

SULLIVAN'S GENERAL STORE in Ennismore is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 31, 2010. They are located just north of Peterborough and have been serving several generations of the farm community, local residents and Buckhorn, Pigeon and Chemong Lake cottagers and campers for all of these years.

The store was started in 1810 by Patrick G. Sullivan (well known as "Patty" or "the Squire". His 3 children worked in the store, 19 grandchildren worked there, 23 great-grandchildren worked there. Today, 2 grandsons together with their wives own and operate the store and this summer the store has 4 great-grandchildren behind the counter.

Second and third generation customers are now bringing their children into the store for penny candy (now five cents) and relating stories of their parents and their experiences at Sullivan's. Brides are having wedding photos taken on the porch.

Farmers are still buying blue salt for their cattle, fishermen are buying worms and minnows, gas for their boats and lawnmowers; cottagers and locals are buying ice cream and butter tarts, propane and flower baskets, toys and trinkets, Hanna hats and Irish imports, wedding gifts and Christmas décor, jewellery, Boran drums, and Guinness clothing and novelties; bread and batteries and butter,

In Patty's era, customers sat around a barrel with a wheel of cheese on top and laughed and joked and shared the ups and downs of an Irish tight-knit community. And today, there are still daily visitors to the store who share coffee and laughter, who sit on the porch and read newspapers, eat ice cream and socialize. And some early mornings, we just sit on that porch and realize how truly lucky we are to still have a place like SULLIVAN'S STORE.