

# Early days in Capreol

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When one considers the origins of Capreol, the name Dennie frequently appears. In fact, it was Frank Dennie in 1911 who named the townsite Capreol after the township bearing the same name. With interest in the Canadian Northern Railway, Frank Dennie donated a considerable portion of land in the township of Capreol to Mackenzie and Mann for the location of their proposed railway shops.

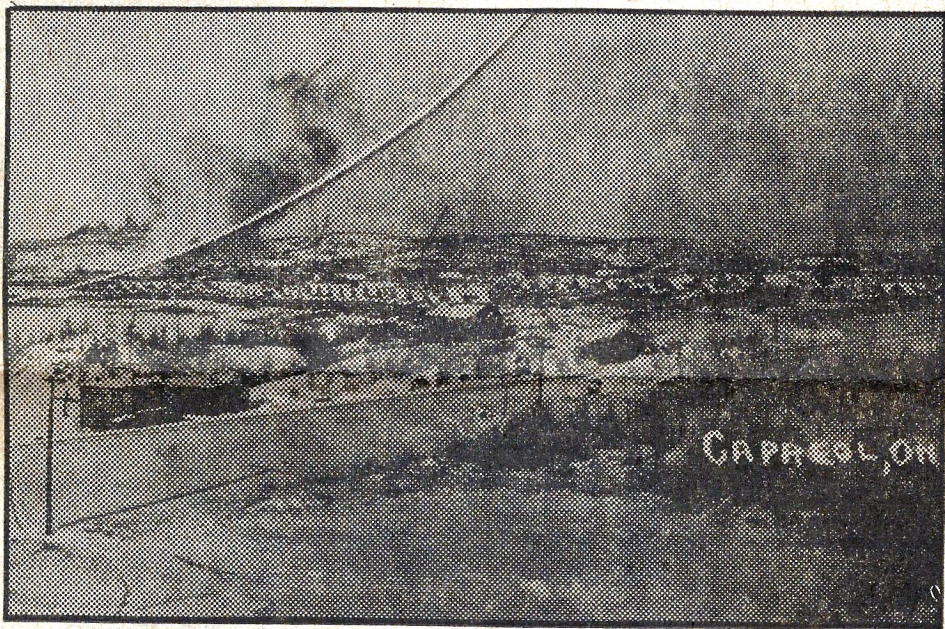
In October 19, 1911, Frank Dennie, along with John Owens, George Ranger and Fred Ranger, undertook the

clearing of five acres at Orefield in Capreol township. With the financial assistance of hotelmen John Coulson and Dolph Morin and Mick Meehan, of the Green-Meehan mine, the four were able to clear the land and have it surveyed by DeMorest and Stull of Sudbury. As for the lots, Cyril T. Young, superintendent of resources and development for 35 years with the Canadian Northern, was appointed to oversee sale of the lots with 40 houses to be built by the railway in 1913.

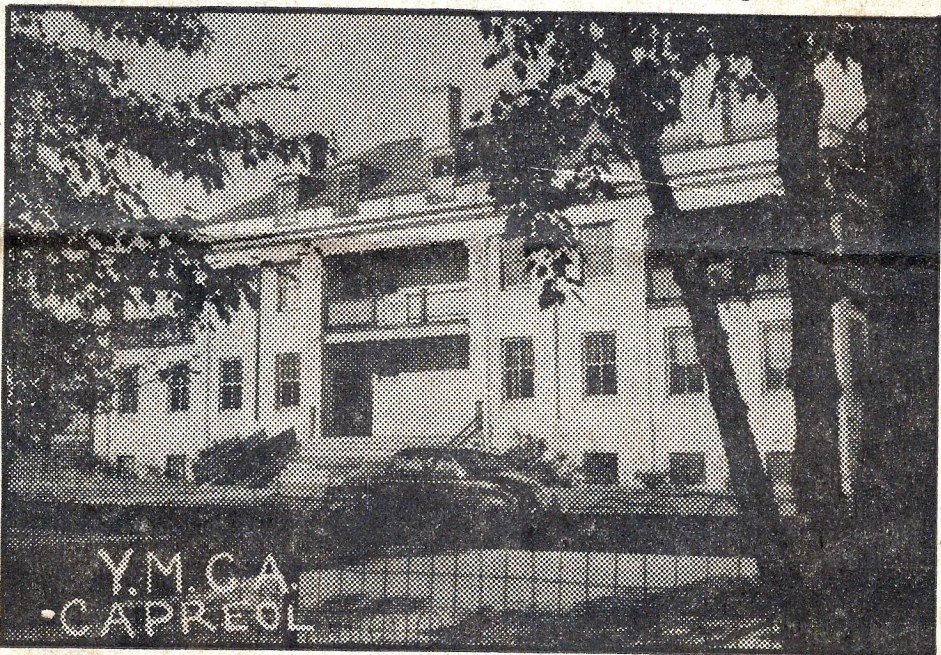
In 1915, Capreol was made

a division point and in 1918 incorporation occurred, with Dr. Shaw as the first mayor. The community, named for Frederick Chase Capreol, owed its start to the railroad with that link being undeniably there throughout its history.

Readers are encouraged to write the author care of The Sudbury Star or phone 560-3420 with additional information relating to Capreol and area. In addition, the writer would welcome the opportunity of examining post cards/photos of the district.



Postcard dated 1921 shows the community of Capreol.



An early view of the YMCA in Capreol