

The C. N. R. Railroad. 1852.

In the year 1852 the C. N. R. Railroad was built from Toronto, north, through Aurora.

Mr. John McCarthy, grandfather of James McCarthy, Micheal Hurley and William Cain's brother, helped lay the track from the South Down line, north, as far as Holland Landing. The wages were 10¢ a day 10 hours a day. They travelled by sleigh drawn by a team of horses as there were no buggies or cutters in those days.

Mr McCarthy & Mr. Cain lived on lots 21, and 22, on the rear of the fourth Concession of King. Mr. Hurley lived on lot 20 on the fifth concession of King. Some of them had twenty-five acres and one had fifty acres.

These people sowed their grain at night broadcasting it by hand. In harvest time they cradled the grain at night. The women and children raked it up and bound it by hand, in the daytime.

The McCabe boys used to help on the farm and walk from lot 17, to No. 12 School which is on lot 30.