



*Mrs. Gilbert (Freda) Moonie in front of her family's new home in Montgomery Place, May 1946.*

\$28.47 plus taxes were "a very reasonable outlay for home accommodation." 32 Dutton observed that similar houses, built within the city limits a year later, were priced approximately twenty-five to thirty percent higher than the VLA houses. In fact, the VLA did not build any more houses for several years after the initial phase of the project because of soaring construction costs. 33

#### **Expansion**

The veterans of Montgomery Place became increasingly concerned about the lack of building in the neighbourhood. In the spring of 1950, veteran settler T.G. Tregaskis (3132 Caen Street) met with VLA officials to explore ways to stimulate expansion of the project. He was told that despite a concerted advertising campaign, "Build Your Own Home," that year, no interest had been indicated by veterans in the Saskatoon area. Tregaskis then suggested that civilians might be allowed to build homes in Montgomery Place. 34

Early in 1951, the Montgomery Place Ratepayers' Association unanimously passed a resolution to open up the project to civilian settlement. 35 In a letter to the VLA, Association re-



*Donald and Allen Moonie, 1951.*