

MOOSEHORN CREAMERY

THE MOOSEHORN CREAMERY WAS BUILT IN 1920 BY CHRISTIAN D. ANDERSON - IT WAS NAMED "THE NORTHERN CREAMERY". THE BUILDING WAS LOCATED AT THE PRESENT LOCATION OF THE ALF CUTHBERT SCHOOL.

SUBSEQUENTLY, THE BUSINESS WAS SOLD TO LOUIS TAPPER AND NATE TAITTLEMAN, (OWNERS OF THE ASHERN CREAMERY) IN 1922. UNFORTUNATELY, IN 1930, THE CREAMERY WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

IN 1931, BILL ZUTZ BUILT A NEW CREAMERY AT THE SOUTH END OF RAILWAY AVENUE. HE SOLD THE BUSINESS TO ALFRED CUTHBERT IN 1937.

THE CREAMERY NOT ONLY SERVED THE COMMUNITY FOR ITS' CREAM PROCESSING/SALES SERVICES, BUT ALSO SERVICED THE COMMUNITY WITH ELECTRIC POWER FROM 1940 TO 1955. IT ALSO PROVIDED WATER FOR A SKATING RINK WHICH WAS LOCATED SOUTH OF THE CREAMERY DURING THE 1940'S. CUTHBERT OPERATED THE BUSINESS UNTIL 1970 WHEN ILL HEALTH FORCED HIS RETIREMENT. THE BUSINESS WAS SOLD TO THE ANDERSON FAMILY OF ASHERN, MAN.

MENTION MUST BE MADE THAT THE MONEY FARMERS RECEIVED FOR CREAM HARVESTED FROM THEIR CATTLE WAS THE MAINSTAY OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY. MOST FAMILIES RELIED ON THE "CREAM CHEQUE" TO BUY THEIR GROCERIES AND FARM SUPPLIES. THE TERM "CREAM CHEQUE" WAS USED WHEN SOMEONE WOULD RECEIVE THEIR FIRST OLD AGE PENSION CHEQUE - I.E. "I RECEIVED MY FIRST "CREAM CHEQUE" TODAY". THIS SAYING SHOWED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF IT.