

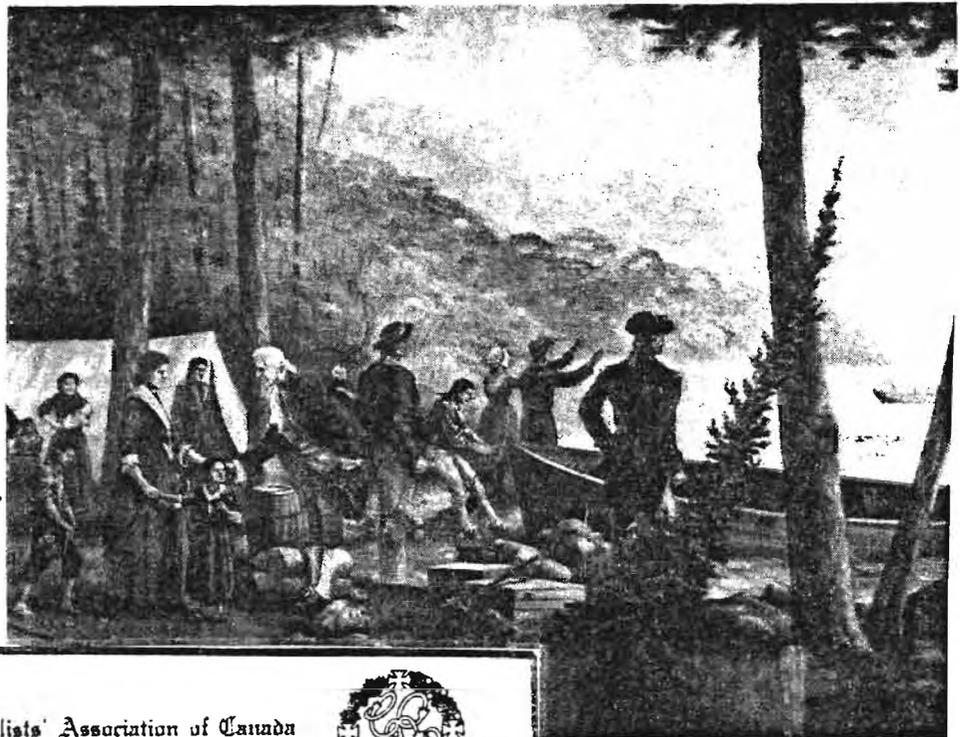
OUTLOOK

The Newsletter of THE HASTINGS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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June 5, 1984

1. This is it . . .
YOUR chance to participate in one of the Quinte area's main events for BICENTENNIAL YEAR - the special U.E.L. CELEBRATION at ADOLPHUSTOWN. Several of our members have said that they'll be there. Why don't YOU join them . . .



The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada
Bay of Quinte Branch

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE INVITED
TO ATTEND
THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' DAY
OF CELEBRATION



SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 1984

10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

**ADOLPHUSTOWN PROVINCIAL PARK,
THE LOYALIST PARKWAY (HIGHWAY #33)**

FREE ENTRY TO PARK, REGISTRATION BEGINNING AFTER NINE O'CLOCK. BRING FOOD AND BEVERAGES FOR YOURSELF AND A FRIEND FOR A NOON PICNIC. A FOLDING CHAIR IF DESIRED.

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP WITH DISPLAYS, DEMONSTRATIONS, HORSE-DRAWN WAGGON RIDES, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, HALDIMAN BALLOONS.

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE, 11:00 A.M. AT MEMORIAL OBELISK BICENTENNIAL PROGRAMME, 1:00 P.M. WITH SPEAKERS, DRAMATICS, MUSIC AND DANCERS.

DRAW FOR LOYALIST BICENTENNIAL QUILT, 4:30 P.M. SPONSORED BY THE BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH, THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

Chances are that you recognize the scene above. It's from the Rev. BOWEN P. SQUIRE's famous painting of the original landing on June 16, 1784. It's one of Rev. Squire's most familiar works.

The picture has appeared in Historic Hastings and several other books on the Loyalists and pioneer days.

2. INE SMITH, a vice-president of the Bay of Quinte Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association who represented President WENDELL CAMM at our May meeting to receive the GOOD CITIZEN AWARD for the Branch, sends along a copy of the program. It highlights several other events, of interest to visitors of varying ages:
 - (a) Free ice cream vouchers for children (pick them ^[the vouchers] up when you register)
 - (b) Music by the Concert Brass of Belleville at registration and lunch times
 - (c) A Bicentennial Program at 1 P.M. with presentations by the Scottish Country Dancers of Belleville, the Prince Edward Collegiate Drama Club, the Mohawk Children's Dance Group, the Pioneer Square Dancers of Napanee, a costume parade, and a commemorative address by Dr. ALLAN WALTERS of Toronto on "The 1784 Settlement of U.E. Loyalists on the Bay of Quinte". Several speakers will bring short messages.
3. One of the speakers to bring greetings at the June 16 Celebration will be CHIEF EARL HILL of the Tyendinaga Mohawks. It is most appropriate that Chief Hill be present, because of the large contribution the Mohawks made to the British cause during the American Revolution. The Mohawks celebrated their own 200th anniversary on May 27th with a well-attended Landing Ceremony, church services, luncheon, mural dedication, and other activities. It is also appropriate that Chief Hill and the Mohawks be present on June 16th because representatives from the Mohawks were present in 1884 when the CENTENNIAL was celebrated at Adolphustown.
4. The question is sometimes asked: "How was the CENTENNIAL celebrated in 1884. Thanks to TOM WRIGHTMEYER, we are able to answer that question in part on the following pages, reprinted from a book published in 1885 by the Centennial Committee. The book was entitled "The Centennial of the Settlement of Upper Canada by the United Empire Loyalists, 1784-1884. The Celebrations at Adolphustown, Toronto and Niagara, with an Appendix, containing a copy of the U.E. List, preserved in the Crown Lands Department at Toronto." This title was not a "catchy" one, but it did convey a pretty good idea of what the reader could expect to find in the book.

The Adolphustown Celebration Committee was chaired by L.L. BOGART with J.J. WATSON and J.B. ALLISON as secretaries. One of the prominent members was Dr. WILLIAM CANNIFF, noted historian and author.

Of particular interest are the extracts from the speeches by Dr. Canniff and CHIEF SAMPSON GREEN of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte.



UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

AT

ADOLPHUSTOWN,

June, 16th, 17th and 18th, 1884.

IN connection with the celebration, and as preliminary thereto, the corner stone of the Methodist U. E. L. Memorial church was laid on Saturday 14th June with peculiarly interesting ceremonies. There were present, Rev. D. V. Lucas, B. A., of Montreal; Rev. J. J. Leach, of Odessa; Rev. M. L. Pearson, of Napanee; Rev. Adams, of Bath; Rev. Briden, of Newburgh; Rev. M. L. Bates, of Tamworth; and Rev. Mr. Gibson. All these participated in the proceedings. The ceremony of laying the corner stone was performed by Mrs. Joseph Allison, one of the few remaining ones of the first generation succeeding the U. E. Loyalists. This lady having been for nearly three-fourths of a century a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist church, and being the daughter of one of the Loyalist Pioneers, it was peculiarly fitting that she should perform this office. The stone having been laid, refreshments were served, when an adjournment was had to the gospel tent, which had been erected across the road, where Rev. Mr. Lucas delivered an admirable address appropriate to the occasion. He predicted a brilliant future for Canada so long as she continues her loyalty to Methodism and Great Britain. A few brief words from Revs. Leach and Gibson, and the proceedings were brought to a close by singing "God save the Queen." On Sabbath, Rev. Mr. Lucas preached three sermons in the tent to large audiences, his addresses being marked by power, force and a practical application to present circumstances and requirements. Seldom has it been the privilege of the people of this section to listen to three such effective discourses in one day. The financial outlook for this undertaking is most encouraging, as indeed it should be, located as it is in the heart of a large Methodist community and in the richest section of this fair country.

On Sunday, 15th June, a sermon was preached at St. Paul's church, Adolphustown, and St. Paul's church, Fredericksburg, by the Rev. C. E. Thompson, M. A. Incumbent of Carlton, Diocese of Toronto, from Ezekiel, xxxvi, 28, "And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God."

The preacher is a grandson of the late Sheriff Ruttan, one of the United Empire Loyalists. The sermon was replete with historical facts in relation to the Loyalists. A highly eloquent discourse terminated with a reference to the wild idea of independence. He gave six months as the time the independence craze would continue.

The usual Sunday quietude of the front was much changed by the presence of the 15th battalion, which arrived from Belleville in the morning at daybreak. The battalion, under the command of Col. Lazier, was camped near by the place of celebration on the shores of the bay, and the red coats gave an additional amount of beauty to the scene.

The regiment had Divine service on the United Empire Loyalists burying ground in the afternoon. Rev. Mr. Forneri preached an eloquent sermon. He held up the Christian loyalty of the sires of Canada as a pattern to modern Canadians.

On Monday, the 16th of June, the celebration commenced. From early dawn carriages began to arrive; all Adolphustown and adjacent places were well represented. The day was most auspicious. By noon a number of boats from Belleville on the west and Kingston on the east arrived with decks crowded from all the intervening points. The Picton troop of cavalry under Major Fred White was among the arrivals. Three bands discoursed sweet music at frequent intervals, the fine band of the 15th battalion, the band from Picton, and the band of Kingston. The military display was very fine.

The proceedings were opened by the playing of the National Anthem and a public invocation of Divine blessing on the day's festivities and those taking part in them. In the afternoon the people were summoned about the speakers' stand, and addresses were delivered. Above the speakers' heads floated the handsome flag of the Native Canadian Society, of Belleville. The programme was opened by the playing of the National Anthem, and the invocation of the Divine blessing and returning thanks for the prosperity which has attended the U. E. Loyalists and their descendants, and the nation which they founded.

Dr. Canniff

But ladies and gentlemen, in drawing a comparison between our U. E. Loyalists' fathers and the fathers of the republic, I have no desire to belittle people of that generation. Any such attempt on my part would be puny indeed. While I honestly endeavour to eulogize the U. E. Loyalists, I do not desire to ignore all that is good and noble in our kinsmen over the border. The bitterness of last century is all buried. As Canadians to-day, we entertain toward them no feeling but that of good will, and we wish them God-speed. We even hope that their destiny may be as great as we believe ours is sure to be. As an elder offspring of Old England we cannot avoid being influenced by her examples. But while that nation and the Canadian nation are advancing on parallel lines in growth and development, the lines cannot come together.

I am tempted to draw a comparison between the descendants of the rebels and Loyalists of 1776 as we find them to-day, but time will not permit. However, I hesitate not to say that the sons of Canada—children of the Loyalists, have physical and mental qualities which will bear any comparison.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are assembled to-day to celebrate the settlement of this province—the Province of Ontario. But we do so with no narrow feeling of sectionalism. We are here as Canadians above all. No pent-up Utica contracts our power and feelings of patriotism for the whole Dominion. The whole breadth of the continent—from Newfoundland to Vancouver's Island—is ours to hold and to cultivate. We take in our maritime brethren, who also are descendants of the Loyalists. We do not exclude the French of Lower Canada, notwithstanding their disposition to keep isolated, for we remember how they stood firmly by the side of our fathers in the fight for Old England in 1776 and 1812. We embrace the vigorous sons of Manitoba and the North-West, many of whom have the U. E. Loyalist blood in their

veins; and we extend a brother's hand to the loyal Canadians of the Pacific coast. Looking east, west, and north over our rich heritage, we say Canada one and indivisible for ever—Canada for the Canadians, and Canadians only.

As Dr. Canniff concluded his address, the 15th Battalion headed by their band, came down from the camp and made their way towards the spot where one of the genial events of the day was to take place, the laying with Masonic honours of the corner-stone of the new monument to the U.E. Loyalists. Thither the people fied. The Masons also formed in line and proceeded to the spot in a body. The stone, which was lying on the ground, just at the edge of the plot used for the burial ground, was soon surrounded twenty deep by people anxious to witness the ceremony. All being ready, R. W. Bro. Arthur McGuinness, D. D. G. M., acting as G. M., made a brief address, in the course of which he eulogized the Loyalists, and said that the only reason why such men had not already had some such tribute as was now proposed to be erected to their memory, must be found in the fact that such acknowledgments of the people's love and gratitude must come when there was time for the cultivation of the arts and wealth to accumulate. He and his brethren deemed it an honour to lay this corner-stone, as a monument to the memory of men who had sacrificed so much for their allegiance to the British flag. The mystic rites having been duly solemnized, a prayer was offered by Worshipful Bro. Rev. R. J. Craig, as Grand Chaplain, and the stone was duly declared laid. The conclusion of the ceremony was announced by the National Anthem by the band, followed by a grand salute by the 15th Battalion, "B" Band, Kingston, and the Picton Silver Cornet Band, which had arrived on the grounds early in the afternoon, played some lively selections near the speaker's stand.

The addresses from the grand stand were then resumed.

THE SECOND DAY.

ADOLPHUSTOWN, June 17.—The second day of the U. E. Loyalist celebration was marked by fine weather and a very large attendance of visitors. All the steamers plying on the Bay of Quinté brought crowds of people. The first event this morning, though not down as a part of the celebration under the auspices of the Committee, was an interesting and important one, no less than the laying of the corner-stone of the Memorial Church by Lieutenant-Governor Robinson. The Rev. R. S. Forneri, B.A., Pastor of the Anglican Church, here, has since he took this charge worked earnestly in promoting this object, and the present celebration gave him the best opportunity of having the work of the actual building inaugurated with becoming ceremonies.

The Lieutenant-Governor arrived from Napanee this morning by private yacht, about eleven o'clock. He was met at the wharf by a guard of honour of the 15th Battalion, Argyle Light Infantry, under command of Adj.-Captain T. C. Lazier, and conducted to St. Paul's Church, the present Anglican Church of Adolphustown.

Rev. R. S. Forneri, rector of Adolphustown, has every reason to feel gratified by the marked success attending his indefatigable efforts to bring this enterprise to a successful issue. The new church edifice, which has been named St. Alban's, is to be a handsome structure of the modern Gothic style, capable of seating about 250 people. It will have a neat bell tower seventy-two feet high. The main entrance will be at the side of the building, and will

have an open porch with doors of iron work. The nave is 32 x 50 feet and the chancel 26 x 24 feet. The interior is to be decorated with a number of memorial tablets to leading members of the pioneer band who landed on the shores of Quinté 100 years ago. The site is one of the most commanding along the bay front and was liberally donated for the purpose by J. J. Watson, Esq. After a short service at the church by the Archdeacon, the procession was re-formed, and singing an appropriate hymn marched to the site of the new edifice. The ceremony throughout was most impressive, the Ven. Archdeacon leading and the people joining heartily in the responses. At the proper time a beautiful silver trowel, suitably engraved, was handed to the Lieutenant-Governor, with which he laid on the cement, saying:

"We lay this stone of foundation to the honour and glory of God, and in memory of the United Empire Loyalists, who one hundred years ago laid the corner-stone of our Province in peace and righteousness and in loyalty to the British Crown and Empire."

Among the clergymen present were the following:—Dean Lyster, of St. George's Cathedral, Kingston; Rural Dean Kirkpatrick, of Kingston; Rev. J. W. Burke, of Belleville; Revs. C. E. Cartwright, of Kingston; Cook, Kingston; R. S. Forneri, Incumbent of Adolphustown; Rural Dean Baker, Tyendingaga; Rev. Mr. Cook, Oshawa; Revs. Carey, Roberts, Stanton, D. F. Bogert, and Thompson.

The Lieutenant-Governor was presented with an address which was gorgeously illuminated,

The Lieut.-Governor paid a visit to the camp of the 15th Battalion, and was right royally entertained at the officers' mess. Chief Sampson Green was the first introduced to deliver an address, on "The Union of the Six Nations." He appeared in full Indian costume and was accompanied by other members of his band in full war paint and feathers. He first expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to take part in this important gathering, in honour of that patriotic and heroic band of refugees, who freely gave up their all as a sacrifice to their loyalty. He reviewed the traditional history of the Indians of America and especially of the Six Nations, of which he is a representative. He claimed that the Indians are the original Americans, and he felt proud of being a descendant of the aboriginal inhabitant of this continent. He also felt a pride in the fact that, in the day of trial, when the majority rebelled against British rule, his people remained firm in their allegiance, and fought, bled and died beside the pale face in defence of the Union Jack, to uphold its sway on this continent. He explained how the Six Nations came into existence by an alliance of six smaller tribes against the oppression of the doughty, powerful and bloodthirsty Iroquois. He explained their system of government, by which all legislation originated with the Mohawks; after being approved it was then sent to another tribe and considered, adopted or amended as the case might be, until at last it reached Onondagas, or firekeepers, but the Mohawks were possessed of the power of veto. The Onondagas were called the firekeepers because they always started the fire at the Great Council, kept it burning, and finally extinguished it when the Council was completed. At the present day, instead of lighting and extinguishing the fire, they make the opening and closing speeches. Finally the Iroquois themselves sued for admittance to the confederation, but their application was rejected. The tribe to which he belonged came from the Mohawk flats, remained at

Lachine a short time and then came on to Tyendinaga, which spot was selected by Captain John. The reserve was named after the great Chief Tyendinaga, who led the Mohawks to Canada. When Christianity was proposed to the Six Nations it was considered, and four accepted, but two rejected the Christian faith, and to this day two of the tribes are Pagans. Although these tribes are Pagans, they may be fairly termed religious. They believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, but instead of worshipping God in solemn exercises, they return thanks to the Great Spirit for pure water, an abundance of berries, the full corn in the ear, and all the blessings of peace and plenty, by dancing and other rejoicings. Their religion does not permit of stealing or lying, but they have no scruples in regard to Sunday work. He stated his conviction that the only way in which these tribes could be Christianized would be first to educate them and then place the Bible in their hands. What they can read they will accept, but what is told them by missionaries is received with diffidence or suspicion. He again referred to the loyalty of the Indians on many occasions when their adherence was severely tested. In 1812 many of the Indians fought with the British troops, and in 1837 the speaker's father went to the front with his band, and returned with one scalp which was erected on a staff opposite the church, and a tree planted in honour of the event which is to be seen to this day. In 1868, with 17 others, the speaker went to the front to assist in driving back the Fenian invaders, and in the future, as in the past, he was assured that his band would be found ever faithful to the old flag, and ever ready to shed their blood in its defence. The Mohawks, when they landed, consisted of fifteen families; they now number over 1,000 souls. They at first owned the whole township of Tyendinaga, but they had sold a portion, and the money, \$127,000, is invested with the government to provide schools and religious instructors. They have now four good schools and two churches. He thanked the committee for the invitation to participate in this gathering, which he considered a great honour to himself and his people.

MR. G. E. HENDERSON, Q. C., Belleville. County Crown Attorney, said that while they must not forget men who had come from over the sea and their descendants, surely they had the right to honour the memory of their Loyalist fathers. These men had chosen a magnificent country, and had put its prosperity upon a grand foundation. He had had the opportunity of viewing the greater part of Europe, and he could assure them that nowhere was there a grander country than this. This Bay of Quinté was as beautiful a sheet of water as any of the famed lakes of Switzerland. Canadians had a right to be proud of their land, and by no other means than by loving it and honouring it could they make it a great country. Without patriotism people were a mere collection of individuals, but if joined by a common bond of love of country, they became an irresistible power. Here every man was free; here every man has the opportunity to carry on the great responsibilities that rested upon him in building up this country. They did not want to be joined to the United States. Canadians were anxious to live at peace with them. Glad of their successes and proud of their advance, but Canadians could show a country whose prosperity was greater than that of the States. They had here a magnificent country, with schools and every advantage and luxury. In Europe he found people

called farmers who worked day and night for their lords, who lived in walled cities. They lacked in education and almost every form of enlightenment, and he himself had seen women harnessed along with cows drawing a load on the public highway near Rome. He advised them to remain loyal to this grand country, and to the Empire under whose fostering care it had grown to its present state.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR ROBINSON having arrived, was now introduced. He expressed regret at the delay that had occurred, but claimed that he was hardly responsible as the hospitality of the clergy and citizens, and afterward that of the militia had prevented him from appearing sooner. He considered it a duty for the Lieut.-Governor to show on every occasion his appreciation of the volunteer militia and acknowledge the great things they had done for Canada.

Mr. J. J. Watson, Secretary of the Celebration Committee read a letter of regret from the Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, Mr. A. F. Wood, M. P. P., and others, who had expected to be present, but were unable to do so. He explained also Sir John Macdonald's absence by stating that he had a letter from the Premier stating that owing to ill health and press of work at home he would be unable to attend. This concluded the afternoon proceedings.

THIRD AND CLOSING DAY.

The main feature of to-day's proceedings were speeches under the shade of the trees, and over the graves where the U. E. Loyalists lie buried.

Mr. D. W. Allison, M. P., first occupied the chair, but he afterwards gave place to Mr. Parker Allen. Both are Vice-Presidents of the Celebration Association, but Mr. Allison claimed priority for Mr. Allen. The principal speaker of the day was Dr. J. H. Sangster, of Port Perry. Dr. Sangster followed in the footsteps of the former speakers in contrasting the prosperity and comfort of to-day with what the Loyalists found when they landed, and what they obtained for years after. He elaborated the idea far more, however, and caused not a lit-rancour would ultimately wreck the ship of State. He believed very strongly that party feeling was less bitter now than it formerly was, and with the ameliorating Christian influences everywhere at work this improvement must continue. He dwelt upon the great work begun by the Loyalists, and contended that the Dominion, which they had founded, was the first country in the world to-day. An American speaking with him had boasted of the fact that the States had gained their independence, that they were free, but their liberty was based upon the principles recognized in Britain, the benefit of which the people in Canada enjoyed, and their system of government, like that of Canada, was almost a copy of the British form.

MR. ROBT. CLAPP, of Prince Edward county, spoke on behalf of that county, assuring the people of Adolphustown that they had the sympathy of all in their commemoration of the U. E. Loyalist centenary.

Mr. J. J. WATSON, secretary of the committee, presented an excuse from Mr. W. A. Reeve, Toronto, who was to have addressed the meeting.

The people soon after began to leave the grounds, and the Adolphustown U. E. Loyalist Centennial Celebration was over.

5. Hastings County readers were kept up to date on Centennial events at Adolphustown by the Intelligencer. Its "own correspondent" reported on his impressions of the celebration, with special emphasis on military matters. No wonder: the correspondent signed himself "W.N.P.", surely William N. Ponton, who was becoming a prominent figure in local military, legal, and political matters. Ponton wrote:

"15th Battalion A.L.I.
OUR BOYS AT ADOLPHUSTOWN

"The city Battalion, under Lieut. Col. Lazier, mustering over 200 men, left by the Hero at midnight on Saturday, and reached Adolphustown, their destination, at daylight. The voyage was vociferous, with song, solo and chorus, and the echoes of the Bay of Quinte resounded with the strains of social and martial music. Sleep was not courted and the beauty of the scene which at dawn greeted the eyes of officers and men completely awakened them. There is no prettier spot outside the Thousand Islands than that selected for the Battalion camp, water on both sides, the bay serpentine and studded with islands, while all around at a distance of a few miles, the wooded hills rise in picturesque and various beauty. The camp immediately adjoins the vilet or creek-mouth, into which the U.E. Loyalists a century ago sailed, the haven of liberty, the home of loyalty, the nucleus of national spirit. It was seven o'clock before all the tents were pitched and the men were too hungry to sleep. At nine a rudimentary and fragmentary breakfast was literally devoured by 200 famishing mortals. At 10 the Battalion paraded for instruction in saluting, and for orders. In the afternoon Divine Service was held at the U.E. Loyalist Cemetery, under the shade of the beautiful trees, where, standing above the ashes of patriots and martyrs, the Rev. R.S. Forneri preached an admirable sermon upon the text, "Fear God and honour the King." . . .

"The Camp is very orderly. Sentries are duly posted, and the strictest discipline is maintained. On Sunday evening Mr. Watson, Dr. Canniff, Mr. P.F. Canniff, of London, and others, dined with the officers, who are expected to entertain largely on Monday, when thousands of people walk the beautiful grounds. Arches, stands, booths, tents, flagstuffs, without number, have been erected . . .

"Notes of a quiet stroll among the stones of the old cemetery . . . There are many nameless graves . . . There are others whose inscription time has not yet wholly effaced and which will bear witness to the religious sentiments and also to the longevity of the old Loyalists . . . The oldest of all I could find is the following: Here be entombed Hannah Van Dusen, who deceased March 8th, 1791. She was the 1st wife of Conrad Van Dusen, and faithfully discharged the duties of a companion, a parent and a citizen.

"May Belleville's women merit like eulogy."

[Daily Intell., June 17, 1884]

6. W.N. Ponton's reports from Adolphustown refer to several tombstones in the old cemetery. One young man's stone carried this verse:

'Tis hard to die so young, just verging
On manhood's happy joyous days,
To die when hopes our feet are urging,
When life is bright as summer's rays.

7. Did Belleville's City Hall have a museum in 1884? That possibility is indicated in W.N. Ponton's notes from Adolphustown in June, 1884:

That the stump which was to have been put into the guard house on Monday evening for not saluting an officer should be transferred to the City Hall museum.

8. The 1884 celebrations at Adolphustown were not without their controversies. For example the 15th Battalion A.L.I. Band from Belleville later complained that it was not very well satisfied with the treatment awarded the band by the committee. The band received \$50, whereas it should have received \$100 for performing. Also, heat overcame several men of the 15th Battalion's honour guard and they had to be placed under the care of surgeons. And finally, to quote the Toronto Globe, as quoted in the Intell of June 19, 1884:

In the middle of the afternoon today the large grounds set apart for the celebration were uncomfortably crowded. The committee made a mistake in admitting to the grounds cheap Johns, fakirs, rifle gallery men, and all the other people of this class, thus robbing the day of all distinctive character. The grounds rang all day with discordant cries of these people . . ."

The Globe was not pleased.

But take heart in 1984. The U.E.L. Committee is taking steps to discourage "cheap Johns, fakirs, and rifle gallery men" from attending the June 16th celebration . . .

9. Watch for several books relating to the Loyalists. Two relate especially to the Adolphustown area. One is LARRY TURNER's volume on the Associated Loyalists who landed under Major Van Alstyne. The second is Loyal She Remains, a pictorial history commemorating the Bicentennial. [*Mika publishes the first, the U-E-L Association the second.*]
10. Other volumes relating to the Loyalists in this area are one on the Loyalists in Prince Edward County by NICK and HELMA MIKA (available June 10) and one on Ameliasburgh Township.
11. The Seventh Town Historical Society has submitted the manuscript for the book "7th Town Ameliasburgh" to the printer. This is an interesting, pictorial story of 200 years of progress in Ameliasburgh Township since the coming of the Loyalists; there are also sections on the prehistoric and historic Indian periods. Prepublication orders are being received until June 30 at \$18 per copy. After July 1, 1984, the price is \$24. For more information contact JOHN WANNAMAKER at 968-6652 or BRUCE GRAHAM at 967-1083. Because of the close ties between Hastings County and Ameliasburgh Township, this book will be of considerable value to local residents on both shores of the Bay of Quinte.

12. Our sincere thanks go to JOANNE UHLMANN, for her excellent presentation at our May meeting. Joanne outlined the major events in the career of John Meyers, spy, patriot, Loyalist, business entrepreneur, and founder of Meyers Creek (Belleville) in the late 1700's. The more than 120 members and friends of the Society enjoyed her account of the factual Meyers and the legendary Meyers and we were delighted that seven members of the Meyers clan were on hand to hear Joanne. Joanne's enthusiasm for her subject was appreciated by the audience and her slides of the Meyers property and the original brick house (demolished a century ago) added to the presentation. We hope that Joanne will continue her research into the history of other prominent figures in our early history.



JOANNE UHLMANN

13. Speaking of attendance, 122 people signed the draw sheets at the meeting, a near record attendance. The only larger turn-outs that I can remember were last year when we dedicated Belleville's Heritage, Volume II and several years ago when W. ALLAN DEMPSEY and BERYL CAMPBELL combined to present a meeting on the local watercolours by Thomas Burrowes and the publication (for the first time in Canada) of Susanna Moodie's Life in the Clearings. The attendance at each of these meetings was just over 120. Do any of our readers recall a larger audience for a regular meeting of the Society?
14. NICK MIKA and MIKA PUBLISHING continue to provide prizes for our regular draws. Thanks again, Nick. Winner of the book prize for identifying the McIntosh-Ridley House in the last OUTLOOK was BETH GREEN. In our other draws, it was interesting to see that GLADYS ROLLINS was a repeat winner; some people are really lucky.

15.

Ancestor hunting

As part of Ontario's Bicentennial celebrations, the Hastings County Historical Society genealogical research committee will man an information booth at the Quinte Mall on Friday, May 25, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Committee members Isabel Wright and Alice Deline will be on hand to answer questions relating to family history. Genealogical research material will be available for a nominal fee. Everyone welcome.

Did you see this notice in the Intell? It attracted a lot of interest and led to ALICE DELINE and ISABEL WRIGHT being swamped with requests for information. Interested people had to line up. Alice calls the response "really wonderful". Although most people were interested in genealogy, a few were interested in our

cemetery-indexing activities and the availability of cemetery indexes. Thanks to Alice and Isabel for their hard work at the information booth. They're already making plans for an expanded service next year.

16. Advance notice that the fall meetings will be on the third Tuesdays in September, October, and November. The September 18th session will be our special salute to student researchers and artists. We'll meet some exceptional young people.

17. Your Society continues to look for ways to preserve the historic stone building that stands on Station Street on the site of John Meyers' early industrial complex. The May Walking Tour sponsored by the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario's local chapter (assisted by your Society) highlighted the building and gave a hundred people the chance to see inside. ADELE DIBBEN prepared this account of the very successful tour.

100 take walking tour in city

By ADELE DIBBEN
For The Intelligencer

Almost 100 people came to the stone building on Station Street during Sunday's walking tour.

The stone mill, which was open to the public that day, was the highlight of the tour sponsored by the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and led by Rodger Greig.

There is no proof that the present building was erected by Capt. John Meyers, but it is on the site of the industrial complex he started here in 1789. It included a sawmill, gristmill, blacksmith shop, tanning mill and distillery.

Greg Gordon drew attention to evidence which suggests the building had been used as a mill. On the river bank there is a section of sluiceway wall. Near the northeast corner there is a bearing stone that shows the wear of a turning shaft. On the north wall are iron stains from continuous water splash. Grinding stones have been found in the crawl space and used as beam supports.

Leaving the mill, the tour group climbed the stairs to Mount Pleasant Road, the site of Capt. Meyers' home. Reputed to be the first brick house in the area, it was demolished in the 1870s. A photograph of the house was on display. Show in the background was Orchard House which is still standing. From his house at the top of the hill, Capt. Meyers could keep an eye on his industrial buildings along the river.

Other houses noted were the Forin House at 2 Forin Street, home of the builder of city hall, and an early rectory of St. Michael's on Alexander Street.

Two churches were visited on the tour. In outlining the history of Tabernacle United Church, Rev. Ted Colwell, explained the difference between the Episcopal Methodists at his church and the Wesleyan Methodists of Bridge Street United Church. At St. Michael's, Estelle Burkett presented a history of the parish, noting the changes in decorative style of the church in-

terior over the years. Descending the hill, the tour group stopped at the corner of Church and Great St. James streets. The northeast corner was the site of the first church built by the Methodist Episcopal Church. When the new church was built in 1877, the old one became a vinegar factory. On the southeast corner is the Coulter-Tennant house, built around 1840.

The group returned to the mill for a more leisurely look at the building and to enjoy

lemonade and home-made cookies. The Hastings County Historical Society is looking for an organization or individual in the area who can find a use for this unique structure.

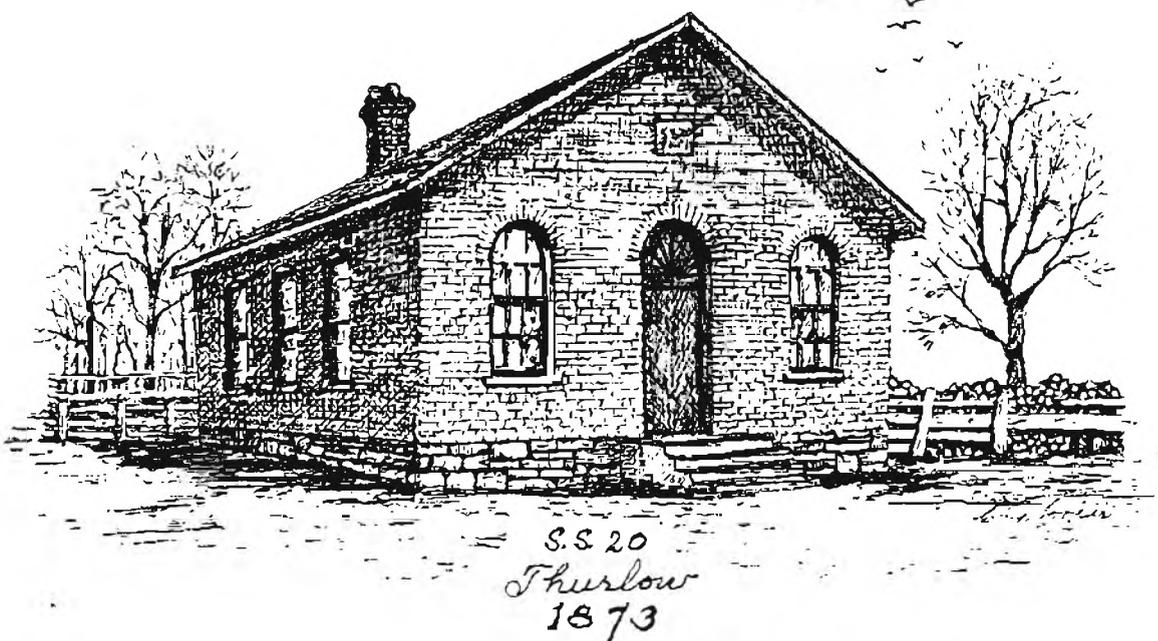
The next walking tour being sponsored by the Architectural Conservancy will be held on Sunday June 10. It will start from the United Church in Conseccon and will include buildings in Conseccon and Carrying Place.

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We continue to be indebted to the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and LACACs in Belleville, Trenton, and other centres for their continuing support in preserving our built heritage. Our Building Research Committee under LOIS FOSTER's leadership continues to work with these groups.

18. The Seventh Town Historical Society extends a cordial invitation to our members to attend that society's next regular meeting on June 26 at the Ameliasburgh Township Hall. The evening will begin with a Pot Luck Supper at 5:30 and include strawberries and ice cream. The meeting is at 8 P.M. and we are welcome to attend the evening's activities. Thanks to JOHN WANNAMAKER for extending the invitation.

19. It was wonderful to see so many members of the Ketcheson Family Historical Committee at the May meeting. Our GOOD CITIZEN AWARD was presented to several members of that committee, including BESSIE KETCHESON FRANKLIN, TAYLOR FRANKLIN, and ALVIN MILLER. Best wishes to the Ketcheson Family Picnic next month, always a very successful event.
20. Our GOOD CITIZEN AWARD for July goes to BERNARD WRIGHT (principal), and the REUNION COMMITTEE OF BAYVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL for the series of events that have highlighted the school's last year of operation. This has been an event-filled year for the school and many of the events have highlighted the 111 years of service provided by Bayview (S.S. 20 Thurlow). The school has produced some excellent yearbooks and this year's very special edition (entitled MEMORIES) is certainly exceptional. The book commemorates the school's long history. Last Saturday's Open House was yet another highlight in a school-year that will long be remembered by all the members of the school community. Hats off to BERNARD WRIGHT for leading the way in the preparation of the book. Hats off to the STAFF and STUDENTS, present and past.



This drawing of the school appeared on the attractive Hasti-notes. The school's anniversary logo at right was designed by BERNARD WRIGHT. wright



MRS. JO COOPER's sketch of the school (shown above) also appeared on the cover of this year's Year Book.

- 21. News of ~~two~~^{three} summer projects of historical interest.

LIVING HISTORY is an oral history project involving the gathering, preservation, and use of oral history collected from those seniors who actually experienced the events we wish to consider. It is a Summer Canada project sponsored by Community Care of Belleville. The information obtained from the project will be transcribed into booklets and offered to area schools to supplement and complement their social studies curriculum. Readers who have questions or comments, who would be willing to share their personal experiences, or who could suggest people to be interviewed, are asked to contact LIVING HERITAGE at 962-5636. VICKI MELCHIOR, the program coordinator, invites your assistance.

Another Summer Works project (sponsored by the Canadian government) has three students working for St. Thomas Church, Belleville. They are building two more walls to display many of the tombstones in the cemetery. They are also helping to update MRS. L. BELSTEDT's booklet on the history of the church, by adding material on the history of the burying ground. The team is trying to locate information on the people who were buried in the cemetery. Readers who may be able to supply information (from family Bibles, family histories, newspaper clippings, etc.) are asked to call Mrs. BEE SANGSTER at 966-5527.

There is tentative information on yet another summer program. Word is that the program is on. For further information call me at 968-5023.

Trent University, in co-operation with the Marmora Historical Society, is arranging for a credit course for students interested in working on a dig this summer at the site of the Old Marmora Ironworks. Arthur Dunn, an historical metallurgist and engineer in Ottawa, first started an informal

dig five years ago and worked on his own with the assistance of some workers on a government grant. Last year, Trent University tried to obtain a grant through the Heritage Fund but by the time the money was obtained, they had insufficient enrolment. This year, there is more interest and a minimum of seven

students will be coming to Marmora to work should plans go as expected. Ron Vastokas, professor at Trent, in charge of the project, and Andre Philpot of the Marmora Historical Society, have obtained permission from the Marmora Village Council to proceed.

- 22. WANTED . . . Information on two members who have moved and left us no postal address:
 - (1) Freda Johnson of #805 Dundas Street East, Belleville
 - (2) Mrs. Paul P. Landon of #512, Northwest 1, 265 Poulin Avenue, Ottawa
- 23. Speaking of Oral History, and we did above, FRIENDS OF THE TRENT-SEVERN WATERWAY have produced an excellent 110-page Oral History of the waterway, entitled "I Remember . . ."

Cut here and use as a bookmark.
 Our May meeting saluted our many volunteers.
 Are you a volunteer???
 We need people to catalogue documents and index historical dates.
 Call this writer at 968-5023 for information on how you can help.



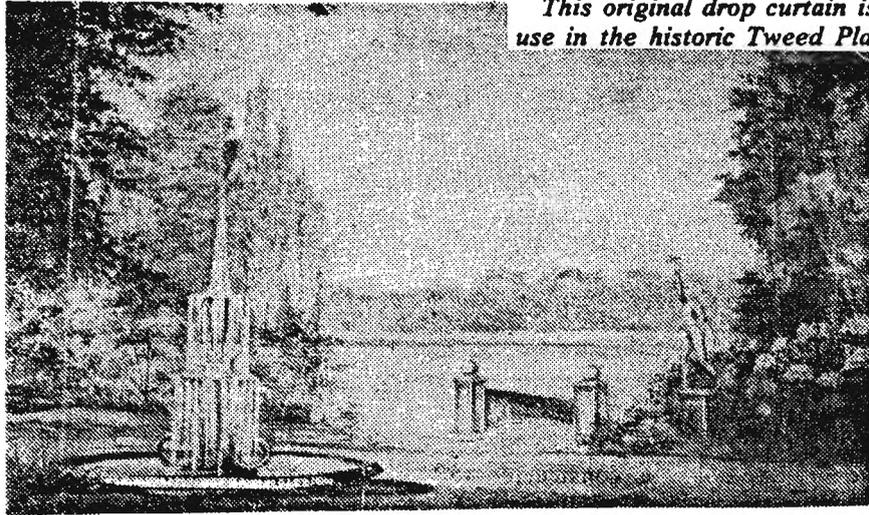
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f. June 16 is the deadline for essays.
g. The ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVANCY OF ONTARIO's Annual Meeting is here Oct. 26-28.
h. Membership in H.C.H.S. is now 352

- 24. NEWS IN BRIEF
 - a. Hats off to the HASTINGS COUNTY MUSEUM for the excellent Queen Victoria Birthday Celebration.
 - b. The HASTINGS COUNTY MUSEUM highlights "Quilts with Mohawk Motifs" by HELEN SPENCER of Shannonville until July 1st.
 - c. Congratulations to the Rev. MALCOLM MUTH and St. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Belleville, for the Bicentennial Service on June 2nd . . . inspirational!
 - d. JOY NICHOL presided when the United Churches of Belleville dedicated a plaque in memory of the 1884 Methodist Union. There are continuing events this year to honour this event.
 - e. Thanks to HEATHER McCLUNE, GORD DAVIS, and others for notes.

25. Sunday, July 8, will be an important day at the TWEED PLAYHOUSE. The Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture's Heritage Branch will unveil a plaque to honour the late MERRILL DENISON. Merrill was a pioneer of Canadian radio drama, a prolific writer, the operator of Bon Echo Inn on Mazinaw Lake, and a producer of plays, many of which were first produced in the Tweed Playhouse in the summers of the 1920's. Accordingly, it is fitting that the plaque should be unveiled at the Tweed Playhouse at 2 P.M. on July 8th.

Thanks to W. CLYDE BELL of the Tweed News for sending along a package of information on the plaque and the Tweed Playhouse. A former director of the Hastings County Historical Society, Clyde has a strong interest in history and has been a supporter of the plans to restore the historic Tweed Playhouse.



This original drop curtain is still in use in the historic Tweed Playhouse, which is now being restored as an educational and cultural centre.

Hope to see you at Adolphustown on June 16, Tweed on July 8, our next meeting on September 18.
HAVE A GOOD SUMMER

Gerry Boyce

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