NOTES ON MR. JACK AITCHISON

Mr. Jack Hetherington got this information from Mr. Aitchison in case I am unable to get out to his house to interview him.

Mr. Jack Aitchison:

Born August 14,1877 in Wardsville, Ontario (s.w. of London)

Scottish descent his father came to Canada from Lauder, a short distance southeast of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Came to New Liskeard in 1903 on steamer Meteor. He and his brother Ray located a lot on Henwood Township on present Highway #65 west, at top of sand hill on south side of road. They built a cabin and made a small clearing. Went back to Wardsville, returned bringing sawmill equipment with them in 1904. Had the sawmill equipment loaded on wagons and headed for a lot in Henwood. The wagons bogged down on the road opposite present Hudson Consolidated School. Bob Hwey, Crown timber agent, lived on the lot next to the school on the waest. "Where are you going?" "Henwood". "You'll never get those wagons that far I'll give you enough ground to set up a mill and to build a house-lots od timber to be sawn here." That was on Lot 5. Concession 4, Hudson Township. The wages were 50¢ to $1.00 per day without board. Average selling price of lumber about $10.00 per M.White pine usually sold at $12 to $14 per M.

-the mill was destroyed by fire in 1908 or 1909.

- went to Porcupine and bought a lot in town which was covered with bush.

- returned to New Liskeard and engaged building.

- when he returned to Porcupine, discovered that the fire of 1911 had burned everything.

-went in Twin Lakes and set up a sawmill with Harry Hammond on Lot 12 Concession q Hudson. This mill was also destroyed by fire in 1916.

- established a sawmill on shore of Twin Lakes in 1917, which ran until 1944, when o too burned.

- dues paid to the governmant on timbere cut on crown land were $2.50 per M. on white pine it had gone up tp $9.00 per M. All timber other than white pine

paid the same- not very much red pine in that area.

- Mr. Aitchison is now living with his daughter Helen (Mrs. A. Hetherington) in Hudson Township Highway 65. His other children are Florence, Mrs. J. Brierly; Constance, Mrs. A. Sheedy of Niagara Falls; and Jean, Mrs. Bill Clark of New Liskeard.