

Grimmond's Beach

At one time the Grimmond property and the Fraser property belonged to Mr. Bryce Thomson, uncle of Miss. P. Thomson. The westerly portion of hills, valleys and lake front formed the Fraser estate and the easterly portion was retained. ^{This side slopes down to Sydenham St.} This part passed into various hands and about 1905 came into possession of the Grimmonds.

The Railroad bought a right of way along the beach up to the steps which approach the hill now known as Invererie Hts. This property, of course, follows along the beach.

Mr. Grimmond began laying out the rest of the land, into lots and built five cottages for sale.

Ayr was bought by a Mr. Wilson, Arron was bought by Mr. Woodford of St. Thomas, Aberfeldy became the property of Mr. Wm. Grimmond of Toronto, son of Mr. Grimmond Sr. (now the E.C. Sanders Summer home.)
Hillside was purchased by Mr. Harry Brennan, ^{and} Week's View by the Week's family. Soon after Mr. W. Blackburn of London bought a lot and built Glenarchy and now the beach is really built up.

Caval Blvd.

Bylaw--518

In 1920 Caval Blvd. was opened up and the Fraser House was razed and cottages were built along Caval Blvd. from the timber. These belonged to the Port Stanley Amusement Co. Land adjoining this property, belonging to the Thos. Meek estate was bought and leased for more cottages. In later years much land has formed along the west beach and this land south of Caval and the board walk has also been built up with Summer cottages.

Prospect Hill

In early times about 1854 or there about - this was a camping ground for the Indians here about. A few homes were built but later Summer homes were built. Here was the Summer home of Dr. Marlatt.

Hermitage

The old

Willow Beach



Bessie St. --Willow Beach

Copy for post cards for C.F.Taylor-Bridge St-Store now occupied by Mr.L.Dimmick.

In the recollection of the older citizens this part of Port Stanley was known as the Tannery Pond. In Summer it was swamp land and in Winter the children skated on the rink formed there. The writer has often been taken on a sled around its skating rink.

At one time it belonged to the Ellison estate, then passed into the possession of Mr.M.Payne. During that time it was laid out with two streets, viz.-Maude and Bessie after Mr.Payne's two daughters.

About 1900

It then passed into the hands of Mr.Ben Marlatt. He built the cottage, BenHur for themselves on William St. Other cottages were built. Cottage followed cottage and now in 1951 many of these are winterized for permanent homes.

Willow Beach, ¹⁹¹⁰ one of the newest districts. It is only about two years since building operations first began in this neighborhood, and to-day it is one of the most thickly inhabited in the summer months. It is really a little village by itself, each cottage bearing some suitable name, characteristic of the situation. Willow Beach is situated mid-way between the lake and the village. Many new cottages are being built this season, and some of them will no doubt be open for rental.



Hillcrest

The first we hear of this height of land was in historical documents telling of Col. Thomas Talbot granting to Col. Jno. Bostwick the first two lots in Yarmouth on the lake in front of Kettle Creek. That must have included at least as far north as the Anglican Church for that land was the church was a donation from Col Bostwick.

Then in 1819, a mill was built on the east bank of Kettle Creek and a tunnel was cut through the hill and an aqueduct carried the water from natural streams east of the hill to give power for the working of the same.

Again on its brow was built an isolation hospital. But after some years, the hospital was happily forgotten and the strange feat of engineering fell into disuse.

Then on this same elevation was built a beautiful home for the Bestwick family who owned the land. Solid and well-built-it has, as we know endured well the ravages of time. Where could have been found a location more pleasing for the home of our first settlers? The view from this site is still marvelous. What must it have been, then? The whole valley spreads out fan-wise. Westward the hills seem to touch the very heavens. South, the eye may range sighting an incoming ship, or watch the elements in all sorts of weather. To the north is the winding river and church-spire and eastward "Farther than vision ranges, farther than eagles flys Stretches the land of beauty, arches the perfect sky. (Pauline Johnson")

On Aug. 11th/56, there was an extensive Auction Sale advertised in the "St. Thomas Dispatch", to be held Sept. 4th/1856. It stated,-

"These lots are beautifully situated on the tableland overlooking L. Erie and being an excellent dry garden soil, such a locality for family residences can scarcely be equalled. Port Stanley being the principle port on the north shore of L. Erie trade will be opened up in imports and exports over the L&P.S.R. and by water."

note-In possession of Mr. Jack Brumpton is a deed of

BARGAIN and SALE

between

Joseph Emerson Bostwick & wife Amelia

and

Edward Forayce

for the consideration of fifty pounds-----half an acre of land

---First concession of Yarmouth--commencing at the corner of Joseph and East St.or(Old Port Stanley Rd.)in the village of Port Stanley,thence at right angles to the last mentioned street -one chain eleven links to the commencement of Edward Forayce's half-acre which is as follows viz.-Thence along the east side of East St.(old Pt.Stanley Rd)northly T Two chains and thirty links,thence at right angles to the right-Two chains and eighteen links-Thence at right angles to the right,Two chains and eighteen links to the place of beginning.

note-The document is signed by J.R.Bostwick,E.Forayce and Amelia M. Bostwick-It is witnessed by A.Forayce and Richard Philpott.

Deed-No 2189

I certify that a memorial hereof was recorded the 6th.day of January A.D.1857 at 13 min past 12 o'clock p.m. in Liber E.for Yarmouth-Folio 42

I McKay
Registrar
Elgin.

It follows that this land was sold at or near the time of the advertised Auction Sale.

On Hillcrest as we know that height of land,to-day,there were only two house up until 1900.The former Bostwick home belonged to the BishopJehn Walsh, 2nd. bishop of London and the other home,farther north belonged to Mrs McQueen.My sisters and brothers and myself were born on the property on Joseph St. which had 33' frontage and 132 ' most of which went up the hill,toward the Bishop's property.Our yard contained oak trees and hickory-one hickory we love to remember as it held our well-loved swing. The land above us was the Bishop's Home but our playground.Every night ,up the hill I went to the McQueen home for a quart of milk.In bad weather I took the road but in good weather up the hill beside the house was shorter.

It would make a story in itself to describe the Scotch mistress of the old large,frame house,She didn't forget to tell you what you should and shoulán't do and my mother was always warning me to wipe my feet before going into her kitchen and in having on my very best manners.No wonder for † can remember of seeing her scrubbing her kitchen table and floor with sand and I believe few places were kept so clean and neat.Beside her home to the south was an old-fashioned

Hillcrest
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well with a windlass -the only one I can remember in Port. On a shelf part way down the well she kept milk and some other eatables.

By 1906 the Bishop's property and most of the Mc Queen property came into possession of J.A. Robinson, ^a St. Thomas, lawyer. However Mrs. McQueen reserved a parcel of land on the north east corner of her lot and built a new home which was later purchased by Mr. Ezra Fahner.

The old frame house with its heavy timbers and adobe walls has changed. The outter shed and old kitchen which I visited so frequently ^{ere} was taken off but I understand there are still 12 rooms intact. It is now the Williamson home.

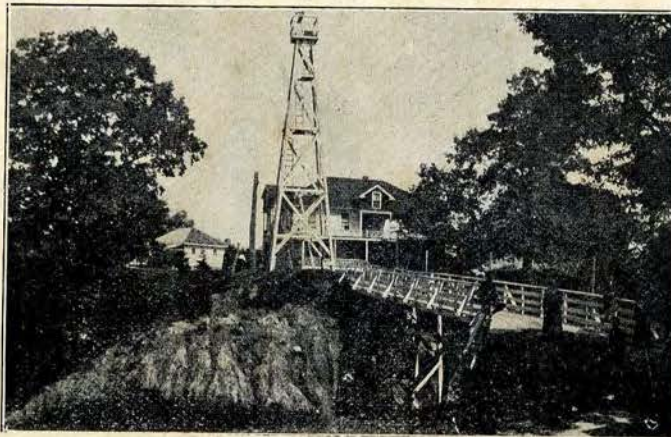
note--There is a picture in "News" of 1906.

Mr. J.A. Robinson renamed the heights, "Liberty Hill", built a new Club House and planned a real resort. After the death of J.A. as he was often called, E.M. Davidson managed the business in 1910 as the clipping shows and advertised the property as "Hillcrest.

On the east side ^{of village} is beautiful Hill Crest, with an elevation of over a hundred feet, commanding a magnificent view of the village below, the beach and pier. Hill Crest is a delightful resort in itself, and is a very inviting summer place. It has a fine pavillion, called the "Club House," where meals are served and social functions are indulged in. The "White House" nearby, is nicely fitted up with restful rooms and large verandahs. The grounds are beautifully kept, being dotted with comfortable cottages, some of which may be secured for the season by private families. Meals may be had at the Club House if one does not wish to be bothered with cooking. ^{Souvenir} Booklet, 1910

THE WHITE HOUSE, HILL CREST, PORT STANLEY

From "Souvenir Booklet--1910.



THE WHITE HOUSE, HILL CREST, PORT STANLEY, ONT.

HAS BEEN OPENED for the season, by E. M. Davidson, who conducted this most popular Summer Hotel last season with so much credit to himself. This hotel commands a beautiful land and lake view, and is surrounded by twenty or more pretty cottages. Goods meals are served at the "Club House" nearby. The service is the very best.

Hill Crest is one of the most restful resorts at Port, and is visited by many Summer citizens who go there year after year. Good music and dancing at the Club House.

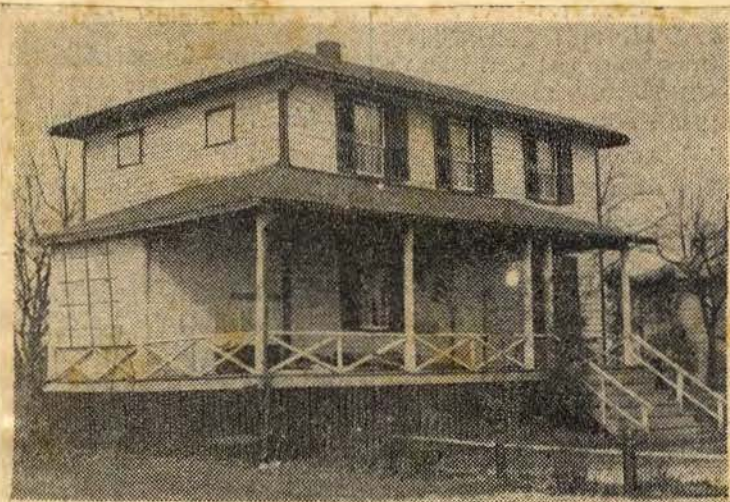
Rates furnished on application to E. M. DAVIDSON, Hill Crest, Port Stanley, Ont.

THREE FINE COTTAGES on the ground, FOR SALE or TO RENT, apply to MRS. JOHN A. ROBINSON, 71 Metcalf St., ST. THOMAS, ONT.

The Club House was sold and moved to edge of the cliff.

Miss. C. Rainer (now Mrs. Stanley Ship) ¹⁹¹⁴ bought the property and managed it alone for some time. Later she was joined by Mr. Ship and the business was a decided success. They are now retired and enjoying a more restful life on the same height of land farther to the north of the village

Hillcrest
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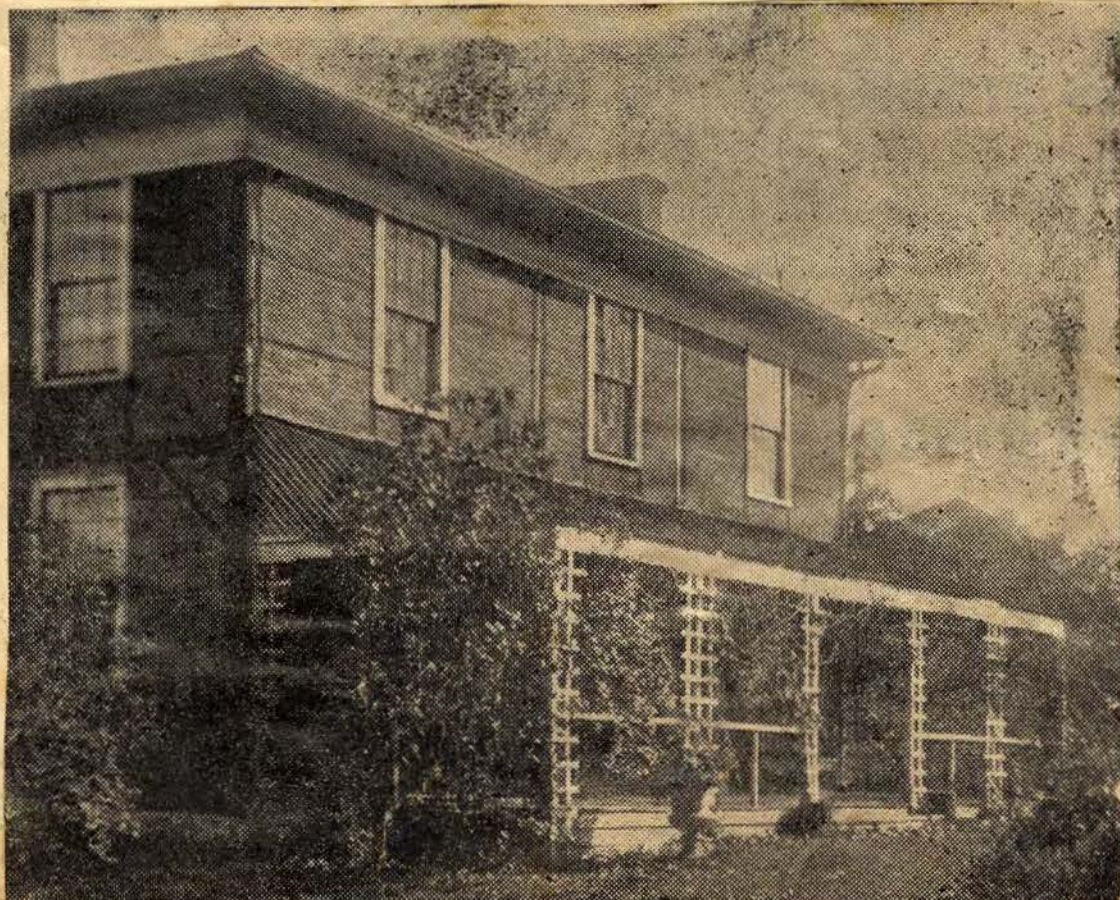
—Photos by Stollery
The Williamson House, Hillcrest, Port Stanley, Which Has Inner
Walls of Mud Foot in Thickness

The Weather Observatory

Before the Club House was moved to the brow of the hill, a weather Observatory loomed up in sight of the sailors. In the home of Mr. M. Payne was registered the direction and velocity of the wind. It was a rather small four-sided building which came to a point at the top.



Hill Crest Inn, Port Stanley, Ontario, Canada—13



"The Bishop's House", oldest residence in Port Stanley, is now owned by W. Leonard. It was the scene of many incidents of vital importance in the history of this part of Canada.

Hillcrest

The second observatory-
Blown down in a heavy gale.



ORCHARD BEACH

There was a petition sent to the Lieutenant Gov. of Ontario, March 26th. 1891, to annex Orchard Beach. Order in Council authorizing this annexation was dated May 8th. 1891.



This is a very early picture of Orchard Beach. The painting from which it was taken hangs in the village Clerk's office and was presented by Mr. Fred Bell County Engineer. Col. Cameron presented this copy to the Tweedsmuir History



About 1895, there was enough beach to drive to Orchard Beach along the shore. The writer has often gone with the delivery boy, in the delivery wagon, taking groceries to Orchard beach for my brother, W.M. Berry. A punt was often used to take around small orders. Quite a change from this year, 1947,

The next picture shows the wide stretch of Beach described above.

Six Hundred Feet of Stone Wall Being Laid to Save Duffield Property; Bank Washed Away up to Verandah

PORT STANLEY, Sept. 7.—About 500 feet of stone wall is being laid along the beach in front of the Duffield property at the east end of Orchard Beach, where the bank is washed away up to the verandah of the beautiful summer residence, despite the piling which had been driven along the beach in an effort to stay the encroaching waters of Lake Erie.

The federal government, under whose dispensation this form of public work is carried on, is endeavoring to build a protecting wall of stone that will, it is hoped, withstand the buffeting of heavy seas that prevail during the fall season, and for several weeks men have been engaged in trucking quantities of stone to that vicinity from the L. & P. S. The stone comes from the quarries at Queenston and is taken in trucks over the hill, where it is banked along the piling which is already there. These huge blocks of stone, some of which weigh a ton or more, are loaded at the station under the direction of Fred Pollock, over 2,000



Hill Crest, Port Stanley, Ont.

There are now many beautiful homes along this east shore, but the grounds are threatened by the encroaching waters of Lake Erie. The cottagers at their own expense and the Government have tried many ways to help the situation as the Times-Journal clipping shows.

tons having already been trucked to the beach.

Several years ago the residents further west on Orchard Beach were confronted by a similar problem, the bank caving away to such an extent that owners in some cases were obliged to move their houses back to prevent them toppling over the bank. Now, whether from the lower lake level, which has left a wider beach, or from a possible change in the current due to the breakwater, conditions on that part of the beach are all that could be desired, and no more ideal spot could be found for a summer home.

It is a tremendous task to handle these huge blocks of stone and it is hoped that when the wall is finished it will be strong enough to withstand any sea that may prevail.

The Duffield residence now stands on the edge of the bank and immediate action was necessary to protect it from possible damage should there be any further erosion.



This picture given by Mr. Joe. Sharp, shows one means that was used to protect the bank. Note the willows. Much of this is washed out.



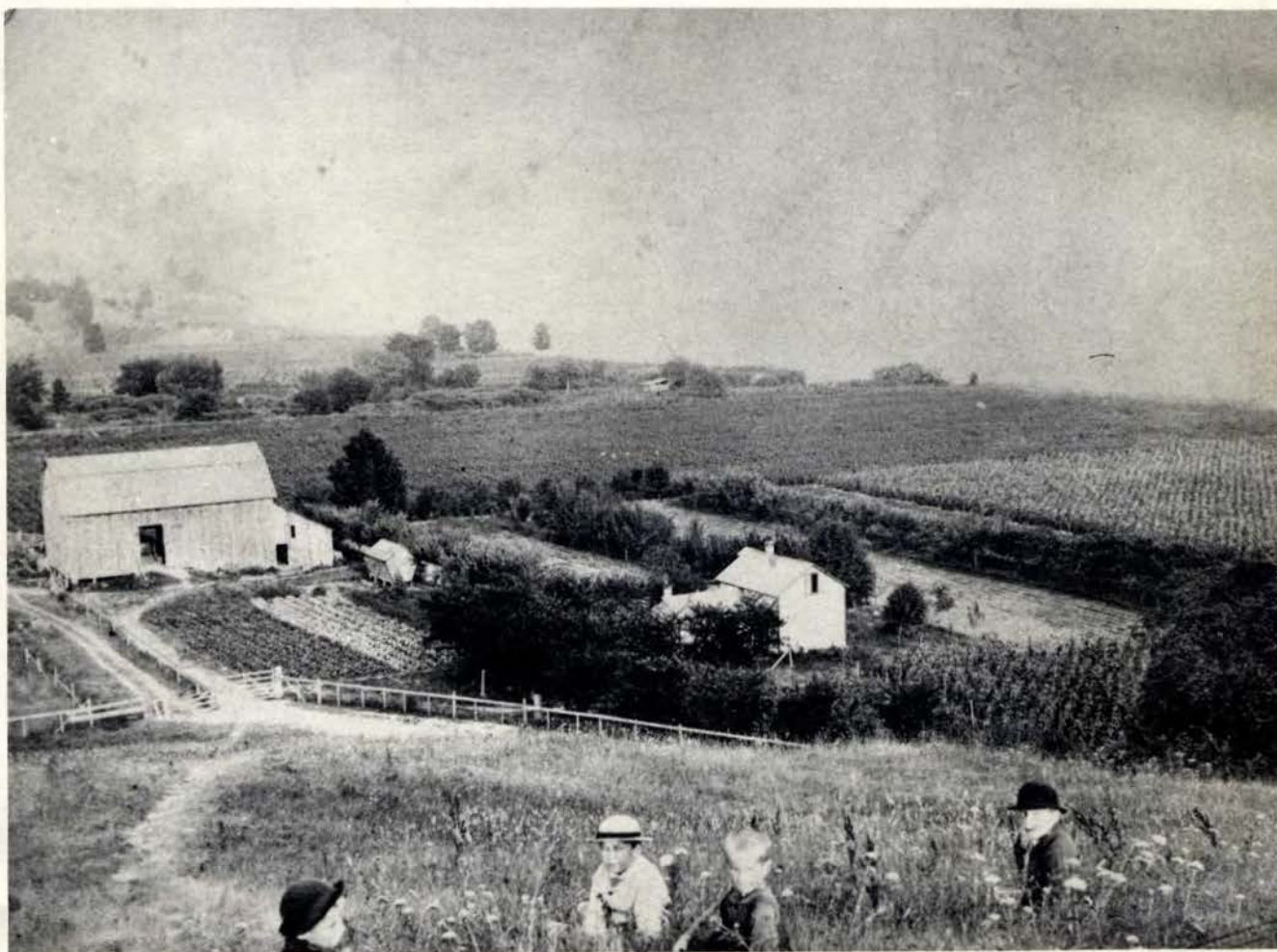
Kenneth Levack



ORCHARD BEACH

This photo shows Orchard Beach, Pt. Stanley, about 1883. You will see the first and only Summer cabin built at the Little Creek, built by Rev. J.W. Smith (rector of London) and Rev. S.L. Smith (rector of St. Thomas.) The scene was taken from the hill above the Jarvis farm and shows the raspberry patch where the young folk of the village made some pocket money. the distance is the Comerie (earlier-Muth's) property.

In



141 Wortly Rd. London, Ont.

Mrs. J.I. Ferguson had this copy made especially for the "The Port Stanley Tweedsmuir History". The Rev. J.W. Smith was her father, and she spent many happy Summers here in her childhood days.

The old route to Orchard Beach from Hillcrest was known as Victoria St. It was made for horse and buggy days. The new road, Currie Drive, crosses the old Pt. Stanley road and comes out at Orchard Beach near the old road.



W. M. BERRY.

Considering its size and population the Port is better supplied with general stores than many a more pretentious place. By careful enterprise and persistent attention to business Mr. Berry has built up one of the best paying businesses in the villages. Dry goods, boots and shoes, tinware and groceries can be obtained here in great variety. The cottagers may rely upon obtaining at this store the freshest fruits and vegetables in season, and customers are sure of fair and courteous treatment. The central telephone is in this store. Gifted with shrewd business tact and a warm heart, Mr. Berry is deservedly popular amongst his neighbors and customers.

Port Stanley is well supplied with churches, Methodist, Presbyterian, Anglican, Roman Catholic all being represented. Rev. Dr. Aylsworth, who is soon to make way for Rev. O. H. Goings, has charge of the Methodist church. Rev. J. H. Courteney is pastor of the Presbyterian church; Rev. Mr. Hind, of St. John's church, St. Thomas, officiates at Christ church, Anglican. Rev. Dr. Flannery, of St. Thomas, looks after the Roman Catholic flock.



JOHN PRICE.

There is no more prominent figure in Port Stanley's business affairs today than Mr. John Price. His general store is the oldest established place of business in the village and he is probably the widest known man living in this vicinity, as well as the best informed man on local affairs. He has in addition to groceries, dry goods, camp supplies, patent medicines and all such things as are usually kept in a well regulated general store, considerable property with houses to rent in the summer, as well as acting as agent for parties living away who have summer cottages here to rent. He is also prepared to remove furniture and campers' belongings and has carriages and horses for hire. He has just been appointed general agent for the Patterson Line of boats recently established to run between Port Stanley, Morpeth, Rond Eau and Cleveland.

The restaurant of Mr. A. Herrick, opposite the Franklin House, is too well known to require much special mention. Established in 1882, he has had to add wings and rooms and increased accommodation from time to time until now he has a large, pleasant and convenient place of business with every facility for supplying ice cream, iced drinks, candy, fruit, lunches and meals at all hours, with sleeping accommodation for nearly twenty guests. His stock is always fresh, prices popular, waiters attentive and polite, and no pains are spared to satisfy customers' requirements. Mrs. Herrick personally superintends the cooking and the manufacture of choice home made candy, taffies, etc. Two new stores are being added this season to the establishment, making the whole an attractive block. When in Port call at Herrick's.

ROBINSON LUMBER COMPANY.

A business of no little importance to all classes in and around Port Stanley is that of the Robinson Lumber Company, which was established here about a year and a half ago under the management of Mr. James Arniel. The firm own timber limits on Manitoulin Island and already large shipments have arrived here and been forwarded to dealers in various parts of Western Ontario. They have made for themselves a very favorable reputation as regards quality and price of material, which they are prepared to sustain. The volume of business done is continually on the increase, which fact speaks strongly in their favor.

JOHN FERGUSON.

The leading livery business in Port Stanley is done by Mr. John Ferguson; in fact, he is the only man who is prepared to meet the demands of the driving public or directs his whole time and attention to that business. He has recently purchased a number of beautiful drivers for the summer trade

JOSEPH NEWMAN.

The leading peanut and banana stand at the Port is that of Mr. Joe Newman. He has made many improvements to his stand this year, and can cater to all classes of customers. He keeps on hand all kinds of cold drinks, cigars, ice cream, etc., etc. From him you may get fishing tackle as well as pointers in that pleasant pastime. Mrs. Newman has excellent accommodation for lodgers in their house known as the Railroad Hotel. Here you may have full board and rooms, or those preferring rooms only can be accommodated here. This quiet and comfortable house is near to the station and within easy walk-

Mrs. McQueen's old residence bought by J.A. Robinson.



LIBERTY HILL.

EDGAR'S BOOT AND SHOE PARLOR. North of the Russell House, is the only shoe store and repair shop in the village. It is kept by Mr. S. Edgar, who by good workmanship and reasonable prices has built up a steady business. All the goods sold here are warranted to wear of charge. Mr. Edgar will mend free of charge any "rips" in goods sold by him. Customers will always receive prompt attention and Mr. Edgar guarantees that all work entrusted to him will be executed with neatness and despatch. Custom work and repairing are his specialties and you will get as good work at less than the city prices.

THE CORNER FRAME STORE. Mr. W. M. May has one of the largest stocks in the village, and being fair and honorable in his dealings, he makes it his aim to please his customers. Groceries, crockeryware, glassware, meats, fish, canned goods, patent medicines, toilet articles, stationery, etc., are to be obtained here. During the tourist season a large supply of fruits and vegetables is kept. A wide-awake and vegetable large supply of interests of his customers are his interests. He is therefore prompt in satisfying them and in giving ready attention to all orders.

LITTLE CREEK

(Little Creek and the Comerie Dell have been favourite haunts for all children growing up in Port Stanley)



Something stirs me in September
Lures me o'er the hill;
To my inner soul a whisper
With an old-time thrill,
Saying, "Follow where I'm leading
Come with heart of childhood, heeding
Woodland fairies, still!"

Down the road as birds are calling
Like one in a trance:
Then I hear the water falling!
Fairies bring romance!
Fern and branches overhanging
There, dear Little Creek, you're hiding!
Now, I see you dance!

Here is beauty quite entrancing,
Music sweet and low,
Gorgeous maples, aspen trembling,
Red and yellow glow.
Hidden nest 'mid swaying willow
Casts below its flecking shadow,
Tells the secret, so.

To this dell in Childhood's Springtime
We skipped merrily,
Seeking flowers of happy Maytime,
Hearts so light and free;
Saw hepaticas like blankets,
Picked and filled our woven baskets,
Rested lazily.



Dreamed that fairies lived in flowers
Near the Little Creek,
Longed to live in sylvan bowers,
Supper did not seek.
Visions came with wilting posies,
Waterfall and sunset glories;
Moon o'er cliff did peep.

Sabbath, this, the day I wander
O'er this long-loved trail
And with childlike faith, I linger
Near the waterfall.
Consecrated, holy temple,
Trees and lake and far-off sail;
Nature's God o'er all.

1889



Fraser Heights

There was offered for sale on May 29th, 1888 by W.M. Moore, 437 Richmond St., London--lots ten, eleven, twelve, and fourteen on the north side of Front St. according to the plan and survey of part of lot numbered fifteen, south of the Lake Shore Rd. in the township of Southwold Co. of Elgin, made by Jno. D. Caddy P.L.S. for Wm. Fraser Esq. and duly filed in the Registry office of said Co. of Elgin--^{and} secondly lots no. ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen and fourteen on the south side of Front St. according to the plan and survey of the Township of Southwold made by John D. Baikie P.L.S. for the corporation of Port Stanley and duly filed in the Registry office aforesaid.

Note-

In later years a good deal of litigation has taken place regarding whether or not land ^{ed} form along the Lake front did or did not belong to the purchaser. The highest Courts (then known as the British Empire) ruled that-

All land sold by the Crown gives the buyers all rights to the water's edge----

All land sold by the (then spoken of as the Dominion of Canada) ^s gave that Government the rights over fifteen (15) feet ^{back} along ^{from} the water's edge.



Lot 34: Plan 223: PORT STANLEY.

	Pat. 31 Jan.1834		Crown.	Charles Duncombe.
2379 B & S	22 Mar.1834	18 Oct.1834	Charles Duncombe.	Jacob Langs Jr.
2380 B & S	21 Aug.1834	20 Oct.1834	Jacob Langs, Jr.	Samuel Mason.
4156 B & S	1 Sep.1870	22 Oct.1870	Samuel Mason & w.	William Fraser.
333 M. \$8000	3 Dec.1881	16 Jan.1882	William Fraser & w.	The Canada Savings & Loan Company of London, Canada.
1270 B & S (Under power of sale).	13 May 1903	23 May 1903	The Canada Savings and Loan Company.	Albert Smith & Hugh M. Douglass as Hotel Keepers under the name & firm of Douglass & Company.
1719 Agree ment	10 Feb.1908	18 July 1908	Hugh MacIntosh Douglass.	Christina H. Oberheide.
1743 Grant.	14 Aug.1908	15 Aug.1908	C. H. Oberheide.	The London and Port Stanley Amusement Company, Limited.
1747 M. \$7000	20 Aug.1908	29 Aug.1908	The London and Port Stanley Amusement Company, Limited; Albert E. Ponsford, Alfred J. Ferguson, Joseph Griffin, Benjamin F. Honsinger, W.R. Jackson, John R. Green, Robert D. Ferguson, G.G. Steele, Burley W. Bennett, John Ferguson, & William D. Day execute as guarantors.	Thomas Donley.
1814 A.M. M. dated 20 Aug.1908.	5 Jan.1909	22 Jan.1909	Thomas Donley.	The Dominion Bank.
1927 M. \$9800	17 Sep.1909	24 Dec.1909	The Port Stanley Amusement Company, Limited.	Benjamin F. Honsinger, William R. Jackson & Robert D. Ferguson in trust for W.R. Jackson B.F. Honsinger, Albert E. Ponsford, John R. Green, Joseph Griffin, Albert J. Ferguson, Robert D. Ferguson, Henry F. Jelly, John Ferguson, William Albert Day, Frederick G. Rumball, G.G. Steele & Burley W. Bennett.
1938 A.M. M. dated 20 Aug.1908.	10 Feb.1910	18 Feb.1910	The Dominion Bank.	Thomas Donley.
1939 A.M. M. dated 20 Aug.1908.	17 Feb.1910	18 Feb.1910	Thomas Donley.	Benjamin F. Honsinger.
1942 M. \$2000	19 Feb.1910	2 Mar.1910	The Port Stanley Amusement Company, Limited.	Benjamin F. Honsinger.
2064 Not- ice of Sale.	10 Feb.1910	6 Oct.1910	To the Pt. Stanley Amusement Company, Limited; Albert E. Ponsford, Alfred J. Ferguson, Joseph Griffin, W.R. Jackson, John R. Green, G.G. Steele, Burley W. Bennett, John Ferguson, William A. Day, Robert D. Ferguson, Henry F. Jelly, Frederick G. Rumball.	By Benjamin F. Honsinger by Leitch & Green, his sol'rs.
(Under M. dated 20 Aug. 1908).				
2149 Deed under power of sale.	8 May 1911	15 May 1911	Benjamin F. Honsinger.	The Erie Amusement Company, Limited.

Fraser Heights.



Front St.



Cottage on Front St.