



1933 Reunion, the second

#### THE ANNUAL REUNIONS

The annual reunion picnics were instituted in 1932 by Abbie Stewart Pritchard (Table 12) and her cousin Sam Pritchard (Table 15)

The first Pritchard Family reunion, by Abbie & Sam, in July, 1932 was organized as it was thought that year was the one-hundredth anniversary of the early Pritchard arrival in the Gatineau from County Monaghan, in Ireland. These gatherings have been carried on from that time, being held at the homes and cottages of various members of the Family - usually within fifty miles of Ottawa-Mull - in the Gatineau and Ottawa area.

Once these annual events were established Family descendants from distant places often arranged to come to the area in July to attend. Over the years people have attended from California, British Columbia and the British Isles, as well as distant parts of Canada & the U.S.

In 1967 it was decided to attempt to get together a Family History, as a centennial project. To this end a number of old records, letters and pictures were collected.

An effort was also made to clean up the original Family graveyard at Alcove. In recent years a good deal of progress has been made; with work parties becoming busy, usually in May. The stones marking the last resting place of some of the earlier Pritchards are now fairly accessible.

At the 1980 Reunion it was decided to accept the recommendation of a committee, appointed the previous year, to apply for incorporation.



The 1976 Reunion