

FRAME 294

This answer did not satisfy the crowd and while they kept good order up to this stage of the proceedings, they shouted and jeered the occupants of the carriage, going so far as to threaten their persons. The Mormons through the kind assistance of the more orderly made a hasty retreat.

Joe Smith's apostles, or Preachers, had been preaching in various places in the vicinity previous to this visit of himself. He was induced to come thinking it would result in a large ingathering of converts, but this expectation was far from being realized. The visit did more harm than good. Had the preachers contrived to proceed separately and quietly they would have succeeded better. While some converts may have been won over to "Mormonism" from East Whitby, this well conceived but bungled conspiracy against the religious conscience of the people was never repeated.

FRAME 295

1839 - PATRICK WALL (Cooperage)

One of the oldest living residents of "Oshawa of Old" is Mr. P. Wall. He is a native of Ireland, settled in Oshawa when it was called "Skaes Corners", in 1839. He is a connecting link between the Oshawa of the past and the Oshawa of the present day. One of quite a number whose lives are extended beyond the three score years and ten, one of the old time residents whose feeble memories are frequently consulted by the writer for correct dates and tradition of the Oshawa when he settled on the place. Mr. Wall was the principal cooper in the days when the J.B. Warren, the Gibbs and the other flour mills did so extensive a business between 1838 and 1850 or thereabouts. He gave employment to a number of hands, teamsters, etc. The writer can recall the hollow sounds of the cooperage caused by the numerous workmen pounding the hoops on the barrels and the other processes of making barrels. The different coopers who have been known in Oshawa since Mr. Wall retired, most of them it will be safe to say worked at his cooperage. The people always regard Mr. Wall as one of the industrial forces which aided in making Oshawa what it is at the present day. He was honoured at the time the village received incorporated powers in 1850, by being one of that first council.

He still continues to evince an intelligent interest in every step looking to its advancement now that it is a town.