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Along the Old Roads Lore and Legend of Brome County

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Foreword
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During the past two and one half years, articles have been written by me and contributed for publication in the Eastern Townships Advertiser and the material for this small book, with the exception of four articles, has been selected from that source. Additions of text and illustrations have been made, which I hope will make the book more interesting as a historical contribution and as a souvenir.

At our request, Father Roger Bouvier and Father Laval Gagnon have kindly contributed, in French, very interesting "Notes historiques" of their respective Parishes of St. Édouard's Knowlton and St. Étienne de Bolton.

Miss Marion L. Phelps, Curator of the Museums, has written two very fine articles which I am sure you will find evidence a keen interest and wide knowledge of our local history. Her article, "The Old Stone Schoolhouse at Tibbits Hill," has been written by drawing material for it from an article written some time ago by Howard Eldridge who lives at Tibbits Hill and went to school in the stone schoolhouse; and also from the leaflet which the Eastern Townships Advertiser kindly donated for the 1964 Fall Foliage

Cavalcade and Picnic and the Opening of the Schoolhouse as a Museum.

Mr. Eldridge is a keen student of local history and is making a valuable contribution to the archives of the Society by copying cemetery inscriptions and typing them in alphabetical order for the Museum files. Miss Phelps' other article, "East Farnham 'A Village of Workshops' in the 1870's and 80's," presents a story of the "Industrialists and their Industries" of East Farnham which has never before been told - a very valuable contribution, in my opinion.

I would like to give the names of all those who have contributed memories, historical facts, and anecdotes but it would not be advisable to try to do so because there are so many and I would surely unintentionally overlook someone – and so, I will just say: "Thank you sincerely for all your help and encouragement given to me."

Due to the cost of publishing books today, this book has had to be limited to about 100 pages. An endeavour has been made to include at least one article about some phase of local history of each of the five townships making up the County of Brome. If sufficient interest is shown and support given to this publication, a second book will, it is hoped, be published containing more articles on such subjects as the history of the County in general, early travel by stagecoach, the coming of the railroads, the telephone and the telegraph.

