

Mr. Hill often had to switch horses to keep up with his schedule, which took him as many as 30 miles in a day.

During Mr. Hill's ministry, the Niagara area grew sufficiently to become a separate diocese.

Although white men first began to settle the Indian land almost 200 years ago, it wasn't until Mr. Hill arrived in 1838 that there was finally a permanent minister.

A tribute to Mr. Hill at the time of his death contained this statement.

"The work he did so lovingly, loyally and ably in a territory comprising several parishes of today, helped to shape thousands of lives to whom he administered."

Mr. Hill met his death at 72 while still in the saddle spreading the Christian message.

He was apparently going into a farm house and reached down from his horse to open the gate and fell off. He died a few days later from the injuries he received in the fall.

Ferry Traffic Once Was Heavy on Grand River

By Jean H. Walde

The old-time ferry, once a common sight along the Grand River, is almost a thing of the past. Of four or five ferries which once "peraded at th' same ales through the spring, summer time on the Grand, the ferry on near 'Chieftown' is the only one that remains. Operated on a cable by a windlass, the ferry still slowly creaks its way across the river near the historic old home of the Indian potter, E. Pauline Johnson.

In the spring, summer and autumn seasons the ferry, which is operated by the Green family, is in frequent use. The ferry will carry two ears at one time, have to go around by Brantford and has been known to carry three or four persons, at 10 cents per head, each way.

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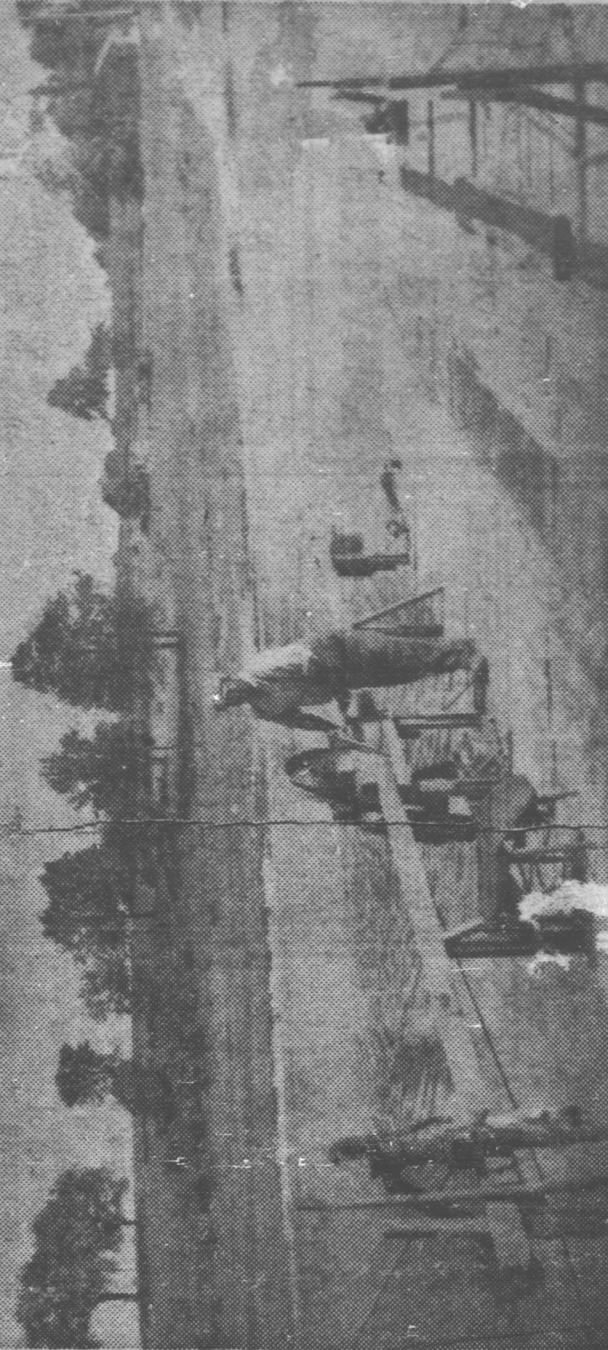
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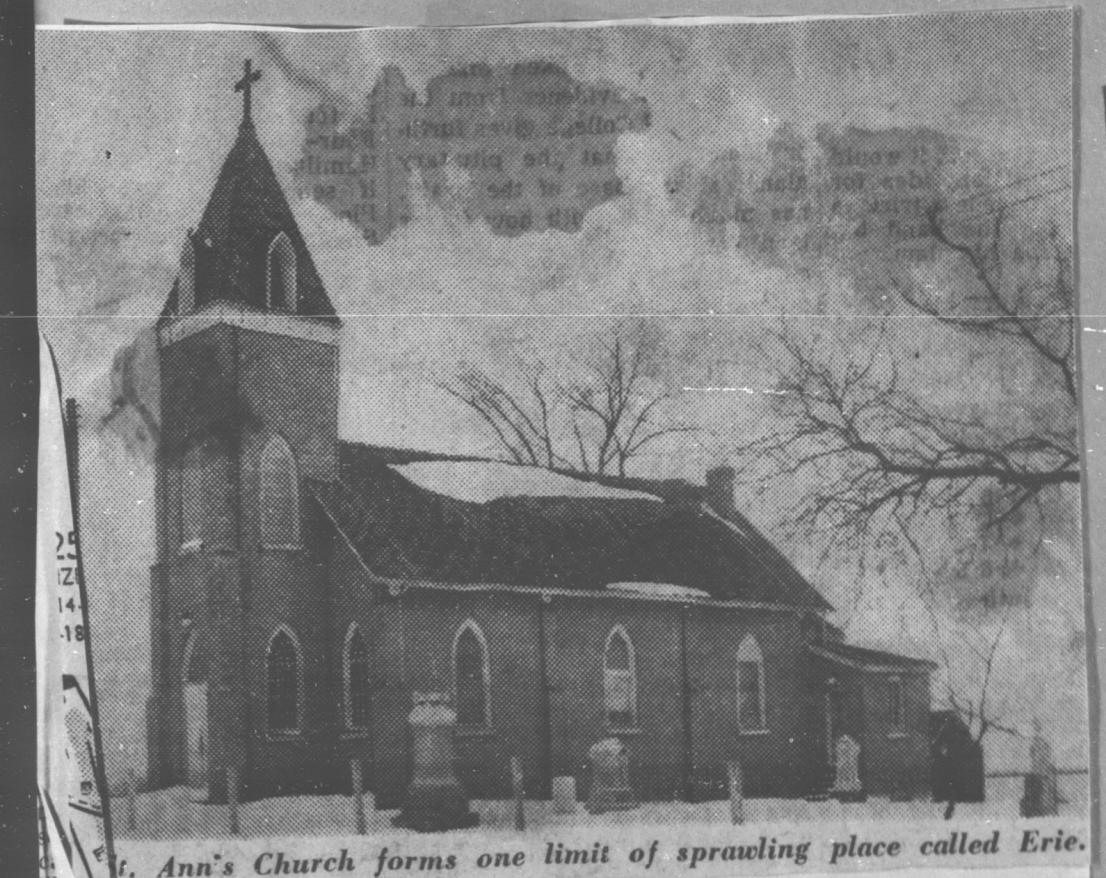


A picturesquely link with the old days is the ferry which is still in operation near "Chieftown," the homestead of E. Pauline Johnson. Here the ferrymen, Isaac Green, is bringing the ferry to the "Chieftown" side of the six Nations Reserve. The Greens have for years looked after the ferry traffic across the Grand River.

In the late fall, before the freeze-up, the ferry is hauled up on the river bank where it is fastened by cables out of reach of the river overflow in the spring. During the winter, when the ice is sufficiently solid, river crossing is done on ice. Otherwise, a rowboat, which carries three or four persons, at 10 cents per head, each way.

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was the wonder horse of his day — a homeborn colt who went off to the big time and made good. To sportsmen who preferred horses he was Dempsey, Ruth and Grange, all wrapped up into one.

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