



# Charlie Trim

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Goodyear wanted somewhere to expand, so they came to Bowmanville. They had some trouble finding employees, because so many men were farming here. So, they went to Toronto to get workers, including my grandfather.

There were no accommodations for them in Bowmanville, so they built the Balmoral Hotel. The men, including my grandfather, took the train from Toronto and rented rooms for the workers. That's how the plant got going.

If you drive around the town, along somewhere like Carlisle Avenue, you will see places where the housing is all the

same. Those houses, and many like them, were built by Goodyear to house their workers. They were built a long time ago, and don't look all that bad today, still!

We used to have track and field meets out at the Boys Training School, because they had such good land. They had a lot of boys there. The boys were nice too... although they'd always want you to bring a pack of cigarettes.

As a teen, I played baseball for Newcastle and we won an All-Ontario Championship. For that, we were taken on a trip to New York City, and saw two Yankees games. I've never forgotten that time.

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