

## Next Meeting

**Tuesday, 19th of January, 1993**

Quinte Living Centre

7:30 P.M.

Brief Reports  
of 1992 activities.

### GUEST SPEAKER

Reverend  
Maurice McLeod  
Bridge Street United  
Church

You are invited to bring a family heirloom to be identified and/or to describe for the audience its historical significance. A watch! A diary! A dish! A piece of jewellery! etc. etc.

A pie social follows the presentations.

**Members, new members and visitors all welcome.**

## HERITAGE DAY MEETING

**Monday Feb. 15, 1993.**  
Auditorium of the  
Quinte Living Centre.  
7:30 P.M. coffee, tea.  
8:00 P.M. speaker.

### GUEST SPEAKER

(Courtesy of the Hastings  
County Museum)

Mr. Hugh MacMillan  
Guelph, Ontario.  
Former Archivist, Public  
Archives of Ontario

### TOPIC

A History of the Fur Trade

**Members, new members and visitors are welcome.**

**NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM THIRD TUESDAY TO THIRD MONDAY FOR HERITAGE DAY.**

AN EXHIBIT FROM ENVIRONMENT CANADA - PARKS SERVICE ENTITLED 'THE FUR TRADE' WILL OPEN AT THE HASTINGS COUNTY MUSEUM ON TUESDAY FEB. 16, 1993.

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# Outlook

The Hastings County Historical Society

## A Book Launch With A Touch Of Gold

**Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1992**

**A** large audience of distinguished guests, members of the H.C.H.S., visitors and friends met on that evening to participate in the celebration of the publication of past president Gerry Boyce's book

ELDORADO: ONTARIO'S FIRST GOLD RUSH. Ninety-one people gathered to show their support for a past president and to recognize Gerry's achievements as a researcher, author, and supporter of community activities.

Following his introduction by president Bernard Wright, Gerry explained his reasons for writing about this topic. He also outlined some of the changes that came about in this Moira River area of Eldorado as a result of the influx of people to work in the mines who had hoped to 'strike it rich'. In fact, Hastings County officials organized the first mounted police force in Canada in 1867 to maintain law and order in the Marmorra-Eldorado area.

Using 33mm slides Gerry showed some of the book's illustrations of original buildings, topography and personnel from those early mining days.

Retired educator Wanda Sine presented a gift along with very kind words of appreciation to Gerry. In addition he also received a 'Good Citizen's Award' to acknowledge his interest in preserving local history. Congratulations were personally accord-

ed to Gerry by Belleville Mayor Shirley Langer, County Warden Owen Ketcheson, Madoc Township Reeve Gerald Reid, resident geologist Paul Kingston (Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), publisher Barry Penhale and Ontario Historical Society president Dennis Carter-Edwards.

Letters of commendation were received from Hugh O'Neill, M.P.P. Quinte, Elmer Buchanan, M.P.P. Hastings-Peterborough, Bill Vankoughnet, M.P. Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington, and Lyle Vandief, M.P. Prince Edward-Hastings, and also from Gerry's sons Thomas and Duncan who were unable to attend. The family in attendance (his wife Bev, son Egerton and wife, and daughter Susie) presented Gerry with some real shares in an active mining company.

Recipients of complimentary books to acknowledge their assistance with the publication were: the County of Hastings, the Hastings County Historical Society, Belleville Public Library, the Northern Development and Mines Library, and Bob Ross, geography teacher.

Joan Reid, caterer, and Jessie Burchill, president of the Quinte Living Centre's Seniors in Action, arranged the attractive table. A large cake, designed and iced by Ruth MacMillan displayed the book jacket in appropriate colours. Tea, coffee and juice were also served. During the evening many people bought a book which was then personally autographed by its author, Gerald E. Boyce.

**Bernard Wright**

*Happy New Year!*

# Searching For Mr. Lincoln's Canadians

By Lewis Zandbergen

Although experts say the numbers vary between a low of 40,000 and a high of 100,000, the indisputable fact remains - Canadians (actually British North Americans; Confederation and the Dominion of Canada did not become a reality until July 1, 1867) did serve in the ranks of both Union (north) and Confederate (South) armies during the American Civil War (1861-1865).

Even cursory research reveals that Hastings County Citizens of the 1860s headed south of the border between 1861 and 1865. Not all returned. Some stayed after the war and settled in the rapidly expanding United States. Some, like brothers John and Peter Stringer of Bancroft, were killed in action and lie buried beneath American soil. Twenty-eight Canadians were awarded the Medal of Honour for gallantry. William Perry, of Roblin, served with union forces, was wounded and sent home. He died several months later.

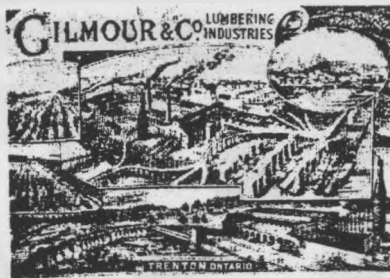
Among Canadians who served the Union were two brothers from Sidney Township - Daniel and Doctor William Fraser. The Fraser brothers were grandsons of Sylvester Faulkner who was himself an expatriate American. Sylvester and his wife, Mary, arrived in Sidney sometime during the early 1810s. They settled first near Frankford on Concession 3 and then moved to Lot 33, Concession 8. Their eldest daughter, Adaline, married a Mr. Fraser and bore William and Daniel. In retrospect, it may have been Sylvester's tales of his Massachusetts boyhood which spurred the brothers to their decision to marry and eventually settle in the U.S. Doctor William Fraser was engaged in a practice in Chicago and Daniel settled in Kansas; it isn't clear what his occupation was.

In war, however, they both served the Union cause. William was a surgeon under General William Tecumseh Sherman and participated in Sherman's 'March to the sea'. Daniel also served the Union but his rank

and area of service are not known. Both men lived out their lives in the United States.

The story of Canadian who fought in the American Civil War has often been glossed over, indeed little has been written about this side of the 'War between the States'. FOUR WENT TO THE CIVIL WAR by Lois Daroch is one exception.

Is there a Civil War ancestor in your family tree? My research continues. Write me at P.O. Box 1481, Stirling, Ontario K0K 3E0.



## GILMOUR LUMBER COMPANY, TRENTON

A Kitchener member asks for further information on this company for his ongoing research.

Photos, information and personal knowledge would be appreciated. Anyone able to supply same may contact:

Randy Whiteman  
# 1201 - Cedarwood Cres. Kitchener, Ont. N2C 2L8

## EARLY METHODIST RECORDS

The Seniors of the Bay of Quinte Branch of the United Empire Loyalist's Association of Canada have transcribed some early Methodist (Episcopal) records, which they have made available for sale. The transcription includes some marriages and baptisms before 1853 for Smith's Creek (Port Hope), Bay of Quinte and Napanee circuits.

Cost, including postage is \$12.00 Cdn., \$13.00 U.S.  
Available from H.D. Jeffrey, R. R. # 2 YARKER, Ont. K0K 3N0

### Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Quinte Region Branch

The annual General meeting will be held on Saturday, January 17, 1993 at 2 p.m. at the Foster-Ward Community Centre, 75 St. Paul St., Belleville. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For further information call (613) 969-0734



**PLEASE NOTE:** We need your membership fee to continue to publish and mail OUTLOOK. To ensure that you continue to receive OUTLOOK, you may enclose your fee with the form below, or pay at the annual meeting on January 19, 1993.

- A.** YES, I (We) are interested in supporting the work of the Society during 1993. The fee of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars is enclosed for the following category of membership. (Please "X" type requested.)  
Note that (1) a "93" on your mailing label indicates that fees already have been paid for 1993  
(2) tax deductible receipts will be issued for fees.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

#### Membership Categories:

Individual	\$10.00 ( )	Life	100.00 ( )
Family	12.00 ( )	Corporate	25.00 ( )
Senior Citizen	7.00 ( )	Women's Institute	10.00 ( )
Student	7.00 ( )		

- B.** I would like to make a donation of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars to help in the general activities of the Society. Please send a receipt for Income Tax Purposes. (Reg. No. 0281204-52-12)

- C.** I would like to make a donation of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars to the Society's Living Trust Fund, a fund from which only the interest will be used annually for special projects.

# County News

By Gerry Boyce

## 1992 WAS A GOOD YEAR

SUCCESSFUL NEW BOOKS included BETSY BOYCE's entertaining and informative *The Rebels of Hastings*, a fascinating study of the local impact of the Rebellion of 1837. BRENDAN O'BRIEN's *Speedy Justice* touched off an ongoing debate on the final resting place of that vessel. FARLEY MOWAT continued his exploration of the Hasty Ps' role in World War II with *My Father's Son: Memories of War and Peace*. BRUCE CURTIS described the educational role of Sidney Township's William Hutton in *True Government by Choice Men? Inspection, Education, and State Formation in Canada West*. PETER WILSON and the Trent Port Historical Society sponsored *I've been Workin on the Railroad*, a 121-page first-hand taste of the steam locomotive era. MARGARET SMITH wrote *Margery*, a delightful novel about growing up in Bancroft in 1932 (based on Marguerite Stratton Tennant's experiences). THE QUINTE WRITERS' GUILD put out *Tales from the Canadian Countryside*. AUREEN RICHARDSON produced *Historic Visions of J.D. Kelly*. The SEVENTH TOWN (Ameliasburgh) HISTORICAL SOCIETY brought out *The Hamlet of Ameliasburgh From Valley to Hilltop* by Martin Hamelink. The winter issue of *COUNTY MAGAZINE* highlighted the story of the Brickman Home Canning factory of Rednersville (Audra was a regular on the Belleville market until recently) and the 1883 murder of Peter

Lazier of Belleville. There was *Eldorado: Ontario's First Gold Rush*. And ... if you are aware of other local books or pamphlets published in 1992, please advise Gerry Boyce at 173 Bridge St. E., Belleville, K8N 1N3 by January 19. You could win a small gold-related prize.

ANNIVERSARIES included *Hutton of Hastings* (20 years), *Historic Hastings* (25 years), and our society (35 years). Were there others? Write in.

FIRSTS included THE MADOC HISTORICAL SOCIETY's first ever Shun- Pikers Car Rally and the SIDNEY HISTORICAL ARCHIVES AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE's Checkers Tournament in connection with the QAC Display at the Quinte Mall, and HERITAGE BELLEVILLE's "125+" signs program to recognize pre-Confederation buildings.

NEWSPAPERS made news historically with *The Intelligencer's* excellent daily Time Capsules and weekly Remember When sections, *The Community Press'* coverage of historical books and happenings in centre and south Hastings, Evan Morton's weekly column "Heritage Herald" in *The Tweed News*, *The Madoc Review's* "Glimpse... Into the Past", and *Trentonian* features by Derek Baldwin. GROUPS TO WATCH IN 1993 ... THE TWEED AND AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY as it searches for financial support for a new Heritage Centre; DESERONTO HERITAGE

**Our sincere sympathy is extended to Basil Kuglin and the family of the late Alison Kuglin of Chatterton. The daughter of noted conservationist Col. Roscoe Vanderwater, Alison was a tireless community worker and a strong heritage advocate. A longtime supporter of the O'Hara Mill near Madoc, she chaired the Sidney Township Bicentennial Committee that sponsored the celebrations of 1990. We are thankful for her life and contributions.**

SUPPORTERS as they strive to preserve the Naylor Theatre; district agriculturalists as they plan for an agricultural museum; THE MOIRA RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY, BELLEVILLE LIONS CLUB, and CITY COUNCIL as they consider the future of the stone structure on Station Street (site of Meyers mill); the TRENT PORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY seeking to save the old police station and town hall; the HASTINGS COUNTY MUSEUM with its diverse programs; the STIRLING AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY striving to restore the old station and seeking to remove the memory of its 1992 Santa Claus Parade (with 50 entries) that was snowed out; the QUINTE BRANCH OF THE

ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVANCY OF ONTARIO with its excellent monthly tours; the CENTRAL ONTARIO RAILWAY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION which hopes to get financial backing to take possession of the CNR line from Trenton to Picton and restore it to a museum of heritage and technology; planners of the BANCROFT MUSEUM expansion; the McMaster-UofT-local anthropologists and historians who are continuing to reconstruct the health and demographic history of Belleville based on the archaeological work undertaken at ST. THOMAS' Church; and groups in Marmora, Madoc, and elsewhere.

## POW REPORTS MISSING ARTIFACTS

PRESERVE OUR WRECKS Kingston Limited (POW) is aware of the disappearance of several artifacts from historic dive sites in eastern Lake Ontario. The dredge MUNSON, and schooners GEORGE A. MARSH and OLIVE BRANCH are known to be missing items. POW has an artifact inventory on only two of the fifteen wrecks we moor for SCUBA diving. This will change in the coming year with a project to video and manually record all artifacts on each of our wrecks. Thousands of divers enjoy these wrecks annually, not just to dive, but also to admire our beautiful shipwrecks. All responsible divers would like to see these wrecks remain attractive and not become barren hulls. There appear to be a few who think that an item removed here or there will not be noticed. POW will make it known through diving publications that items are indeed being stolen and hopefully stop thefts by making this practice unacceptable throughout the diving community.

All of our historic dive sites are considered property of the Province of Ontario and are protected by the Ontario Heritage Act. Removing any item from shipwrecks is a provincial offence. Fines vary from several hundred dollars to imprisonment, and

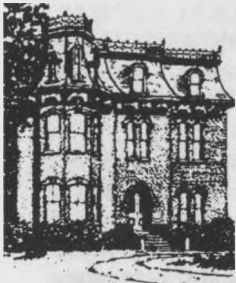
equipment used during the offence can be seized. The Ontario Provincial Police, Marine Unit, have acted on at least one occasion in this area when a theft was suspected.

Most SCUBA divers realize that they are fortunate to be able to dive and actually touch history as if they were in an underwater museum. Shipwreck dive sites require respect and tender loving care from all who are able to visit and admire them.

Ken Mullings for  
PRESERVE OUR WRECKS

**The Special Exhibit 'BELLEVILLE'S MARINE HERITAGE' at the Hastings County Museum will continue throughout 1993. The exhibit focuses on the dredge MUNSON - its essential activities in Belleville Harbour during the 1880s, and its unexpected sinking in local waters in 1890. Highlights of the display include underwater photographs of the MUNSON in her watery grave and marine artifacts recovered from the wreck. The artifacts on display are part of the collection of the Hastings County Museum and were recovered for the purposes of protection and preservation.**





# Your County Museum

257 Bridge St. East,  
Belleville, Ont. K8N 1P4  
(613) 962-2329

## HERITAGE DAY FEBRUARY 13, 1993 BELLEVILLE PLAZA

The Museum will present a booth entitled 'PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY TREASURES'. It will illustrate how anyone can care for and preserve their favourite books and textiles by using simple museum methods.

## Hastings County Museum Education Services

The Hastings County Museum offers a variety of curriculum-based programmes all through the school year. This past fall students enjoyed the experience of life in a nineteenth century school room. Over 200 children from Hastings and Prince Edward Counties discovered what learning and discipline were like through this role-playing programme.

Over 450 school children and supervisors helped the museum to decorate our Christmas tree with Victorian and early settler Christmas decorations. Children also took a decoration home for their

own tree. Volunteers were busy throughout December conducting school tours of the house, which included a visit to our working General Store. Special displays this year included toys from the past and a variety of doll houses and miniatures. Over 750 children and supervisors enjoyed the museum this Christmas season. Heartfelt thanks to our dedicated education volunteers and guides for making these programmes possible, and to the students of W.R. Kirk-Centennial for working in the General Store.



## The Fur Trade

February 16, 1993 through March

*Hastings County Museum is pleased to present from Environment Canada, Canadian Parks Service - THE FUR TRADE EXHIBIT in the second floor gallery from February 16, 1992 until the end of March.*

The Fur Trade Travelling Exhibit tells the fascinating story of the vast trans-continental enterprise. It follows the exploits of the coureurs-de-bois, voyageurs and traders as they made their way along the wilderness waterways from the St. Lawrence to the Pacific. The exhibit also focuses on some lesser known aspects of the fur trade - from the role of women to the making of beaver hats. Come follow the pathways of the voyageurs of old and experience the romance of the fur trade days from 1:00 to 4:30 every day except Monday. The special school programme will run in the mornings. Call 962-2329 for information.



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