



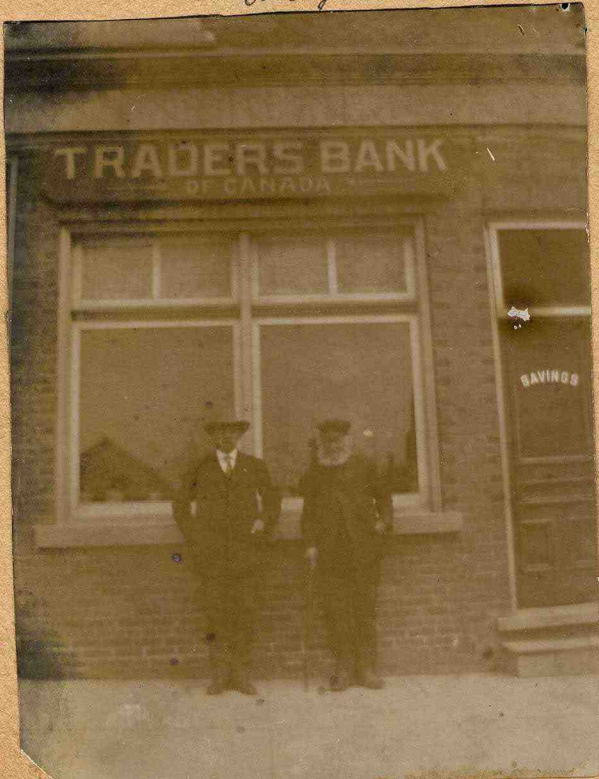
EAST ST
SPRINGFIELD ONT



Herbert McTaggart.

George Muller.

Mr & Mrs H. Chambers
and sons
Gordon &
Willie



Mr & Mrs Muller.

Mr John Fulton.

The Yoder farm as well as the 100 acres north of it, was first occupied by Henry Gilbert, who came from south of Simcoe. Messrs. Henry, George, Archie, & Edward Clewias were his grandsons.

Henry Gilbert sold to Joel Burns and during his ownership the first school was built in 1837. On the lot where the old cemetery is, just north of the late W. J. Kilpatrick's store. The school was a log structure, and in it Mrs. Cameron's daughter of Captain Whaley first weilded the birch. Moses Yoder bought the farm from Ira Burns, son of Joel Burns. At the death of Moses Yoder the farm passed into the hands of his son John Yoder.

The next farm west was first settled by Thomas Welsh, who came from near Simcoe. He sold to Archie Mc Lachlan, who in turn sold to Andrew Kennedy, who was a pensioner having lost a leg in the "Battle of Queenston Heights." Andrew Kennedy sold to Richard Burgess, who built the first hotel in Springfield. This was a small frame building built by Hugh Mustard on the corner opposite the present United Church.

The first store was built on the Malahide side on the corner of the farm owned by Daniel Mc Lachlan where the old Royal Alfred Hotel used to be. Later two brick cottages were built on this site by C. M. Bryce. This lot extended west to about where the United Church sheds now stand. The north 50 acres were purchased from the Mc Lachlan's by Rev Charles Petlye. At his death his executors disposed of it to James Garrett, with the exception of a portion set aside for the use of the Methodist Church, and on which stands the present brick edifice.

The next 50 acres was taken up by William Mackie, who sold to William McIntosh whose son Edward McIntosh resided in the village for a number of years. The 50 acres west of this was first settled by Captain Whaley and his son Peter, who ran a cooperage.