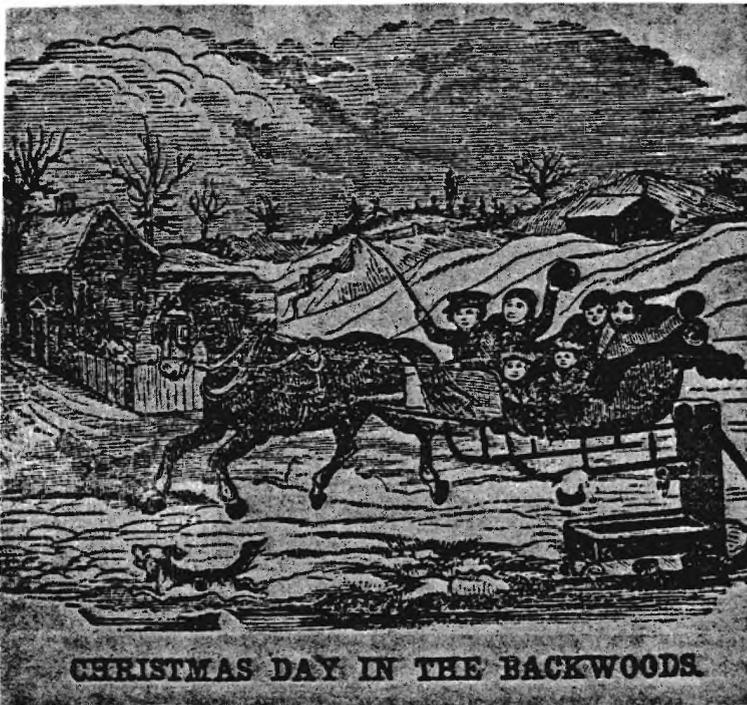


OUTLOOK

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HASTINGS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, PO BOX 1418, BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO.

December 22, 1981

1. The executive wishes to take this opportunity to wish our many members and readers the compliments of the season. 1981 has been a very good year in the 25 year history of the Society and we look forward to many good times in the new year, as we celebrate a quarter century of active service to the county, the district, and the province. We welcome and invite your continuing support in 1982.



Our Christmas greeting to you is this scene from Mrs. C.P. Traill's "The Canadian Settler's Guide" (1855). William Hutton of Hastings County fame supplied statistics for this volume.

DINNER IS
6 P.M. SHARP

2. Our first meeting for 1982 will be the ANNUAL MEETING on Tuesday evening, January 19. For the first time in our history, we are having a DINNER MEETING. On the suggestion of Gregg Gordon, enthusiastically endorsed by the directors, the DINNER will be held at the BELLEVILLE RECREATION CENTRE, 116 Pinnacle Street (near Dundas Street). It will be a hot buffet dinner, complete with dessert and beverage. The cost is only five dollars per person and we hope that a large number of our members and friends will attend the dinner. Tickets can be purchased in advance only on or before January 15 by sending in the form with a cheque, or by contacting Gerry Boyce (968-5023), Pat Bennett (962-6583), or Elaine Preston (966-8491). Because we must tell the caterer how much food to prepare, it is important that you purchase your ticket(s) before the 15th.

For those unable to attend the dinner part of the evening, plan to come to the business meeting and program, scheduled to start about 7 P.M.

For those who have orchestral commitments later in the evening, come to the dinner and stay for as much of the meeting as you can. If you leave before the official adjournment, we'll understand.

3. The ANNUAL MEETING on the 19th will highlight the various activities the society is carrying out. There'll be reports on the achievements of '81, local historical writing over the past year, the Society and the future as we enter our 25th year, a financial report, a report on the expanding educational program of the Society, news on the Old Stone Building on Station Street, glimpses of genealogical research being carried out, reports on interesting finds in the Society's archives, an illustrated talk on some unusual local buildings (a preview of the new book), election of officers, and Minus One Hundred with news of local happenings exactly

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100 years ago. There'll be a cast of thousands (almost) putting on this program, including Don Kellaway, Alice Deline, Gregg Gordon, Elaine Preston and her team of researchers, George Super, Pat Bennett, Isabel Wright, and your's truly, to mention only a few. We certainly hope that you'll be present and swell our numbers for this 25th anniversary occasion.

4. Copies of HISTORIC HASTINGS are few and far between. However, a copy in mint condition has been donated for the Annual Meeting and we'll auction it off to raise funds for the Society. (If you're unable to attend, but would like to put in a reserve bid, call me at 968-5023 or drop a note to the Society.)
5. To further celebrate the Annual Meeting on the 19th. there'll be a few draws for some of the Society's excellent publications.
6. Our last regular meeting, on November 17, was a decided success. Some 50 members and friends were entertained and enlightened by Alan Capon, the Picton Bureau Chief of the Kingston Whig-Standard. Alan chose as his topic "Once Upon a Time in Prince Edward" and he described some of the interesting characters who have been associated with The County, including John A. Macdonald and Sam Hughes.
7. The president and his wife were pleased to speak to the Trent Port Historical Society the evening following our November meeting. We were delighted to see the enthusiasm shown by the Trenton group, which is fortunate enough to have its own quarters in Dufferin Centre (formerly the Dufferin Street School).
8. Alice Deline and Pat Bennett are to be congratulated on the excellent Genealogical Workshop they arranged in the Corby Library on November 30. Almost 40 people interested in learning more about their family history were on hand as Peggy Cohoe of Kingston presented some excellent material in a most delightful manner. Peggy is to be thanked for her tremendous assistance. We look forward to another workshop in the spring. Incidentally, three of the participants joined the Society and another three volunteered to help our genealogical committee.
9. Speaking of members, the Society now has close to 300 members, including several women's institutes. We are pleased to see that the W.I.s are supporting the Society and we salute Marmora, Plainfield, Queensborough, Quinte, Roslin, Sidney South, and Tyendinaga East institutes.
10. At our October meeting Elaine Preston introduced a petition calling for Allan MacEachen and the federal government to provide incentives, through the Federal Income Tax Act, to preserve our built heritage (namely historic buildings). The petition was signed by many members at the meeting and later by many teachers at BCIVS, thanks to Bruce Retallick and other staff members. Although we have had no acknowledgment from Mr. MacEachen, we have had strong support from Jack Ellis, who has contacted the minister and also the signers of the petition. Also, Bill Vankoughnet has brought the matter to the minister's attention. We appreciate the support of both of these members of parliament.
11. Some of the older buildings in Belleville may soon sport date plaques, through a new Local Architectural Conservancy Advisory Committee program. LACAC has contacted several owners concerning the availability of these plaques (the owner pays a nominal fee) and the response has been very good. We congratulate LACAC on this plan to stress the historical and architectural significance of many of our local buildings.
12. Belleville's railway station will be designated an historic Canadian site during this year's Canada Week Celebrations, June 25-July 1. The designation is being planned by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Parks Canada and there are some very special plans in the offing for rail fans. Again LACAC has played a large role in promoting this planned celebration, as has the Canada Week Committee under Selma Bochnek.
13. The new chairman of LACAC is Chris Rendell. We wish him and the committee well. At the same time we thank Gregg Gordon, who has headed up the group over the past two years, a very important time for the young committee. A member of the Historical Society's executive for the past several years, an enthusiastic supporter of architectural heritage in the area, and a man with good ideas, Gregg deserves to be CITIZEN OF THE MONTH for December. Well done, Gregg.

14. CITIZEN OF THE MONTH AWARDS for January go to two retiring members of your executive - Bob Brennan, who served as president and acting museum director, and Don Kellaway, a longtime supporter and vice-president of the Society. We will miss both Bob and Don and know they will continue to be strong supporters of the Society and its activities.
15. Our last newsletter asked readers to identify two scenes from the 1874 Bird's-Eye View of Belleville. If you're in doubt, the building on page 3 was the old Grand Trunk (C.N.) Station and the building on page 4 was Albert College.
16. Our Bird's-Eye question for this month is to name the large, imposing building shown at right. No clues are necessary, or are they? Look for the answer in the next OUTLOOK.
17. George Super, our recently-appointed Education Officer, has been very busy. He has sent notices to all schools advising teachers and students that awards for contributions in the field of local studies will be made by the Society in grades 7 and 8 and in secondary schools. If you know students in these grade levels in Hastings County Schools (public and private) encourage them to participate. If you would like a copy of the circular that went out, write to us at Post Office Box 1418, Belleville.
18. To support the local studies programs in county schools, your Society is making available (at no cost to schools) documents and books of local interest. The response has been excellent and George will tell us more at the Annual Meeting on the 19th.
19. To make our teachers more familiar with local resources, the Society is co-operating with the Hastings County Museum to sponsor an Open House at the museum on Sunday afternoon, January 17. Teachers will have the chance to check out the museum travelling kits, museum tours, and the archival materials and maps in the Society's collections.
20. Scott Kennedy of Trenton High School and Velma Shewfelt of Albert College have written letters, thanking the Society for their local studies awards in 1981. Velma writes, in part: "I was truly surprised and very pleased..."
21. Writing letters and mailing OUTLOOK ~~may~~^{will} be a little more expensive in the near future. That's why we plan to circulate this edition BEFORE January 1, 1982. Although the rates in the following cartoon may not apply, the sentiment certainly does.



(As of December 21st notice, our mailing rate on January 1st goes to thirty cents.)

22. Watch for the series "Early Belleville Buildings" in The Intelligencer shortly. Your Society has had a large hand in its preparation, through the Historic Structures Committee.
23. Tuesday evening, January 26, 1982, there'll be a workshop in the Society's Archives in the Canadiana Room of the Corby Library. Accommodation is limited, but we welcome interested researchers from 6:45 P.M. to 8:45 P.M. This is a chance to learn about our archives and help the Society.
24. One of the Society's map treasures is the Evans and Bolger 1877 map of Belleville, showing all the buildings. We are pleased that arrangements are being made to take it to the Ontario Archives so that it can be copied. Copies will be available then for architectural researchers,

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25. There have been so many new books relating to this area, that's it's very difficult to keep up with them. If time permits in future OUTLOOKS, we'll zero in on some of them in detail, particularly:
- (1) Kawartha Heritage - with much new information on Susanna Moodie and her tutoring in the supernatural;
 - (2) Autobiography of John Macoun, Canadian Explorer & Naturalist 1831-1920 - an excellent account of a public school teacher (at Belleville) and professor at Albert College in the mid-19th century;
 - (3) Bill Mathieson's My Grandfather's War - with references to several local residents, including Fred Heasman of Stirling;
 - (4) Matters of Loyalty: The Buells of Brockville, 1830-50 - a look at the father of Delia Buell O'Hare, who married John O'Hare, prominent Roman Catholic mayor of Belleville in the 1850s.

For details on any of the above, contact this writer.

26. Apollonia Steele of the University of Calgary Library wonders if anyone has seen a copy of Moodie's Magazine, published at Belleville in the 1840's, we suspect, by Dunbar and Susanna. Any information?
27. The Ontario Agricultural Museum at Milton seeks information on Isaac Patten, fanning mill maker at Mill Point, Deseronto, and William Garrett of the Bridgewater (Actinolite) foundry. Any information?
28. Shirley Chisholm Sutherland of 3526 Sawmill Valley Drive, Mississauga, L5L 3A4, seeks information on letters, etc. relating to Alexander Chisholm, who built the house at 317 Dundas Street West in Belleville. Any helpers?
29. Mrs. Frederick G. Clay of 38 Brook Road, Sharon, Mass., U.S.A. 02067, seeks information linking George Eyre Henderson, former mayor of Belleville, with the U.E.L.s. Any information would be appreciated.
30. Jerry Bell, ex-RCAF and ex-RCMP Air Division member, who was a speaker at our September meeting, sends a Christmas greeting to all members of the Society. He's been flying in the North West Territories and Arctic areas and notes that fellow speaker, Major Lorne Johnson, has been transferred on temporary duty to Goose Bay. Jerry again thanks us for the "hospitality and warm welcome" the speakers received at the 50th birthday party.
31. Note this change in date for Brenda Hudson's talk to the Society in April. The new date is Tuesday evening, April 20. It's been moved to tie in with the Belleville Volunteer Bureau's Recognition Week.

32. The mail has brought Christmas greetings from the Madoc Historical Foundation - Brenda Hudson (secretary) and Al Danford (president). We pass them on to you, our members and readers.

33. REMEMBER . . . RESERVE YOUR MEAL NOW FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 19 by completing this form and returning it with five dollar payment for each ticket.

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Please reserve _____ tickets at five dollars each for the Annual Dinner on Tuesday evening, January 19, 1982 at 6:00 P.M. Sharp in the Belleville Recreation Centre. Payment is enclosed. Please confirm receipt of this payment by telephoning me at _____ - _____. I understand that tickets will NOT be mailed, but will be held at the door for me on arrival on the 19th.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Hope to see you on the 19th. Meanwhile, SEASON'S GREETINGS!

P-S- THANKS TO THE HASTINGS COUNTY MUSEUM FOR THE EXCELLENT PARTY-DEC. 6

George Boyce