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Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 19
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Auditorium
Quinte Living Centre,
370 Front Street, Belleville

7:30 Coffee
8:00 Meeting
Guest Speaker
Lewis
Zandbergen
Topic

Slides of old Stirling

Lewis Zandbergen is a writer, researcher and historian who has a passion for history, especially the history of his home town of Stirling and of Hastings County. He is currently president of the Stirling Historical Society, editor of the *Outlook* newsletter, writes a heritage column for the Quinte Arts Council publication *Umbrella*, is researching and writing a book about Trenton's history and works as a proofreader for *The Community Press*. He also writes book reviews and is an avid genealogist. With Gerry Boyce, Kathy Karkut, Bob Gay and June Sine he co-authored *Sidney Township 200* for that municipality's 200th anniversary in 1990. "Slides of old Stirling" has been shown several times at Stirling Historical Society meetings and at the three Stirling schools' Heritage Day activities.

Showing True Colours

Flags in Ontario

by Ann Rowe

At the regular meeting of the Hastings County Historical Society held on Tuesday, April 16, 1996, at the Quinte Living Centre, guest speaker Jennifer Bunting presented an interesting history of the flags which have flown over Ontario.

Jennifer introduced the topic by examining the cultural perspective which encouraged the use of some identifying symbol. The age of chivalry, approximately 1,000 years ago, appears to be one of the earliest times in which the need to be sure of the allegiance of the knights led to the development of the jacque, a loose covering on which was an insignia. These were also displayed on banners and hung on the bowsprits of ships.

The French had originally used the red cross on white background but abandoned it. When this occurred, the English adopted this flag as the cross of St. George. This is the flag planted by John Cabot in Newfoundland.

In 1603, James VI of Scotland became James I of England. The Scottish people were reluctant to give up the symbolism of the white diagonal cross of St. Andrew on a blue background so the two were combined to form the Loyalist Jack.

In 1801, with the addition of Ireland, the red diagonal of St. Patrick on a white background was also added to form the present Union Jack.

The red ensign was the flag of the Merchant Navy and was intended to fly only over water. However, in Canada, in 1867, the red ensign was more popularly used with the emblems of the four original provinces in the lower right corner. As more provinces were added, this design be-

came too complex. The coat of arms but not until the end of World War II was any real nationalistic fervour attached.

By 1957, Prime Minister John Diefenbaker was promoting the red ensign as the Canadian flag, but it was not until 1963, under the leadership of Lester B. Pearson, that the present red and

white symbol was officially accepted. It was perceived as a neutral symbol, unrelated to Britain, and therefore acceptable to the people of Quebec.

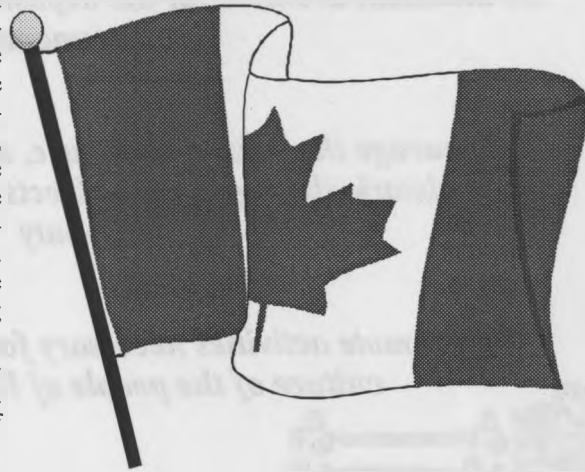
Slides of patriotic arches were also shown. The Ontario Historical Society held its 1912 annual meeting in Napanee, and everyone was en-

couraged to fly the Union Jack

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**Architectural Conservancy
of Ontario**

Quinte Region Branch Calendar

Sunday, May 19 Lonsdale
Sunday, June 16 Macaulay House, Picton
Sunday, July 21 Campbellford
Sunday, August 18 Newburgh
Sunday, September 15 Paul/King Streets, Picton
Sunday, October 20 Concession 3, Stirling to Moira
Sunday, November 17 Brighton



Mission Statement

To promote, encourage and enter into research into the history of Hastings County

To provide information and education services on the history of Hastings County to its citizens, and particularly to its students

To maintain archives for the deposit of historically significant documents

To encourage the preservation, use, maintenance and enjoyment of all historically significant objects and buildings in Hastings County

To promote activities necessary for the preservation of the culture of the people of Hastings County

Birthday of the month:

Sir Samuel Leonard Tilley



- born in Gagetown, New Brunswick, May 18, 1818 to United Empire Loyalist parents
- educated Gagetown
- employed as drug store clerk in 1831
- in 1838 began his own business; continued in trade until 1885
- elected to represent St. John in provincial legislature in 1850
- premier of New Brunswick from 1860 to 1865
- defeated 1865 on Confederation issue
- returned to power 1866
- 1867 to 1873 held several federal cabinet posts
- 1873 to 1878 lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick
- 1878 federal minister of finance
- retired 1885 to return to post of lieutenant-governor served until 1893
- died June 1896

County News

by Gerry Boyce

Ghost walk - The ghost walk on May 16 is billed as "the most fun you'll ever have in the dark." Walkers will meet many of Belleville's most colourful historical figures as they move from Glanmore to the downtown. Actors from the Belleville Theatre Guild and other interested citizens are helping to arrange the event, planned to begin at the museum at 9 p.m. Come and enjoy some interesting stories and songs from our past.

New book - Moodie Cottage was the home for many years of authors Susanna and Dunbar Moodie. Now it's home to Leo and Jackie Simpson. They hosted a recent event to help launch Leo's sixth novel, *Sailor Man*. Other events relating to *Sailor Man* are planned during the Quinte Arts Council's Two Weeks in May. **Second volume** - Congratulations to the Quinte Writers' Guild for publishing Book Two of *Dare We Forget? Stories By and About Those Who Were There*. A Canada Remembers project, the book was officially launched at a reception in the Quinte Veterans' Association Memorial Community Centre in Thurlow Township. Writers and their subjects (mostly veterans of World War II) were among the guests. The 295-page book includes stories on some 36 Quinte area wartime heroes.

Morton Archives - It was a proud day for the Morton Family as the Morton Archives was officially dedicated at the Tweed and Area Heritage Centre in mid-April. Many citizens were on hand to honour the Mortons. The Morton family conceded that most of the recognition belonged to Evan Morton, the hardworking heritage fanatic who has devoted much time and effort to the Heritage Centre. Evan's weekly heritage column is the first thing I look at when the postal service delivers *The*

Tweed News every Wednesday.

Clarification wanted: This note was in a recent "Heritage Herald" column by Evan Morton: "The brothel tokens on sale at The Heritage Centre are NOT valid in Tweed." Where are they valid, Evan? **Archaeology in school?** - "Little did the unsuspecting student at Tweed-Hungerford Senior School guess that when his foot went through the ten-

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nis court surface last week, it would lead to a little bit of Tweed history!" *Tweed News* reporter Jennifer Heffernan went on to explain that the student had put a foot into an old well. Heralded as "a major archaeological discovery at the school," the 25-foot-deep well was explored and videotaped, after which it was to be filled in.

Closed for summer - The sad news from Madoc is that buildings at the O'Hara Mill Museum complex won't be open to the public this year because of the budget cuts.

Scouting History - Scout/Guide history was celebrated on April 20 when the Belleville Scout-Guide Museum marked its 20th anniversary with an open house. Located in the well-appointed lower level of the former adult education building at Sir James Whitney School, the museum has an excellent collection of Scouting memorabilia from near and far. Hats off to Curator David Bentley and others responsible for preserving this important collection. My visit brought back happy memories of years as a Cub/Scout with the 44th (St. Giles) pack/troop in Hamilton. British Bull Dog and floor hockey were regular features.

Thanks for the memories, Dave. Incidentally, the museum can provide guided tours; contact Dave at 968-7605.

More memories - Pictures can bring back memories. That's why it's good to see most local newspapers include historical pictures on a regular basis. The "Way Back When" feature in the *Madoc Review* of April 9 had a picture of the 1907-1908 class at Rupert School. "She who must be obeyed" (aka my wife, Bev) was pleased to see several ancestors, namely Tom, Jim and Maggie Pigden.

Front page news - *The Picton Gazette*

and the *Napanee Beaver* regularly reprint entire pages from early papers. The front page of the March 2, 1860, issue of the *Picton Gazette* informed readers that "The well-known and safe propeller *Moir*" under Captain Thomas McIntosh, would commence regular trips on March 10 between Belleville and Oswego, with calls at Picton and Mill Point (Deseronto).

The reprinted pages are sponsored by community-minded businesses.

Other papers might consider this idea.

Print donated - Belleville City Hall is the recipient of an important donation from our society. We provided funds to help replace an 1874 print that hung in the vestibule. The print shows a civic reception held in the market room on the first floor to honour deaf educators from the United States and Canada who were attending a conference. Sections of woodwork shown in the 1874 print are visible in 1996. It's worth a trip to City Hall.

New tour guide - A revised self-guided tour of Belleville City Hall will help visitors discover some of the building's features. It was produced by Heritage Belleville's Section 25 Research Team: Mary Courneyea of Marmora, Tara Shiloff of Trenton, and Sean Story of Tyendinaga, aided by Andrea Clark of Belleville. The team completed its work on April 19, having conducted extensive research into Belleville's plaques, markers, monuments and cornerstones.

Still wanted - Information on the disappearing tombstones from the St. Andrew's Church/Cemetery property (at the southeast corner of Church and Victoria in Belleville) some 40 years ago. Where did they go? Call Gerry at 968-5023.

Times change - Consider this item from the Bancroft paper in October 1905, reprinted by Barney Moorhouse in his "Times Traveller" column in the *Bancroft Times*: "The usual reason urged against the pensioning of teachers is that the teacher ought to put by something for a rainy day. When it is remembered that many Ontario teachers receive as much as \$265 a year, it passes imagination to know what they do with the money. If a teacher, instead of putting by half this amount for a rainy day, chooses to indulge in the champagne, automobiles and steam yachts, what can he expect but an old age embittered by the lack of these luxuries? The salaries paid to school teachers are powerful incentives to plain living and high thinking."

Do you think the writer was serious or was it "tongue in cheek"?



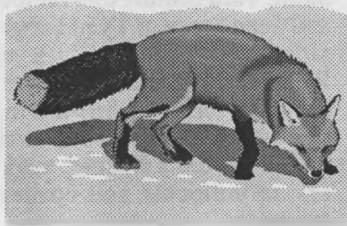
Your County Museum

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International Museum Day is Saturday, May 18. Come and enjoy your museum from 1:00 to 4:30. Free admission!

Our new exhibit

The art and science of taxidermy will run until August and features the award winning work of taxidermist Dave Mitchell of Quinte Taxidermy. On display are excellent examples of such species as the great horned owl, the American kestrel, green-winged teal, fox and bear cub. The changes in taxidermy as an art form are highlighted with a display of older pieces on loan from the Trent Port Historical Society.

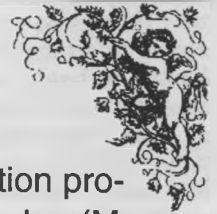


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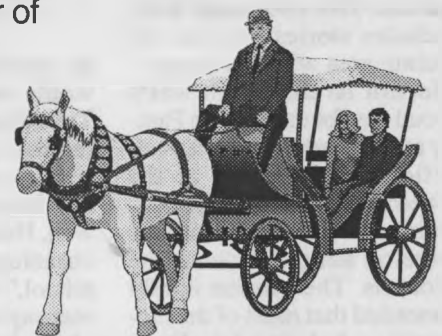
The museum's next education programme, Victorians in the garden (May 28 - June 21), will feature Victorian garden games and the use of herbs. The volunteers workshop for this programme will take place Thursday, May 23, 9:30 at the museum.

A Summer Evening At Glanmore

New special event fund raiser presented by the Hastings County Museum Auxiliary.

Wednesday, June 19, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The evening's festivities include a fashion show by "Porcupine Needles," refreshments, a tour of Glanmore and horse-drawn surrey rides for the low admission of \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.



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Dinosaurs downtown

Until August 6 in Century Place, Belleville. Support the restoration of our National Historic Site (Glanmore) while enjoying a 3,500-square-foot exhibit which features a life-size tyrannosaurus rex skeleton, triceratops, bone bed and computer programme on dinosaurs. Thanks to a Section 25 grant from Human Resources Development Canada, we welcome our dinosaur staff Scott Miller and Allison Bird. Allison will soon begin a new position as Assistant Curator at Ameliasburgh Historical Museum. Her replacement at Dinosaurs Downtown is Tammy King. Welcome!

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