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New Year, New Location, New Program!

Richard Hughes

While protecting and promoting our colourful past, the Historical Society is always looking to the future and how best to serve our members and all residents of Belleville, Quinte West and Hastings County. As we begin the New Year, we are also taking the giant step forward of bringing an exciting, new public presentation in January as we mark the 200th birthday of Sir John A. Macdonald. And this major event will be brought to you at our new location, **Maranatha**, at 100 College Street West.

After many years at the Quinte Living Centre, the Society's successful public presentations have simply outgrown the auditorium and necessitated the move to a larger and more modern facility. Maranatha features very comfortable seating, a professional sound system with giant screen for our pictures and films and convenient parking right at the door.

On January 20th, we will welcome Sir John A. Macdonald and Lady Agnes in person as they bring the stories of his accomplishments as the Father of our country and their own personal stories of their lives and times. Brian and Renee Porter of Brockville bring our first prime minister and his wife to life with amazing accuracy. There will also be other special features relating to Sir John A. and a blazing birthday cake to mark the occasion.

So, come on out on January 20th at 7:30 p.m. at Maranatha, using the entrance and parking at the rear of the building. Bring your friends and neighbours. For further information see the poster on page 8 or phone 613-961-7772.

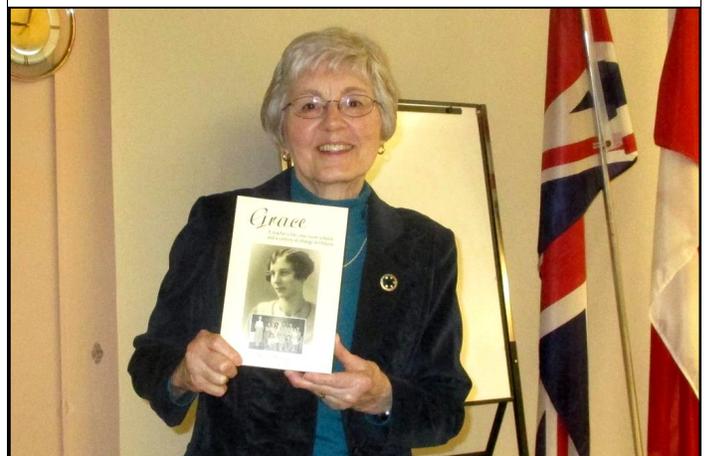
Grace Dayman, One-Room Schools, a Teacher's Life

By Bill Kennedy

When Grace Dayman reached her 100th birthday in 2007, she told her daughter, Dr. Millie Morton, that she wanted a party. One of the guests invited to that party, which was duly organized, was a former principal of a school where she had worked as a teacher. "Grace, I need you to teach next week," he told her. "Are you available?" Her answer was an emphatic "Yes!"

Millie Morton has captured the life and spirit of her mother in her book titled *Grace*, which was the subject of her presentation to the Historical Society's November public event. It is based on the stories her mother told her and on the letters and scrapbooks that she kept.

Grace was born in Campbellford in 1907. She was one of five children whose family lived by subsistence farming and where everyone was expected to pitch in with the farm work. By the time she was ten years old, Grace understood what was needed to take care of the food requirements for the family for an entire year. They rarely went to a store, and Grace's mother's credo was "Don't buy anything you don't have the money for." Children were raised to be honest, polite, caring and generous.



Millie Morton with her book "Grace" Photo - Donna Fano

When she was sixteen, a big event in her life was getting her first haircut.

Upon graduation from high school and normal school, Grace went on to become a one-room school teacher. In the first half of the twentieth century, rural Ontario had over 5,000 of these schools to which most children had to walk. The schools were frequently without electricity. Heating in winter was a smoky wood stove, and you kept your coat on. In late spring, mosquitoes could be a plague due to a lack of screens. This would have made memorizing the mandatory two hundred lines of poetry even more of a chore for each student. At the call of nature, there was the outhouse, regardless of the temperature, and everybody drank from the same dipper in the water bucket drawn from the well.

Slates were used to write on as paper was expensive. Books were scarce, but as a girl, one of Grace's favourites was *A Girl of the Limberlost* by Gene Stratton-Porter, one of the most popular women novelists of the period. This book Grace read and reread. The social event of the year in the one-room rural school was the school Christmas concert, and as the teacher, you were expected to do a good job in organizing and presenting it. Failure to deliver on this important event might mean not being rehired for the following school year. It wasn't until 1933 that school boards were required to offer contracts to teachers.

Back in Grace's teaching days, the strap was common punishment for misbehaviour. But Grace didn't like using it, and on one occasion, she found a novel solution to correct a problem. A young boy was in the habit of hitting and kicking other students in the playground, and no matter what Grace did, she couldn't make him stop. So one day she brought him in, tied his hands behind his back and sent him out again. The bad apple learned his lesson.

When Grace married Berton Dayman in 1937 (and paid \$37 for her wedding dress), it marked the end of her teaching career until the 1950s. This was not because she wanted to retire (in 1937, the one-room school teacher's yearly salary was \$650), but because school policy forbade the hiring of married women. It wasn't until after World War II when there was a shortage of teachers that the policy was discontinued, and she could return to do what she loved. Children, she believed, were the country's greatest asset.

When Grace taught in the 1920s and 1930s, it was customary in rural Ontario for teachers to have a least one meal with the family of each one of her students during the school year, and sometimes this would require an overnight stay. One day towards the end of her life when Millie was taking her for a drive around her old stomp-

ing grounds, Grace commented, "I've slept in every house in that community." Millie (with a chuckle) had to explain that nowadays you shouldn't put it that way.

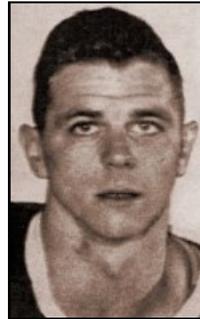
Millie Morton's talk struck a special chord with at least half the audience. When she asked how many had gone to one-room schools, at least half of those in attendance put up their hands. Her book can be purchased from the Community Archives in Cannifton.



The Macs Who Stayed – Part Two

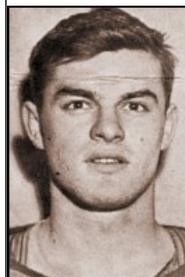
By Vern Whalen

As a follow-up to Part One of "The Macs Who Stayed" in November's *Outlook*, here is an account of four other men who came to Belleville to play for the McFarlands hockey team and decided to stay.



Wayne "Weiner" Brown was born in Deloro in 1930 and played his junior hockey for the St. Catharines Teepees. Beginning in 1951, he played six years in the Western Hockey League in Tacoma, Seattle and Victoria. In 1953–54 with the Seattle Bombers, he scored an amazing total of forty-nine goals. This feat earned Brown a four-game stint with the NHL

Boston Bruins in the Stanley Cup playoffs. Known as "Weiner," he joined the Macs in their second season when they won the Allan Cup and was part of the World Championship team in 1959. He and his line mates Ike Hildebrand and Bart Bradley each weighed only 150 lbs. After the Macs folded, Brown played minor pro hockey in Clinton and Syracuse before playing with the Belleville Mohawks in the late 1960s. At the age of forty-two, he played his last game with the Senior A Belleville Quintes. He worked for many years at Union Carbide (Bakelite) and was a prominent softball umpire in the Belleville area. Weiner met his wife, Irene, while playing hockey in St. Catharines, and they still reside in Belleville, sixty-five years after their marriage.



Born in 1935, defenceman **Lionel Botley** played Major Junior A hockey for the Hamilton Tiger Cubs and Guelph Biltmores. Among his teammates in Guelph were future NHLers Bill McCreary and Eddie Shack. Lionel played one year of senior hockey in Amherst, Nova Scotia, before joining the Macs to play four years beginning in 1956. He was on both championship teams and later

played for the Belleville Mohawks in the late 1960s. Lionel became a well-known and successful realtor in Belleville and is still active part time. The youngest of all the Belleville McFarlands, he has been active in old-timer hockey until very recently.



Fiori Goegan was born in 1927 in Fort William, Ontario, and played his junior hockey for the St. Catharines Teepees in the late 1940s. He was captain of that team, and one teammate was Wayne “Weiner” Brown. “Goegie,” as he was called, later played with Victoria in the Western Hockey League where

Brown was again a teammate. In 1959, the McFarlands picked up Goegan from the Senior A North Bay Trappers for the World Championship. After his Mac days, Goegan played semi-pro in Milwaukee, Omaha and Syracuse. In Belleville, he worked for many years driving a cement truck for Lafarge Cement. In the early 1970s, he joined the Mead Johnson team in the Gas House League in Belleville. There he played with his son Mike and this author, who was the goalie on the team. After a game in 1975, “Goegie” suffered a major, fatal heart attack in the dressing room. He was only forty-eight years old.



Floyd Crawford was born in 1928 in Valleyfield, Quebec. Before joining the McFarlands for the first year in 1956, he played eight years in Chicoutimi and one in Rimouski of the Quebec Hockey League. While in that league, he was the property of the Montreal Canadiens with whom he had a few tryouts. With the Macs, he was immediately chosen the captain and retained that honour for four

years. It was Floyd who accepted the Allan Cup and World Championship Trophy on behalf of the team. He was known as a rushing defenceman, but could also hand out punishing bodychecks and always logged more ice time than any other rear guard. Floyd would never back down from a fistic battle and was known to take on his Whitby Dunlop captaincy counterpart, Harry Sinden. After the Mac days, he played semi-pro hockey in Omaha, Des Moines and Syracuse. When senior hockey returned to Belleville in the late 1960s, Floyd was the playing coach. After his playing days, he coached local rep hockey, Belleville Junior B Bobcats and Junior A hockey in Cornwall and Guelph. He was also the chief scout for the Belleville Bulls for several years. While playing in Quebec, he met and married a French Canadian girl Pauline with whom he had eight children. Three of their seven sons, Bobby, Mark and Lou made it to the NHL. At the age of eighty-six, Floyd and Pauline still reside in

Belleville.

For the four years of their existence, the Belleville McFarlands brought distinction to the city of Belleville. Their two championships in 1958 and 1959 were a testament to the talented hockey players who were scouted and decided to pursue hockey careers in our city. Belleville was further blessed when eight of these men decided to become lasting citizens and raise their families here.

To Gordie Bell, Jean Paul Lamirande, Lou Smrke, Eddie Marineau, “Weiner” Brown, Lionel Botley, Fiori Goegan and Floyd Crawford, we say, thank you for the great hockey, and especially for remaining part of the City of Belleville.

ON THE HOME FRONT AND CHRISTMAS OVERSEAS

December, 1914 and January, 1915

By Laurel Bishop

As money was collected through patriotic teas and concerts, donations of clothing and hospital supplies grew, while citizens read in *The Intelligencer* about Christmas on Salisbury Plain and in the hospital at Le Touquet, France.

December 1: “London. On October 22nd, the Committee of the Ladies’ Empire Club held a reception to welcome the 105 Canadian Nurses, among whom was Miss Geen, of Belleville, who arrived a few days before, ... Dr. G.R. Parkin was asked to convey to his compatriots the welcome of the club. He said we welcomed them as having come “home.” ... In time of war he thought woman’s lot was harder than the man’s. She had not the joy of strife and of victory—she had the long lonely hours.” (page 2)

December 1: “Some members of the local Polly Anna Club and some Polly Anns who are not members of the club, have been showing practical sympathy for the poor Belgian children by contributing and collecting \$23.35 for the unfortunate ones. The look of triumphant satisfaction on the faces of these little girls as they handed in the amounts collected by each of them showed that their hearts were in the work.” (page 7)

December 5: “Mr. E. Guss Porter, K.C., M.P., ... has, as a result of his energy, received the assurance from Major -General Sam Hughes that our city will be given the opportunity of providing for volunteers to the third contingent up to its full limit. In other words, Belleville shall have all she can handle. ... the fact, from a patriotic viewpoint, that the city on the bay is ready to give comfort and cheer to our brave boys while in preparation for

service abroad will redound to its historical credit.” (page 1)

December 31: “Final Meeting of City Council for Year 1914. Col. Marsh, commanding officer of the regiment, addressed the Council. The regiment had responded to the two calls for volunteers and they had already gone to the front. ... Recruiting for the third contingent was now necessary and the expense was great. For the third contingent it would be necessary to go outside of the city to procure recruits and the expense would be considerable. ... Capt. A.P. Allen said that ... We can only secure men by scouring the country and this meant expense, and there are no funds in the regimental treasury to meet it. ... A motion prevailed that the sum of \$200 be granted to the 15th Regiment for the purpose of assisting in the mobilisation of the third contingent.” (page 1)

January 2: “Belleville Sunday Schools to Send Flour Across the Seas. By a suggestion from Mr. D.V. Sinclair in his address at the Sunday School gathering in Bridge street church on New Years’ Day, that one hundred bags of flour be sent to the Belgian sufferers from Belleville’s Sunday Schools, the superintendents met after the meeting and voted unanimously to place envelopes in the various churches to-morrow. ... Let the response be liberal.” (page 1)

January 11: “Handsome Returns from the City Churches—\$769.68 The Total Returns. ... Every Sabbath School took a lively interest in the effort. The results surpassed the expectations.” (page 3)

January 12: “A prominent local resident (not a milling man, or interested therein) has dropped the suggestion in the ear of The Intelligencer scribe that it would be an excellent plan to secure the flour from Belleville flour mills, thus not only furnishing the money, but procuring the finished product within the city limits. What is to hinder our shipping direct from our own city, providing it can be procured as cheaply as elsewhere. ... Let us patronize home, if possible.” (page 1)

January 12: “Quinte Chapter I.O.D.E. of this city, yesterday afternoon opened up a tea room in the eastern part of the millinery department of the Ritchie Company store, and will continue it for at least four weeks. The spacious and comfortable apartment was kindly donated to the chapter by the firm, and it has been transformed into a room of beauty and comfort. Flags and bunting are in profusion, being arranged in a most artistic manner. ... The proceeds are in aid of the Children’s Aid Society of this city, and the Belgium fund. ... Suitable music is rendered during the serving of refreshments.” (page 3)

January 13: “My brother, Fred, who is in the 2nd Battery, ... spent Christmas in the hospital, and strange part of it was that the nurse who attended him was Miss Geen from

this city. ... He speaks very highly of the care he received, especially from Miss Geen and he states that she went to considerable trouble to decorate their room for Christmas and that Christmas morning General Alderson paid a visit to the hospital and complimented Miss Geen for her efforts. ... Yours very truly, H. Wallace.” (page 7)

January 18: “Mrs. O’Flynn received a cable from Captain O’Flynn this morning. ... Letters were also received describing Christmas. ... A splendid dinner was served to the men and a very enjoyable concert given under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. The boys were cheerful but many of them had a lonesome look and the Captain said one could see that their thoughts were far away across the sea. At the dinner of the officers in the evening the toast “To the loved ones at home” was very impressive and the description is a splendid one.” (page 1)

January 19: “A very pleasing event was the Patriotic Tea for the benefit of our Belleville boys, held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Clarke, Church Street, from four to six o’clock, yesterday afternoon, which was attended by a large number of our representative citizens. The house was tastefully decorated with flags and red, white and blue colors, and on the table an immense basket containing red and white roses, French lilies, Scotch thistle, maple leaves, and in the absence of the shamrock, an Irish flag. The dining room harmonized in colors, and throughout the effect was beautiful. Home-baked goods were on sale, including candies, and the patronage was most liberal, resulting in returns to the amount of fifty dollars.” (page 3)

January 20: “A letter has just been received from Miss Ethel Ridley, asking for games, playing cards, cigarettes and magazines for wounded soldiers in one of our Canadian Hospitals in France. Any donations sent before Monday will be gladly added to a box being sent by Miss Faulkner, 62 W. Bridge Street.” (page 2)

January 21: “Belleville has three nurses with the first contingent: Miss Ethel Ridley, as matron, and Miss Nida Denmark are with Dr. Shillington in the Canadian Hospital at Le Touquet, in France, and Miss Geen in one of the hospitals at Salisbury Plains. ... the following extracts from Miss Denmark to her mother, Mrs. Geo. Denmark, will be of interest. ... we are terribly busy in this new hospital. I am in the operating room with two other nurses. ... We have named the wards after the Provinces in the Dominion. ... You people at home know about twice as much war news as we do, not having time to read the papers. You may depend on it, though, when I get home to Canada, I am not going to talk about this war—it is unspeakable and awful. ... At Christmas time ... those in charge did all they could to make it a jolly and bright day. The place was decorated

with pine from the forest near, and with bunting and flags sent by societies and different people in England. Each man found in the morning a red stocking tied to the foot of his cot, which was filled with small toys, candies, nuts and some useful article at the bottom. In the afternoon a concert was held, at which many prominent London entertainers took part.” (page 7)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES ANNUAL BUS TOUR DETAILS



John A. Macdonald Photo by George Lancefield, Library & Archives Canada

In Search of Sir John A.

by Mary-Lynne Morgan

Which rascal statesman was born two hundred years ago this January? None other than our own Sir John A. Macdonald, the man who created Canada! Born in Scotland, Macdonald grew up and became prominent in nearby Kingston and the County.

The Historical Society will use his life in this area as the theme for our annual

historic bus tour in 2015. Spend the day on a luxurious Franklin touring coach on **Saturday, May 23 (not the long weekend)**, visiting the places that were significant in Sir John A.’s life: where he was raised, where his family lived, where he worked and where he is buried.

Long-time historical sleuth, Bill Hunt, along with several other colourful commentators will give you an insight into Sir John A.’s life and times. Find out why the Macdonald family moved so often. See the sites of two of Macdonald’s family businesses. Visit the pioneer Old Hay Bay Church. Find out why the Picton Court House and Napanee were significant in both his early and later life. Enjoy the scenery along historic Loyalist Parkway and Adolphus Reach.

Your ticket at \$70 includes a delicious lunch overlooking Collins Bay and three guided tours. In the afternoon, visit Sir John A.’s home (Bellevue House) and where he worked (the magnificent Kingston City Hall). Find out how he won so many re-elections! See where he is buried and who is right beside him! This will be a great day, packed with interesting sites to see and juicy tidbits about

our first prime minister as only historian, Bill Hunt, can discover.

Tickets will go on sale to the general public in February. These tours usually sell out quite quickly, so book early! For more information, go to the Historical Society’s new website, www.hastingshistory.ca, or to book your reservation, contact Mary-Lynne Morgan at 613-961-7091.

Calendar of Coming Events

Saturday, May 23, 2015 - *In Search of Sir John A.*
The annual Hastings County Historical Society day-long bus tour includes three guided tours of significant locations in his life and a delicious lunch for only \$70. Book early as these tours are usually sold out. For more information, see www.hastingshistory.ca or to order tickets, call M. L. Morgan at 613-961-7091.



News from the Archives

By Sharon White

Archives Website—cabhc.ca

The new year brings another new website. The Community Archives of Belleville and Hastings County (acronym *cabhc*) has created an online space to tell our stories and show our past from the viewpoint of the archival materials.

For example, *Outlook* readers will have seen Laurel Bishop’s selections from the *Intelligencer* newspapers of World War I vintage, illustrating how the Great War affected life “on the home front” in our area. Highlights are being published in *Outlook*, but you can read fuller versions on the Internet at cabhc.ca. Laurel is posting the articles so they appear on the website exactly 100 years after the date they were in the newspaper, and she is adding pictures from the Archives to show some of the people and places named.

The *cabhc* website will also feature some of our new or newly described acquisitions as well as research by the volunteers. Images of some of the display panels created for exhibits are also there, with more to arrive soon. Have a look at www.cabhc.ca.

Survey of Heritage Institutions



Source: Community Archives of Belleville and Hastings County (HC03236)

Postcard showing the Armouries and Post Office on Bridge Street
cabhc HC03236

The federal government Department of Canadian Heritage recently issued the results of its *Survey of Heritage Institutions: 2011*. The full report (14 pages) is available on the Internet at:

<http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1413470724735>.

A few highlights:

Visits to heritage institutions remain among favourite pastimes in Canada—totalling almost 45 million in 2011, with nearly half of these visits to museums.

There were 137 million online visits to heritage institutions' websites, with the most online traffic to archives (over 50 million visits), followed by museums (44 million).

As might be expected, archives house the largest number of artefacts or documents or items (59%), followed by museums (35%).

There were over 1.8 million members of heritage institutions in Canada.

Heritage institutions received over 572,000 research requests in 2011, with over 65% received by archives and 25% by museums.

Revenues for all heritage institutions in Canada exceeded \$1.73 billion in 2011, with about two-thirds of this amount being “unearned revenue”—mainly contributions from government.

Almost half of all expenditures was for wages and compensation for paid staff.

Volunteers outnumbered paid staff by approximately three to one. Of 128,000 workers in heritage institutions, about 96,000 were volunteers.

Volunteers donated over 6,000,000 hours of work in heritage institutions in 2011.

The survey covered not-for-profit establishments classified as “heritage institutions”—those whose purpose is to preserve, interpret, and provide public access to their artefacts, documents, specimens, buildings and sites of cultural and educational value, i.e., museums, archives, non-commercial art galleries, historic sites, zoos, and botanical gardens. The sample size was 2234 institutions, with a 45% response rate, including more than three-quarters of Canada’s largest heritage institutions.

This is the first such survey conducted by the Department of Canadian Heritage, and the first time archives have been included. Surveys up to 2010 were carried out by Statistics Canada and covered different institutions and subjects.

Santa Arrived!

Actually, it was the Hastings County Historical Society that gave a wonderful present to the Archives last month, in the form of a new microfilm reader-scanner. The Archives has some older machines that allow viewing microfilm and microfiche, but not scanning or printing from them. Now, thanks to the Historical Society, our volunteers and visitors will be able to use a modern new digital reader that can also scan (and print). Thank you, historical-minded Santa, for this exciting and very useful gift!



Dedication of the marble monument for the Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment took place on Saturday November 1 at the new Court House. It was attended by various dignitaries including the mayor and MP Daryl Kramp attended the event. *Photo—Bill Kennedy*



Holiday Celebration of Volunteers *by Sharon White*



The 2014 year-end celebration to honour the Archives Volunteers was well-attended, with most of the volunteers from the Archives and Historical Society Board of Directors there as well as a few other honoured guests and partners.

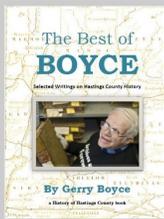
Many thanks to all who contributed their time and talents to support the work of the Archives in 2014:

Laurel Bishop, Marney Black, Gerry Boyce, Breanna Brethour, Ann Butryn, Al Cleary, Jeanne

Delaney, Kieran Delaney, Adele Dibben, Donna Fano, Lois Foster, Lorna Garbutt, Richard Hughes, Janet Johnston, Bill Kennedy, Haley Letch, Matthew Lutz, Renee McWilliam, Elizabeth Mitchell, Bobby-Jo Morris, Annis Ross, Diane Sule, Mary Jane Throop, Joan Warbis, and Nick White.

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The Best of Boyce *by Gerry Boyce*

It is beyond question that Gerry Boyce is the foremost historian and historical author in our region. The recently released book, *The Best of Boyce*, captures the highlights of his lifetime of writing in one very readable form. This 175-page collection relates many of the amazing tales that Gerry Boyce has unearthed over the years. *The Best of Boyce* is available at the Heritage Centre, Cannifton and at the Historical Society's Public Events, \$19.95.



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Note: Earlier Deadlines in 2015!

Final submissions of articles and photos for the February *Outlook* newsletter are due **Friday, January 23, 2015** with the goal to get the *Outlook* out on the first Monday of each month. Early submissions are most welcome. Mailing date for the *Outlook* will be on February 2, 2015.



Hastings County Historical Society Presentation

Topic: AN EVENING WITH SIR JOHN A. & THE MISSUS

Come celebrate the bicentennial of Sir John A.'s birth when re-enactors Brian & Renee Porter from Brockville present an in-costume portrayal of our most famous politician and his wife.

Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Maranatha

100 College Street West, Belleville

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