

A SAGA OF THE NORTHWEST

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interment in the Shaarey Zedek Cemetery, Winnipeg, in the family plot. He was predeceased by his wife in 1949.

Sam Vickar was born in Lithuania in 1883. At the age of 13 he left for Leningrad, Russia, and six years later emigrated to Cape Colony, South Africa. For a number of years he was engaged in the mer-

chandising and bakery business. From 1906 to 1909, Sam Vickar worked as a farm laborer for the late J. Wittig near Melfort. In later years he and his brother operated a general store at Ratner. In 1914 he married Gertrude Gelman of Winnipeg, and they had five sons, all of whom grew up in the Edenbridge colony, later went to Melfort, and two of whom now live in Winnipeg.

Mr. Vickar served as trustee on the Edenbridge school board for 31 years, was councillor of this municipality from 1928 to 1935, and was reeve from 1949 to 1958. He was also a member of the Melfort and District Pioneer Lodge. He is a member of the Melfort Union Hospital Board and was a member of the Melfort and District Veterinary Association.

He helped to organize the Edenbridge Hebrew Farmers' Union and the Edenbridge Farmers' Credit Union, and acted as secretary for both organizations. He helped organize the Saskatchewan Coop and the Pool elevators, and was one of the original delegates to the Saskatche-

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CREDIT UNION

One of the achievements of the colonists was the cooperative credit union formed in 1910. Rev. M. Shalit, the colony's first spiritual leader, was the first treasurer. Sam Vickar the first secretary and David Vickar, the president.

Available records show that the first loan was made in 1912, the maximum loan to a member being \$50. The Jewish Colonization Association of Canada loaned the union

\$1,000, which was repaid as it became self-sustaining. Records show the all-time high of assets to be \$1,735.53, and the high is loans to be \$894.50. Interest rates were 8 per cent, corresponding to interest charged by banks. The union was dissolved as settlers became self-supporting.

An interesting postscript to this is that the Saskatchewan Govern-

ment in 1963 named a bay in the Lac La Ronge region, Vickar Bay, in honour of the brothers, David and Sam Vickar.

Brooksbys

One of the older stores of Brooksbys established soon after the first pioneers had settled on their homesteads, was owned by R. Rosenberg. The Rosenberg family came in the early years to homestead in the

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