

The Present Day Commercial Establishments are as follow:—

Two Large Saw-mills.....	F. Davis, A. LeBlanc
Two Poultry Farms.....	Dr. W. L. Morrison, Cooke Bros.
Butter Factory.....	
Feed grinding mill and warehouse..	Cooke Bros.
Plant Nursery.....	E. Labelle
Three up-to-date general stores.....	Graham's, Cooke Bros.
	C. J. Gray
One Confectionery Store.....	P. Staniforth
Two garages and gas stations.....	P. Gordon, P. Staniforth
Maplewood Inn.....	R. Morrison
Golf Course and Club House.....	G. Barrie
Novelty Shop.....	Mrs. E. A. Bulley
Barber Shop.....	Mr. George Champagne
Hairdresser.....	Mrs. A. Dewar
Lumber Dealer.....	Mr. C. Courte

The village also has the services of the Bank of Montreal, Bell Telephone Office, C.N.R. Station and Freight Office, and Post Office.

With the better roads, we now have truck deliveries several times each week from nearby cities, of Elmhurst Dairy Products, fresh fruits and vegetables, frozen foods, ice cream, soft drinks, tobacco and candy, bakery products, Laundry and Dry Cleaning.

TOURIST TRADE

Not to be overlooked is the Tourist Trade and that of the many seasonal residents of Arundel, for there is hardly a Lake in the area which does not have many vacation homes along its shores. Bevan's Lake now has over sixty of such homes, Park Lake with well over one hundred and the smaller lakes all have numerous buildings of various types and sizes.

Arundel has for many years maintained its roads for winter motor car travel, and many of the finer "Summer Homes" have been winterized for vacations throughout the year.

The tourist trade with the advent of better roads, has greatly increased, and this is particularly true during the fishing and hunting seasons, for while game is now far from plentiful, yet good catches of bass, lake trout and pike are common. Speckled trout are still to be found, but are becoming scarce. Deer hunting is still the major sport, and many deer are still being "bagged" each year, some of which have recently reached the three hundred lb. mark, although this may be considered something of a record. Black bear are often shot, and small game is to be found in every part of the district.

Winter sports have not yet been developed commercially, but many of those owning homes occupy them during the week-ends, and Holidays. St. Jovite (12 miles) or Mount Tremblant (18 miles) are accessible and popular ski centres.

Golf is of course the principal summer sport. The Lakes provide excellent swimming grounds and water skiing is becoming very popular.

Bark Lake has held an annual Regatta for many years and in 1953 Bevan's Lake held its first Regatta and it is expected to be an annual event.

EARLY ROADS

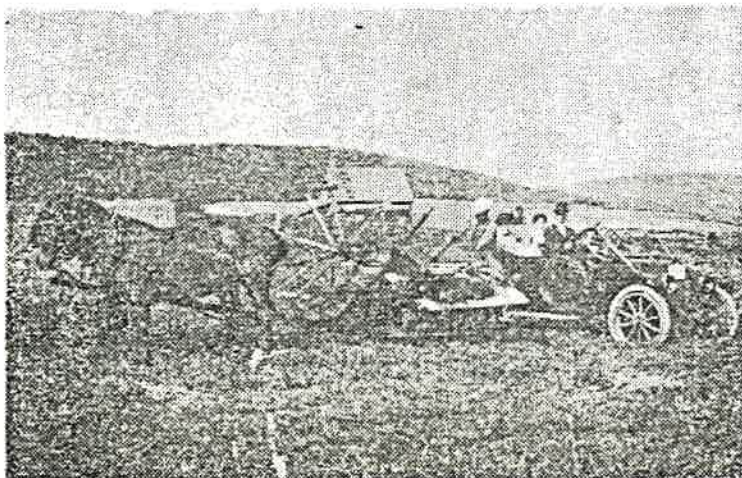
In 1879, the first road in the district was built between Huberdeau and Arundel, a distance of one mile. This was probably very little more than a foot-path.

One of the first known verbalized roads was that known as the "Iroquois Road", and described in the Municipal Minutes as follows, Viz—"Said road to commence at the Town Line between Arundel and Fonsomby, and to continue in an easterly direction, and past Mr. W. Staniforth's old potash works on his property in the Third Range, until it reaches the River Rouge at or near Bevan's Creek outlet. Then crossing the river, to continue from the banks thereof through the Fitz-Allan (Filion) Farm in the Third Range, and out between the Methodist Church and Bevan's Creek Bridge in the Township of Arundel. Process Verbal for the above road was duly approved on June 5, 1882.

In 1898 the Bridge crossing the Rouge River, built some years before by Mr. Wm. Staniforth, and then known officially as "Staniforth Bridge" was carried away by spring ice, and was replaced by a ferry, located about half way between the present steel bridge and the C.N.R. Huberdeau Station; and the minutes of 1898 state, "Doctors, Priests and Ministers of the Gospel residing in the Municipality are to pass free at all times, and, on Sundays the ferry should be free to all from 8 A.M. until 9 P.M. At other times the fares shall be five cents for teams (double or single) and for foot passengers three cents or five cents return".

The present Steel Bridge was built in 1904. In 1912 the Steel Bridge over Bevan's Creek was built at the cost of \$4,750.00.

The first car to pass through Arundel was in 1908, driven by Mr. W. Roughton on his way to a Lake in Fockway Valley.



The First Car

1912

In 1927—Arundel Section of Route 31, gravelled, and taken over by Provincial Road Department. Cost to Municipality was \$4,723.50.

In 1930—Arundel-Huberdeau road gravelled and taken over by Province—Cost was \$1,417.90.

In 1951 the following sections of Highways were paved—

- (1) Montcalm line to Hugh Cooke's corner or Eark Lake Road.
- (2) Arundel, Caribou Lake Road to C.N.R. Watertank.
- (3) Church Road to Rectory entrance.
- (4) Arundel to Huberdeau.

RAILWAYS.

The Montfort Colonization Railway Company was incorporated under the status of Quebec, on April 2, 1890. The first section extending from a point on the Montreal and Western Railway Company, about one mile south of Piedmont to Montfort, twenty-one miles, was opened for traffic on March 5, 1895 and the extension to Arundel a further thirty-two miles was opened in 1896. The following year the line was completed to Huberdeau. This completed line was then, what is known as narrow gauge—3'0". In 1898 the line was changed to standard (present) gauge 4'8½". On June 13, 1898, by Decision Act the name was changed to the Montfort and Gatineau-Colonization Railway Company. On or about January 1903 the line was sold to the Great Northern Railway of Canada. The line from Huberdeau to Lac Remi was completed in August 1926.

During the narrow gauge period, the railway had two locomotives, one first class coach, one second class coach, one baggage car, two box cars and nineteen platform cars; probably all secondhand, but origin unknown. It is probable that this rolling stock was bought from some American line. The disposition of the rolling stock is also uncertain, although some years ago, the late Wallace Bevin of Sixteen Island Lake, stated that it was sold to a lumberman named Patenaude who used it on a small lumber road from Nominique to Lac des Iles. In 1929, on Lac des Iles there was an ancient home-made steam boat of the type known as an "Alligator" and its boiler seemed to have been an old locomotive boiler and probably from engine No. 2. After 1906, locomotives 50, 51, 61, and 63 were regularly used on the branch until 1912 when engines in the 1100 series appeared. About 1913 engines in the 1300 series appeared. A few years ago engines from the old Grand Trunk light Pacific type were assigned to this line.

During the early years of railway operation there was no station at Arundel or rather "Moore's Crossing", as it was known locally, but about 1903, C. J. Staniforth, a local merchant, built a small shed at the Crossing, keys for which were held jointly by Mr. Staniforth and the freight train conductor. Into this shed the freight crew placed all local prepaid freight shipments, and for many years this was the only means by which freight could be received.

Our present C.N.R. Station was built about 1912, and the new freight shed was erected soon afterwards.

In 1949 the Victory Bus Lines of Montreal inaugurated a daily service from Lac Des Plages through Arundel to Montreal. The line still operates its daily services with additional buses on Holidays and week-ends.

RELIGION

The first records of the Methodist Church in Arundel tell us that in 1858, Mr. David Staniforth, who had been a lay preacher in England, held services in this community. In 1861 the Rev. Mr. Maudsley became the first Methodist Minister and in 1866, under the leadership of Mr. David Staniforth, the first church was built of logs and known as "Centenary Church". This building was later used as a Church Hall and a School. In 1880 the Minister's salary was \$250.00.

The first Presbyterian Minister was the Rev. James Stewart while the Rev. Beauchamp was the first minister of the church in De Salaberry—now known as Crystal Falls. In the village of Arundel the Presbyterian services were held in the Orange Lodge until the present Manse was built in 1901. A Ladies Association was formed in 1900.

In 1917 the present United Church Guild was formed of the younger ladies of both Churches by the Rev. A. D. Mathewson and in 1921 the present Ladies Union was formed when the original ladies groups of both Churches united.

The United Church as it now stands, an attractive building with spacious grounds in the centre of the Village, was remodelled in 1938, and the cemetery on each side of it was moved to the Arundel Cemetery.

The first Church of England Clergymen, who came to Arundel were those stationed in Lachute or Grenville. The distance and bad roads caused much irregularity in their visits. The Rev. M. Codd was the first Minister. He came to Arundel in the year 1869. He was succeeded by Rev. James Dixon and Rev. L. O. Armstrong. Then came Rev. H. J. Evans whose ministrations extended through many years, during which time the present Church was erected, and known as "Grace Church".

The Rev. C. W. P. Baugh was the minister of Grace Church from 1910 to 1919.

To-day at the age of 83, he is still carrying on his regular duties at Lakefield, and is also serving his second term as Rural Dean of St. Andrew's Deanery.

On June 2, 1904, a special meeting was held at the Parsonage at which Mrs. Ferrabee, President of the Montreal Diocesan Board of the Women's Auxiliary was present. Mrs. Ferrabee gave a talk on the aims and purposes of the W. A., after some discussion it was decided to form an Arundel Branch with the following officers —

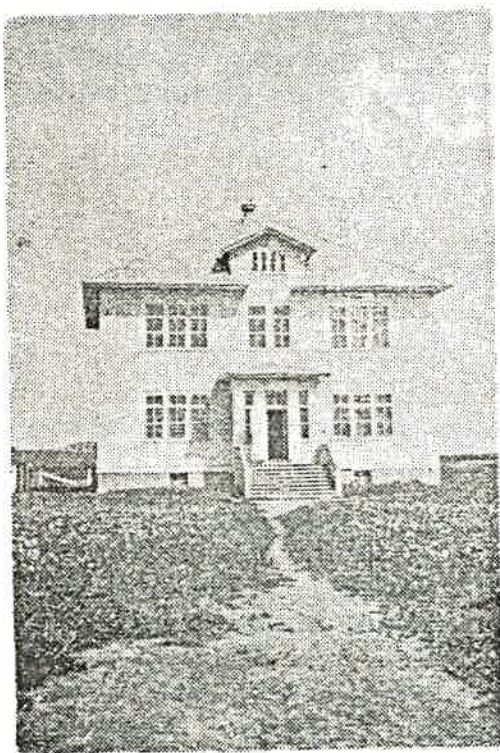
President.....	Mrs. Jeakins
Secretary.....	Mrs. A. Rathwell
Treasurer.....	Miss Janie Boyd.

The Holiness Movement was founded in 1893, Ralph Horner, being the first minister. This movement flourished for many years, but to day no meetings are held in Arundel and the Church was sold and became a private residence.

The first Catholic Church in Huberdeau section was a recon-verted dwelling which was consecrated to the Cult about 1890. The present Catholic Church (Notre-Dame de la Merci) was built and blessed in 1931. The first priests were Missionaries from Montfort.

EDUCATION

The education of the young and rising generation was in the meantime lost sight of. This was drawn to attention, and at once school sections were marked out, commissioners appointed and teachers employed. When the records open in 1878, we find the School Board consisting of the following;—Mr. W. D. Graham, John McNeely, David Steel, William Smith and William Staniforth. At this time the district was divided into two School Zones. School No. 1 was located on top of the Thomson Hill, School No. 2 was located on the west side of Devil's River in the Township of De Salaberry, approximately one-half mile north of the present, covered, Prudhomme's Bridge. This was later moved to the Beattie property, on an undetermined spot between Mr. E. Evans and Mr. Munro. Again moved to a location half way between Samson's Corner and Alvin Graham's residence.

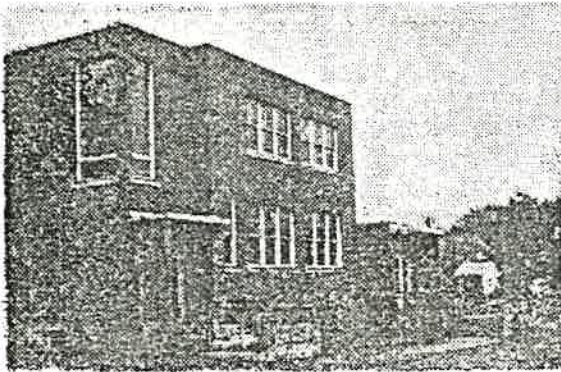


1915 Model School

In 1878 Miss Mary Armstrong was teaching in School No. 1 for eight dollars. There were 56 children of school age to attend this school. In 1884 school curriculum was laid out by the local Board and school was held from February 10th to April 21st. Thomas Craig was paid sixty cents per month for keeping fires. Fuel was bought for eighty cents per cord. The School No. 2 was moved four times. It finally was rebuilt at Prevost's by Mr. Albert Scott for \$650.00. The site of this new school was chosen as the half way mark between the Harrington town line (by Sam Dubeau's) and Crystal Falls. The distance was measured by Mr. Andrew Rathwell by the careful counting of a marker on his buggy wheel. On the return trip, the half way point was shown to be the Prevost Property.

In 1915 there were four schools operating in the Arundel district and they were combined in the first model school erected by Mr. M. E. Davis for \$3,166.20. This school was burnt in 1929. The Building which replaced it is the one that is still standing and has been incorporated into the new Consolidated School officially opened on June 12, 1950. This School is one of the most modernly equipped, north of Montreal. The Auditorium seating 500, serves as both a

Gymnasium and Community Hall. Seven School-buses bring the children in from all directions. The present school Principal is Mr. Melvin Graham, who has held this position since 1946.



Consolidated School

1950

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

In 1879 the first council of Arundel (then known as the United Townships of Arundel and De Salaberry) which included the present Municipalities of Arundel, Huberdeau and also eight Ranges of De Salaberry, was as follows:

Councillors:

Jos. Boyd
John Thomson
William Staniforth
Sam McGrandle
Henry Andrews
John Marshall

Mr. William Munroe was Mayor and William Thomson was Secretary-Treasurer.

Prior to this, Arundel formed a part of the Municipality of Harrington and Union. At this time the Council meetings were held four times annually, in No. 2 School, which was located on the west side of the Devil's River not far from the present covered bridge (Predhom's) in De Salaberry. The total valuation (1879) was \$4,190.00 with Total Tax income \$177.60, the Secretary's salary being \$45.00 per year. In 1880 extract from Minutes Township of Arundel "moved by Councillor Kidd, seconded by Councillor Barr, that the secretary-treasurer make application at the next meeting of the Orange Society for the use of their Hall for holding the meetings of the "Municipal Council", First meeting was held in Orange Hall, March 7, 1881. Rental —75 cents per session.

MAYORS

1879 William Munro
1880 David Staniforth
1881 Reuben Cooke
1884 Charles Boon

1885 William Staniforth
 1886 Reuben Cooke
 1889-1907 W. D. Graham
 1907-1908 James Riddle
 1908-1911 W. D. Graham

1911-1912 A. B. Fillion
 1912-1943 C. J. Staniforth
 1943-1953 Dr. R. B. Henry
 1953 A. B. Morrison

SECRETARY TREASURERS

1879-1881.....William Thomson
 1881-1885.....Naughton McNaughton
 1885-1915.....William Thomson, Jr.
 1915-1947.....Pierre Cantin
 1947-.....Percy Staniforth

Number of ratepayers in the year 1881 was 169. Valuation \$60,165.00.
 Taxes collected \$270.14. These figures included Huberdeau and

De Salaberry. At this time the average wage per man was twenty cents per hour, thirty-five cents with team.

In 1878 Curé Labelle, priest of St. Jerome, started encouraging French settlers into this district. The French and English lived side by side in friendliest terms, each living his separate religious life.

During Father Pilon's term as curé of Huberdeau, this village seceded from Arundel in 1928, and became a separate Municipality—the Rouge River being the boundary line. The two villages, separated by only one mile, although being different racial origin are on the best business and social terms.

In 1954 number of ratepayers were 218 with valuation of \$723,333.00—Total taxes—\$7,233.00. Population—581. These last figures are of Arundel Municipality alone.

Since 1951 the meetings of the Municipal Council have been held in the Board Room of the School.

MEDICAL SERVICES

At the time the Rev. James Stewart was stationed in Arundel, he resided on Thomson's Hill, in the house now owned by Mr. S. MacArthur. His son, William Grant Stewart was studying medicine at McGill, and while on holidays with his parents, would attend any sick who needed his services. After his graduation, he became a prominent Montreal physician.

Previous to this time an elderly lady, a Mrs. Bevin, acted as midwife throughout the district.

In the late 1880's a young physician, Dr. W. Smellie, took up residence here, married the local school teacher (Margaret Morrison) and practised until death in 1921. Dr. Smellie, besides practising, took a keen interest in the progress of the village. A Dr. McBride practised his profession for a few years, before moving to some other field.

Next came a young French Physician, Dr. A. Turcotte, married a local girl, Annie Filion, and settled in the Huberdeau section. He practised for some fifty years, before his death. His son, Dr. A. Turcotte, is now the County Medical Advisor for the Sanitary Unit.

Dr. Brymer moved here from Lac Comondant and practised for several years.

Our present Doctor, R. B. Henry, a McGill graduate, born in Nova Scotia, moved from the States to take up residence here in 1936. He was instrumental in forming a Community Health Plan, which is believed to have been the first of its kind to be put into practice in Quebec Province. This plan was carried on successfully for a few years, but was later dropped.

The Health of our present day schoolchild and infants of the district is regularly checked by the Provincial Health Unit. Also a free anti-T-B Xray Clinic is given annually to both children and adults.

VETERINARY SURGEON

Following his return from active Service in World War 1, Dr. W. L. Morrison V.S. opened an office in 1920 and was for many years the only practising veterinary surgeon north of Lachute. He later began breeding silver foxes and for fifteen years bred and sold the pelts. In 1945 Dr. Morrison retired and now concentrates his efforts on his large modern Poultry Farm.

Dr. Taylor V.S. also practised for some years in Arundel, and at the present time Dr. Russell MaMahon, V.S., a local ex-service man, with offices at Lachute, extends his services into this district.



Orange Lodge Parade

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

The Arundel Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1475 was formed October 20, 1877. The first Master being W. D. Graham. First meeting was held at Mm. Smith's residence, now owned and occupied by his grand-son John Smith. It initiated over forty members during the first year. One member John Sinclair Sr. transfer-

ring from Morin Flats, now called Morin Heights.

The Orange Hall was built about 1879. The first Council meeting was held in this Hall on March 7, 1881. This Hall is still being used by the Orange Lodge.

The Masonic Lodge, Laurentian Lodge, No. 81, was instituted in the year 1906. This Lodge held their meetings on the top floor of the Staniforth Store building. In recent years it moved to the United Church Basement, where it still meets, having a membership of over eighty. At the time this Lodge was instituted it was the only Masonic Lodge north of Lachute.

The "A.Y.P.S." Young People's Society was formed in 1909. This Club's chief project was to build and maintain a rink for the young people. When the A.A.A.A. was formed this Club disbanded.



1936 A.A.A.A. Hockey Team.

In 1929 the Arundel Amateur Athletic Association known as the A.A.A.A. was incorporated. This association was made up of young men whose aim was to encourage sports in the community. The maintenance of a Rink was their main project, and this was kept up until 1952 when the Association property (rink and grounds) was donated to the School Commissioners of Arundel with the understanding that a free skating rink be provided by them for school children for a period of ten years. The A.A.A.A. now sponsors indoor sports in the School Auditorium twice a week for all young people wishing to join the group.

FARMER'S CO-OPERATIVE CLUB

The first meeting was held on March 14, 1911, at the Parish Hall in Huberdeau.

President.....Osias Labelle
Secretary-Treasurer.....Oscar Alarie

This meeting was in French—both Arundel and Huberdeau men attending.

On January 17, 1922, the English speaking men formed their own group, with Mr. Hugh Boyd as President, and Constant Courte as Secretary-treasurer. Ninty-two members attended. Meetings were usually held at the Hotel. The purpose of this Club was to bring in pure bred pigs and bulls to improve their stock. In recent years both grain and fertilizer has been brought in.

Both the Boy Scouts and C.G.I.T. organizations have been active through the years. These groups being under the Leadership of the Ministers and their wives.

In recent years the School and its various activities seem to occupy every spare hour of the school age child.

FARM FORUM

These Forums were founded in 1943. Group No. 1 was formed on the Church Hill and Group No. 2 formed at Crystal Falls. Two other groups, one at Bevan's Lake and one in the Village were later formed.

At one time, five groups were active, to date only the four are meeting.

CURRENT EVENTS

World War 1 — 1914-1918

Local men who served overseas—

Dr. W. L. Morrison	Mr. Allan Woods
Mr. J. B. C. Thomson	Mr. Wesley Scott
Mr. W. R. Thomson	Mr. Edgar Evans
Mr. Angus McFaul	Mr. James Costillo
Mr. George Last	Mr. James Riddle
Mr. John Gray	Mr. George Cooke
Mr. Edward Leichman	Mr. Wesley Silverson
Mr. Frank Staniforth	Mr. Raymond Alder
Mr. Edward Craig	Mr. Louis Trudel
Mr. Charles Staniforth	

Casualties—

Mr. Charles Staniforth and Mr. Wesley Silverson,

Decorations—

Major George Cooke won the Croix de Guerre.

Wesley Silverson was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field.

Dr. W. L. Morrison was mentioned in despatches for gallant and distinguished services in the field.

The Community in the Home Front during 1914-1918—

An active Red Cross Group was formed by the young girls of the District with Mrs. C. J. Staniforth as their President. After the war the Group disbanded. The Stone Gates at the Cemetery was erected by this group in honor of those men serving in the First World War.

Peace Celebrations:

As soon as the word was received that the War was over, the people of the Village gathered in the vacant field, (now Percy Staniforth's property) and lit a huge bonfire to burn the effigy of the Kaiser. After the bonfire a display of fireworks and rackets took place.

Those who served with the Active Forces in World War II.

Arthur Batty	Greta Dubeau
Walter Boyd	Edgar Evans
Edgar Boyd	Harold Gordon
Thomas Bishop	Herbert Graham
Arthur Bennett	Gavin Graham
Douglas Cooke	Angus McFaul
Delmar Cooke	Drennan MacArthur
Leslie Cooke	Betty Moore
Stuart Cooke	Ross Moore
Howard Cooke	Earle Morrison
Stanley Cooke	Leonard Moncrieff
Carle Craig	Earle Marshall
Leslie Craig	Hugh Miller
Walter Davis	Russell MacMahon
Harry Davis	Hector May
Bentley Dubeau	Leslie May
Clarence Dubeau	John May
Fred Dubeau	George Ronalds
John Dubeau	Kenneth Ronalds
Stanley Dobie	Rev. C. E. Royle
Dorothy Dobie	Dennison Swail
Jessie Dokie	Grant Staniforth
D. H. Staniforth	Henry Smellie
R. P. Staniforth	

Casualties:

Earle Morrison
Walter Boyd
Bentley Dubeau
Hector May
John May

The Community on the Home Front World War II:

Arundel had a large and very active Red Cross group. The enormous amount of knitting and sewing articles plus Hospital supplies that was made and shipped from this Branch was indeed a credit to the workers. The sewing articles included complete wardrobes for infants, children and teen age girls.

Approximately \$750.00 was collected and donated to the "Argenteuil Spitfire Fund".

Both Churches sent parcels overseas to their boys until 1942 when the Arundel Overseas Parcel Fund was formed. This committee raised the necessary funds by holding card parties, by private subscriptions, and community gatherings.

Cigarettes were sent every month from February 1942 to December 1945 to all those from the Arundel district who were serving in the armed forces Overseas. Parcels containing cake, candy, honey, chocolates, razor blades, shoe laces, tobacco, and other articles were sent three times a year.

From time to time parcels or cigarettes were also sent to those who were serving in Canada.

In the summer of 1946 engraved signet rings were given to twenty-six returned men, and brooches to the Mothers of those who lost their lives Overseas.

In 1946 after the Women's Institute was formed, parcels were sent regularly to three needy families in England. In 1953, when it was felt no further help was necessary, the sending of these parcels was discontinued.

PEACE:

When Peace was declared the Anglican Church Bell was merrily rung. Cars hooted their horns and everyone gathered to celebrate. An effigy of Hitler hanging from a scaffold arrived by truck. Dr. Henry, the Mayor addressed the people. In the evening some gathered in Staniforth's Hall to sing and dance, others paraded the streets. Each train bringing a returned man home was met and after an official welcome by the Mayor, the relatives and friends took over.

A remembrance Day Service is held at the School each year, parents being welcome. The following Sunday is usually set aside for a Remembrance Day Service in the Churches. Poppies have been sold by the Junior Red Cross.

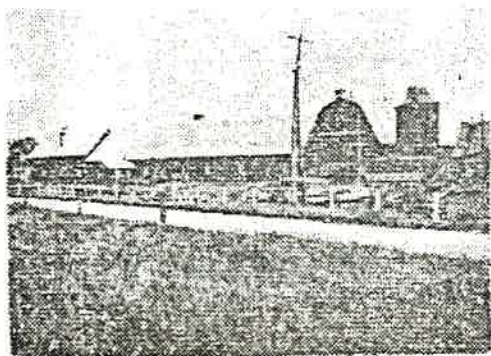
Mr. Clifford Moore, one of our local boys, is serving with the Canadian Navy and saw active duty during the Korean War.

In recent years the farmer's son has shown a keener interest in farming, and many of our older farms are profiting under the experienced hands of a boy, with an Agriculture Degree from MacDonald College. The Farm Forums are providing an immense amount of knowledge to the Farmer of today.

With the modern farm machinery a lot of the old time drudgery has been taken out of farming.

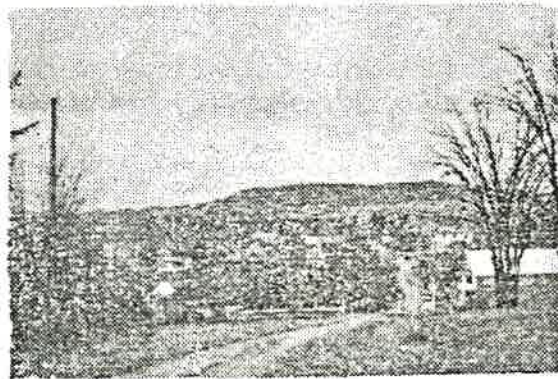
Our farm houses of today are equipped with every modern convenience and luxury the city house has.

Probably the Teaching Profession is the popular choice of our young people, a nursing career is a close second for the girls.



Arundel, during the last few years, has proudly welcomed families from England, Holland, Poland, Germany and Szechoslovakia.

These parents with their children have brought the rich and useful knowledge of Horticulture and Handicrafts from their native lands to Canada and to our lovely village of Arundel.



ARUNDEL 1954

“ARUNDEL THE BEAUTIFUL”

There's a beautiful spot in the Laurentide hills,
With its crystal clear lakes and its white foaming rills,
'Tis truly an Eden on God's good green earth,
Where the soul learns to know what true living is worth.

'Tis set like a gem, mid the soft rolling hills,
New beauties each morning my heart ever fills,
Soft dawn skies and sunsets are joys to behold,
When cloudlets are painted with copper and gold.

The bird songs at morningtide bid me to wake
To the beauties surrounding each clear shining lake,
This heaven blest country, the dearest I've known,
Is Arundel the fairest, the place I call home.

E. A. Bulley, November 25, 1954.

HISTORY OF LOCAL W. I. BRANCH

On May 4, 1946, a meeting for the purpose of organizing an Arundel Branch of the Women's Institute was held in Staniforth's Hall. Mrs. E. A. Bulley acted as chairman and the County President, Mrs. Smellie of Brownsburg, gave a very interesting talk on the history, work and objective of the Women's Institute. Mrs. Geo. McGibbon of Lachute then gave a talk on "Why we should form a Franch," after which it was decided that an Arundel Branch of the W. I. should be formed at this meeting. The following officers were elected.

President.....	Mrs. Gordon Cooke
1st Vice-President....	Mrs. W. L. Morrison
2nd Vice-President....	Mrs. Alvin Graham
Secretary.....	Mrs. Percy Staniforth
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Wenville Graham

At the first regular meeting, May 14, 1946, the President announced that the ladies joining at this meeting would be considered the charter members of the Arundel Branch and the following twenty-eight ladies joined.—Mrs. R. Allan, Mrs. G. Boyd, Mrs. E. A. Bulley, Mrs. D. Cooke, Mrs. Melvin Cooke, Mrs. Homer Cooke, Mrs. Gordon Cooke, Mrs. E. Craig, Mrs. Edward Graham, Mrs. Alvin Graham, Mrs. Melvin Graham, Mrs. Wenville Graham, Mrs. R. Henry, Mrs. H. Johnston, Mrs. H. Kerr, Mrs. J. May, Mrs. A. B. Morrison, Mrs. W. L. Morrison, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Rathwell, Mrs. Royle, Mrs. J. A. Staniforth, Mrs. C. J. Staniforth, Mrs. Percy Staniforth, Mrs. Val Swail, Mrs. J. C. Veit, Mrs. A. Wilfong and Mrs. J. Foyd.

It was agreed that the fees were to be a minimum of twenty-five cents, a maximum of one dollar and that sixty-three cents per member be sent to the County Treasurer as required by the Constitution.

It was decided that meetings should be held the second Wednesday of each month, in the United Church Hall from 8 to 10 P.M.

Ways and means of raising money were discussed and it was decided to hold a Military Whist and to have a Birthday Box to which each member contributed a cent for each year of her life annually. This Box still brings the Branch several dollars each year and is used to help finance the Annual School Fair.

Much thought was given to the choice of a Community project and finally, under the guidance of Mr. Alex. Pothwell, County Agronomist, the School Fair became the main effect of the Arundel Institute. It is held the first week of school in September, on the School grounds and has proven a most worthwhile undertaking and deeply appreciated by the community.

Shortly after its formation, the group obtained the names of three deserving families in England and sent them four parcels of food each year, until the end of 1953, when the recipients felt it was no longer desirable to do this, due to the improved food situation of the country. The Branch still exchanges parcels of handicraft articles made by members with a sister Branch of the W. I. in England.



The 1948-1949 Executive.

*Back Row — Mrs. G. Cooke, Mrs. M. Cooke, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. D. Cooke, Mrs. H. Cooke,
Second Row — Mrs. A. Dewar, Mrs. A. Graham, Mrs. E. Bulley (Pres.), Mrs. May.*

Mrs. H. Johnson.

Seated — Mrs. P. Staniforth, Mrs. F. Davis, Mrs. H. Heron.

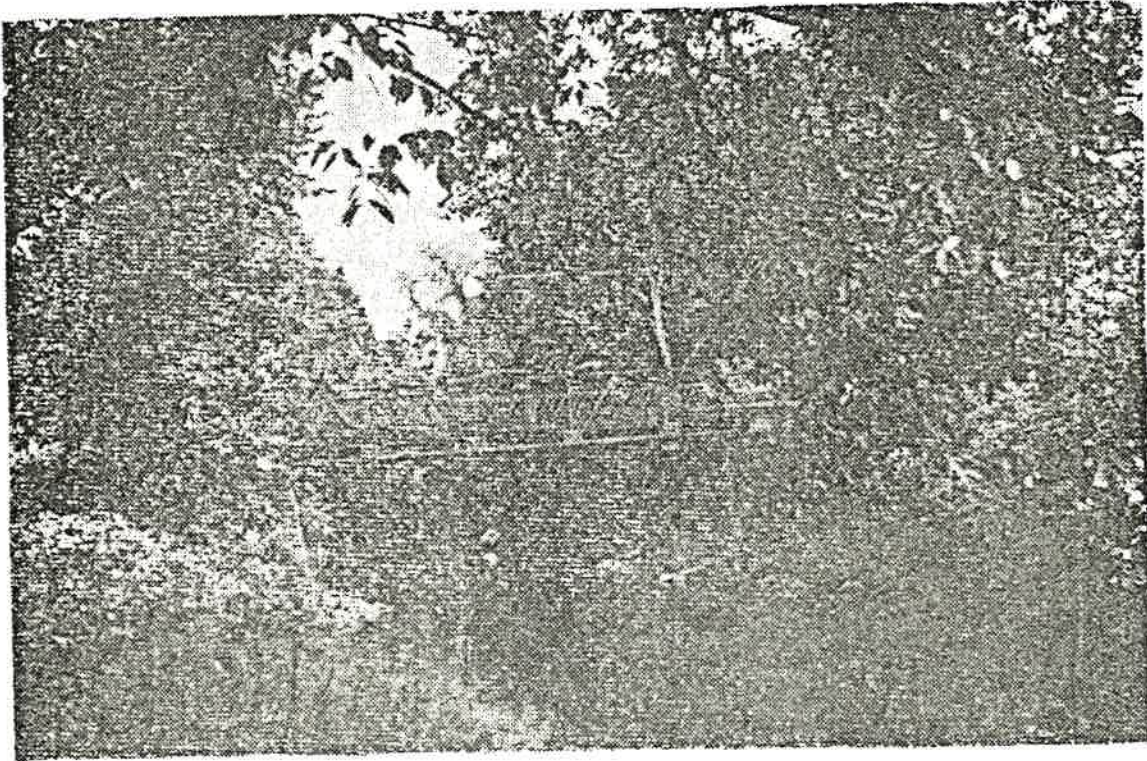
In 1952, another very commendable work was begun—the giving of a fifty dollar Scholarship to the Grade X pupil obtaining the highest standing in his class, providing he had made application for it and intends to continue his education elsewhere. The Branch donates two magazines to the School Library—

- (1) National Geographic Magazine and
- (2) Canadian Geographic Magazine.

Whenever possible the W. I. has proven an asset to the Community. It gave one hundred dollars towards purchasing the Fire Siren, sponsored school lunches, contributed aid to the A.A.A.A., held classes in rug making, dress making, clove making and weaving, and obtained books from the Institute Library at MacDonald College for the use of members and friends.

At present, meetings are held in the School and many interesting talks and films have been of Educational value to the Community, for it has been the custom to make this part of the meeting open to the public so that all may share in its benefits. In 1953 when Mrs. Percy Staniforth was President, it was decided to compile our Village History. Mrs. Arthur Scott, our citizenship convenor was appointed chairman of this project, with the following members on her committee;— Mrs. R. Staniforth, Mrs. A. Graham, Mrs. H. Loyd, Sr., Mrs. G. Cooke, Mrs. Homer Cooke, Mrs. W. S. Morrison, and Mrs. Percy Staniforth, To date there are forty-one members on the Roll Call.





In closing this History, We Thank Thee, O God,
for all those who blazed trails for us, and filled this Village
with fond and loving memories.

Help us to-day, and every day to be more worthy
of our rich heritage, this land of liberty and freedom.

As we grow in years, may we grow in grace.

Let thy blessing, we pray, rest upon us and upon
all our work done in thy name.

Give light to guide us, courage to support us,
and love to unite us, now and evermore.

Amen.

Mr. J. Stern

