Majer & Fela Chłopak

Majer Chłopak was born in 1906 in Częstochowa to parents who were impecunious, but very fine and respectable people.

He studied at the *Talmud Torah* and the general school. He began working when he was very young in order to help his parents. In his aspiration to improve their material situation, he became a retailer and, thanks to his energy and hard work, he worked his way upwards.

In the Nazi period, all his property and goods from years of hard work were robbed and destroyed. During the War, he was in the HASAG camp.

Following the collapse of the Nazi regime, he opened a small workshop, where trousers were manufactured. He employed several individuals and, once more, began working his way up, and his employees were also content.

Jewish life in Poland became steadily worse and even pogroms broke out against the Jews, who had been saved from the fire and sword of the Nazi inferno. Immediately following the pogrom in Kielce, Majer Chłopak and his wife resolved to leave Poland. They travelled to Canada and settled in Toronto. At first, Majer Chłopak engaged in various forms of work, until he fought his way to [owning] a large workshop of his own, where he employs a great number of workers.

Majer and Fela Chłopak are very friendly people with feelings and sentiments and are prepared, at all times, to help a *landsmann* or friend. They are always the first to contribute to charitable institutions.