

July 1, 1978 ...
 Celebrating Belleville's
 Centennial as a City



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**Belleville's Centennial
Also Belongs
to the DOGS!**

Part of the Homecoming!

MUTT SHOW

Enter your Favorite Mutt!

FRIDAY, AUG. 4th

at the Market Square

Select one of the following
categories for your 'Mutt'

- Largest Dog
- Smallest Dog
- Smartest Dog
- Best Dressed Dog
- Most Obedient Dog
- Centennial Mascot



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Celebrating Canada Day Belleville, July 1, 2005

Visitors from Colonial Times participated in the Checkers Competition and recalled playing the game in earlier times.

The Tom Gavel Pavilion on West Zwick's Island was the site of the Society's extremely successful event.

The Picture Identification Clinic where visitors helped to identify many "unknown" individuals in the Society's extensive Picture Collection



Two Society volunteers relaxing at the site.



Some of the volunteers and guests with Bruce Bedell, the Society's Official Crier. The winner of the Canadian Confederation Checkers Challenge Competition was fifth from the left.



Society Crier Bruce Bedell and volunteer Bill Kennedy with the winner of the Checkers Competition (holding her Canada Day Prize Bag). To win the event she participated in 22 games. The runners-up played 18 and 17 games.



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Celebrating Canada Day Belleville, July 1, 2005

The Hastings County Historical Society hosted the Canadian Confederation Checkers Challenge Competition (with 50 Checker boards and hundreds of participants), historical displays, and a Picture Identification Clinic



Some of the 24 Society volunteers who helped prepare and staff the Canada Day event. Here, a few days before the event, they are getting materials ready in the Society's headquarters in the Hastings Heritage Centre (formerly the Thurlow Town Hall) in Cannifton.



At eleven o'clock, Society Crier Bruce Bedell (a native of Sidney Township) announced the Official Opening of the Society's Canadian Confederation Checkers Challenge Championship and other Society activities. His mother and father had been Society members some forty years earlier.



Visitors from Colonial Times join Historical Society workers and puzzle over "Confederation" and the Maple Leaf flag.



The Hon. James K. Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, (left) was presented with a special certificate by Orland French, President of the Hastings County Historical Society, after participating in the Society's Canadian Confederation Checkers Challenge Competition. At right, he departs the Tom Gavey Pavilion.



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**WELCOME
BACK
HOMECOMERS!**

HOMECOMING WEEK
JULY 30 - AUG. 7



*This is Belleville
"Canada's Friendliest City"
and home of these
friendly businesses!*



**Celebrating
Canada Day
at Belleville 2006**



As part of the Checkers Competition, Society Heritage Advisor Gerry Boyce challenged Belleville Mayor Mary-Anne Sills to a game.



Checkers
anyone?

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anyone?

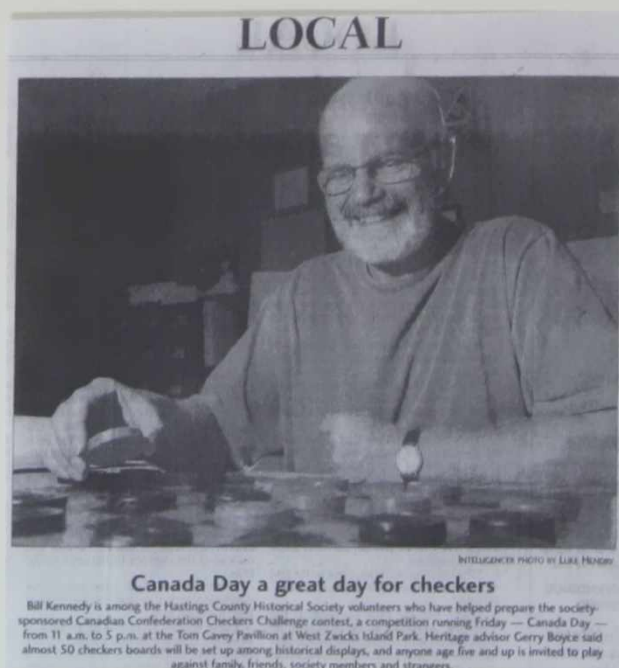


**Celebrating Canada Day
with the Hastings County
Historical Society on July 1,
2005 and 2006**



Some of the 24 Society volunteers who helped prepare and staff the 2005 Canada Day event. Here, a few days before the event, they are getting materials ready in the Society's headquarters in the Hastings Heritage Centre (formerly the Thurlow Town Hall) in Cannifton.

Standing (left to right): Mary Jane Throop, Adele Dibben, Katharine Mills, Bill Kennedy, Luella Parkhurst, Marney Black, Diane Sule
Seated (left to right): Marion Fisher, Mary McConnell



Canada Day a great day for checkers

Bill Kennedy is among the Hastings County Historical Society volunteers who have helped prepare the society-sponsored Canadian Confederation Checkers Challenge contest, a competition running Friday — Canada Day — from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Tom Cavy Pavilion at West Zwick's Island Park. Heritage advisor Gerry Boyte said almost 50 checkers boards will be set up among historical displays, and anyone age five and up is invited to play against family, friends, society members and strangers.

Advance publicity in the local press, June 30, 2005



Other July 1st Celebrations

Courtesy the *Quinte Weekly News* Collection in the
Hastings Heritage Centre





The Queen of Canada at the time that the Dominion of Canada was created.

July 1, 1878 ...
Celebrating Belleville's
New Status as a City



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July 1, 1878 . . . Celebrating Belleville's New Status as a City



PROGRAMME OF FIREWORKS

1. MARCH....."Belphegor,".....*Brupan.*
 1. Royal Salute of 21 Maroons.
 2. Balloon Ascent with Signal Lights.
 3. Fire and Elephant Race.
 4. Flight of Rockets with Silver Rain.
2. VALSE....."Fleurs d'Alsace,".....*Estiner.*
 5. Illumination of the whole of the grounds with Bengal lights.
 6. Grand Shell with Gold Rain.
 7. Mine of Saucissons.
 8. Grand Piece, representing a Fan with Star and Rose Wheel in centre.
3. SELECTION....."Montana,".....*Wallace.*
 9. Balloon Ascent discharging Fireworks.
 10. Illumination of Bengal Lights.
 11. Flight of French Asteroid Rockets.
 12. Royal Shell, Red, White and Blue.
 13. Flight of Chinese Tourbillons.
 14. Rockets, various.
 15. Monster Balloon Ascent, with Fireworks and Motto.
4. POLKA....."Belle Etoile,".....*Blancmetsar.*
 16. Flight of a Fiery Pigeon.
 17. Set Piece Spiral Wheel in Lanes Work, all colors.
 18. Descent of the great Comet.
5. VALSE....."Blue Danube,".....*Strauss.*
 19. Large Colored Shell.
 20. Flight of Tourbillons.
 21. Flight of Rockets.
 22. Flight of Tourbillons.
 23. Grand Representation of Niagara Falls, giving every shade of the water as it falls over, and being the largest ever given in the Dominion.
6. QUADRILLE....."Les Tucs de Paris,".....*E. Neker.*
 24. Flight of Rockets.
 25. Grand Shell, representing Peacock's Plume in the air.
 26. Nest of Serpents.
 27. Grand Set Piece Maltese Cross.
7. SELECTION....."Post and Peasant,".....*E. Mack.*
 28. Flight of Tourbillons.
 29. Rockets with Floating Stars.
 30. Shell with Red and Amber.
 31. Mine of Crackers.
 32. Shell with Silver Stars.
 33. Grand Fountain.
 34. Flight of Rockets.
 35. Horizontal Wheel, very fine.
8. VALSE....."Sparkling Gems,".....*Grunwald.*
 36. Flight of Rockets.
 37. Shell, all colors.
 38. Mine of Snakes.
 39. Rockets, all colors.
 40. Double Revolving Piece, very fine.
9. QUICK STEPS....."Weiber Land,".....*Faust.*
 41. Illumination of the trees.
 42. Rockets with Mauve Stars.
 43. Grand Shell with Mauve Stars.
 44. Tree Piece of Colored Gerbs.
10. GALOP....."France,".....*J. Hemmle.*
 45. GRAND CONCLUDING PIECE, so much admired at the display before Her Majesty at Windsor, commencing with Double Vertical Wheels, richly colored, changing to eight smaller ditto, marked with all colors known in art; finishing with a grand Octagon Figure in fixed cases, reported. During this beautiful piece the "COUP DE MAIN" will take place, consisting of Batteries of Roman Candles, Mines, Saucissons, Rockets, Snells and Maroons.

Grand Concluding Scene !
Being 20 feet in diameter, and the same as shown by Prof. Hano before His Excellency the Governor-General at St. Catherine's, and the largest ever shown in the Dominion, consisting of six large Stars in Lance Work, with Six Revolving Saxons, colored, and twenty-eight Monster Gerbs. In the center of this beautiful piece will appear the
Royal Coat of Arms
and **God Save the Queen.**
"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN."



GRAND Celebration !

Inauguration of the
CITY of BELLEVILLE
—ON—
Dominion Day, 1878,

The inauguration will commence with a
Grand Procession,

Consisting of Military (the 15th and 49th Battalions,) about 500 Firemen, with their respective Bands, also the Tradesmen of the City, representing the different branches of industry in full operation, and the Citizens in carriages. The procession to form at the City Hall at 10 o'clock in the morning, and headed by the Military and Old-fellows' Bands, will proceed through the principal streets of the City to the

Agricultural Grounds.

\$500 ALL CASH PRIZES.

At the hour of one o'clock, the following Programme of Athletic Sports and Caledonian Games will be proceeded with under the able management of Chief Hugh McKinnon who won the Great Athletic Championship at the International contest in Philadelphia, in 1876. In these games the most noted Athletes on the Continent will take part. Open to all comers.

List of Games and Prizes Offered for Competition.

DESCRIPTION OF GAMES	1st. 2d. 3d.
1. Putting the Heavy Stone, 21 lbs.	\$10 \$5 \$2
2. Putting the Light Stone, 14 lbs.	10 5 2
3. Standing Jump.	10 5 2
4. Reel of Fiddle in Highland Costume	10 5 2
5. Short Race, 100 yards.	10 5 2
6. Vaulting with pole.	10 5 2
7. Running Jump.	10 5 2
8. Running Hop Step and Jump.	10 5 2
9. Great Broad Jump in Highland costume.	10 5 2
10. Standing High Jump.	10 5 2
11. Running High Jump.	10 5 2
12. Bagpipe playing Strathspey and Reel	10 5 2
13. Horde Race, 200 yards.	10 5 2
14. Hitch and Kick.	10 5 2
15. One Mile Race.	15 5 2
16. Best Dressed Highlander.	10 5 2
17. Walking Match, one Mile.	10 5 2
18. Highland Fling in Costume.	10 5 2
19. Throwing the Heavy Hammer.	10 5 2
20. Throwing the Light Hammer.	10 5 2
21. Race, 440 yards.	10 5 2
22. Tossing the Caber.	10 5 2
23. Bagpipe Playing Vireoch and March	10 5 2
24. Threesome Reel, (3 Hand Reel.)	10 5 2
25. Sack Race.	10 5 2
26. Quoits, outside the Ring.	10 5 2
27. Boys' Race, 14 years and under 150 yards.	5 3 2

REGULATIONS:—1. The Rules of the North American United Caledonian Association will govern all games and competitions. 1. No person allowed inside the Ring except competitors members of the press, and judges. 3. Competitors will make their entries with the Secretary on the grounds; Four Entries in each game or no competition. 4. Last Entry to lead off. 5. An entrance fee of 25 cents will be charged for each game.

Torch Light Procession ?

A Grand Torch Light Procession of the Firemen will take place from the City Hall, at the hour of 8 o'clock, proceeding through the different streets of the City, thence to the Agricultural Grounds, where Prof. Hano, from Hamilton, will proceed with his Brilliant

DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS

He is considered to be the best Pyrotechnic Artist in the Dominion.

A Civic Banquet
will take place at 6 o'clock, p. m.

Refreshments may be procured on the Grounds from 12 o'clock to 3 p. m. Special arrangements have been made with the O. T. Railway for Single Fare east and west for that day, and Steamboats at Excursion rates. Entrance to Grounds 25cts.; Children 10cts. Entrance to Grounds, Fireworks, 15 cts.; Children 10cts.

ALEX. ROBERTSON,
Mayor
D. B. ROBERTSON,
MORGAN JELLETT, Hon. Secretary.
Hon. Treasurer.

ONTARIO Steam Press, Belleville.



Celebrating Canada Day at Belleville 2006

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**Winners in
Canadian
Confederation
Checkers
Challenge
Contest
July 1, 2006**



More than 200 players from as far away as Oshawa, Toronto and Windsor participated in the 2006 Checkers Competition.



Some of the prize winners, participants and volunteers including (left to right): Dennis Thompson (2nd prize), Mary Jane Throop, Susan Lappan, Josh Bly (1st prize), Bill Kennedy, Barb Throop and Allen Montgomery



Winners present at 7 p.m. included (left to right): Stephen Lefebvre (4th) and Josh Bly (1st) of Belleville and Dennis Thompson (2nd) of Madoc. Prizes were from the Hastings County Historical Society and Pinnacle Music Studios.