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Celebrations



1847

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HAIL! ALLISTON!

In introducing the history of Alliston, no better method comes to mind than by quoting a poem written by John C. Colgan, better known as "Fagan" some time during or before 1873.

Hail! Alliston, centre of commerce and trade,
Young Queen of Tecumseth, where fortunes are made;
The sound of thy engines is heard from afar,
Like the onset of battle or clangour of war.
Thy fair, graceful daughters our homage command,
And thy temperate sons are the pride of our land;
No Loafer or Rowdy can flourish or thrive
Where all are as busy as bees in a hive—
Some driving the plane, others guiding the saw,
And some make a living expounding the law.
Thy elegant stores are a credit to thee,
Where merchants are fam'd for the best flavour'd tea,
And tropical spices direct from the line,
And clothes of all textures, the best superfine;
Silks, satins, and doeskins, to suit all our wants,
And tweeds of all colours, for jackets and pants,
And ready made clothing our limbs to adorn,
And plaids patronized by the Marquis of Lorne.
And if you want something to cover your cloots,
Step into the Temple and look at our boots:
Our boots, shoes and gaiters, can boast a new wrinkle,
They don't go aside or give out at the ankle;
No matter how crooked and shambling you go,
Our boots will keep straight, and our prices are low.
For hardware or stoves go to honest P. D.,
A man of sound judgment, no bigot is he,
Well fit for the office of Warden or Reeve—
He writes a good hand and would scorn to deceive.
Some honest Reformers are here to be found,
And some loyal Tories are scattered around;
But all are determined like brothers to join,
And vote a fair Bonus to help the loop line.
Some jokers will say there's a trick in the loop,
And call it a Government ticket for soup,
To gain a few votes for the time serving crew
Who sail with Sir John in his piebald canoe,
A fig for such bigots, who level their spleen
At Johnny so Orange, and Cartier so Green;
If some use the left foot and others the right,
Is that a just reason why neighbours should fight?
Hold on Mr. Fagan, in mercy come back,
Thy neat little engine will run off the track.
Quick! whistle down brakes, you'll have wigs on the green—
Huzza for the loop line, and God save the Queen!

ALLISTON

*was only 76
when we moved here*



Time flies! It seems only yesterday that this Bank opened a branch in Alliston. Actually, this happened twenty four years ago, August 20, 1923, to be exact.

So we have been privileged to share in the business life of this community for almost one quarter of its one hundred years.

Our own Centennial is only eight

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A Brief History Of Alliston

W. G. E. CUMBERLAND

from the founding of the first settlement
by Willam Fletcher in 1847 until
year of Centennial, 1947



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W. G. E. CUMBERLAND

Assisted by W. A. Latimer, Miss Gladys McDowell
and Sergeant M. Blake,
from the municipal records, file copies of
the Alliston Herald and, with grateful
thanks, from scrap books and other
documents kindly loaned by
many interested friends.

Alliston's Oldest Bank

is . . .



Yes, the Alliston Branch of the B of M first opened its doors to serve the residents of this community in 1898—seven years after the great fire destroyed the whole business section of the town. Then an office of the Ontario Bank, it became, 10 years later, a branch of the Bank of Montreal—Canada's Oldest Bank.

On the occasion of the Old Boys' and Girls' Reunion being held to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of this thriving town, the B of M looks back with pride on nearly half a century of close partnership with Alliston residents, providing always essential banking services and friendly, financial counsel.

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WILLIAM FLETCHER

Founder of Alliston. Energetic business man, establishing the first industries in the community, a saw-mill and grist mill.



MRS. WILLIAM FLETCHER

Wife of the founder who made of their home a meeting place in the community.

Starting In the Year 1791

The history of Alliston harks back to the birth of a boy named William Fletcher, in Yorkshire, England, April 1st, 1791. He and his two brothers John and Dickson became dissatisfied with life in England after some years, and set out for Toronto. They arrived with the princely sum of 6d between them. They worked for some time on farms in the Toronto Gore to earn money with which to buy property for themselves. Eventually in 1821 William was able to do this, taking up land at lot 15, concession 3, Tecumseth Township. One of his brothers settled in the Gore the other went to the Thornbury District. In 1828 William took to himself a wife, a Miss Margaret McGirr, who was born in Clougher, Ireland April 3rd, 1796. In the same neighbourhood with

the Fletchers and McGirrs were the Dales and Clarks.

On this farm the Fletchers prospered and raised three fine boys. In the fall of 1847 Mr. Fletcher and his eldest son, John Fletcher, set out in search of a mill site, but, after exploring the streams of Adjala, Mulmur, and Tossorontio, they found nothing to suit their ideas of a site. Not discouraged by their lack of success they crossed over into Essa, and on lot 1, concession 1, discovered the site upon which Alliston now stands. This proved very attractive because in addition to ideal water power the location was valuable for the quality of its timber and the richness of its soil. This river was later called the Poyne. Over a period of years the Fletchers purchased ten or twelve

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Shout it out loud,
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THE ORIGINAL GRIST MILL

Built by William Fletcher and his sons on the north side of the River in 1853.

hundred acres of land, part of which was in Tecumseth Township.

First Dwelling Erected

Early in November of the same year he and his son erected a log shanty, the first building in Alliston. This pioneer structure was composed of logs in the round, with gable ends and round poles for rafters, and was roofed with clapboards fastened with small wooden pegs. It was floored with rough lumber and the chinks in the walls were filled with split cedar and moss. This residence stood on the south bank of the river, facing north at 80 Victoria Street West, where the Canadian Tire Corporation is now located.

Saw Mill Built

In the early part of April 1848 the rest of the family settled here. During the summer this ambitious pioneer erected a saw mill on the north side of the river, and established the first industry of the town. At that time the nearest neighbour on the west was at McMulkin's Hill, on the

east at Sharpe's Hill, on the south near Beeton, and, on the north at West Essa, where the Ruthven's, Stevensons and Turnbulls had settled.

Oldest House Erected in 1849

In 1849 a fine frame residence was erected and still stands at 18 Fletcher's Crescent. Miss Sarah Fletcher, a descendant of John Fletcher, still lives there. This home, throughout the years, has been a centre of social activity for the community, a place known for its hospitality. In the early days Indian ladies calling to sell their hand made baskets, received a gracious welcome at this home, and down through the years people of high and low degree found a measure of hospitality far exceeding that which we know today.

Shortly after this time the community was enlarged by another business establishment. Mr. William Turnbull of West Essa decided to open a General Store about 1856. This store which served the people

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from a wide area was located where the Windsor House now stands.

First White Child Born

In 1853 Mr. Fletcher extended the community by building a Grist mill, an illustration of which will be found elsewhere in this edition. Special interest in this connection is the fact that the first miller was a Mr. Grant the father of the first white child born in Alliston. The house in which he lived stood facing east where the Massey Harris implement shop is located. It was later moved and can be seen in a much improved state at 122 Victoria Street West, the house for many years occupied by Walter Storey.

This first white child, Margaret Grant, was born April 21, 1854. She grew up, married William Banting, and became the proud mother of one of our famous sons, Sir Frederick Banting.

In 1854 The Methodists, who had been holding services in the differ-

ent homes decided to build a hall. This hall was located about 44 Victoria Street W., where the McBride block is located. More detailed information regarding the different churches will be found in a separate article.

Alliston Gets Name

The next year an Orange Lodge was formed with Mr. James Banting, Master. During the next year, 1856 it was suggested that a village be formed under the name of Alliston. The origin of this name is partly in doubt but the one that is most commonly heard is that Mr. Fletcher named this little village after his birthplace in Yorkshire, England.

Up until this time the sending and receiving of letters was a matter of some uncertainty. With a view to remedying this situation a post office was opened in 1857 in the Fletcher home and Mr. Fletcher's second son George was appointed Postmaster, a position which he held

until he resigned some years later to contest an election in the county in the interest of temperance. From this time until 1858 the village progressed slowly, Mr. William Fletcher using his best efforts to aid in its advancement and development. His son George helped in this considerably by establishing a newspaper "The Alliston Star" first published in 1862, the editor being Mr. Malcolm McCarthy. The subscription was \$1.00 per year.

The summer of 1862 saw the hopes of the Presbyterians growing into a fine church which was opened on September the 6th.

First School

Up until this time classes for school children were conducted in the Methodist Hall, but in 1862 or 63 the Buyers Brothers, William and John, built a school at the Scotch Line corner just north of 112 Victoria Street East. A more detailed



DR. PINKERTON

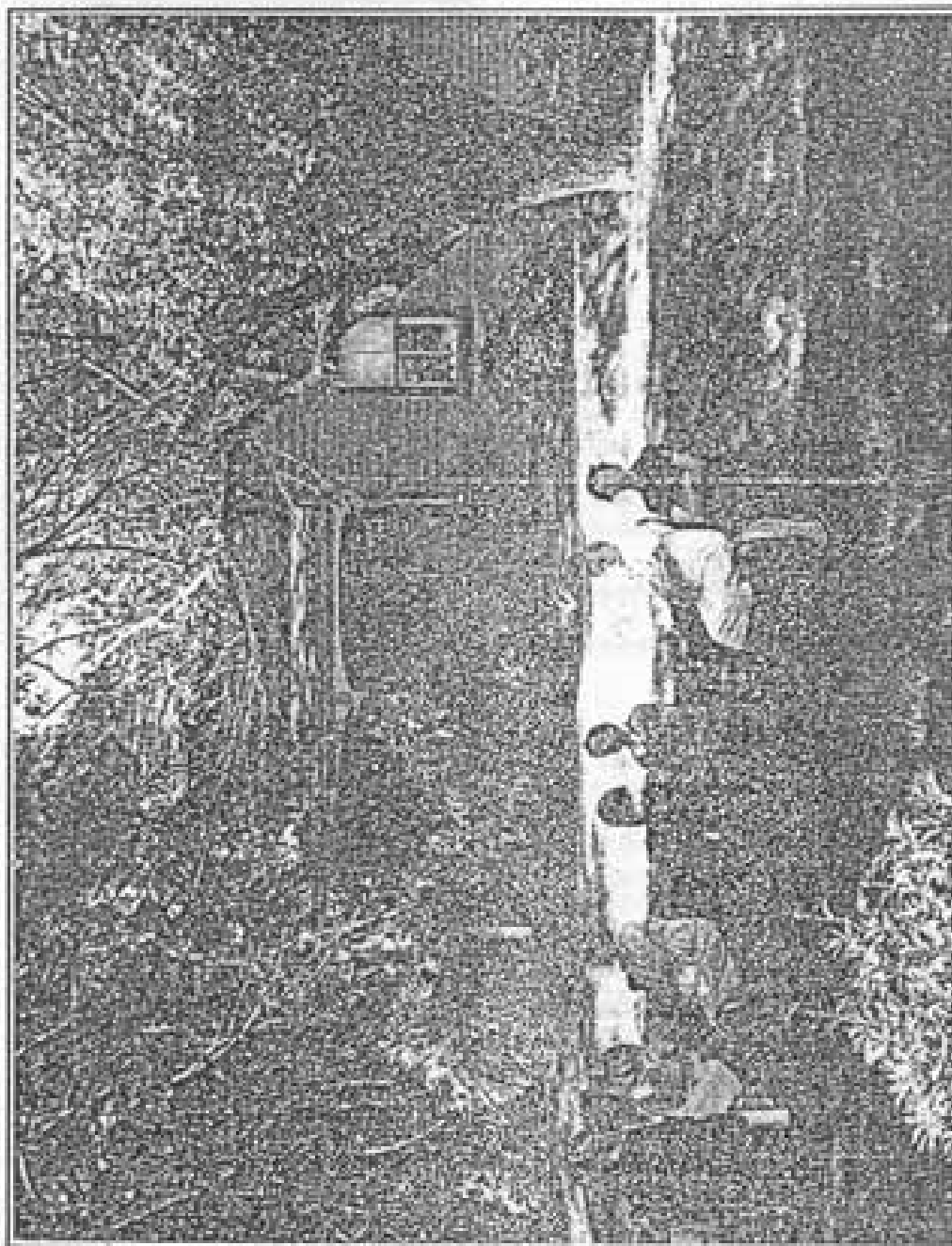
One of the first medical men to serve this area.

To My Constituents
and Friends In Alliston - - - - -

Sincere congratulations to all of you in
Alliston and your many visitors.

May Alliston, the star of Dufferin Sim-
coe, continue to grow and prosper, a pretty
little town, a snug little town, a town of
happy and contented people.

W. Earl Rowe, M. P.



THE FLETCHER HOUSE

This fine frame dwelling, built in 1949, is years it has been standing, it has proven a social the home of Miss Sarah Fletcher. In the 98 centre for the community.

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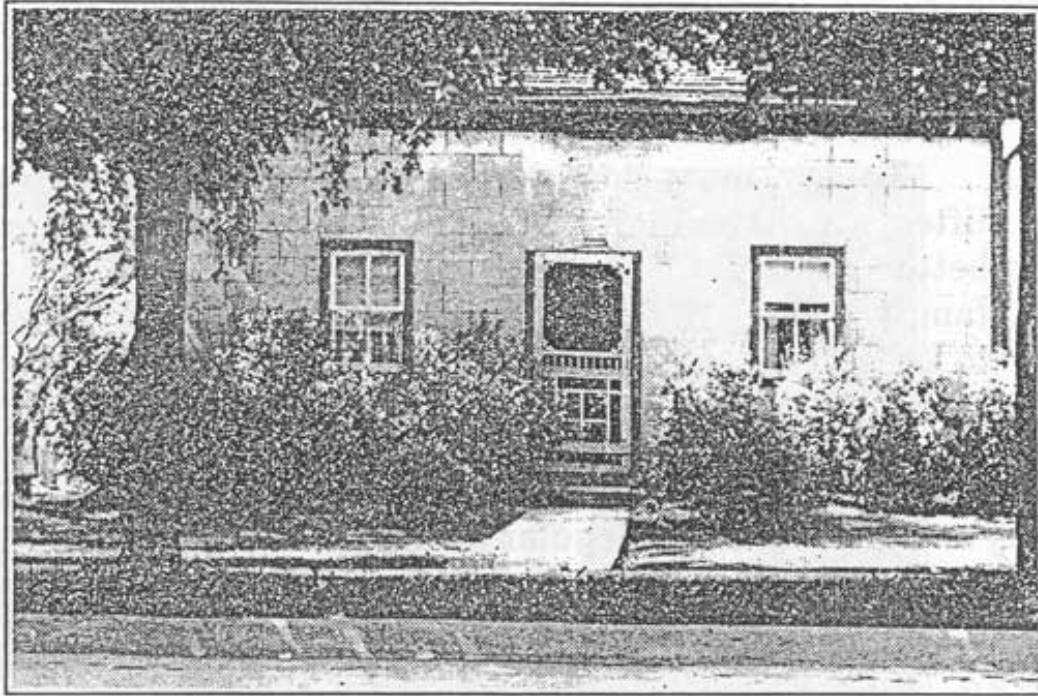
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FIRST WHITE GIRL BORN IN THIS HOUSE

This house, belonging to Walter Storey, is located at 122 Victoria Street west. It originally stood facing east about where McVittie's Massey Harris implement shop is now situated. It was the birth place of Mrs. W. T. Banting, the first white girl born in Alliston.

account of the school will be given in a separate article.

Foundry Built

In 1868 Messrs. Aitken, Knight and Crossley established a foundry and agricultural works about 6 Church Street North where McQuigge's implement shop now stands. Mr. John Wilson later took Mr. Crossley's place in the firm. Since then the progress of the village has been a march of successful business enterprises. Thus Mr. William Fletcher lived to see a tangled wilderness in 1847 changed into a busy and prosperous little town. The stately hardwood trees that were felled to clear the land were reduced to ashes in large bonfires. These ashes were shipped to processing plants in the United States for the making of pot-ash.

In the 70's there was a period of active progress. In 1871 the "Alliston Star" became the "Alliston Herald". In 1872 the Wesley Methodist Church was erected at the corner of Victoria and Centre Street and the opening service was held the next winter. The Fletchers were closely

connected with this church supplying the land and the brick as well as many other necessary items. In 1873 the Masonic Seven Star Lodge No. 285 was established with Thomas Sargent the first Master.

Alliston Becomes a Village

The next year, 1874, proved one of the highlights in the history of our town for it was first incorporated as a village. The first council took charge in January 1875 with Reeve George Fletcher, son of the pioneer, presiding. The Councillors were P. D. Kelly, James Aitken, Richard Chappell, John Strachan, with John Gilbert as clerk succeeded later by J. S. Hart. The clerk received \$50.00 per annum, and James Drury the treasurer, \$20.00 per annum.

Items of interest from the minute book of that year 1875 indicate that no animals, except cows and young calves, were allowed to run at large on the streets of the village, from April 1st to December 1st, according to bylaw number 4. The weight of bread was also regulated, a quarter loaf being 4 lbs. and a half

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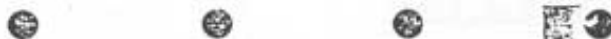
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GEORGE FLETCHER

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quarter loaf 2 lbs., if you can figure out what that means. Pound keepers' fees were set indicating that turkeys wandering at large cost only 5 cents each to catch and 5 cents a day to feed compared with pigs costing 25 cents each to catch and 15 cents a day to feed. Horses were 20 cents to catch and 30 cents a day to feed. Another bylaw gave the treasurer authority to pay each householder 50 cents for each shade tree planted. The wisdom of this plan can easily be seen today because Alliston is noted far and wide for its shade trees. This law was rescinded some years later when a few of the citizens decided that planting trees should be a wholesale business thus collecting rather large sums of money from the town. The same year tavern licenses were \$30.00 per annum and liquor shop licenses were \$35.00 per annum.

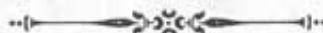
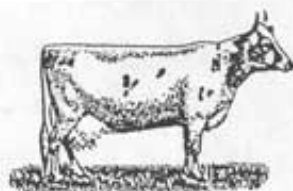
Railway Comes

In 1875 an Oddfellows Lodge number 171 was opened with Mr. N.

Dickey as the First Noble Grand. On November 5th of the same year the corner stone of Saint Andrew's Anglican Church was laid, the building being completed the next summer. About this time the people of Alliston were thrilled with the possibility of having a railroad, thrilled to the extent that they were going to issue debentures to the tune of \$8000, to assist the North Simcoe Railroad Company. This railway was to run from Penetanguishene through Alliston to a point on the Toronto, Gray and Bruce Railway. This venture did not materialize but an agreement, the oldest made by the town was signed by Reeve John Stewart and the Hamilton and North Western Railway. In this agreement Alliston promised \$8000, to aid in building a railroad from Clarkesville, now Beeton to Glencairn before November 1st 1877, the first train to run on or before January the first, 1878. The town had no other debt besides this \$8000. The H. & N. W. became the Grand Trunk and the Grand Trunk in turn became the C.N.R. which still serves the town. The Council indicated its wish to encourage industry and granted ten years free taxes to the woollen mill. Late that same year or early in the following year the business section of the village fell prey to the fire demon.

New School Built

In 1881 a bylaw was passed raising \$4000 dollars to build a new school. The land, situated on the south side of Albert Street between Church and Paris Street was finally purchased from George Fletcher for \$150. per acre in 1885. A new bylaw authorizing \$6000, expenditure was passed in the latter year. The agreement was signed by George McGirr, Chairman of the trustee board, and Thomas McKee, Public School Inspector. By this time the school on the Scotch Line was far too small although an extra room had been added. Incidentally Mr. C. R. Knight a present resident of this town taught in that extra room. Additional classes were using the Fletcher Block opposite the Methodist Church.



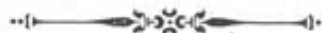
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FAMILY OF JOHN FLETCHER

Mr. and Mrs. John Fletcher and their family. Between the parents in the back row are Mary and William. Front row, from the left, Margaret, Edward, Annie and Sarah. Margaret died about a year ago. Sarah lives in the old home on Fletcher Crescent.

Later developments in the 80's included the acquiring of a Driving Park situated between Centre Street on the West and Dufferin Street on the East, Tupper Street on the North and Beech Street on the South. The C.P.R. Stock Yards occupy part of this ground now. In 1888 a street watering apparatus was purchased for the sum of \$30.00. About the same time a fifty dollar reward was offered for information leading to the conviction of a "Firebug" who was causing trouble in town. The same year a fire hall was built by William O'Connor on land donated by William Fletcher. The total outlay for the fire hall was \$150. In the same year Mr. Johnson received a dollar a week for lighting the street lamps, and Mr. Squares acted as Constable for nothing.

In 1889 the Mercer Brothers were induced to come to town by granting them exemptions from taxation for a period of five years. This company occupied the large building at the south end of Paris Street where

they manufactured many agricultural implements of high quality. Unfortunately, they changed the knoter on their binder and this proved very unsatisfactory, so unsatisfactory that a shipment to South Africa proved fatal to the firm's finances.

In 1890 the problem of having electric lights on the street came up and it was finally decided, after much deliberation, to have five lights installed. The lights were to be on 313 nights a year at a cost of 90 cents a night.

Incorporated As a Town

The year 1891 was possibly the most important year in Alliston's existence. In the first place, on January the 1st it became a town on proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. The first town Council was made up of John Stewart, Mayor, Dr. James D. Sutherland, Reeve, and Councillors John Moore, George McGirr, John F. Wilson, William Hutchinson, Thomas O'Callan-

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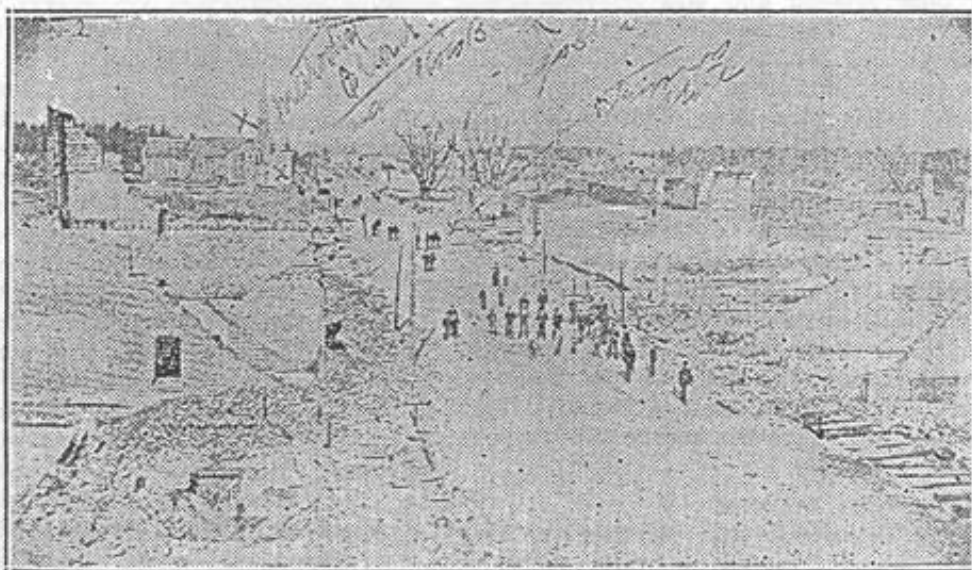
JOHN STEWART

First Mayor of the Town of Alliston, 1891, as well as Reeve of the village for several years.

ghan, W. I. Clarke, James Jerrett, Henry Longeway, and C. C. Lee.

Fire Takes Toll

This same year Alliston received its greatest set back. On Friday, May 8, 1891, at twelve forty five midday, fire originated in the stables of the Queen's Hotel, now the Windsor House, and fanned by the high winds spread in a few minutes to the business establishments on the east and across the street. Mayor Stewart telegraphed to outside towns for assistance. The Collingwood fire brigade left immediately on a special train with their fire engine but before they could arrive the wind had spread the fire south and east. The fire consumed everything on the north side of the street to the river from the Queen's Hotel to the Bank of Hamilton where it stopped leaving the Methodist church untouched. On the south side of the street the fire carried on, finally extending to Wellington Street, demolishing buildings as far east as Dufferin Street. About



THE DAY AFTER THE FIRE

May 8, 1891, was a disastrous day for Alliston when practically all the business section and many of the residences of the thriving town, were destroyed by fire. The picture shows Victoria Street, looking east with the Methodist Church, marked with a cross and the Catholic Church, dimly discernible behind one of the trees.

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three o'clock the Collingwood Fire Brigade arrived and was hurried to the south east part of the town. Here it did great service in saving the many buildings there. An account after the fire showed that about 30 acres had been destroyed leaving a jumbled mass of dilapidated ruins and partly burned timbers. A large majority of the business houses were destroyed and scores of families were left homeless in the residential areas. Surrounding towns tendered their assistance and government aid was immediately sent. Sir John A. MacDonald, although ill at the time, gave the matter his personal attention.

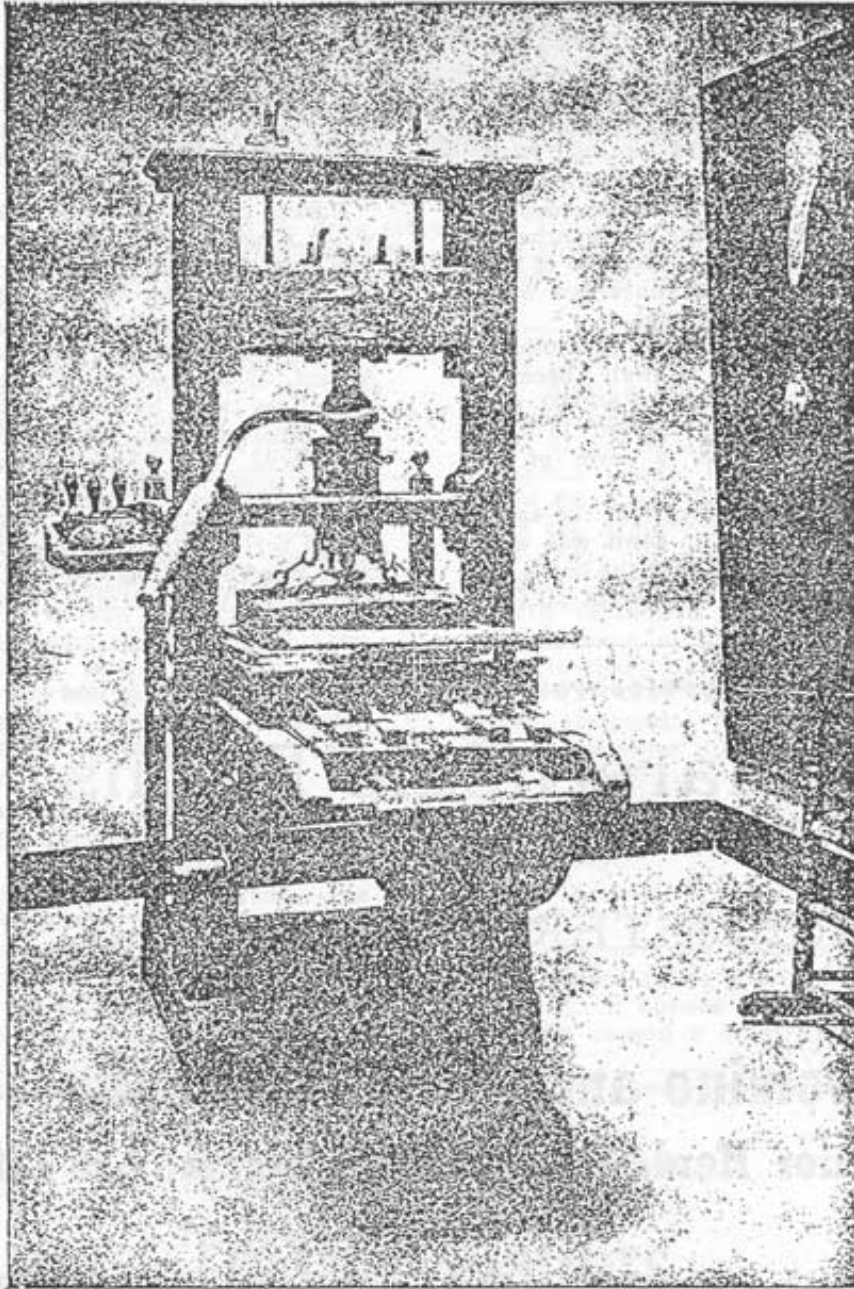
Waterworks Installed

The following year arrangements were made to install the water works and a contract was drawn up with E. J. McQuillan and Thomas McQuillan to lay two thousand two hundred and fifty feet of eight inch pipe at \$1.05 a foot, three thousand six hundred and thirteen feet of six inch pipe at 80c per foot, seven thousand

nine hundred and sixteen feet of four inch pipe at 55c a foot and 20 hydrants at \$35.00 each. There were fifteen water customers.

An interesting item from the minutes of November the 1st, 1892, showed a motion "Recommending a Policy of Inactivity on the matter of applications for Engineership for the present". The same year a vote of the people authorized buying the Market Hall, now called the Town Hall, from the Market Hall Company for \$7600. The Hall was wired the following April by Mr. W. J. Fletcher for the sum of \$75.00. In the same month Mr. H. F. Kelly rented the Opera Hall for \$200.00 a year.

At that time sidewalks were made of lumber, hemlock costing \$8.50 per thousand and cedar costing \$8.75 a thousand. The first council meeting in the new hall was held June 6th 1893. The council was worried about children on the streets in that year so they passed a bylaw to keep them off the street after nightfall. If records are to be relied upon, it was



AN OLD PRINTING PRESS

When The Herald was printed by hand in the early days, this is the type of printing press used. The type was placed on the bed of the press, inked with hand pads, and the lever pulled to print one at a time. The speed was one every half minute, compared with 1,200 an hour on the press in The Herald office today.

the nightwatchman's duty to place all children found out after dark in the town lock up. If that were the case today we would need a slightly enlarged jail.

During 1894 extensive additions were made to the Fire Protection Apparatus, a hook and ladder truck, fire extinguishers and an electrical alarm system. A side light on prices of the day was the fact that four foot tamrac was \$2.20 a cord. To show that boys were boys in those days as well as now, a bylaw was passed prohibiting the throwing of snowballs. About the same time members of the Council were much concerned over speeding on Front Street.

On March the 13th of the following year Mr. J. R. Hipwell became Treasurer at a salary of \$70.00 per year. Mr. Hipwell served in this capacity until 1942, a term of 47 years.

An increasing interest in the sanitary arrangements in town was evidenced by the fact that the board of health limited the number of pigs in

town to not more than one to each householder. The next year their concern for the Constable was shown in the fact that they obtained his first means of protection with the purchase of a revolver, \$5.00, handcuffs \$4.00, and a staff \$2.00. Early Closing came into the picture too on the May 15, 1899. It was decided to close the shops at 7.30 p.m. except on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays, and they were not to open until five o'clock the next morning.

During the next year, 1900, the water situation received some attention and a windmill was purchased. At that time this was the cheapest and most readily available power that could be supplied in this way. In August, 1902, a census of the population was taken by Robt. Henderson who received \$5.00 for the job and discovered that there were 1,475 people living in the town at that time. The following year it was suggested that the town have a free library, something that did not materialize until just recently. The same

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J. R. HIPWELL

At the rear of his drug store, J. R. Hipwell, manager of the local Bell Telephone office, stands with his staff of the day some years ago: Harriet Sawdon, now Mrs. Jack Handy, Gladys McLean and Luella Shaw.

year the firemen and the council had a difference of opinion over the responsibility for damage incurred when a fire extinguisher exploded. Cement sidewalks were much in the minds of the people. Petitions from householders on different streets were received by council, begging that body to consider the advisability of laying cement sidewalks here, there and every other place. This ran into quite a sum of money. One item in the minutes mentioned paying a Mr. W. J. Anthistle some \$1,200 to \$1,300 for the work he had done along this line.

Addition Made to School

In 1904 the interest of the members of council was centered on the weight of the loaves of bread, the changeover from arc lights on the street to incandescent bulbs, and the discussion over debentures to raise money for the additions to the school building. In 1905 two rooms

were added at the back of the school, the driving park or agricultural grounds were purchased so that a right of way could be granted to the Canadian Pacific Railway as well as room for stock yards. In the same year the arguments flew thick and fast over obstructions on Victoria Street. These obstructions were chiefly verandahs, railings and doorsteps. Some of the business men were invited to a council meeting to show why they should not remove these obstacles. How this worked out the minutes did not show but a man was appointed the next month to go around and pull down any posts, steps or railings that might be in the way.

C.P.R. Arrives

The C.P.R., which reached town in the latter part of 1905 or early in 1906 proved to be a mixed blessing. Although it opened a new avenue of trade it caused a great deal of dis-

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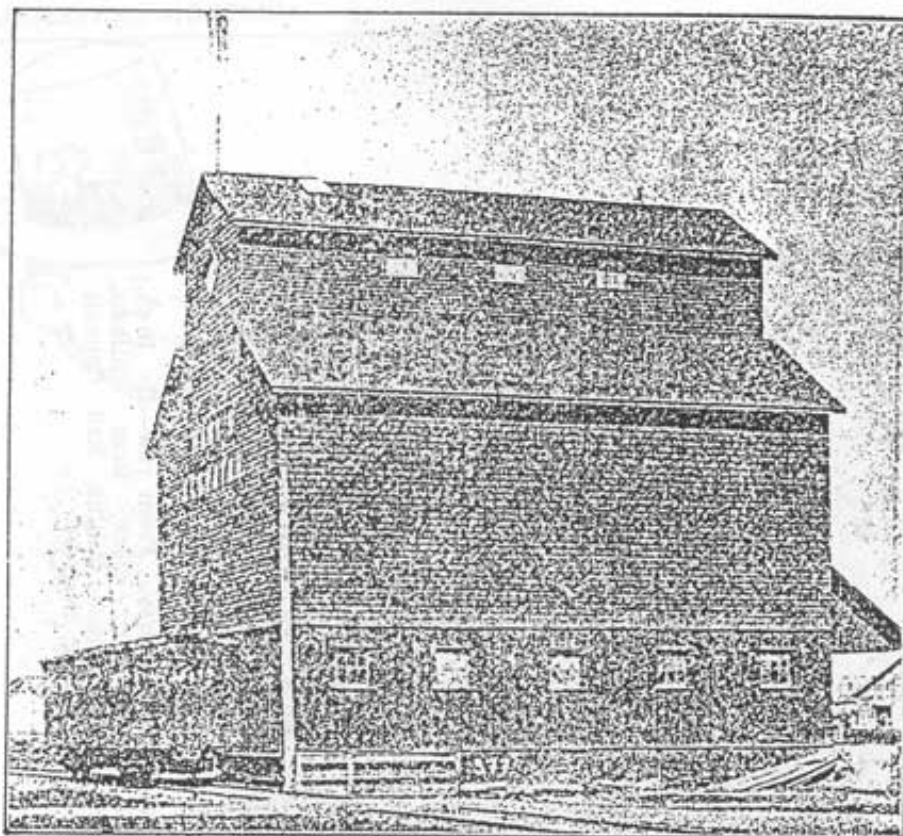
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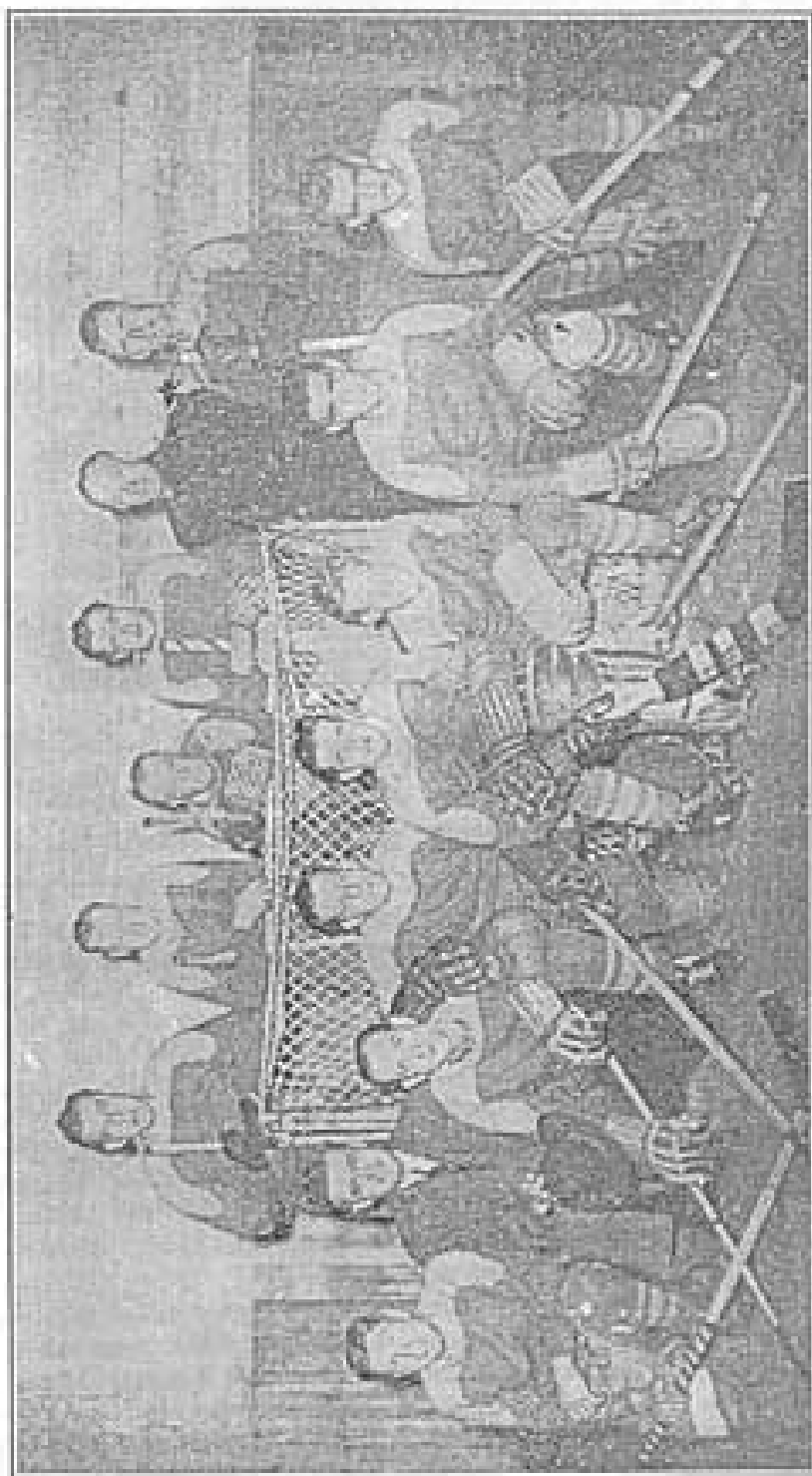
sension for some time. Many people were opposed to the closing of Nelson, Wellington and Queen Streets. Finally a subway was built under the track at Wellington Street thus relieving the situation slightly. Arguments arose over the amount of town water used by the construction engines, and the water question remained a sore point for some years. One redeeming feature, as far as some people were concerned at least, was the fact that part of the driving park was sold to the C.P.R. for \$1,500.

In 1906 local improvements went on apace. More sidewalks were laid. A vote, taken on May 14 of that year, indicated the wish of the townsfolk to have Victoria Street paved from Paris Street to Centre Street. This venture was to cost the sum of \$2,500.

In 1907 the council showed its willingness to encourage industry in town when it granted \$5,000, free water, a fixed assessment of \$4,000 for 10 years, and a spur line to the railway to one industrial concern, and, a \$2 yearly rental for 99 years, free water for 10 years, a fixed assessment for \$2,000 for 10 years, \$500 cash and a railway siding to another.

Elevator Moved

One of the highlights of the year, for the boys, I imagine, was the task that Mr Couse set himself when he moved a grain elevator from the Grand Trunk Railway, now the C.N.R. This feat, no doubt, attracted the attention of folks for miles around. No bull dozers or giant tractors to supply the power then, just skilled horsemen with their equally high class teams.



MARRIED MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

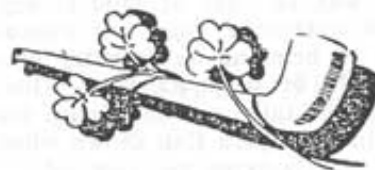
In the South Simcoe Hockey League of 1944-45, the Married Men's team lost one game to Everett in the finals. From left to right the picture shows: Back row—Cari Kruger, Everett Hicks, Reg Noble, Jack Bowerman, Delmar Wil-

son, coach; Mini Storey, Front row—Dr. R. A. Young, Bill Wilson, coach; Ross Williams, Barney Gibson, Chuck Collins, Red Connell, Ralph Hunter, Jack Pogue.



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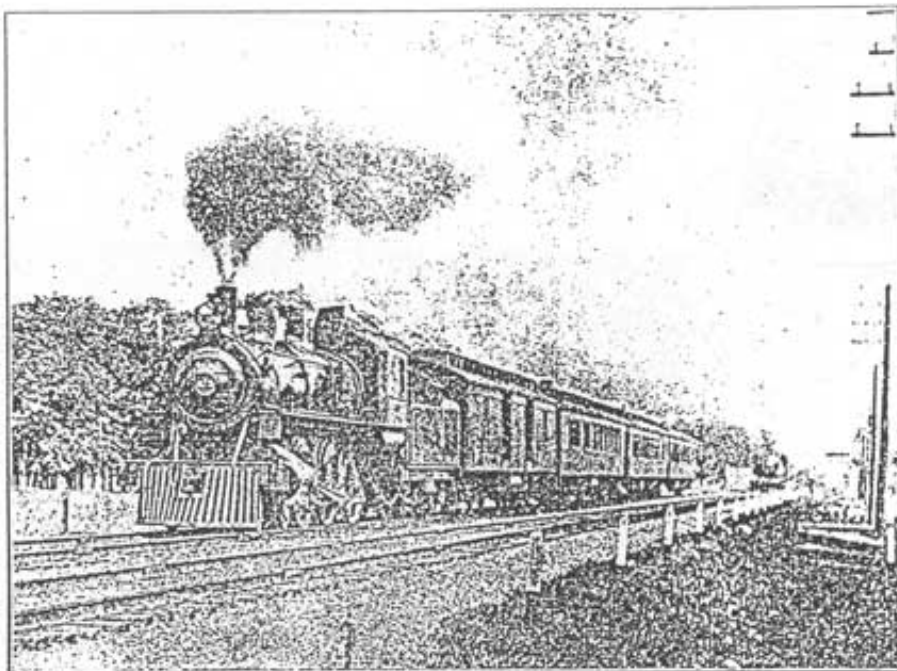
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FIRST C.P.R. TRAIN

During 1905, arrangements were made to have Alliston served with an additional railway line. Work progressed favourably during 1906, and sometime during that year the first train, pictured above, entered town.

The minutes of the next year supplied two or three items of interest. The first was a vote of the people in favour of passing a bylaw increasing hotel licenses to \$500 a year, the second was an offer of \$100 to any resident ratepayer who was instrumental in bringing an industry employing 30 or more hands to Alliston, and the third was the desire for safety in the Opera Hall shown when an exit was built on the east side.

The next year, 1909, a few changes were made at the town hall, the most important being an office fixed up for the clerk. Indication of the interest the town fathers took in the young people of the community was a motion congratulating Mr. B. Stokes on winning a scholarship at the Ontario College of Pharmacy and Mr. Frank O'Callaghan who passed his examinations to become a fully qualified chemist and druggist.

Reservoir Built

In February of the next year a bylaw prohibiting the retail sale of liquor was passed. At the same meeting Mr. J. J. Williams was ap-

pointed Chief of Police without salary, his only remuneration being the fee he could collect in line of duty. In March a bylaw licensing billiard rooms was passed, a charge of \$100 for the first table and \$50 for each additional table was levied annually. In the fall of the same year sufficient land was purchased from Mr. W. J. Fletcher for the sum of \$160 for the erecting of a reservoir. In December the town accounts were changed from the Montread bank to the Home bank. The sinking fund was returned to the Bank of Montreal in April of the next year.

Mill Burned

On January the first, 1911, the Parker brothers, George and William, suffered a great loss when the mill was burned. About two months later the efforts of the Fire Brigade were recognized when it was decided to pay \$25 for each fire for which a fire hose was required. A more active interest was being aroused in the health of the community. This was reflected in the careful inspec-

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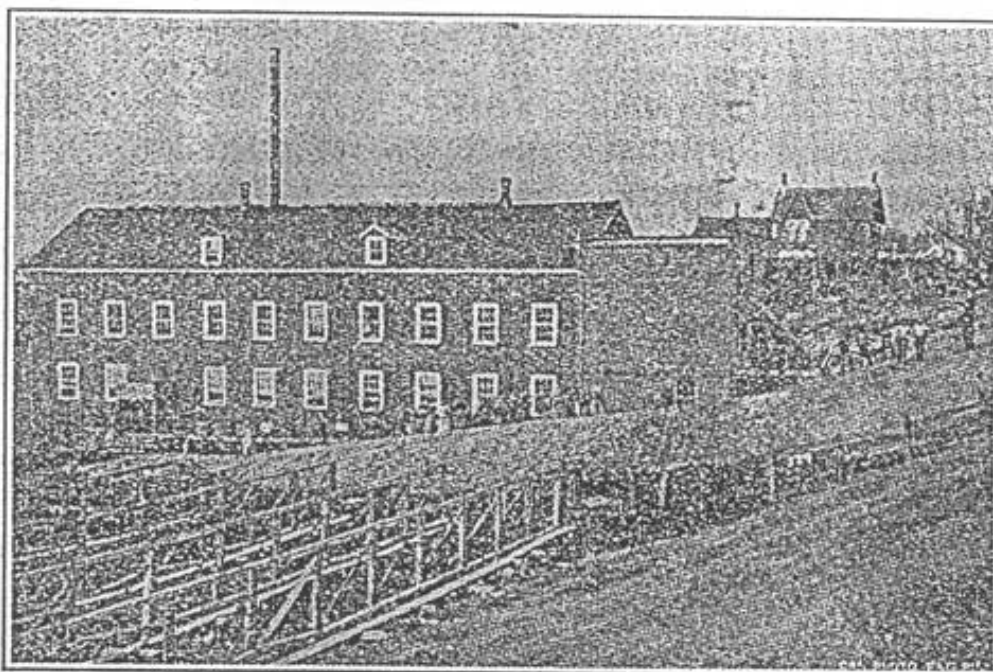
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ALLISTON WOOLEN MILLS

Located on the south bank of the Boyne River, north of St. John's United Church. This concern did quite an extensive business until it was consumed by fire.

tion of the various dairies. Mr. Greenlees was highly complimented on the cleanliness of his dairy by Mr. A. P. Addison, Minister of Health. On May 14 the citizen's committee turned over Riverdale Park to the town council. The council had to pay off a mortgage of \$400 and were obliged to keep the park in a good state of repair. In this year the committee in charge of streets purchased a Wilkinson grader for the sum of \$40. Imagine the price at the present time.

In that year light sleepers in the vicinity of Victoria Street and the C.P.R. crossing were greatly bothered by the continued ringing of the electric bell at the crossing. It was even suggested that a watchman, noiseless, I presume, should be placed there and the bell shut off during the night hours. There were also complaints about the trains blocking the street for long periods at a time.

Continuation School

In preparation for the fall term, trustees were appointed to the Con-

tinuation School Board for the first time. They were Dr. J. D. Cunningham for one year, Mr. C. R. Knight for two years, and Mr. W. I. Clarke for three years.

A new well was drilled that year, a fact which proved very fortunate, because the ample supply of water was instrumental in having Messrs. Defries, Woodman and Co. bring their silver plating factory to town. They were given free water up to three thousand gallons per day and a fixed assessment of \$2,000 for ten years. In the same year the curling club took it easy after putting in a water service.

The next spring Mr. William McBride was granted \$50 for his part in bringing the silver plating factory to town. Mr. Samuel Sinclair was granted \$25 for his long service as a fireman.

Flood Does Damage

A flood in April of that year, 1911, played havoc with the bridge and consideration was given to a suggestion that a bridge be built across the river north on Church Street.

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A special committee reported the estimated cost to be \$3,000 for the bridge and \$1,500 for the grading and filling. Mr. W. J. Fletcher offered to give \$200 in cash or the equivalent in work, as well as the earth required for the fill.

While the water was down the pond was cleaned out, the council granting \$200 for this purpose. At the same time water mains were laid across the pond and an addition built to the pumping station. Dr. W. J. Hill was allowed to tap a main to be used for building purposes only. The reservoir was repaired, the mains cleaned out, and everything put in good order. This, along with a few hydrants, cost \$7,000. The fire and police commission were instructed to have the door on the east side and the window on the north side of the pumping station bricked up. At the same time they were instructed to have the windmill advertised for sale. The Board of Works were instructed to change

the course of the river below the dam for the protection of the property on the south side. Mr. Roland Beattie was sold that part of Wellington Street, west of King Street for the purpose of erecting a lumber mill. In December, 1912, the council asked the Hydro Electric Power System of Ontario to give Alliston an estimate on the price of 150 horse power of electric energy from Newmarket.

Early in 1913 the problem of drying the fire hose received some attention. The Market and Town Property Committee were given instructions to install a heating system. In the same year the band was given encouragement in the form of a \$25 grant and the free use of the opera hall. A slight reduction was made in pool room licenses. In the fall of 1913 an attempt was made to damage the mill and power plant by boring holes through the bank into the mill race. The object being to

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have the water wash away the bank. This attempt was unsuccessful, although several holes were started, one penetrating within a few inches of the water in the race.

An old Alliston Herald of June 25, 1914, showed the trend toward temperance in those days, when the Liberal Conservative Party published maps of Southern Ontario to show how dry it had become in three years. In the fall of the same year the lock up burned down, but no connection was indicated.

Incandescent Street Lights Adopted

Late the next year an agreement was made whereby the streets would be lighted with seventy five watt bulbs at a cost of \$16.07 a month per light. The lights were to be turned on one hour after sundown from March 15 to September 15 and one half hour after sundown from September 15 to March 15. Each

night the lights were turned off at one o'clock, except Sunday nights when the lights went off at twelve o'clock. Lights were not considered necessary on moon light nights. If any disagreement arose over what was constituted a moon light night the Mayor made the final decision.

About this time the wounded veterans first made their appearance in town. The council made plans to have a reception for each and an appropriate gift. Private Robert Holmes was the first to return and he was presented with a wrist watch.

Early in 1916, Mr. William Lockhart, who had served the town as clerk from 1897, died. During his nineteen years of service he had become so closely associated with almost every citizen in town that his passing was keenly felt.

In May of 1916 high hopes were held for a prosperous future due to the new camp established near at

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hand. June 22 was of far greater importance to the young folks because that was the day the circus came to town. Later in the year a detachment of the 177th battalion came to stay for a few months in Alliston. The barracks was over The Herald office and they used the skating rink for a drill hall.

For some time Alliston had been toying with the idea of having hydro in town. Plans were made to have the water pumped by electric power but these plans were withdrawn. On December 13, Mayor Mitchell's elevator burned down, causing a severe loss not only to him but to the many farmers who dealt with him.

Hydro Comes to Town

On June 6 it was decided to make the change from the Alliston Electric Company to the Ontario Hydro Commission. This did not take place finally until about May 24, 1918. The local Public Utilities

Commission bought the Alliston Electric Light Company from Mr. W. J. Cunningham for \$12,000, the deal being completed October 1, 1918.

In 1919 two things of definite interest took place. Victoria Street was paved from Paris Street to the C.P.R. and a great peace celebration was held July 19. The town's interest in the band was shown by the fact that the council spent \$160 to have the instruments repaired. The boys in those days must have been hard on things too.

Scouts See Prince of Wales

Another highlight in the memories of the Alliston Boy Scouts, was their trek to the exhibition. About thirty Scouts took part, hauling their provisions and equipment on a trek cart and camping where night-fall overtook them. At the exhibition they were presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who officially

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In 1920 we note that there was a gigantic celebration on July 12, when the Orangemen from surrounding lodges met to commemorate the Battle of the Boyne. Also, that was the year when snow fell to a depth of six or seven inches the morning of Alliston fair. Result, no fair.

Early the next year a committee, made up of Mayor J. H. Mitchell, Reeve James Moore and Principal Hugh Davidson, of the high school, was appointed to arrange for erecting a memorial tablet at the school in honour of those who served in the war of 1914-18.

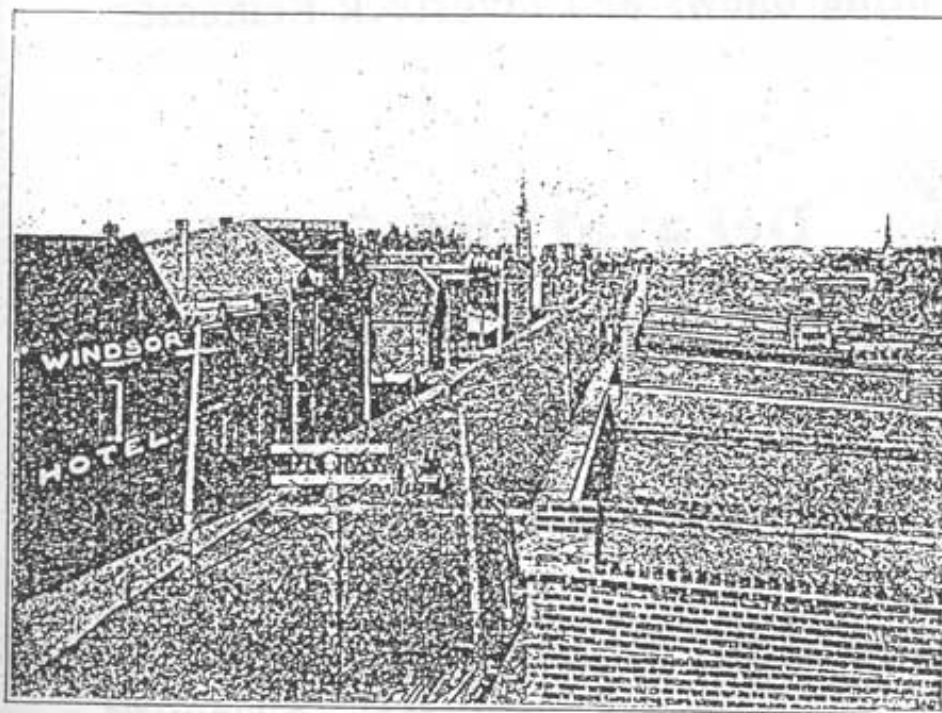
A bylaw, raising \$15,000 for the public school and \$25,000 for the high school, was passed February 6, 1919. This money was to be used in erecting additions to the existing

building, and remained as completed then, to the present time.

A typewriter and an adding machine were added to the equipment in the clerk's office. Hydro rates were on the increase. The water was running low. Additional fire protection was obtained by installing an auxiliary pump, run by a gasoline engine. Six acres were purchased to enlarge the park at a cost of \$950. Memorial Library Built

The ladies of the Women's Institute put on a drive and raised enough money to start building the Memorial Library and the council assisted them with a grant of \$150.

In December, a few typhoid fever cases caused a great deal of worry. This was caused by a leak in the pipe crossing the river. Ordinarily, the water would leak from the pipe into the river, but due to the shortage the pumps were being used and in that way contaminated water was drawn into the pipe from the river.



RISEN FROM THE ASHES

Victoria Street in Alliston was not a busy place at the moment this picture was taken when the town had been rebuilt after the fire of 1911. It shows nearly the Windsor House and the Morrow House, both important stateries of their day as the former is in 1947. The piers of the Methodist and Catholic Churches can be seen in the distance.

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In May, 1923, \$150. was given to the Canadian Red Cross to help the typhoid sufferers in Cochrane. On June 8 an event of outstanding importance took place when Lieutenant Governor Harry Cockshutt laid the corner stone of the new Memorial Library and unveiled the Banting honour tablet at the school.

Later on in August an event of an entirely different character took place when the Home Bank closed its doors making it necessary for the council and townspeople to curtail expenses sharply to compensate for the losses sustained.

On February 14, 1924, the finest valentine received was the Memorial Library, which was opened that day by Dr. Frederick Banting.

The next year an Old Boys' and Girls' reunion was held on May 25 with great success. This get together

afforded the many friends the opportunity of chatting over old times, just as our Centennial programme will do this year.

On December 15, we note that the retiring mayor, Mr. J. H. Mitchell, was presented with a gold headed cane, and The Herald of December 24, remarked on the success of Mr. G. K. Morrow.

During 1926 it was decided to replace the bridge at the dam at an approximate cost of \$1,500. Later on in the year we find that the auxiliary gasoline pump failed to start when a fire occurred and Mr. W. J. Cuninghame placed the milling company power at the disposal of the town during fires, free of charge.

That December, Mr. J. H. Mitchell was elected to the Provincial Legislature, thus bringing added honour to our town.

Important Years, 1927 to 1929

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The next October H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, sent a gift of peony plants as a memento of his visit to Canada during the Diamond Jubilee year.

Commencing in 1927 and having its official opening on June 30 and July 2, 1928, the Stevenson Memorial Hospital brought its promise of better things of the sick in the community. This hospital, which is considered one of the most up to date and well equipped institutions in Ontario, was built in Alliston through the efforts of two fine gentlemen, Mr. T. P. Loblaw and Mr.

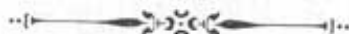
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In that year, 1928, Peter Thomson and Sons established a saw mill west of town, and the entertainment circle was enlarged by the opening of a theatre in the town hall, showing "Uncle Tom's Cabin". Talking pictures were introduced the next July.

The fall of 1928 saw a fine chapel erected in the Alliston Union Cemetery. This greatly improved conditions in connection with burial services 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 McMulkin, 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.

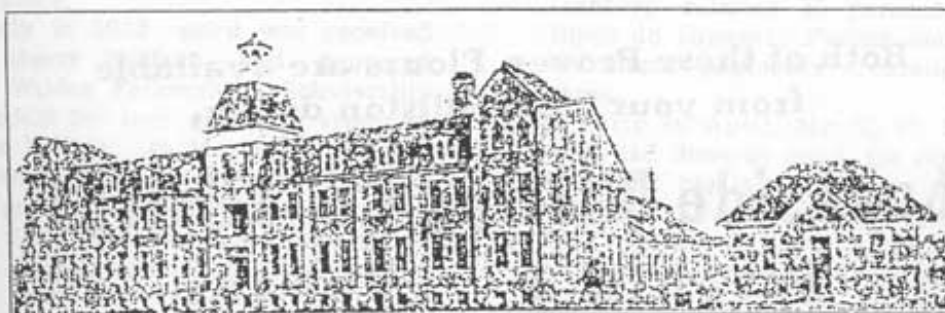
That summer the Alliston Creamery made artificial ice for the first time.

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



THE LATE T. P. LOBLAW

Coordinating with F. K. Morrow, C.B.E., the late T. P. Loblaw, a native of the Burns 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.



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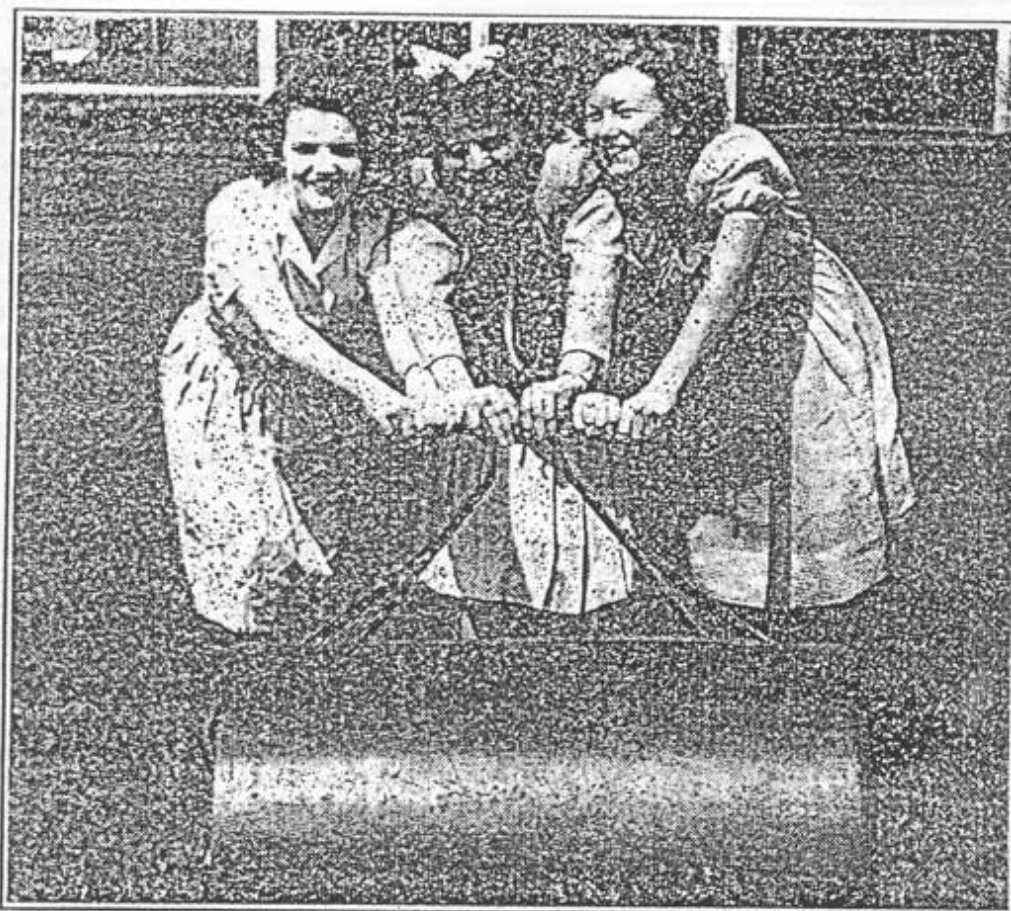
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ALLISTON HAS PRETTY GIRLS

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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 at

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

Early in April, Mr. T. P. Loblaw, who had done so much for our town, breathed his 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 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 Benting.

Scouts Visit Toronto

The depression years 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.

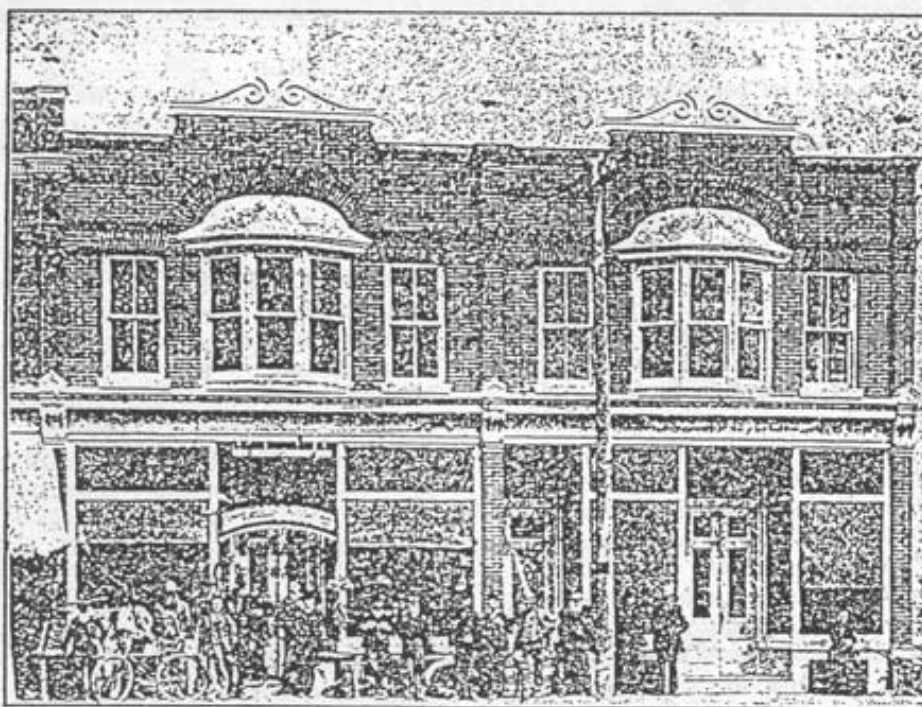
Lions Receive Charter

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, give 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. On May 5,



THE KELLY BLOCK

This was where the P. D. Kelly store was located until the business was moved and confined to the corner store. The picture shows what is now The Herald office before the front door and stair door were removed to the west side, and what is now the post office, which received similar structural treatment.

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the Diamond Casket Company, now the Diamond Wood Products, started production in the Brown building where the old Revere Hotel used to be. On September 1, the Battle of the Boyne was fought all over again, this time with a slightly modernized flavour. One army in this sham battle approached from the direction of Tottenham. One feat was building a steel span bridge across the Nottawasaga River in about forty minutes. When the two armies met at Alliston you can realize it was quite a bang up affair.

The death of Mr. F. B. Elliott, editor and proprietor of The Alliston Herald from 1912 to 1939, on April 9, was deeply felt by the community which he had served.

The same year, on July 21, the town lost a valuable citizen in the person of Mr. Lorne McMulkin, who served three and one half years as Mayor and twelve years as Councillor for the town.

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the King and Queen on the Royal train were expected to be in view as they passed through Alliston at a moderate speed. Unfortunately, some misunderstanding arose and the train went whizzing through with no one in sight. The disappointment of all was very aptly expressed by one little girl who burst out with, "Well darn my King and Queen anyway." The same day Mr. and Mrs. R. Walter Taylor received two acorns from friends in England. These friends call their house "Alliston." The acorns from Alliston to Alliston have grown into oak trees five or six feet high since 1939.

World War II

With September of that year came the Second Great War. Alliston soon formed a branch of the Red Cross, under the leadership of Mrs. J. B. Foote, and the work accomplished throughout the war by the women in the branch surpassed anything imagined by mere man.

On March 10, 1941, a special memorial service was conducted in St.

St. John's United Church for Sir Frederick Banting, by Rev. E. J. Adams, Rev. Jas. Dorrian and Rev. A. P. Addison.

An event that still hovers in the minds of the people was the St. Patrick's Day wash out. On March 17, 1942, the bridge and the dam crumbled before the battering of high water and large chunks of ice. The difficulties in obtaining a new thoroughfare across the river are still painful memories to many in town. It wasn't until July 20, 1943, that the new bridge, on Church Street, was open for traffic.

In 1942, our local paper, The Alliston Herald, was the proud winner of the C.W.N.A. Community Service Trophy, following the winning, in 1940, of second prize for the best all round weekly newspaper in its class in Canada.

In December, 1942, Mr. W. D. Latimer completed sixty years as a citizen of Alliston.

The succeeding years have items of interest fresh in the minds of all of us. We remember the talk when

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the local committee bought the rink in '44. We remember the criticism when it was condemned. We also remember the crash when it fell in on January 31, 1947.

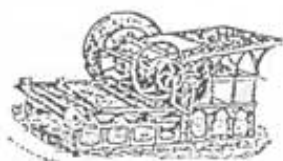
In March, 1945, the Dorothea Knitting Mills started production. On August 12, 1945, saw the Derry Day celebration in Alliston. In September Rev. G. C. Little retired from the ministry, after almost fifty years of service, thirteen of which were in Chalmer's Presbyterian Church.

In December the Legion bought a new home, a home that was cleared of all indebtedness when they were presented with a clear deed at a dinner and get to gether held in the rink on August 5, 1946.

This brief history has been prepared for your interest and enjoyment. Suffice it to say that some items of interest may have been omitted in order not to make this article too lengthy and others will not be discovered until this has gone to press.

It is the hope that the person compiling the history one hundred years from now will forgive me for any oversight that may have been mine.

May Alliston's next hundred years be even better than the last.



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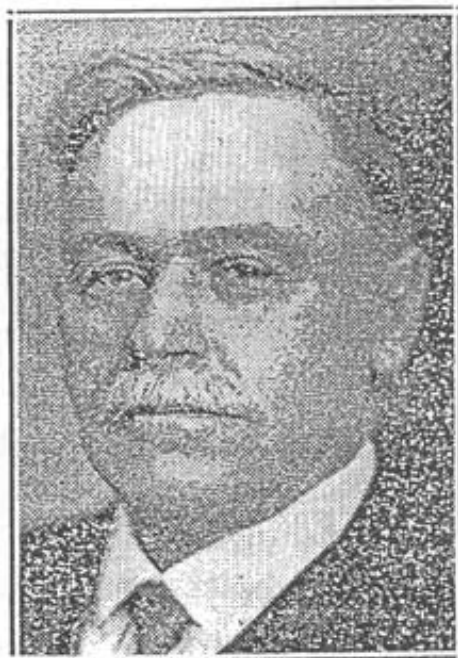
The first reeve was Reeve George Fletcher, son of Wm. Fletcher, the founder of Alliston, and father of Wm. John Fletcher, now resident in Alliston, who occupied the chair in 1875, 1876 and 1878. Mr. W. J. Stewart was reeve during the years 1877, 1879 to 1881 and 1888 to 1890, inclusive. In 1884, W. J. Wilson was reeve. No record was found for 1882, 1883, 1885, 1886 and 1887.

In 1891 Alliston became a town with a mayor as chief magistrate. The first mayor was W. J. Stewart who was succeeded by T. W. Armstrong in 1892 and 1893, and W. G. Fisher in 1894 and 1895. In 1896 Mr. Stewart was again chosen mayor and continued to hold the office through 1898, serving the town as reeve or mayor for a period of at least ten years.

Dr. J. W. S. McCullough became mayor in 1899 and continued through 1900. In 1901 T. M. Brown occupied the chair. The next year Councillor Robert Scott stepped up to be mayor, followed by Dr. J. J. Harper in 1904. W. G. Fisher then took over the reins of power for a period of three years to be followed by W. A. J. Bell.

In 1909, R. J. Wallace, who had been an active worker on the council for some years, became mayor for the period through to December, 1910. Following R. J. Wallace was J. H. Mitchell, who, after spending two years as councillor and four years as reeve, occupied the mayor's chair for thirteen years, continuously, from 1911 to 1925, with the exception of 1918 and 1919, when Dr. J. D. Cunningham was chief magistrate.

Mayor W. F. Knight took over the leadership of council for the five years that followed, but in 1931 we find Mr. Mitchell in harness again fulfilling the duties of mayor until 1934, completing a total of twenty three years' service on the council. This does not take into account the



THE LATE J. H. MITCHELL

One of the best known men in the district, and for many years prominent as a seed and grain dealer and philanthropist, Jack Mitchell, who died in November, 1945, was on the School Board, two years councillor, four years reeve, and 17 years mayor; also on the Public Utilities Commission and Member of the Legislature.

time spent on other bodies or committees.

Dr. F. M. Walker occupied the mayor's chair during 1935, but finding his time too well occupied by his practice, he relinquished the mayoralty to Lorne McMulkin, who served the town well for almost four years. From 1940 through 1941, W. J. Cunningham was mayor. In 1942 J. A. Kerr occupied the chair, with W. J. Cunningham returning in 1943. Both of those gentlemen had served on the council for some time. Mr. Cunningham was a councillor for at least two years and reeve for a period of about thirteen years. Mr. Kerr was a councillor for thirteen years and reeve for one.

In 1944, Wm. Hunter, who had been a councillor for two years, became mayor and has continued to be

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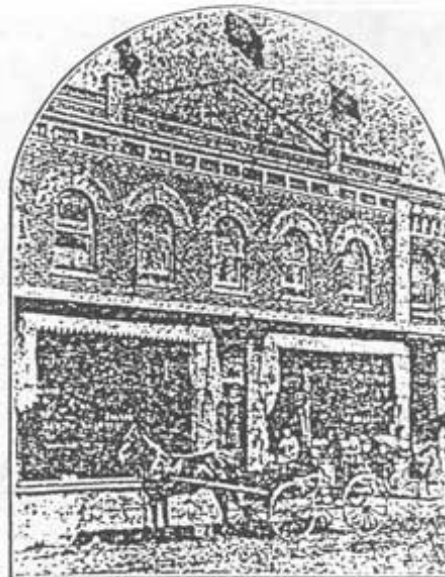
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our chief magistrate since.

A list of those who have served on all municipal bodies would be too lengthy for publication in our booklet, but mention must be made of one business man in town who, although he did not aspire to be reeve or mayor, served this town for many years on the council. Mr. W. D. Latimer, a citizen and business man in Alliston for sixty five years, served on the council for a period of twenty six years, since 1900. What a notable record of public service is indicated in the lives of those mentioned above. May we of this generation grasp a spark of inspiration from it so that the good of the whole community may be uppermost in our minds, not the petty, selfish things that sometimes cry for our attention.



THE McBRIDE BLOCK

In gala attire with flags flying atop, the McBride Block on the north side of Victoria Street, was the pride of its builder, the late William McBride, who was a most active citizen and promotor of community activities until transferred by the Customs Department to Toronto.

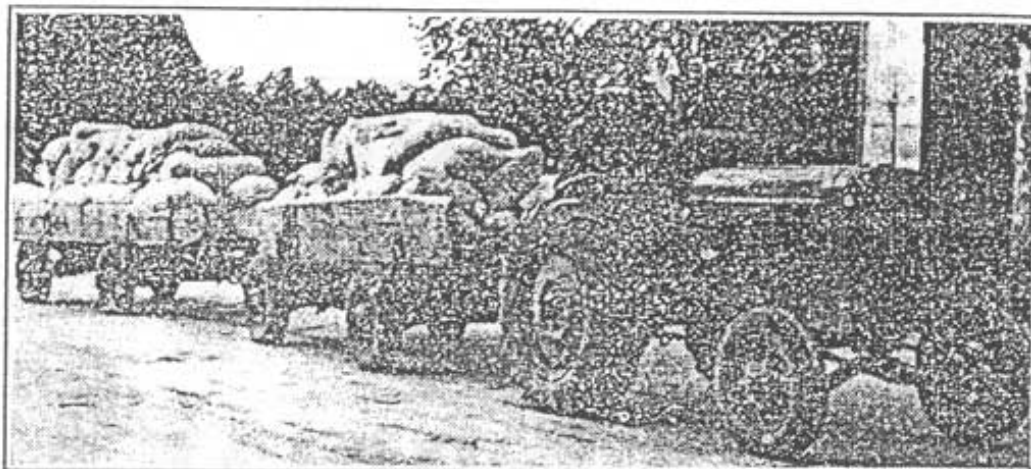


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IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

This is a picture of James Latimer, brother of W. D. Latimer of Alliston, and his family. It depicts the method of farm transportation in the early days of Alliston since the bush had been widened to allow wheeled traffic to negotiate what went for roads in those early days.



THE MODERN WAY

And here is shown how the farmer of today comes to town. Photographed by The Herald camera one evening last week, the picture shows Herman Swaffield of Tossorontio, on Church Street north, leaving the Cooperative mill with a double load of chop drawn by tractor.

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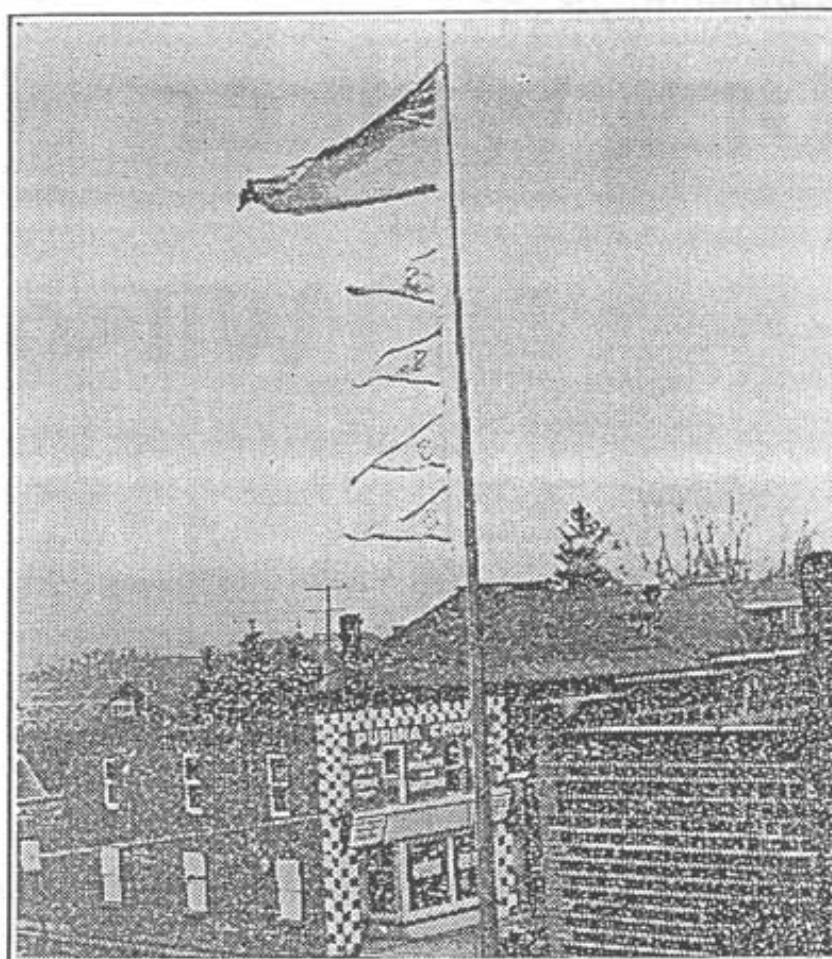
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The Victory Loan Flag for 1945 shown here with the pennants indicating that our quota was oversubscribed by 75 percent. The grand total of money subscribed in the nine war loans in Alliston was \$1,377,700.00.

Alliston's War Effort

Space will not permit us to go to any length in describing the effort made by the citizens of Alliston in the two great wars to assist the country and empire in defeating the enemy.

A summary of the war of 1914-18 is not available, but the following gave their lives in the war or in the years following from the effects of war services:

B. Brown, S. Brooks, R. Chanan, J. Callander, G. Dale, C. Davidson, J. Ellis, A. Ellison, W. Henderson, W. Milne, R. Mowder, F. Steele, R. Wal-

lace and N. Paddison.

In the war of 1939-45 almost every able bodied boy or man of military age in Alliston and several girls donned the uniform and the majority of these saw active service in one or other of the fighting fronts in Europe.

The following names will be on the honour roll to be erected at Walker Hall, the club house of the Canadian Legion:

J. G. Anderson, D. M. Dowling, R. C. Gallagher, D. G. Hackett, J. W. King, L. C. Bell, C. F. Burt.

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or loaned over half a million dollars. Actual records give the following figures.

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Cigarettes Fund	9,000
British War Victims' Fund	6,000
Aid to Russia	700
Chinese Relief	600
Red Cross	20,000
British Flood Relief	200

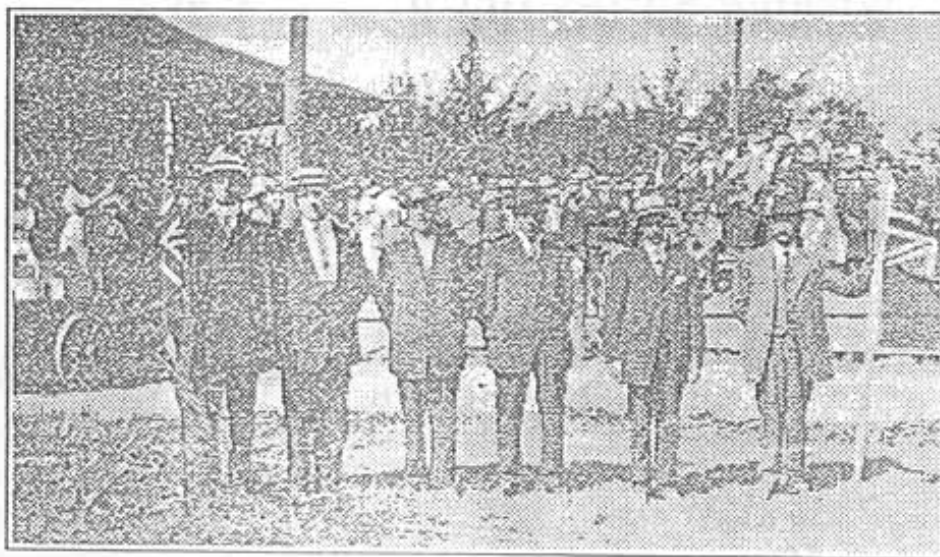
Total in Round Figures...\$1,408,200

In addition to this the men of the town, for the benefit of the Red Cross, collected several tons of waste paper, rags, metals, rubber, sorely needed material to be used in industry at a time when all these things were in scarce supply.

The women, a faithful band of two score or more, worked every day making comforts for the armed forces, hospital supplies and material comforts for those in the enemy occupied countries. The number of items the women made amounted to many thousands. Part of the ground

floor of the town hall was used for the Red Cross rooms after the ladies had occupied the basement of the library for several months.

Two notable elderly ladies made valuable contributions to the war effort during the whole of five years. They were Mrs. Mary McGregor, who died on May 14 of this year at the age of 96 years, and Mrs. L. H. Evans, who, at the age of 93 years is enjoying comparatively good health. We might mention others, but then again space will not permit us to list the names of those under 90 years.



OFF TO THE WAR

The first contingent of Alliston volunteers to leave Alliston in the war of 1914-18. Holding the flag with arm outstretched is the late Major Hartley Graham and next to him is Ernest Skelton, the only one now residing in Alliston, and who has been caretaker of the Alliston schools for 28 years. At the other end of the line is Thomas Haray, who died in England since the war, Wm. Milne, killed in action; Alf. Goldie, now in England, and Robt. Holmes, in Toronto.

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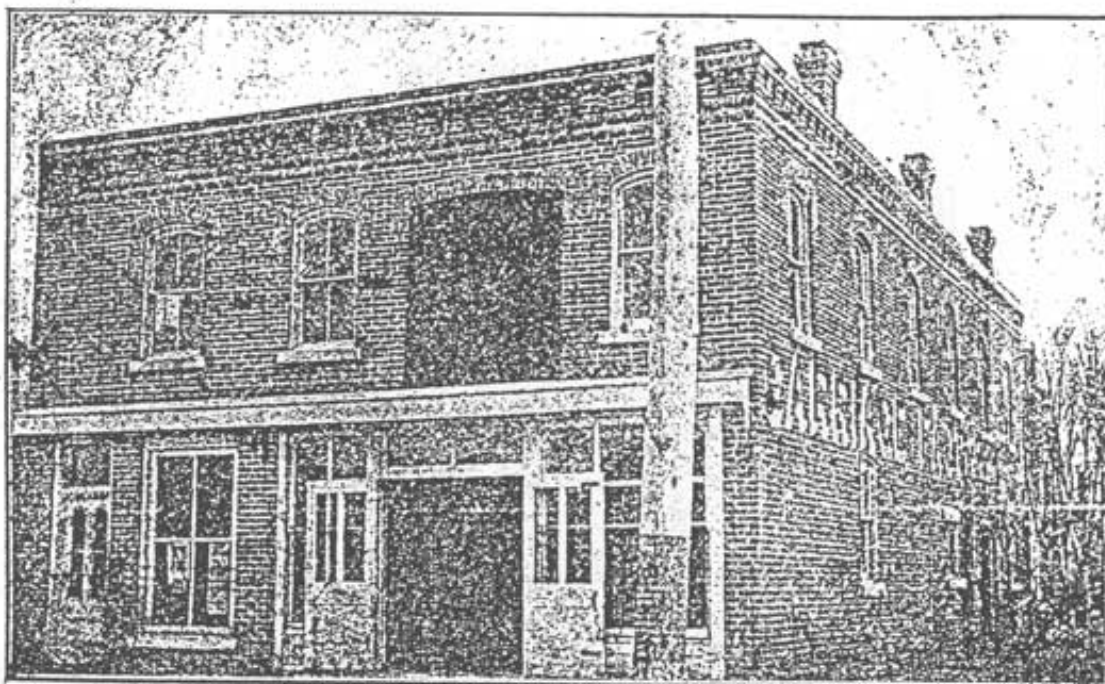


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RETURNING FROM OVERSEAS

As hostilities ceased in World War II the boys and girls began to come back. The picture shows Lieut. Nursing Sisters Madeline and Edna Orr of Alliston with Marion Rochester of Attawa.



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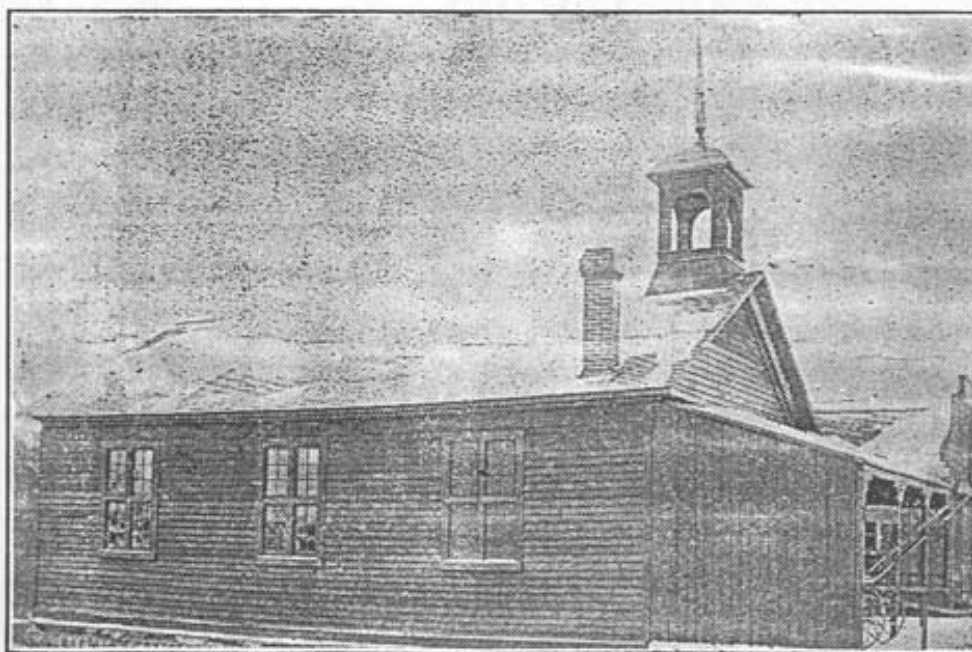
The first school classes were held in the Methodist Hall which was erected in 1854. These classes were conducted by Mr. William Henderson, the first teacher. Eight or nine years later a school was built by William and John Buyers on the West side of the Scotch line about fifty yards north of Victoria Street. The first teacher in this school was Mr. Hugh Knight followed by Messrs. Thos. Egan, W. Lewis Hill, Chas S. McMain, Thomas Henderson, etc.

Due to the rapid growth of the community an addition was built to the school room in the form of an L. Mr. C. R. Knight, now living at the corner of Victoria Street and Macdonald Street, taught in that new room back in 1878. Records of that early time are rather sketchy but as far as can be ascertained the Methodist Hall was still used as a class

room but in a different location. Some time before 1885 this hall was moved from its location on the north side of Victoria Street to a point on Dominion Street between No. 26 and No. 30. The records also show that classes were held in the Fletcher block opposite the present location of the United Church.

On March 14, 1885, a meeting was held in this Fletcher Block to consider the building of a new school. The site chosen was on the south side of Albert Street between Church and Paris Streets. This land was purchased from Mr. George Fletcher at a cost of \$150 per acre. The council passed a bylaw issuing debentures for \$6000 to build the new school.

This new school was of brick, having three class rooms downstairs and three class rooms upstairs. The first principal in this new school was Mr. J. S. Hoath who received a sal-



THE FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE

This is the main part of the first school house built in Alliston by the Buyers Brothers in 1862 or '63. About 1886 it was moved from its location on Boyne Street, to a point about 90 Victoria Street west, where it was used as a show room for carriages and buggies.

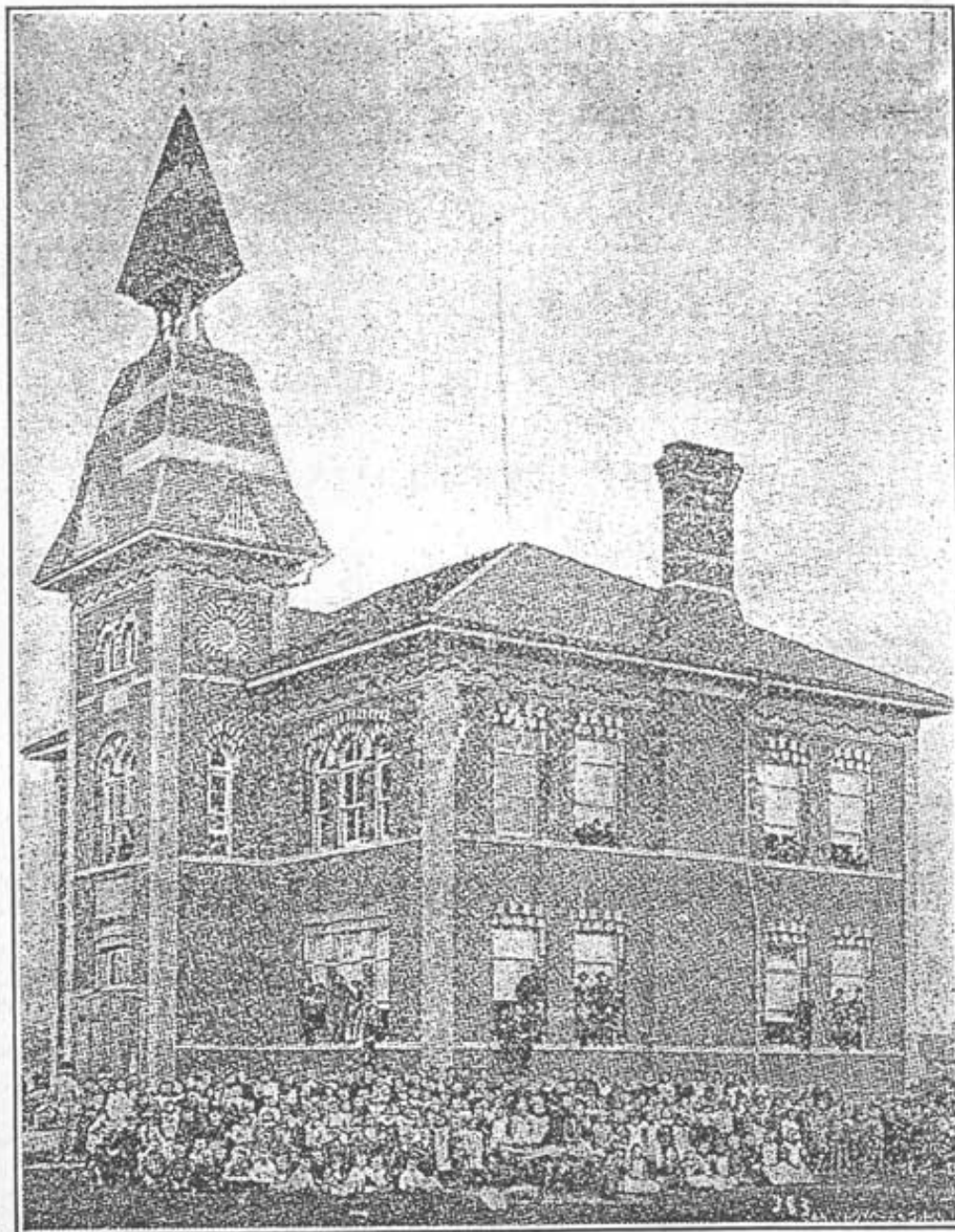
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ary of \$500 per year. One of his assistants, a Miss Carscadden, received \$225 per year.

In 1892, Mr. J. F. Power became principal over five teachers. The attendance at that time was 304 or an average of over 50 per room. A great deal of credit is due to the teachers of those early days who strived to give their charges an adequate grounding in English, mathematics, and, in the upper grades, Latin and French, in the face of such odds as large classes and limited facilities. Incidentally, I might mention that continuation school subjects were taught in at least one room of the new school right from

the beginning. This meant a combination of public school and continuation school.

The original trustee board was made up of Mr. George McGirr, chairman, and Messrs. Robt. Kerr, Jas. Allen, J. Hodgins, Robt. Scott, and Wm. Dunn as trustees, if my information can be relied upon.

Miss Mary Mitchell, who retired from teaching in December 1946, first taught on the Alliston Public School Staff in 1899. She resigned to go to Normal in 1900 but was re-engaged in 1902, for a period of two years when she was forced to give up her position due to illness in the family. In 1909 she again gave her services in the interest of Alliston's younger citizens and continued to do so until her retirement with the exception of a period about 1918.

In 1904, Mr. W. I. Clark, was chairman of the trustee board. About that time the school became crowded with pupils taking second-



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dary school subjects that the primary class had to use the Masonic Hall which was situated on the north side of Victoria Street at Centre Street. On July 20, 1905, a bylaw granting \$5000 for additions to the school was passed. Mr. W. T. Jerrett was the contractor. He built two rooms at the centre of the south side for the sum of \$4100. The following year sidewalks were laid in from the street. The caretaker appreciated this in wet weather.

In 1907 a piano was purchased for \$350, the board paying \$100, the

FRED BANTING, THE BOY

As a boy at school, Fred Banting was not considered a particularly brilliant student. His latent talents as a research worker came out when he, with Dr. Best, at Toronto University, conceived the possibility of creating or discovering a cure for Diabetis. Fred Banting was a native of Essa Township, but attended the Alliston schools.

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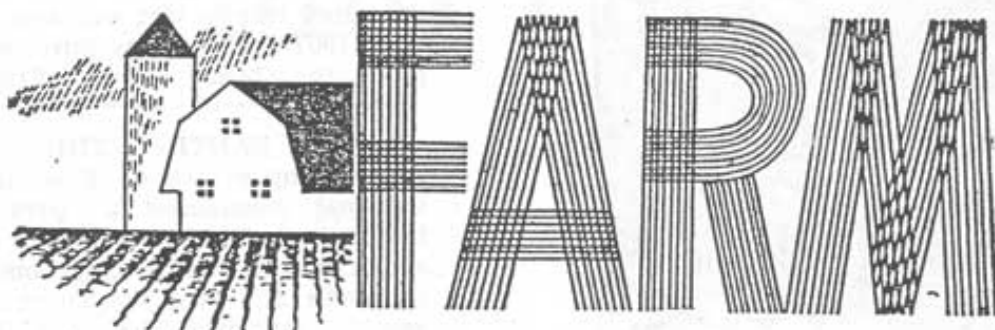
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FRED BANTING, BENEFACTOR

Bringing fame on himself and his home school town of Alliston, Fred Banting became Sir Frederick Banting, following his discovery of Insulin. He served with distinction in the Canadian Army during World War II, and was killed in a plane crash in Newfoundland on February 23, 1941.

teachers and pupils raising the rest. In 1908 some attempt must have been made to beautify the ground because a lawn mower was purchased.

The records up until this time were rather sketchy or lost completely but according to the infor-

mation gathered, Mr. J. A. Speers succeeded Mr. Power and he in turn was succeeded in January, 1909, by Mr. W. A. Duncan followed by Mr. H. V. Laughton three months later. In September of 1909 Mr. Hugh Davidson became principal of the combined schools at a salary of \$1,400 a year. Seemingly he continued as such until December, 1911. In January, 1912, a high school and high school board were formed and the public school board was no longer responsible for Mr. Davidson's salary. From 1912 until about 1925 he acted in the capacity of supervising principal to the public school although not on the payroll. In that year, Miss Edna Martindale who had acted as senior teacher of the public school from January 1911, became principal, and was in charge until she resigned in 1927.

In 1918 Miss Olwen Evans was engaged to teach and has been on the staff most of the time since.

Another addition was made to the school building in 1921. Two classrooms and two cloak rooms were added at each side making a total of twelve classrooms in the building, half being used by the high school and the other half by the public school.

At the same time the heating system was changed from hot air to steam. Inside toilets and a septic tank were installed. Connections were made with the sewer about 1931 or 1932.

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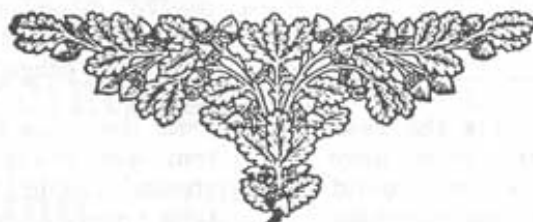
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en part in World War I was erected in front of the school. On it were inscribed the names of those who served and on the opposite side the name of the battles in which they took part. Sir Frederick Banting presented the school with a German machine gun to place at one side of the column and the Canadian government sent a field gun to occupy a similar space at the other side of the column.

Following Miss Martindale as principal was Mr. John Watts. In 1929 Mr. William Edgar became principal for a period of fourteen months when he was succeeded by W. G. E. Cumberland, who held that position until he resigned in June, 1946. The principal for the last year has been Mr. John H. Cromar.

In addition to Mr. Cromar and Miss Evans, mentioned above, the present public school staff consists of Miss Annie B. Sanford, engaged Jan. 1931; Miss Margaret Murphy, engaged September, 1933; Miss Mel-

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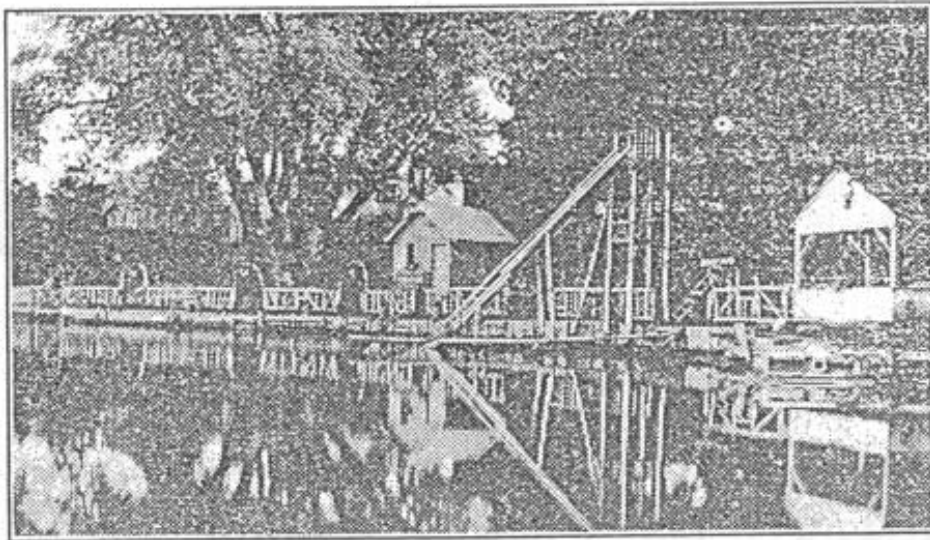
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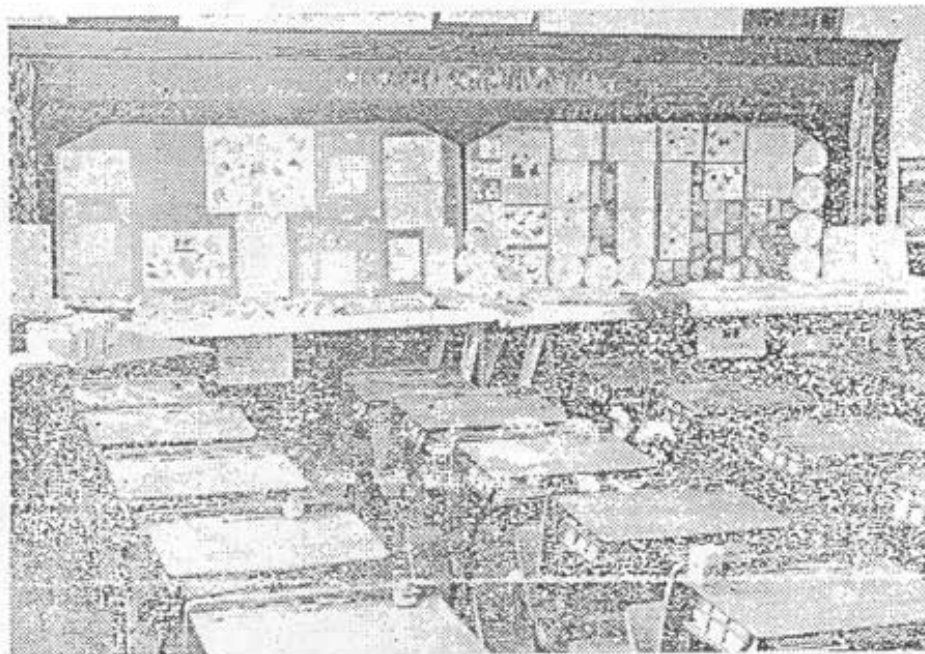
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The high school, which now occupies the whole second floor of the school building, has had several principals since Mr. Davidson resigned in 1927. His successor was Mr. W. J. A. Wright, who stayed in Alliston for six years. He was followed by Major A. H. S. Adams. In the fall of 1935 Miss Gertrude James,

now Mrs. Ross Williams, became principal and was succeeded by Mr. R. B. Malkin in September 1938. Mr. Malkin resigned in June, 1946, to be followed by Mr. H. H. Pearson, who has occupied the position for the last year.

The term of the present board expires on December 31, 1947. At that time the Alliston High School will come under the control of an Area Board, comprised of representatives of the surrounding municipalities.

Many tales could be told and many have been told of the escapades carried out around the old school. When the old boys and girls get together the yarns will fly. Will they mention the time that Gerry McMahon had phosphorus in his pocket.



AN OLD SCHOOL TEACHER

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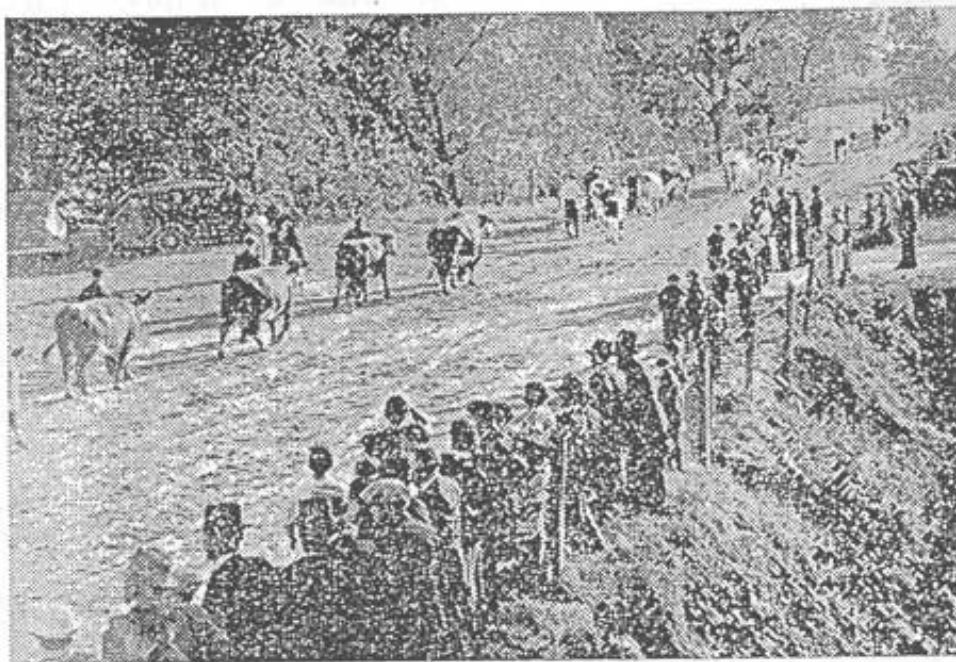
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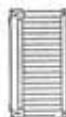
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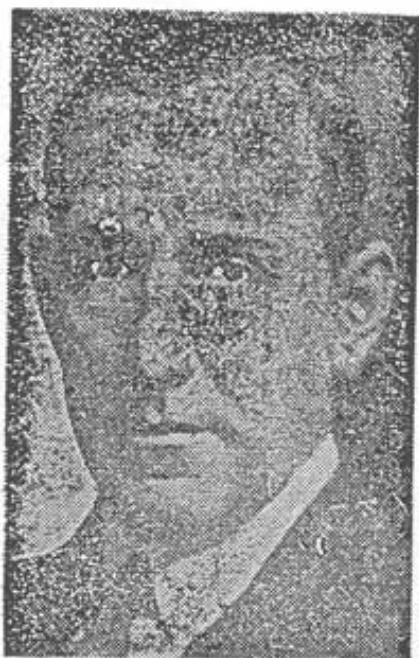
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intendent of the Ontario Hospital, New Toronto.

Dr. Edmund McCluskey. A very successful specialist in surgery in Pittsburgh, Penn.

John McMulkin. Was superintendent of Toronto pumping stations.

Dr. Fred Hipwell. Specialist in diabetes, Toronto.

Dr. Esmund Hipwell. A very successful physician in Orillia.

Rev. Fr. W. P. Heydon, P.P. Pastor of St. James Church, Toronto.

Rev. Dr. John Wilson. Presbyterian minister, Hamilton.

Howard M. Brown. Became a very successful insurance executive in Chicago.

Hubert Martindale. Won fame as a teacher in voice culture.

Ed Wright. A very successful manufacturer at St. Catharines.

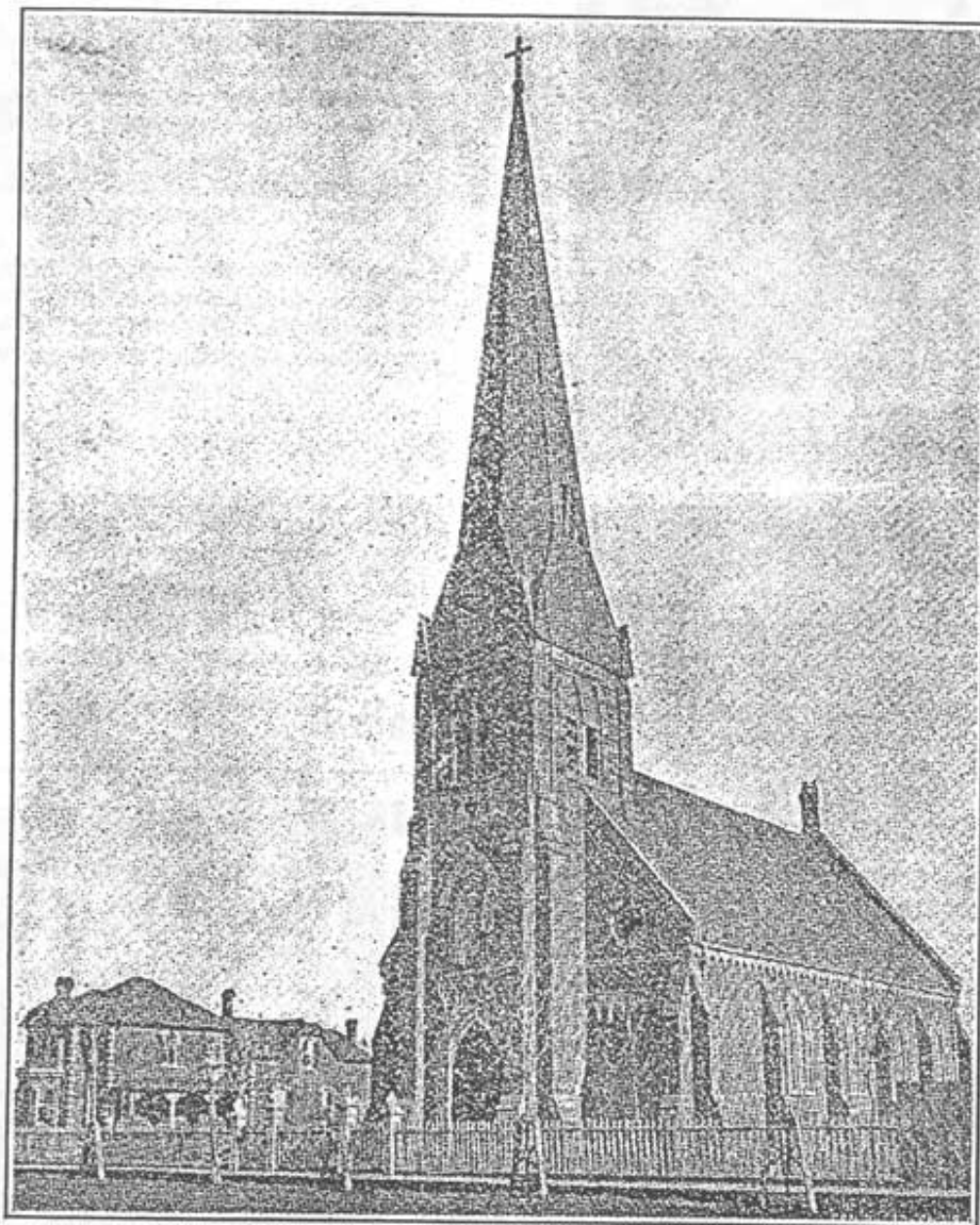
Frank Hurst. Until recently manager of the Bank of Toronto at Parry Sound.

Reginald Scott. Teacher at Pittsburgh University.

There are many others who have made themselves more or less famous, not to mention the decorations for meritorious service won by our boys during World War I and World War II. Those mentioned above were suggested by R. J. Wallace, for a score or more years Mayor of Swansea, former Mayor of Aliston and editor of The Herald from 1897 to 1912. Mr. Wallace was awarded the King George Medal for outstanding public service during the last war.



DR. I. W. S. McCULLOUGH



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Erected in 1876, St. Paul's Church has served the people of the Roman Catholic faith and immediate district for seventy one years. It is the second oldest church building in Alliston.

St. Paul's Church

In order to understand the history of St. Paul's Parish and Catholic Church in Alliston, it is necessary to go back a few years. The background is rather interesting.

The church of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception at North Adjala was built in 1855 by Father Radigan, pastor of South Adjala. He was succeeded by Father Paurret, who completed the work undertaken by Father Radigan. In 1865 North Adjala became a parish and Father Patrick Conway built a splendid brick Presbytery.

In the year 1866, Father Rey became pastor and remained there until 1873, when in July, 1873, Rev. H. J. Gibney took charge. In the year 1879 the church was completely renovated.

Three miles to the east of this church a village had come into existence and the population was increasing in numbers. The spiritual welfare of the people had to be cared for; so on March 19, 1875, a meeting

of the Catholic people of the newly formed village of Alliston was called for the purpose of discussing the spiritual situation. Soon the ground was procured for a new church and it was decided that the erection of the church should commence the following spring.

The corner stone of the new church was laid on March 28, 1876, by Archbishop Lynch of Toronto and the prospective building was dedicated to St. Paul.

St. Paul's church was formally blessed and opened on January 6, 1877. Payment was completed on February 13, 1882.

On the occasion of the opening of the church the Bishop referred to the priest's residence which was to be erected shortly afterwards. The priest was to reside in Alliston. Thus, in February, 1882, the residence was completed and ready for occupancy. From this time, the church at North Adjala was a mission from Alliston.

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destroyed by fire. A new church was built the same year.

In the year 1898, St. Paul's church, Alliston, was completely renovated by Mr. J. J. Goldie. In 1902 the winter chapel was painted and decorated. In 1903 the church was shingled, and in November, 1904, the horse sheds were built. About the same time a new furnace was installed in the church and in 1908 the exterior of the church was painted.

Father Gibney's pastorate of 47 years and 2 months ended on September 20, 1920. Owing to his ill health and advancing years, St. Paul's was placed in the care of the very capable Rev. William Heydon, who after approximately one year in Alliston, was appointed pastor of St. James' Parish, Toronto.

On October 1, 1921, Father John O'Brien was transferred from Stayner to Alliston. At this time, the church at North Adjala and the church at Achill were combined to form a parish with Rev. John Kehoe as first pastor. Father O'Brien remained in Alliston until September 23, 1928 when Rev. Francis J. Sneath was appointed to succeed him.

Father Sneath was transferred

from Alliston on March 24, 1936, and Father Frederick McGinn was administrator of the parish for a few months. In the summer of 1937, Father Francis Caulfield was transferred from Orangeville to the pastorate of Alliston and, in 1938, was moved to Leaside to form a new parish.

Father Felix Coffey succeeded him in Alliston in July, 1938, and on January 28, 1943, he died very suddenly in Toronto.

For a few months Rev. Vincent Egan was administrator and in July, 1943, Father Patrick J. Kirby became pastor.

Due to ill health, Father Kirby was transferred to Toronto in September 1944 and since that time and at the time of writing, Father T. L. Healy is parish priest in Alliston.

Alliston parish (St. Paul's) has been in existence for a considerable time. Much has been accomplished for the spiritual welfare of its members but much remains to be done. May God prosper and bless the efforts which are being made for souls at present and in the future. We know He has done so in the past.



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St. Andrew's Church

The history of the Anglican Church in Alliston dates back to some time prior to 1860 when records show that at that time the Rev. A. J. Fiddler would ride horseback from Cookstown and hold services at Saint Peter's, West Essa, and at Alliston in Mr. Kinsey's workshop which stood on the site of the present building now owned by Lorne Thomas.

The corner stone of the first church was laid by Mrs. Lett, the wife of Rev. Dr. Stephen Lett, of Collingwood, on November 5, 1875. The consecration service was held on Sunday, June 25, 1876. At this service the Rev. H. Baldwin, rector of All Saint's Church, Toronto, preached in the morning and the Rev. W. H. Bates, of Ivy, preached at the evening. Rev. Dr. Hodgkin of Woodbridge, took part in the services.

The building was of brick on stone

foundation with a seating capacity for 125 persons. The cost of the building and furnishing was \$1,500, and in the spirit of the pioneers it was erected free of debt. At that time there were not more than twelve church families who rallied around the rector, the Rev. W. M. C. Clarke, for the erection of the church.

The incumbents are as follows: Rev. A. J. Fiddler and Rev. R. W. Hindes, 1860-1871; Rev. W. M. C. Clarke, 1871-1880; Rev. A. Fletcher, 1880-1896; Rev. A. B. Chaffe, 1886-1889; Rev. W. E. Carroll, 1889-1904; Rev. E. R. James, 1904-1911.

Alliston and West Essa became one parish in 1911, with the Rev. C. L. Bilkey as the first rector. He was followed by Rev. B. N. Defoe Wagner, 1912-1917; Rev. P. W. A. Roberts 1917-1922; Rev. A. C. McCollum, 1922-1927; Rev. P. N. Knight, 1927-1941; Rev. B. R. Smyth, Rev. H. R. Deering and Rev. B. S. Greene, 1941-43.

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D. Wigmore, came to the parish in December of 1943.

The first mention of the building of the present church is found in the minutes of a special vestry meeting held on June 25, 1926, when it was resolved to celebrate the 50th anniversary by the erecting of a new building.

The last services in the old church, which served the parish for fifty years as the very House of God, were held on March 6, 1927.

Under the rectorship of the Rev. P. N. Knight and the leadership of the wardens, Truman Asaph and F. L. Malcolm, ably assisted by the building committee, under the chairmanship of J. J. Milligan and with J. Christian, J. Murphy, H. Harris, F. Webster and W. J. Hancey as members, the plans and erecting of the new Saint Andrews proceeded.

The corner stone of the present church was laid on Thursday, May 5, 1927, by the Hon. J. S. Martin, Provincial Minister of Agriculture, at a service conducted by the Rector,

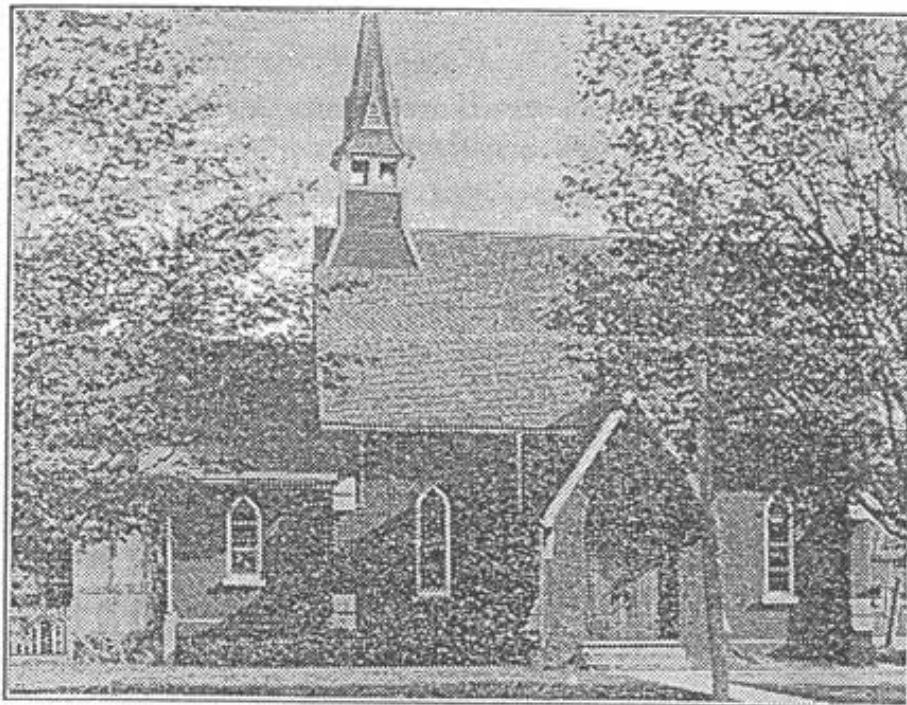
and assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Ingles.

The opening services were held on Sunday, October 5, 1927, under the direction of the Rt. Rev. James Sweeney, Bishop of Toronto.

During the years 1927-1944 under the leadership of the Guild, supported by the loyal devotion of the women of the congregation the mortgage was gradually reduced and finally at the anniversary services in October, 1944, the congregation subscribed the full amount of the outstanding debt and the mortgage was retired.

The great desire of the congregation was reached when on Saint Andrew's Day, 1944, the Church of Saint Andrew was consecrated to the glory of God by the Rt. Rev. A. R. Beverley, Suffragan Bishop of Toronto.

From this church have gone forth Rev. T. J. Dew of Mimico and Miss Gwyneth J. Falkner, now wife of Rev. L. G. Phillips, of Harriston, to serve the Christian Church.



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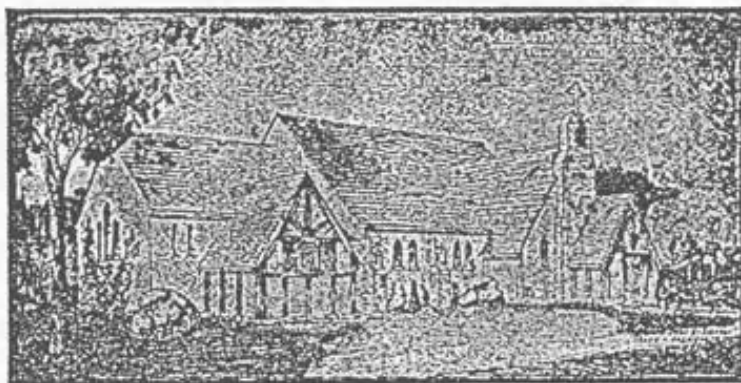
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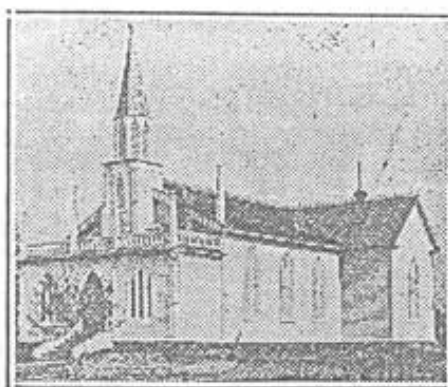
ST. ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

This fine church, built in 1927, replaced the first church. The corner stone was laid Thursday, May 5, 1927, and the opening service was held on Sunday, October 5, the same year.



THE NEW KNOX CHURCH

Erected in 1915, during the ministry to the Alliston Presbyterian congregation of the Rev. M. R. Cree.



FORMER KNOX CHURCH

A typical view of the old Knox Presbyterian Church, erected in 1862, and replaced by the modern edifice in 1915.

Knox Church

In 1860 religious services were held in Alliston by J. K. Hislop, a student sent out by the Knox College Students Missionary Society. This was the beginning of Presbyterianism in this community. The first service was held in John Bates' cooper shop. Those present were Adam Wightman, Charles Scott, William and John Buyers, John Patterson, James Rose, William Mawhinney and their wives and families. After holding services at different places during the summer the people began to think of securing a property where they might build a church.

They decided to buy a half acre plot from Henry Fields for \$80, and an additional acre immediately west of it for \$110. The deeds were carefully prepared and trips to Toronto and Barrie were made on foot. The church itself was built by William and John Buyers. They started in the spring of 1861 and finished in the fall of 1862. The opening service was held on September 6, 1862, the sermons being preached by the Rev. Dr. Robert Burns of Toronto.

Services were held morning and afternoon. No service was held in the evening on account of the great distances the people came on foot and it was necessary for them to



THE LATE J. F. McLEAN

Prominent Knox Church member, high up in Masonic circles, enthusiastic choir singer and band leader, and all round sportsman, Mr. McLean was secretary treasurer for the Public Utilities Commission, later clerk of Alliston. He died in 1942 after a few months of retirement,

reach home or the shelter of some friendly roof by nightfall, due to wild animals, especially bears and wolves. At the opening services the singing was lead by Gilbert Innis for in those days there was a precentor instead of an organ and organist. The collections were taken up in square boxes with long handles by Adam Wightman and Wm. Buyers.

Shortly after the church was completed it had a narrow escape from fire. Mr. Mawhinney had a smoke house, used for curing meats, and situated near the lumber yard to the west of the church. When the smoke house became overheated and took fire it spread to the lumber piles and threatened the church but the good work of the "bucket brigade" saved the building.

Mr. J. K. Hislop, who was the student missionary for the first summer, 1860, returned to college in the fall. The congregation had no one to minister to their spiritual wants till the next spring when another student by the name of Mitchell served the people for the summer months of 1861. In 1862, J. K. Hislop returned as an ordained minister, and continued to serve in Knox Church until November 20, 1870.

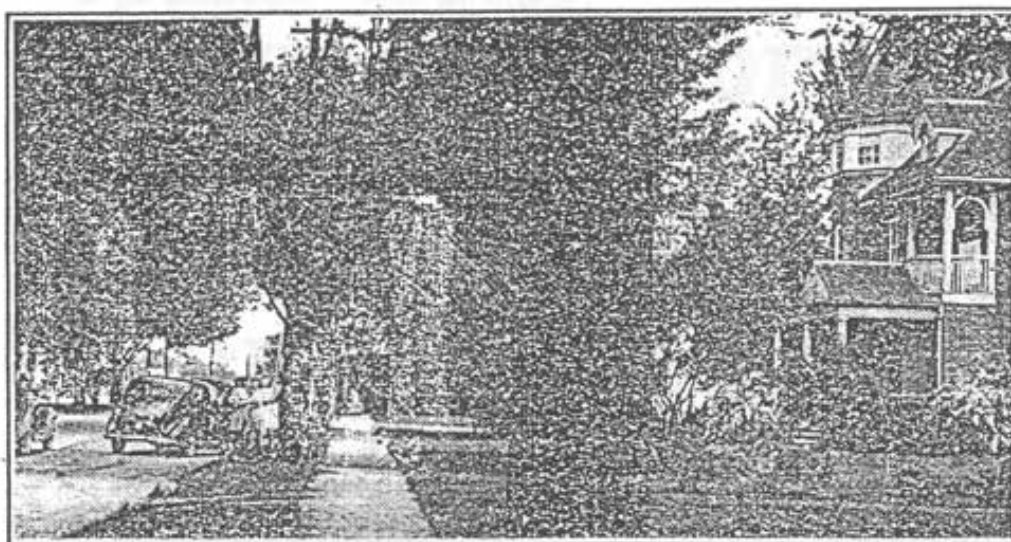
Early in the history of the church, February 19, 1863, the Sacrament of

the Lord's Supper was first administered. In May, 1863, Messrs. Andrew Mullen and John Buyers were elected to the eldership, thus forming the first session.

A Sunday school was established shortly after the church began and it has continued in the moulding of the young life of the congregation. The first superintendent was William Wright.

Through the years that followed the untiring efforts of the faithful did much to make this community Christian. Possibly the most important event following the opening and dedication of the first church in 1862 is that of the Golden Jubilee on October 27, 1912, during the ministry of Rev. W. T. Ellison. The Methodist and Anglican Churches withdrew their evening services and Rev. A. P. Addison (Methodist) assisted on the platform and Rev. C. L. Bilkey (Anglican) assisted in the choir. The Methodist Church was thrown open and there Rev. H. D. McCuaig of Tottenham conducted an overflow service occasioned by the exceptionally large crowd. Even this did not accommodate the numbers of worshippers and many had to go home disappointed.

On the Monday evening following, a tea and entertainment were given



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Another important milestone in the history of Knox Church must be briefly mentioned. It was decided to tear down the old church and build a brick structure. While this was in progress services were held in the town hall. The opening service held in the new church was on Sunday, October 3, 1915. The last service was conducted in the old church on March 28, 1915. The next morning demolition began. On May

1, Rev. Mr. M. F. Cree, the minister, was given the honour of laying the corner stone. Mr. Joseph Perrott presented the stone and Mr. James Allen a silver trowel. The new church was but six months in construction. At the opening service Rev. Principal Gandier of Knox College was the preacher. On October 10 the church was dedicated by the pastor, Rev. M. F. Cree, the sermon being preached by Rev. J. A. Wilson of Hamilton. On Monday a thanksgiving tea was given followed by an entertainment at which the minister of agriculture, the Hon. James Duff, spoke.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed on the Sabbath, October 17, in the morning. Once again the members sat down to the Table of the Lord feeling deep gratitude within their hearts for the way in which the Lord had led them. At the preparatory service twenty six united with the church by profession of faith and one by certificate.

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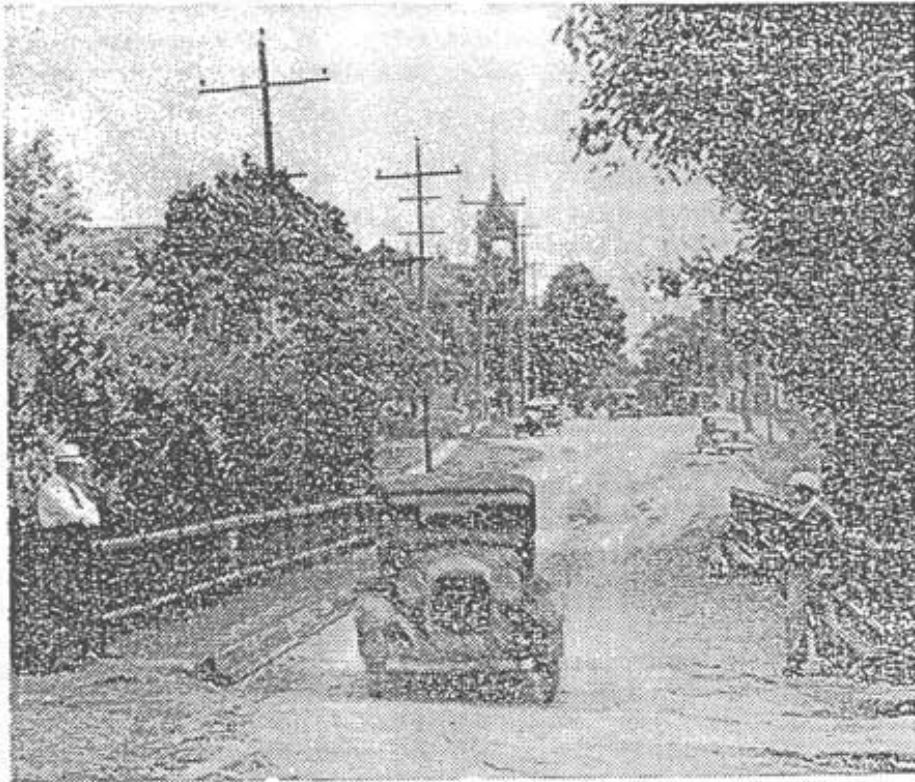
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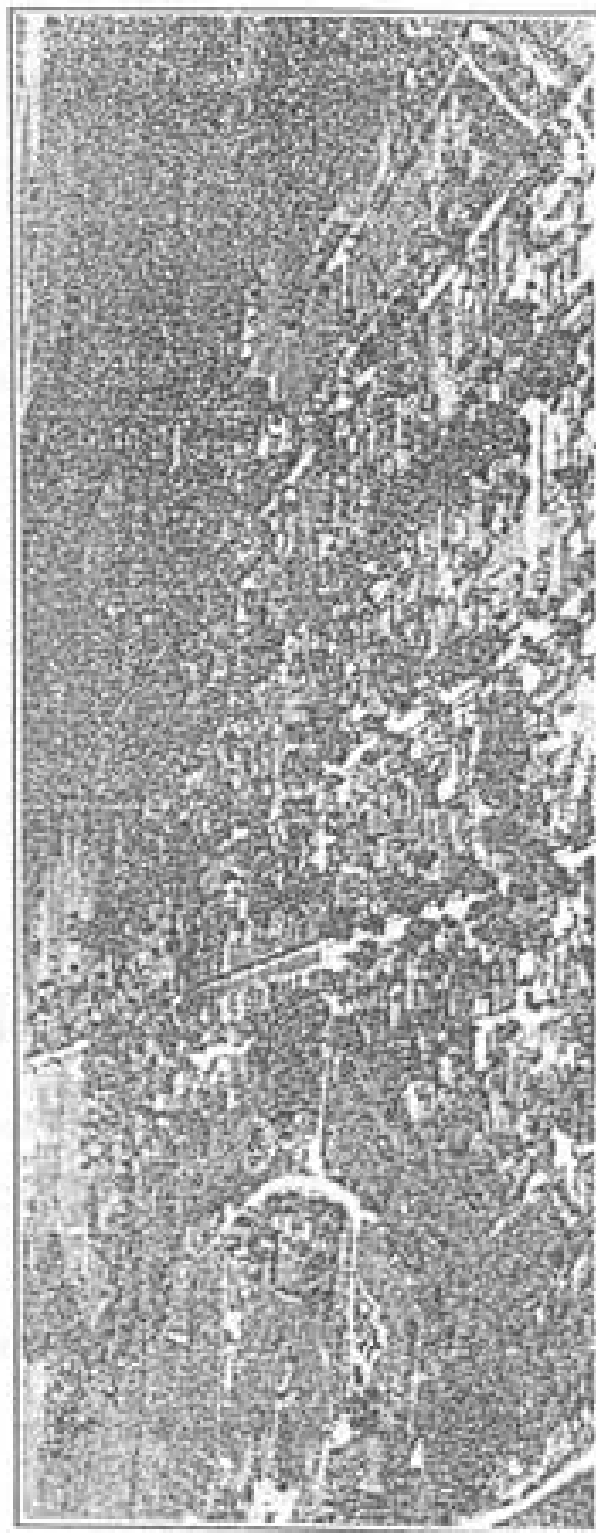


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Alliston From The Air



Taken on the Alliston Herald camera, this is the first bird's eye view of Alliston that we have seen. Using a magnifying glass, almost every home east of Ontario Street can be spotted. This picture was taken with Victoria Street in the middle of the picture, and Fletcher Crescent, leading to Steven-son Memorial Hospital on the left.

During the next ten years the church continued to grow and maintain the spiritual traditions of the past. Then in 1925 another outstanding event took place in the history of the church. In that year Knox Church entered the United Church of Canada by a vote of 144 to 63. The majority of the latter withdrew their membership and applied their efforts toward building a church in which continuing Presbyterian services could be held. This fine church is Chalmers Presbyterian Church on Wellington Street, an account of which may be found in another article.

Knox celebrated its seventy fifth jubilee anniversary in May, 1935. This was also the tenth anniversary of the United Church in Canada. Special plans were carefully made to celebrate the occasion fittingly. Former members were invited to attend. Special services were held on May 19 and May 26 as well as a supper and program on May 27.

Four years later Knox United Church and Wesley United Church decided to join forces under the name St. John's United Church. Services were held alternate months in the two churches but it was finally decided to use the former Wesley Church.

The ministers who served in Knox Church were as follows:

J. K. Hislop, a student from Knox College, the summer of 1860.

Mr. Mitchell, a student from Knox College, the summer of 1861.

Rev. J. K. Hislop, returned in 1862, was ordained and inducted by Toronto Presbytery, remaining until November 20, 1870.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, 1872 to September 27, 1875.

Rev. J. R. S. Burnett, January 23, 1877 to 1904.

Rev. J. A. Dodds, stated supply in 1905.

Rev. Samuel F. Sharp, January 17, 1906, to July, 1909.

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Rev. John McKillop, July, 1937, until his death June 24, 1939.

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St. John's Church

Before 1854 the nearest place of worship was a Methodist Church at Turnbull's Corner, later known as West Essa. The settlers came to this church on foot along a narrow path through the swamp. In 1854 a hall was built for religious services about 44 Victoria Street W., where the Methodist people worshipped until 1872 when the present church, known as St. John's United Church, was built. They were supplied every two weeks with preachers from the old Cookstown Circuit and the intervening Sundays were filled by George Fletcher, a licensed local preacher. His brother, John, was class leader until 1863, when Rev. Peter Addison was stationed here. Prior to Mr. Addison's appointment some of the preachers who came from Cookstown were Rev. Luther O. Rice, Rev. N. R. Willoughby, Rev. J. A. Williams, Rev. Matthew Swam, Rev. David Cattanaach, Rev. Bruce Douce, Rev. Jacob Poole, Rev. Michael Fawcett, and Rev. John F. Clark.

From 1863 till 1879 Alliston was the head of a circuit with an ordained minister and a single man. West Essa, Graham's, Agnew's and Sandhook were the outside appointments. The ministers who followed Mr. Addison were Revs. James Matheson, D. F. Gee, John F. German, Robert Smith and E. A. Russ, with John Kepple, Alfred Brown, L. W. Hill, Frederick Dracus, Thomas Manning and Edward Eves as assistants.

In 1879 this church was made a station with Rev. John Bredin as pastor. He was followed by Revs. J. W. Annis, George Webber, Alfred Brown, W. G. Howson, Thomas Dunlop, H. S. Matthews, William Buchannan, S. H. Edwards, Dr. Eby, J. J. Ferguson, A. P. Latter, A. P. Addison, G. N. Gray, Dr. H. Harper, A. A. Wall, E. G. Adams, R. E. Morton, B. A. MacKeracher and James Dorrian.

The church was built in 1872 and opened in the winter of 1873. The Sunday School room was added to



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Built in 1872 by the Wesleyan Methodist congregation of Alliston. The present St. John's United Church is the oldest church building being used as such in Alliston today.

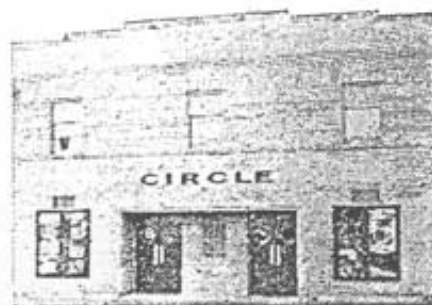
the church in 1878 and enlarged again in 1897. After the fire in 1910 the west wing was built on and in 1919 the interior fixtures of the church were taken out and the present oak seating and fixtures put in.

In 1925 Wesley Methodist Church became Wesley United Church. In 1930 Knox and Wesley United Churches joined to form St. John's United Church.

Of the many outstanding events throughout the history of this church none stands out more than a meeting held in the Sunday School room on Sunday, October 20, 1946, when literally hundreds of the former Sunday School scholars came from far and near to do honor to Mr. J. R. Hipwell. Mr. Hipwell had been superintendent for a period of forty six years. On this occasion his many friends presented him with

a gold watch and a sum of money. At the same time to mark the occasion the Sunday School was made the recipient of a fine table and a beautiful rug for the platform. The inscription on the table read as follows: "We live in deeds, not words."

Three young men from this church have entered the ministry, R. H. Brett, J. W. Bruce and John Fawcett. Three young women have gone out as deaconesses, Misses Olive Lyons, Mary Cunningham and Mary Fife.



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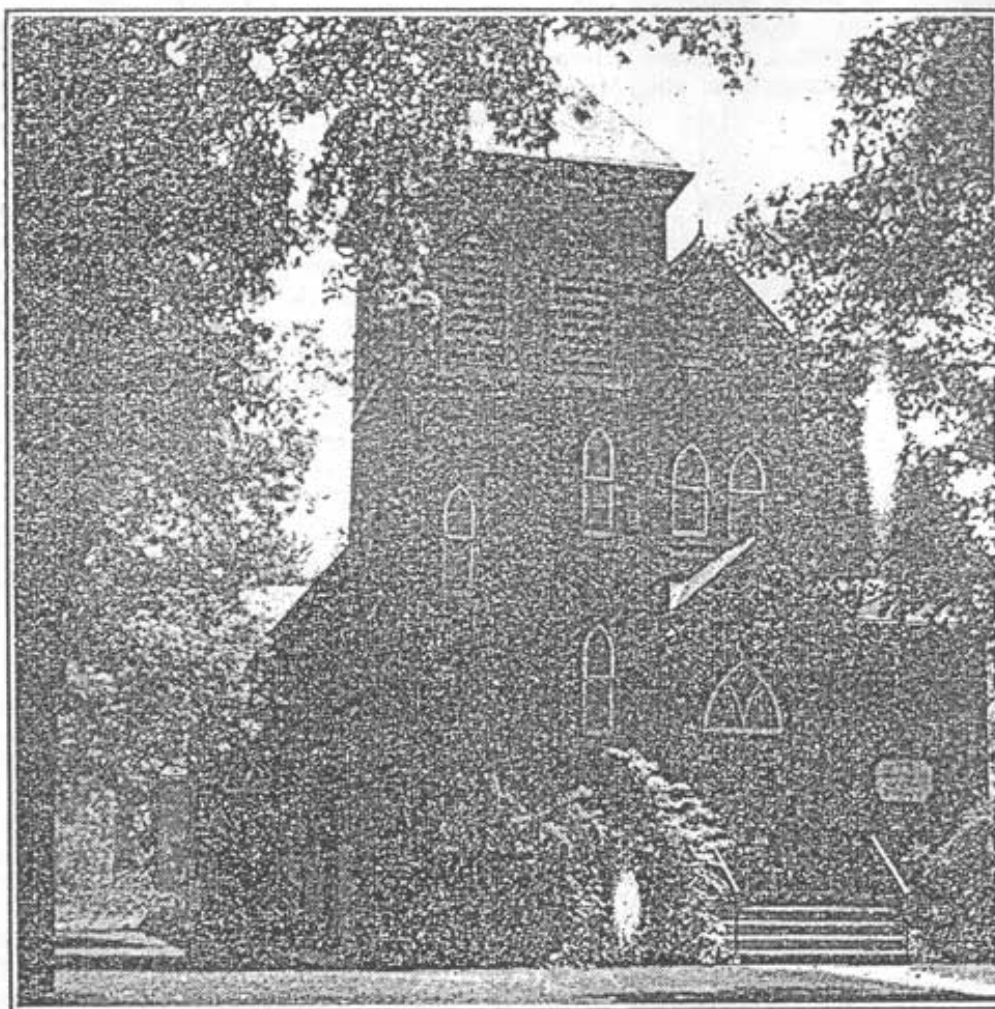
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Chalmers Church

Immediately after church union in 1925, an energetic group of continuing Presbyterians began making plans for a new church.

These plans began to bear fruit when the site was dedicated April 10, 1927, and when the corner stone was laid by Rev. Dr. W. M. Kannawin on May 26, 1927. Throughout the summer and fall the work progressed with a vigour and enthusiasm that indicated quite clearly that this new church would take an important place in the teaching of Christian principles in the years to come.

On December 10, 1927, the doors arrived and carpenters worked at top speed throughout the day and evening to have them hung for the opening service the next day.

Some time before eleven o'clock the next morning, Sunday, December 11, the church was completely filled. The service was conducted

by Rev. Duncan Ferguson, of Cookstown, assisted by Mr. W. M. Scott, who had charge of the congregation during the summer.

After the lesson was read by Mr. Scott, the congregation joined responsively in the following dedication: "To the glory of God the Father, for the worship of God in prayer and praise, for the preaching of the everlasting gospel, for the celebration of the holy sacraments, for the comfort of all who mourn, for strength to those who are tempted, for light to those who seek the way, for the hallowing of family life, for teaching and guiding the young, for the perfecting of the saints, for the promotion of righteousness, and for the diffusion of knowledge in unity and faith, in the bonds of Christian brotherhood, in charity and goodwill to all, in gratitude for the labour of all the saints, in loving remembrance of those who have finished their course and in the

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Rev. Dr. J. D. Cunningham, professor of New Testament history at Knox College, Toronto, preached the sermon which was a plea for unity of purpose, for humility and for action.

On April 7, 1929, the pulpit, which had been presented by Mrs. Connell and her daughter in memory of Mr. Thos. Connell, was dedicated. Later on a fine seat for the minister was presented to the church by Mr. J. J. Armstrong and Mr. F. Kinsey.

The organ was dedicated at the anniversary service, held the third Sunday in October, 1936.

Mortgage Burned

One of the highlights in the progress of Chalmers Church was the burning of the mortgage. This occurred on January 24, 1936, and

Mrs. Mary Gallagher had the honour of setting it alight.

The same evening Mr. W. J. Wilson was presented with a comfortable rocking chair in appreciation of his efforts as treasurer of the building fund.

The ministers who served the congregation in Alliston were Rev. D. O. Lavis from 1928 to 1931; Rev. G. C. Little from July 14, 1931, to September 23, 1945, and Rev. B. F. Andrew from March 27, 1946, to the present time.

An event of outstanding importance and one that afforded townspeople of all denominations a great deal of pleasure, was the service conducted by Mr. Donald McKillican, a student for the ministry, and a product of Chalmers Church, on Sunday evening, March 30, 1947.



ALLISTON BOYS IN WORLD WAR II

Here is a group of Alliston and district boys in training for overseas service in World War II. Taken by The Herald in Riverdale Park in 1940, the picture shows: John Crossan, Gordon Henderson, Norman Stryker, Murray Connell, Jim Irvine, Jack Taylor, Ellwood Bellerby, Capt. Rev. C. M. MacLean, Herb MucMullen and Steve Jenkins.

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Looking along the business section of Victoria Street about 1939 or 1940.



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NOTE—This will be the last year for the Alliston High School Board. It
will be dissolved on December 31, when the new Area Board, com-
posed of representatives of the surrounding municipalities, form a
new board.

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Appreciation of Citizens

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Alliston wish to express sincere thanks to the Alliston Centennial Committee and the members of the Sub Committees and others who assisted in any way, great or small, in making the Centennial of 1947 the success it has been.

ALLISTON CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Space will not permit mentioning all the names of those who have laboured in the preparation for the celebration, but the main committee and chairman of sub committees are as follows:

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