

## Letter From The Dominion Census Taker

Bradford, Ont., July 15, 1951.

The Bradford Witness:

Having completed the census, recording to the best of my ability the following results: Total population, 1,467 and includes 1,344 for the village proper and 123 for the farms, both Marsh and uplands.

This has not been an easy task on account of the number of residents being away on holiday trips, shopping, etc., also there are a great number working at other points, such as Malton, Toronto, Aurora, Newmarket and Holland Landing. Some of these people even remain over night with friends, in fact they have permanent rooms there and come home Saturday nights only, which created havoc for the census taker making routine calls all impossible, and the call-backs were a matter of 176. add to this the one-way regular call, it totalled 573 calls for the village alone and it had to be walked, especially at night for the greater part. Yes, I was tired,

I want to take this opportunity to express through your column my appreciation for the wonderful cooperation the women of Bradford gave me, every one of them seemed so pleasant and willing to give me all the information I required. Of course, it was the usual "yes, I saw it in The Witness" that seemed to go over and serve as an introduction. It was a real satisfaction as 90 per cent. of the information was supplied by the ladies of the village.

Sincerely,

J. S. Cordingley.

EDITOR'S NOTE—Mr. Cordingley, Dominion census taker for Bradford, having completed his task, has kindly issued the foregoing letter regarding his duties and the population totals.

Mr. Cordingley found the task of calls, and repeated calls, at every home in Bradford an arduous duty. He therefore asked the district officer to give him assistance. Clarence Brown of West Gwillimbury was appointed assistant to Mr. Cordingley for the gardens and farms and that is the reason that in giving his report Mr. Cordingley divides the figures, Bradford "proper" and the "farms" — Mr. Brown having been census taker for the latter.

The Witness never published a break-down on population figures be-

fore, the "farms" being (insofar as population is concerned) largely the marsh gardens which lie within the municipality and are of small acreage. Figures published before by this newspaper are therefore Bradford totals. The municipal census last year, as ordered by the Provincial Government, showed Bradford's total population to be 1,547 in 1950. According to the 1951 Dominion census the population of the village has decreased by 80 to 1,467.