loblaw and John E. Loblaw. To the Art Gallery of Toronto is bequeathed the painting by Paul Peel entitled "The Young Biologist," and the painting known as "Fort Rouille" a French trading post at Toronto in 1759, by F.S. Challenger, is bequeathed to the city of Toronto to be hung in the city hall.

Regarding the Stevenson Memorial Hospital at Alliston, Mr. Loblaw's will provides that any amount owing by them for advances is to be cancelled. These advances at the time of death amounted to approximately \$ 125,000. There is also a legacy of Emmanuel College of Victoria University of \$ 25,000. Provision is made for payment of annuities for life to the late Mrs. Loblaw's cousin and to John Alvah Loblaw (Carman, Manitoba) and William James Loblaw (Alliston, Ontario), brothers of Mr. Loblaw. Legacies are also provided for certain personal friends and former employees.

TO ESTABLISH TRUSTS

Out of the residue consisting largely of stock of the Loblaw Company, provision is made for establishing a trust of \$ 200,000 for the daughter, as well as trusts of \$ 25,000 for certain nephews and nieces of Mr. Loblaw and of his deceased wife. Similar amounts are also to be set apart for two grand-nieces, and for each of the three foster sons of the deceased. Regarding the shares of stock of Loblaw Groceterias Company, Limited, owned by the estate, the executors are given wide powers regarding their administration and ...

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On March 15 a banquet in honour of these two gentlemen was held in Wesley United Church Sunday school rooms.

In that year, 1928, Peter Thompson and Sons established a saw mill west of town, and the entertainment circle was enlarged by the opening of a theatre in the town hall, showing "Uncle Tom's Cabin". Talking pictures were introduced the next July.

The fall of 1928 saw a fine chapel erected in the Alliston Union Cemetery. This greatly improved conditions in connection with burial service during the winter months.

A great deal of activity was evidenced the next year, 1929, when an extensive sewer system was installed and a disposal plant established. A paving programme was started too and Mr. Loblaw generously offered to assist this work to the extent of \$50,000.

The members of council in charge of this extensive improvement were Mayor W.F. Knight, Reeve W.J. Cunningham, Councillors W.D. Latimer, J.A. Ryan, J.A. Kerr, Lorne McMullin, J.J. Milligan, and A.B. Weatherup. All spent a great deal of time on the job, but Councillor Kerr seemed to be here, there and everywhere, making sure that the town obtained the best work possible.

That summer the Alliston Creamery made artificial ice for the first time.

The Herald of November 28 noted that Verna Reid, now Mrs. Ed. Murray captured the Carter Scholarship.

We find that Alliston could finally be reached when the Legislature designated the road through town as a highway on May 7, 1931. In September Ted Gibson brought credit to the local high school by vaulting 9 feet, 8 inches, at Barrie to win second place.

Early in 1932 word was received that Harry Wolfson had captured the Wilder Fellowship Scholarship of \$1,500 for post graduate study in Great Britain. In March, Reg Noble was voted the most valuable man on ice for the Detroit Falcons.

In July the town may have fallen from grace, because an item in the town minutes indicates that two constables were appointed.

Teachers Take Cut

That was the year when the town had \$11,000, uncollected taxes and a \$10,000 overdraft at the bank



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at the same time. Only 70 percent of the previous year's income could be borrowed. This fact, no doubt, promoted a motion advising the school board to lower all salaries immediately. The Public School Board responded by reducing the teachers' salaries 10 percent. How times have changed. Paving and sewer debenture payments remained the same.

Early in April, Mr. T. P. Loblaw, who had done so much for our town, breathed the last and as a mark of respect, the school was closed for the funeral on April 5, 1933.

Precautions were taken that year to make the C.P.R. crossing less dangerous by installing a wig wag at a cost of \$483.92 to the town.

During the next year few items of interest were recorded. Plans were made to remove all outhouses in

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the sewerage district so that the town could claim the balance due from the Loblaw Estate. Changes were made in the south wall of the town hall to accommodate the new fire truck. Boys and girls fourteen and under were warned to be off the streets at nine o'clock in the evening and were reminded each night by the curfew bell. The Alliston Herald of June 7, announced the knighting of Dr. Sir Frederick Banting.

Scouts Visit Toronto

The depression that followed had few items of note. In May 1935, eight boys of the 1st Alliston Boy Scout Troop, accompanied by Rev. P.N. Knight, Group Chairman, and Ernest Cumberland, Scoutmaster, attended a monster rally of Guides, Brownies, Scouts and Wolf Cubs at the Coliseum in Exhibition Park Toronto. Here they saw and heard Lord and Lady Baden-Powell.

In 1936 the bathing houses were moved to the south side of the river near the pumping station.

Lions Receive Charter

On January 26, 1937, Dr. C.F. Burt, president of the Alliston Lions Club received the charter from District Governor Harry E. Lambert and the Barrie Lions Club presented him with a gavel. Since that time the Lions Club have been behind every project for the advancement of the community. Their eye testing service, school milk programme, fresh air camp, Scout sponsoring, and quiet assistance unknown to the public, gave ample evidence of their value to this community.

In April, 1937, a play "The Mystic Land of Magic Music" was written by a local girl, Miss Irene Cunningham, now Mrs. Bruce Knowles, and presented with outstanding success by the pupils of Alliston Public School, assisted by a few senior pupils.

Battle of the Boyne

Early in 1938, February 3, to be exact, the Circle Theatre opened its doors and has continued to entertain the public since then.

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Compliments of

G. H. Loblaw

Alliston

Ontario

Head your Shorthorn herd with a son of our senior sire

Marathon Sensation

His sire is the Noted Show Bull

Ringfoot Sensation

Grand Champion Royal Winter Fair, 1938



Coordinating with F. K. Morrow, C.B.E., the late T. P. Loblaw, a native of the Burn's district, erected and equipped the Stevenson Memorial Hospital in Alliston and contributed largely to the cost of paving the streets in 1929. Mr. Loblaw died in April 1933.

In 1928 the Stevenson Memorial Hospital had its official opening. This hospital was built through the efforts of two fine men. Mr. T. P. Loblaw and Mr. F. K. Morrow. The former gentleman, a native of the Burns district, died in April 1933. In 1941 a memorial service was conducted in St. John's United Church, for Sir Frederick Banting, a native son.

As has been previously documented, Elmgrove is the town in which a number of the family members were born. For this reason the following extraction has been included.

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ELMGROVE

The settlement of Elmgrove was first opened about 1840 by settlers of English and Irish extraction. Some of the early settlers were Rodgers, Campbell, Asaph, Handy, Morrish, Downey, Dundas, Alderson, McMann, Cook, Miller, Wilkinson and Whiteside.

These settlers found a land covered by trees and much of it was swampy. There was a hugh swamp extending from the third line to the fourth line of Essa. Later a corduroy road was built across this swamp which is now the fifth sideroad. The nearest market was Angus, 10 miles to the north. The farmers teamed their grain to this village through hugh swamps.

The school was built where it now stands, constructed of logs with one door and two side windows in each side. The new brick school was erected in 1899. The members of the first school board were Messrs. Sam Rodgers, William Campbell and Thomas Dunn. The first teacher was Mr. Vansom. Mr. John Wilkinson taught for seventeen years in this school.

There was a Methodist Church built on the south-east corner of the fourth line and the side road in 1882, and beside it a Orange Hall soon appeared. The church later fell into disuse and was torn down.

East of the school at the fifth line was the small village of Elmgrove, consisting of a store, a blacksmith shop, a shoemaker's shop, a wagonmaker's place, an hotel, a post-office and a few private homes.

This section of land, the Elmgrove District, is now a thriving farming district of level farms with beautiful buildings and noted for the growing of potatoes.

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IN MEMORY OF
MR. T. P. LOBLAW, MERCHANT PRINCE

Brought up in Essa Township
Alliston his near by town,
Like other country boys he lived
His hands with farm tools brown
They went to the same rural school
The self-same lessons learned
Yet, somehow, in his inner parts
Rare fires of yearning burned
The folks in general didn't know
The visions lurking there.
That in the years that lurked ahead,
Such wondrous fruit would bear,
Joseph, in Bible story known,
Lived quite a dream-life too,
But in his dreams the kernel there
Of future heights was clue.
And so T. P., but a youth,
The business world's appeal
Put iron blood within his vein's,
That strengthened into steel.
The peaceful rural life he lived
Gave time for worth-while thought,
And from his neighbors round about
He inspiration caught.
Most of us do at times imbibe,
From others living near,
Some helpful things in mode or thought,
That to us may adhere.
Yet we ourselves the captains are,
Our own fates to decide,
And when the floods around us sweep
'Tis we who turn the tide.
At any rate, our friend T. P.
With dreams was not content
Beyond the visions that were his
He saw accomplishment.
Perhaps, more than any other man,
He put upon the map,
The groceries idea,
That filled such yawning gap.
Each venture that our friend would make
Was crowned with great success.
His business grow by leaps and bounds,
Beyond most sanguine guess.
His profits kept apiling up,
He soon was millionaire,
But, literally, for worthy ends,
He handed out large share .
As friend, it was to me a joy,
With him I knew so well,
To visit at his varied haunts,
And catch his magic spell.

I've been at his palatial home
On Lake Shore, Mimico,
At his warehouse I've banquetted,
In style magnifico,
And up at famed Stevenson Farm
I've been honoured guest,
Partaking in the comforts there
With merriment and zest.
Stevenson Farms, his grandsire's home
For many years and long,
Might well have been called Loblaw Hall,
Transformed to hold a throng.
But T. P. for love he bore
The one before him gone,
Preferred the name Stevenson,
And so that name stayed on.
So was it when for Alliston,
As a much needed boom,
He built the Stevenson Hospital,
A gift most opportune.
The pavements and the sewers too,
That gave the town such lift,
Were largely from his gracious hands,
Another welcome gift.
When Oxford Group was at its height
Their needs he'd apprehend,
And in their interest, lavishly,
His means on them would spend.
At one great banquet given them,
I heard him once declare,
He'd taken a partner on,
His business life to share.
That partner was Jesus Christ,
Man's savour and best friend,
The One we knew we safely can
In everything depend.
But soon the Messenger of Death
Came for him, all too soon,
Instead of living a long life
'Twas scarcely afternoon.
Oh, what a throng of sorrowing friends,
Upon his funeral day,
With rapt attention tributes heard,
The speaker had to pray!
Long will his memory endure,
His influence, too, be felt,
Extended many miles beyond
The districts where he dwelt.
We who are left have not the wealth
That was his portion here,
But, to the higher, heavenly wealth,
May have our titles clear.

by J. A. Wilson

q) WHO'S WHO IN CANADA

THEODORE PRINGLE LOBLAW

LOBLAW, THEODORE P. - Merchant, Loblaw Groceries Co., Ltd., Self-serve Groceries (established June 1919), 157 King St. East, Toronto, Ont. Born Alliston, July 1, 1872, son of William James Loblaw and Isabella Stevenson, both of Alliston. Educated: Scottish Line School, Essa Township, Simcoe County; Simcoe County and Alliston High School. Clerk, W.C. Cork, 400 King St. East, Toronto, January 1890; Clerk, F. R. Nicholson's Grocer and his successors, 457 College St. Toronto, 1893; Partnership, J. Milton Cork & Co., 487 College St. Toronto, 1897; Owner, T. P. Loblaw, Grocer, Toronto, 1899; Owner, Loblaw Accounting Systems Co., Toronto, 1906; Owner, The Loblaw Stores, Toronto, 1909; President, and Managing Director, Loblaw Groceries Co., Ltd., Toronto, 1919; Married Isabella Hellen Adam, daughter of David Adam, June 2, 1895; has three sons and one daughter. Clubs: Rusholme Lawn Bowling and Kiwanis. Societies: Masonic and Oddfellows. Recreation: Fishing. Independent: Presbyterian. Residence: 367 Rusholme Road, Toronto, Ont.

r) Loblaw Foods Orientation Package

Below is a document which came from the Loblaws Foods new employee orientation package. This document was graciously provided by the Public Relations Department of Loblaw Foods.

Loblaws: from past to present

- 1919** Theodore Pringle Loblaw and Justin M. Cork formed a partnership to introduce and develop the self-service, cash and carry concept in the Toronto grocery trade. The stores were very small by today's standards and carried a limited selection outside of staple goods. Because of the deliberate cutback on service, small staff numbers and low overheads, they were able to advertise "We sell for less".
- 1928** Marked the building of a modern distribution centre at 530 Lakeshore Blvd. West. Many different products were distributed from this facility. Cold storage rooms, a bakery, rooms for coffee and tea blending, and other special departments (ie: bacon and butter wrapping) were all located here. Loblaws established their head offices in the distribution centre, along with a lavishly equipped recreation room and restaurant for employees.
- 1929** By 1929 the number of stores had grown from 2 to 80.
- 1930's** Growth was steady. In the early 1930's Loblaw Groceterias introduced a new development for conventional grocery stores... the provision of meat and produce on a self-serve basis. Unsuccessful at first, the approach caught on by the mid 30's.
- 1932** Loblaws introduced private label products and full scale meat and produce departments.
- 1950's** Loblaws acquired other food-related companies and became part of the worldwide Weston Group of companies.

National Grocers: then and now

- 1925** National Grocers Co. Ltd. was founded as the result of a merger of 34 food wholesalers throughout Canada. The controlling interest was held in America until Archie Foster, the President of National Grocers in North Bay and a substantial shareholder in the new company, was successful in pooling 51% of the shares and bringing control of the merger back to Canada. Until 1967, the head offices were located at 21 Front Street East in Toronto, the sight of the present St. Lawrence Arts Centre.
- 1954** National Grocers first Cash & Carry was opened in Sarnia.
- 1958** Loblaws Companies Limited purchased the controlling interest in National Grocers.
- 1965** Over the years, more efficient highways and transportation vehicles reduced the need for some of the smaller, outdated branches. From 1965 to 1975 many of the smaller, original warehouses closed and larger, more modern distribution centre were built in strategic areas to service larger territories.
- 1992** National Grocers Co. Ltd. now operates 7 distribution branches located in Chatham, Cochrane, Erin Mills, Kitchener, Ottawa, Peterborough, and Sudbury.

s) George Weston Limited

The Community Affairs Department of George Weston Limited provided assistance and guidance as to where information could be obtained regarding Theodore Pringle Loblaw. The Community Affairs Department also generously provided the following company related information:

Loblaw Companies Limited

January 18, 1956 incorporated by Letters Patent, Canada and is considered a public company. The name is from the founder, Mr. Theodore Pringle Loblaw who founded Loblaw Groceterias Co., Limited on April 21, 1921. Mr. Loblaw was an enterprising and generous man and if you visit the Toronto Western Hospital on Bathurst Street you will see a portrait of him. He was a benefactor of the Hospital.

After amendments, amalgamations, to its Articles of Incorporation Loblaw Groceterias Co., Limited became consecutively "Loblaw Limited" then "Food Market Holding Co. Ltd." and finally "Loblaw Inc." Loblaw Companies Limited adopted the "Loblaw" name and is the parent company of Loblaws Inc. And several other subsidiary companies such as Zehrmart Inc., National Grocers Co. Ltd. and Westfair Foods Ltd.

t) Study Distribution List

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