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Back To School In Hastings County's Carlow Township!



This photograph is identified only as a school in Carlow Township. It is dated 1891. Carlow Township is located just northeast of Bancroft. Life up in that neck of the woods nearly one hundred and twenty years ago would have been rough. There were no yellow school buses, and logging and farming, two sources of work, provided meagre incomes

for the pioneering families who lived there. Many of the children are not wearing shoes and some of them undoubtedly walked a distance to get to class. Some of the school's windows are broken. Central heating would have been the iron stove in the middle of the building. The good old days and the simple life.

Hastings Heritage Centre Photo

Help for Ladies with Big Ears!

Under the heading of “A False Impression” the *Daily Intelligencer* reported in a May 1867 edition that “false ears of flesh colour made from India rubber have been invented for the use of ladies with large ears. They are used in front of the real ears which are drawn back and concealed under the hair.”

Carlow & Mayo, Hastings County

The school children shown on the front page of this issue were residents of what were once the townships of Carlow and Mayo in Hastings County. The townships were amalgamated into one municipality on January 1, 2000. Their Irish names reveal the townships’ origins from settlement by Irish immigrants in the mid-1800s. Agriculture, mining and lumbering have been the economic mainstays of Carlow/Mayo. *Source: Heritage Atlas of Hastings County*

Town of Madoc in Earlier Days



We don't know who the young man on the roof wearing the hat is but he's got a good view of how Madoc's main street looked back in 1870. The sign on the nearest building reads W.B. O'Flynn. Beyond is the Windsor Hotel. According to the *Heritage Atlas of Hastings County*, Madoc was once known as MacKenzie's Mills. *Hastings Heritage Centre Photo*

HCHS Fall Banquet

November 7

Ramada Inn, Belleville



Book your tickets now for the Society's annual banquet to be held on Saturday, November 7 at Belleville's Ramada Inn. The guest speaker will be noted Canadian historian and author Charlotte Gray (above photo). Tickets are available from Dick Hughes at **613-961-7772**. In the past these banquets have been sell-outs so don't wait. You'll be treated to an excellent dinner and an entertaining evening.

Transatlantic Cable A Poetic Marvel!

On August 5, 1858 after four failed attempts, the Transatlantic cable from Ireland to Newfoundland became a reality. It was a technological marvel and in terms of communications between the old world and the new a glorious achievement! The North American public was enthralled by the fact that news could be received hours before it had been sent! (the time difference had meant little until then).

Songs, speeches and poems about the cable became a hot topic. In the HASTINGS CHRONICLE in the fall of 1858 poems were printed, two of them being *Hymn of the Atlantic* and *The Silent Cable*. Here is a sampling of each one.

Hymn of the Atlantic

Bow, Science, bow thy head in awe,
With Lightning chain in hand,
Be still, as through the ocean's depths,
Thou bindest land to land;

For thou hast wrought a miracle,
Next to the Son of God,
Thou walkest down on sea's dark floor,
High on its waves He trods.

The Silent Cable

The cable! The cable!
When will it be able
To break the long silences of death!
What if it be found
That the poor thing is drowned,
And cannot recover its breath!

Or perhaps it keeps mum,
And pretends to be dumb,
Just like the old crow in the fable;
It takes gentle flattery,
And not 'sault and battery,
To make people communicable.

Perhaps not Tennyson or Keats, but they give a sense of the wonder of what at that time must surely have been a giant step for mankind.

CANADA DAY UPDATE 2009

By Gerry Boyce

Canada Day was an exciting time for many members of the Society. Once again the Tom Gavey Pavilion housed various historical activities. Participating groups included our Society, Glanmore National Historic Site and Heritage Belleville (a committee of Belleville City Council). Displays were open from 11:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The nearby Hastings and Prince Edward Regimental Museum display was a bonus with its various presentations and camouflage face painting.

The excellent program, fine weather and midweek timing combined to provide a larger than usual turnout.

Our displays were staffed by 16 Society volunteers and several Glanmore and Heritage Belleville volunteers. Bruce Bedell (Society and Town Crier) opened the pavilion.

The Scavenger Hunt was more successful than previous years. One hundred and twenty-seven visitors participated. Local entrants came from Belleville (91), Quinte West (14), Stirling (5), Prince Edward County (6), Tyendinaga Township (4). Distant entrants came from Hamilton, Barrie and Toronto.

The draw for the Scavenger Hunt took place on the main stage at 5 o'clock. Winners were Brandon Urch, R.R. 2 Roslin...a Yamaha keyboard donated by PINNACLE MUSIC STUDIOS; Carson Cross, R.R. 4 Stirling...MP 3 Player donated by RED BALL RADIO LTD.; and Claudia Eyre, Belleville...the book *Belleville: A Popular History* donated by Gerry Boyce. *Cont'd. on page 4*

HCHS Archive Angels Back At School



Luella Parkhurst, Marney Black and Katharine Mills were among the Archive Angels who participated in the St. Theresa Catholic Secondary School historical event earlier this year. Gerry Boyce, who organized the HCHS display, stands in the background.

Artillery Derailment A Local Debacle



A scene from the Boer War? No, this debacle was the result of the derailment of an artillery train of the 11th and 16th Batteries near the Bay of Quinte on June 9, 1903. The photograph was taken by Harriet Amelia May, a citizen of the village of Enterprise, just north of Napanee. *Hastings Heritage Centre Archive Photo*

The meek shall inherit the earth - if that's all right with you.

Anonymous

Canada Day

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Winners in the Society's Checker Contest were Valerie Jordon, Amber Smith and Tim Linnard, all of Belleville Ward. There were 181 entries in the draw. The local jig-saw picture puzzles (including five new ones) were also popular.

At a subsequent meeting of the Archive Angels (volunteers at the Hastings Heritage Centre) it was agreed unanimously that the Society should participate in 2010 and suggestions were made about possible improvements.

Dr. Russell Scott

The Society extends its sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. Russell Scott. Dr. Scott was a well known medical doctor, a former mayor of Belleville and a Life Member of the Hastings County Historical Society.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Speaker
Judy Wearing

Topic

Thomas Edison's Concrete Piano:
16 Great Inventors And Their Not
So Great Inventions

Monthly meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are held
in the Auditorium of the Quinte Living
Centre, 370 Front Street, Belleville

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