

## Foreword

In 1963 the Civic Affairs committee, with the approval of the Council of the Town of Carman appointed a committee of five to write a story of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin and the Town of Carman. This was later selected as one of the Centennial Projects. Particular emphasis was to be placed upon the coming of the earliest settlers and to give them the credit due for the excellent start they made in establishing this pleasant and prosperous community which has so many advantages today.

At first the "Book" committee experienced difficulty in obtaining sufficient information. Later community interest was aroused and contributions increased to the point where it became necessary to rewrite and condense much of the material submitted. Decisions as to what to use, and what to delete became a major problem. An effort has been made to avoid contradictory and inaccurate statements.

Since the Boyne River plays an important part throughout the story, and the name Morris River, instead of Boyne appears on most maps, an explanation is needed. Previous to and for a time after settlement began in what is now the R.M. of Dufferin, La Riviere aux Ilets de Bois, later named the Boyne emptied into and spread over the marsh which covered a large portion of townships 7 ranges 3 & 4 (see maps) where it lost its identity as a river. In the early 1900's a drainage system was completed to the Morris River. Apparently, up to now, no official action was taken to retain the name "Boyne".