

Mrs. Wm. Bourne Celebrates Her Ninety-Seventh Birthday

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Erindale C & W—Confederation Day, July 1st, 1867, was always a special day for the family of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Price who arrived in Toronto from Kent, England, on that day.

Their first child, Minnie, who became H.M. Bourne, was born later and her birthday in Erindale was Wednesday, February 1st, and Mr. Bourne was married in Toronto in 1897 and came to Clarkson in 1904. His brothers were the well known Price Brothers, of Erindale.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Price had five sons, who have passed away, and three daughters still living: Mrs. Bourne, 97; Mrs. ... of Etobicoke, and Mrs. Patric, 83, of Toronto.

While in Clarkson Mr. William E. Bourne commuted to his business in Toronto for 35 years, raising three children, Roy of Clarkson, Charles, who died in 1952, and Dorothy, Mrs. Norman Bell of Gormley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bourne first owned a small farm on the South Clarkson road. Here during World War I, Mrs. Bourne had a dozen Farmerettes (teenagers from Toronto) recruited by the department of Agriculture to help with the strawberry picking, packing and marketing.

When the second world war came, Mr. and Mrs. Bourne's

berry farm was on Clarkson Road North where Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bourne now live. When the scarcity of help threatened the berry crop, many Clarkson residents, including the minister and his wife got out to pick the berries themselves.

Among those who called on Mrs. Bourne on her 97th birthday were her daughter, Mrs. Bell, her grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bourne of Streetsville, her granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wright of Port Credit, and her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bourne of Clarkson.

Messages were also received from her grandchildren Marilyn and Bill Bourne of Bobcaygeon, and her sisters and their families.