



*Greening's Store, Libau.*



*Greening's General Store, Libau, 1927.*



*Scanterbury Store, 1938.*



*One of the early stores in the village of Libau was operated by George Reichart. Another store operator was Mr. Knelman. His daughter Rebecca Knelman was one of the first teachers in Sheffield School. His other daughter, Sophie helped in the store. In the depression years, a five gallon can of cream brought less than \$3.00. People were by then shipping cream to Dairies, rather than making butter. In the early 1940's I can remember meat was delivered from an Abattoir, in St. Boniface and was sold for 6¢ a pound.*



## KIRKNESS

*The First Grocery Store in Kirkness was located at Lot 141, and was operated by George and Sarah Wersta. Sarah was the daughter of Andrew and Mary Mernett, who came to Canada in 1903, from the Village of Oshychilby, Province of Bukovina, the Ukraine. This Grocery Store handled basically the staple food products, generally sold from bulk, such as: Buckwheat, pearl barley, cornmeal, dried peas, raisins, prunes, sugar, peanuts, as well as: liniment, tobacco and castor oil. This store operated from 1910 to 1918 on the farm property where Alex and Ann Mernett lived until 1969, presently it is North Park Nurseries.*

*Left to Right: ?, ?, Peter Mernett, Alex Mernett, George Wersta, and daughter Evelyn at the Kirkness Store.*



# HOTELS



*Libau Business Section, 1960's.*

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There have been several Hotels located within our municipality as well as hostels and boardinghouses.

East Selkirk had at least four during the period 1873 to 1899: there was the Webster House with Allan McLean in charge, Commercial Hotel run by E. Dugard and the Dunlop House, managed by Mr. Dunlop. The Railway House had many managers: Messers. Greig, Cowan, Ogilvie and Barnes and finally the Royal Oak Hotel, with Amos Barnes the proprietor.

Of the latter two, Mr. David Ogilvie while employed as Hotelkeeper, was fatally shot while out duck hunting about mid-Sept. 1888.

Mr. Amos Barnes when Hotelkeeper, had a rather stormy ownership of the Royal Oak and quite a battle with Sir Wlm. Van Horne. Once Van Horne bought up most of the property in East Selkirk, it placed those who resided in the Village or had businesses in the area in a tight spot. The Hon. Cliff Sifton had promised that their interests would be protected and in due time they would receive patents to the land. However, this was not forthcoming, and there was a great deal of trouble over the non-fulfillment of pledges. As a result of that and other problems, Amos Barnes had trouble getting his liquor license and maintaining it. Sometimes the license was only extended for a month or two at a time.

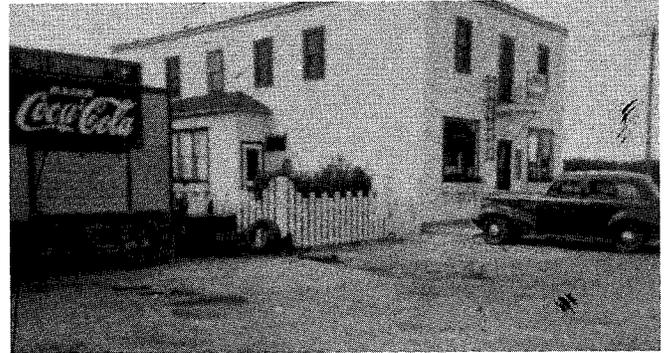
By the year 1890 the only hotel left appears to be the Barnes or the Royal Oak.

The Roundhouse or Engine House, although it cannot be termed a Hotel, did accommodate thousands of people, and many of them were paying guests.

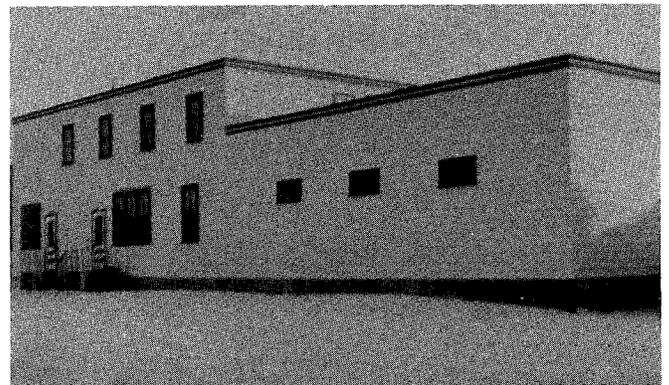
The application of the "Canadian Railway News Co. Ltd" for a Hotel and Grand Beach was approved by resolution of Council on June 1, 1926. Also, in 1933 when the "beer license" was renewed at the Mac Hotel at Grand Marais, it was stipulated at that time that in the opinion of Council there was "not room for more than one license" in that area.

The Star Hotel in the Village of East Selkirk appears to be the 6th Hotel in operation here. It was built in 1928 by Mr. Blackner and has had several owner operators, namely, Messrs: Blackner, Mikolash, Creaney, Buys, Price, McBain, Hoffman, Kianski, Kizlik, Rennie, Tomko, and finally, Messrs. M. Benson and Bill Fiwchuk as of 1983/84.

At the present time, in 1983, we have the Lockport Inn in Ward 2, Star Hotel in Ward 4, Libau Hotel in Ward 5, the Birchwood in Ward 6, as well as the Grand Beach accommodations. The Grand Beach area, although the acres lie within our municipal boundary, is no longer the responsibility of the municipality.



*Greenings, Libau, 1944.*

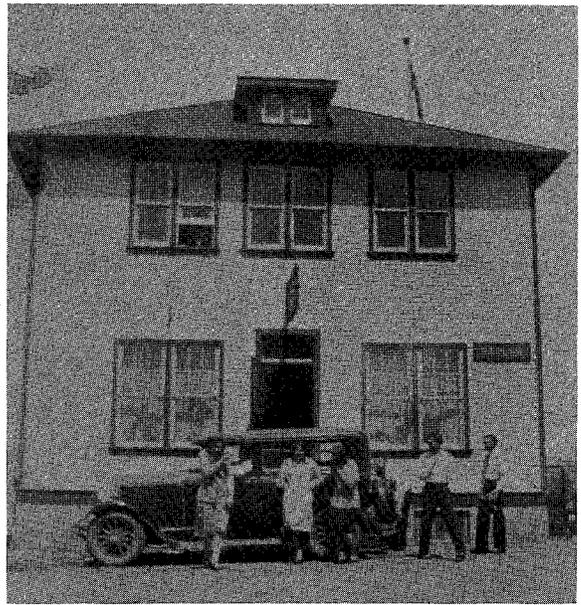


*Libau Dance Hall and Beer Parlor, 1941.*

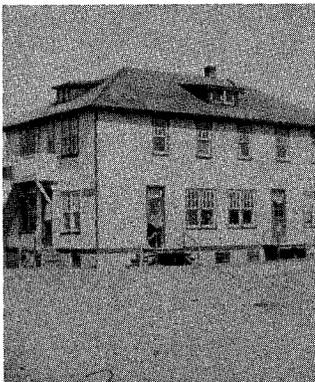
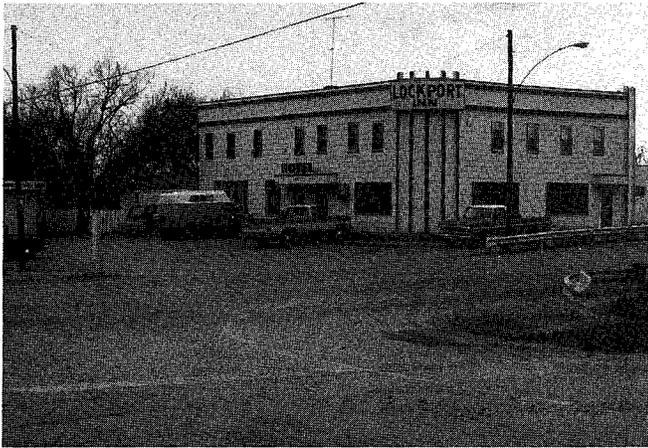




*Lockport Hotel.*



*Star Hotel during the Blackner period. Left to Right: Tony, Vicky, Olga, Edie, Grace, John, Anne, and Helen, the Blackner Family.*



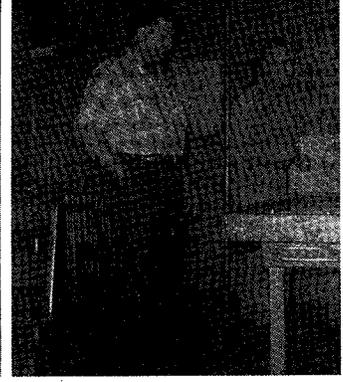
*Theo. Mikolash, 1933 Manager of the Star Hotel.*



*Star Hotel, 1946.*



*Clive Rennie and Peter Tomko at the Star Hotel.*



*Bill Drobot and Walter Starodub at the Star Hotel.*



*Tony Onishko and Mike Medal in the Star Hotel.*



*Star Hotel before renovation in 1967.*



*Mike Medal*

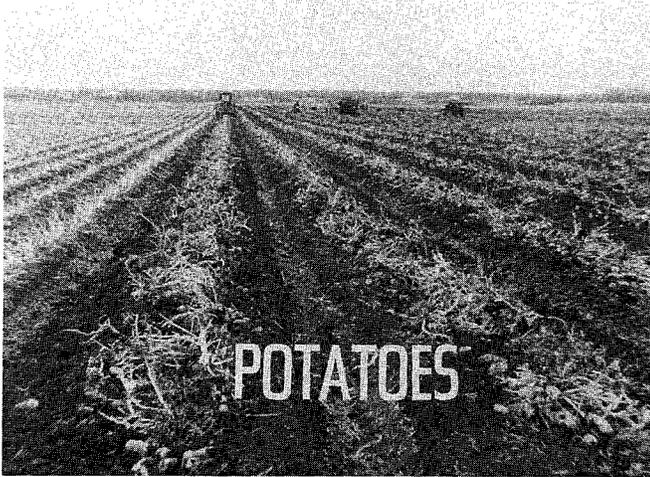


*Bill Paskaruk, Bill Drobot and Walter Starodub in the Star Hotel.*

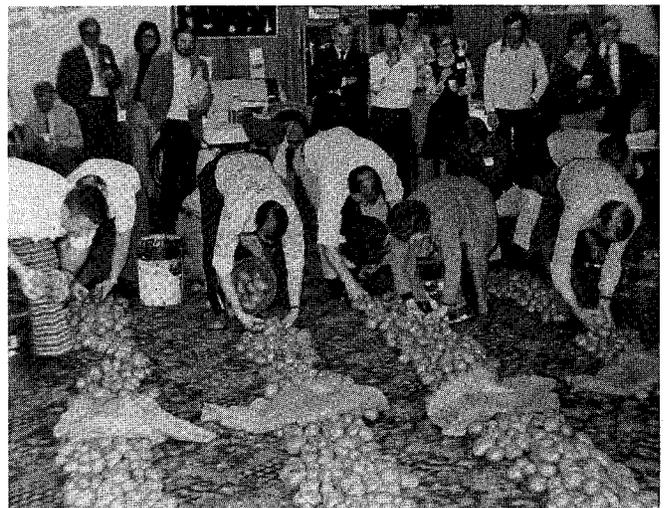


*Birchwood Motor Hotel.*

# MARKET GARDENING



*Picking beets.*



*Potato Picking Contest.*



*Gawriluk Potato field.*



*Potato Pickers on the Mazur farm about 1952.*



*Market on Stella and Main in Wpg., 1933.*



*Harvesting Turnips, 1960.*

*Mr. Koterla potato harvesting on the Koterla farm.*



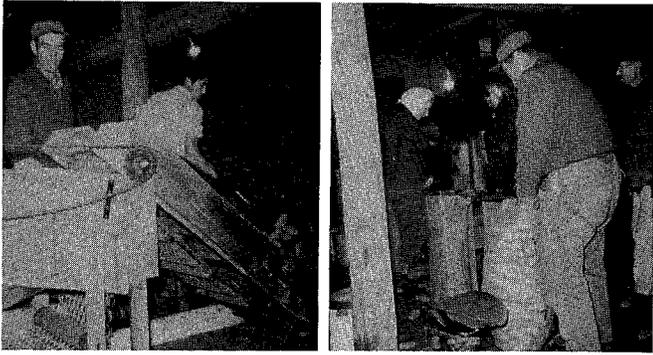
*Mike Koterla digging potatoes.*



*Joe Gaynor, of Narol at the North-End Market.*

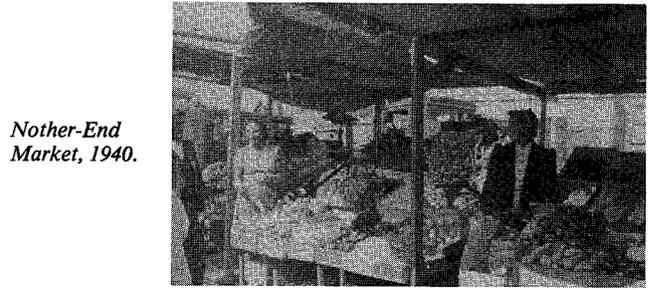


*Picking potatoes.*



*Grading Potatoes, 1958.*

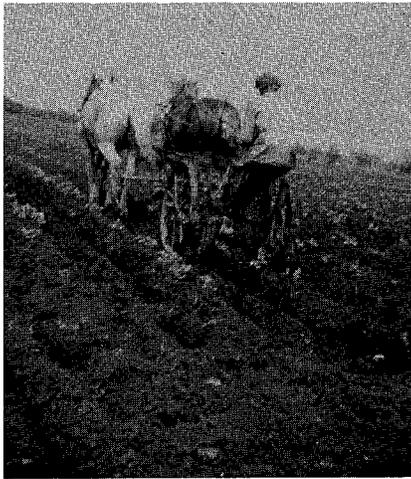
*Walter Skrypyk with his potatoes and truck.*



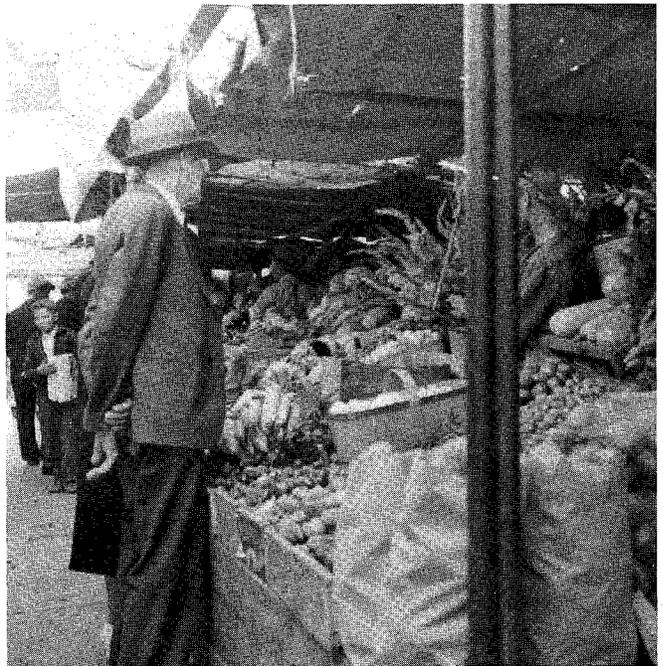
*Nother-End Market, 1940.*



*1946. The Kuzminski stand at the North-End Market.*



*Cultivating potato fields in St. Peters, 1948.*



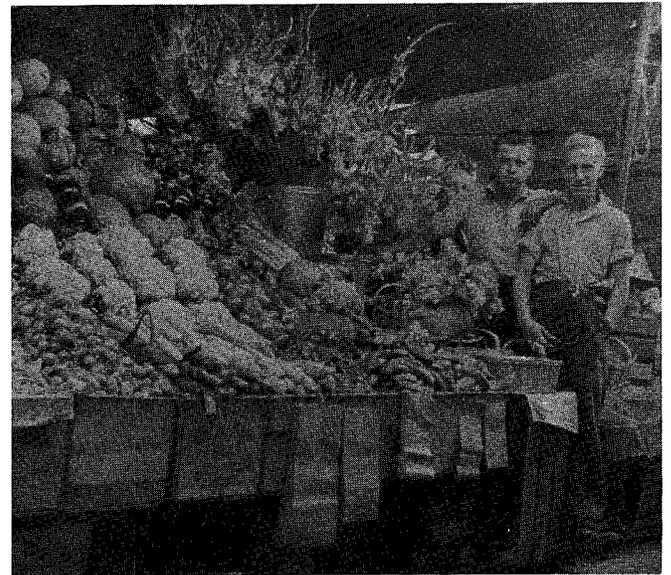
*North-End Market in Wpg.*



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*Max Dubas' Mother at the North-End Market.*



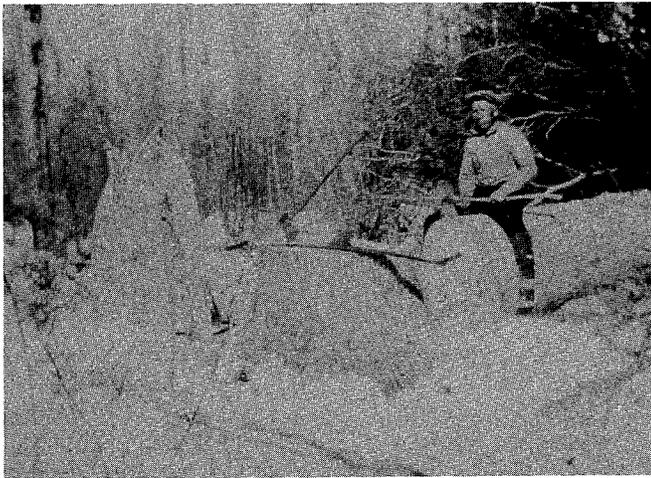
*Mrs. Joseph Gaynor sitting at the stand.*



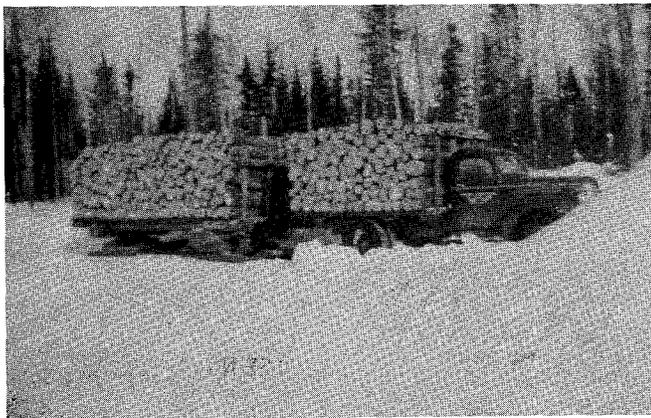
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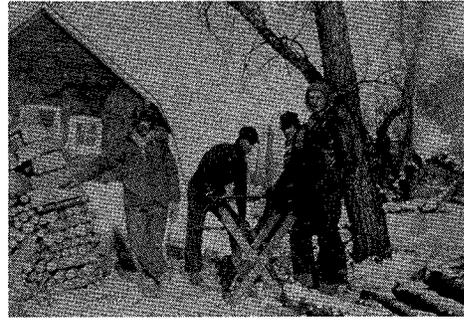
*Cords of Wood ready to be loaded.*



*Woodcutter, Bud Linklater.*



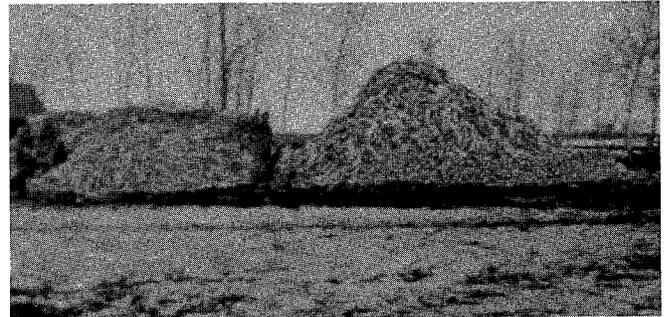
*Red Monkman's 1948 Chevy 10 cords on each sleigh.*



*Cutting Cordwood, 1940.*



*Mary, Stefan, and Julia Nebozenko getting winter supply of wood mid-1920's.*



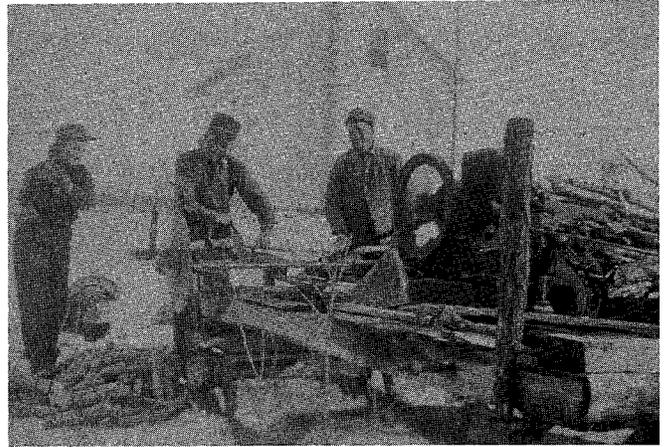
*Wasył Kosack's winter supply of wood, 1932.*



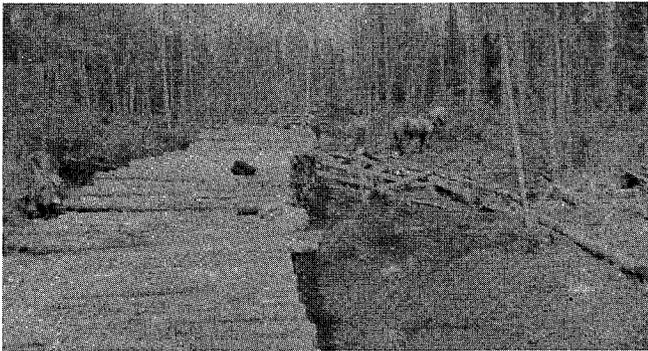
*Joe and John Gloss cutting firewood at a Pulp Camp, 1933.*



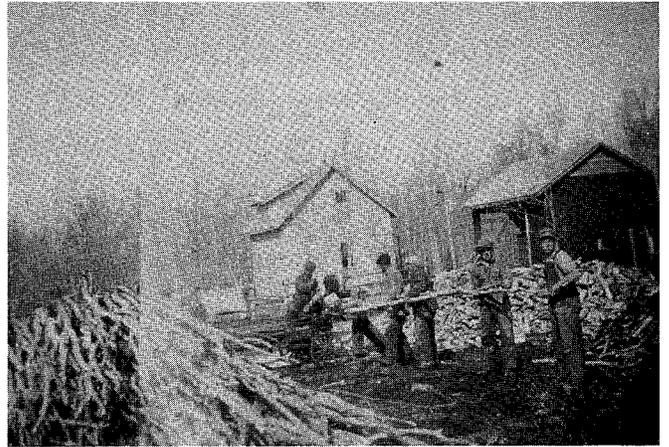
*Mike Bunio and Bunio team, 1935. 1950's.*



*Left to Right: Adeline, Anton and Mike, 1941.*



*Skidding pulp 1955 Andrew and John Hourie, and John Kitchen.*



*Mike and Olga Kosack's farm, 1942.*



*William, Henry and Julius Block.*



*Kenneth Chief, Libau, 1960.*



*John Hourie and John Kitchen with skid Horse "King" at George Folster's Camp in Willard Lake, Ont., 1955.*



*A load of pulp ready for the mill at Pine Falls, Hauler-A.J. Hourie.*