

18 years. Quick changes took place in the early years as 6 different reeve were elected between 1884 and 1888, and the remaining 5 in the last 37 years.

The old log houses have nearly all disappeared as well as the log or mud stable. On a large percentage of the farms today stands a residence for the farmer and his family, constructed of durable materials, and in every way fitted in the highest style of the builders art. And while these have been erected for the comfort of the family, good barns and other buildings have been built for the protection of the stock and the care of implements. When we consider that all this has been accomplished by men still living, such progress appears marvellous indeed. It exemplifies the fact that there are nearer gold fields than the Klondyke and that Blanshard has rewards for thrift and industry at least equal to those of any country in the world. While it pleases us to speak of these great achievements we regret to say that the economic depression that the whole world has been passing through has led to disastrous consequences, but the people are not by any means discouraged. They believe that better times will come again, and in spite of all this, many have become well to do in the world. A high degree of agriculture has been attained, and our farmers are ever ready to adopt the most modern innovations in the line of their calling. Blanshard's people are loyal to the country of which they form a part, and have unbounded confidence in the future of the Dominion. Their love for their King, and the ties that bind them to Great Britain are more than sentiment, they are a passion, and, we hope, as time passes away they will become more and more indissoluble. We are proud to know that Canada is destined to be a great nation, over which still floats the grand old flag that has "braved for a thousand years the battle and the breeze."

I Thank You
John Davidson.

1884—BLANSHARD 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS—1959

The 75th anniversary of Blanshard Municipality was celebrated on the 5th, 6th, and 7th of July 1959. Sunday July 5th, a huge church service was held at Cardale, approximately 1000 people attended. Rev. A. Friebert of Oak River and Rev. Harland of Strathclair officiated. Old-timers renewed acquaintances. Following a picnic supper the Kenton band provided a concert to wind up a very enjoyable afternoon and evening.

Monday July 6th, was reunion day at Oak River. A parade of floats started the proceedings at 2.00 p.m. with the 26th Field Regiment Band of Brandon and the Hathaway Pipe Band of Dand in attendance. The Cardale Majorettes also performed. Rebekah Lodge