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Greenfield School celebrated Canada's 50th Birthday, 100 years ago.

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L.T.I. HISTORICAL SOCIETY FALL 2017 MEETINGS -

September 18, 2017 - The History of Banking in Lansdowne -
(A group from the Bank of Montreal).

October 16, 2017 - History of the Gananoque Reporter Newspaper - (Paul Scott).

November 20, 2017 - Township of Leeds and Thousand Islands
Historical Moments - (Curtis Jackson).

All meetings start at 7:30 p.m. in the Seniors Room, 1 Jessie St., Lansdowne.

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NEWSLETTERS

As our newsletter binder was growing large, we have decided to split it into two.

Back copies of our newsletters are available for \$2.50 each

Copies 1 through 20 are now available in a three ring binder. Cost \$62.00

Copies 21 through 40 - Cost \$62.00 - Binders with all copies 1-45 are still available. Ask for price.

Due to the weight and high cost of postage, if these have to be mailed, postage will have to be added.

Also available now is a binder with a coloured cover insert or the coloured cover insert alone.

Ask the Executive for prices.

Heritage Organization Grant

The Historical Society made an application to the Provincial Ministry of Culture for a Heritage Organization Development Grant. Our application was approved, and we received \$1,545.00

This grant will be used to cover the cost of preparation and distribution of our Newsletters.

We wish to thank the Ministry of Culture for this assistance.



The Leeds and 1000 Islands Historical Society
Has
TWO PROJECTS ARE ONGOING AT THIS TIME!
We are asking for your help once again!

We are researching the **History of Lansdowne**. Do you have old bills, menus from restaurants, memorabilia, old pictures, maps, old books, fair ribbons or mementos, Church bulletins, etc.?

If you are willing to show them to us:

PLEASE CONTACT:

Glenda Olivier

613 328-0958 or 613 659 3803

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We are also researching **The Old Trains and the Trains Which Passed Through Lansdowne**. Do you have an old schedule, picture, menu, or memorabilia of any kind related to the trains?

Do you have a picture or painting of the old Lansdowne Train Station?

We would also be interested in pictures of the trains being refueled, loaded and unloaded.

PLEASE CONTACT:

Wilhelmina Lacelle 613 659 3836

lacellew@1000island.net

Anything you can contribute will be greatly appreciated.

YEAR IN REVIEW 2015-2016

**FROM THE SECRETARY'S ANNUAL
REPORT**



September 15, 2015 –
Steve Manders showed us Ghost Railways of Ontario.



October 19, 2015 –
Ed Clark took us on an aerial tour of the Building of the St. Lawrence Seaway.



YEAR IN REVIEW 2015-2016

FROM THE SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

November



November 16, 2015 –

Bill Boulton reviewed his new book "Lansdowne Then & Now, Village Streets and Country Lanes".

July



July 15-17, 2016 –
Lansdowne Fair Display

March 21, 2016 –
Doug Bond gave his
"Perception on a
Wedge of Cheddar
Cheese".



April

Grace

April

A teacher's life, one-room schools,
and a century of change in Ontario



April 18, 2016 –

Millie Morton talked about her book "Grace" which recorded her mother's teaching career in one room schools.



T H E B E A T T Y D I A R I E S

To keep with the Canada 150 Theme, these selected entries are from January to July 1867

1867

- Jan. 1** David and Mrs. Hicock came up from Beverly.
2 Made a door for the granary. Snow.
5 Billie helped Henry Bradley to thrash. The Rev. Mr. Moody came down last night.
7 Went to Township meeting and voted for Cook, Lindsey, Cornet and Bradley.
9 Killed a hog and scalded arm. Had to get Younger to help.
10 Went to Agricultural meeting and was elected President.
21 Snowing and blowing this morning and all day. The road is completely blocked.
- Feb. 18** Ad came home from Delta this afternoon. Heavy rain at night. I tried to comb some wool. It is very slow.
20 Went to funeral of Robert Copeland son of Samuel Copeland. The Rev. Mr. Auld preached. There were 42 sleighs.
22 Ad went to J. Blairs. Got some rails cut. A little snow. Ellen and me went to J.F. Deans on a visit to see his father-in-law Mr. Bilton. He came from Glasgow. We spent a very pleasant night.
- Mar. 5** Ad went to Gananoque to work, the spoke factory.
9 I went to Armstrong woods. Got a load of wood. Stormed most of day. Snow, east wind. Went to Elijha Landon, his wife died yesterday.
11 Went to funeral of Mrs. Landon. She was buried at the Ebenezer Church. The Rev. Mr. Auld preached.
23 Billie went to Young with his mother and Aunt Jannet to see her father. The roads is bad.
24 I boiled 12 pails of sap. It did not go well.
- Apr. 2** Worked in the sugar bush all morning. Rain in the afternoon.
5 Raining and freezing this morning. Snow and rain all day.
17 Planted 12 maple, hickory and basswood along the quarry.
24 Planted 8 more maple trees along the barn and 1 at south end west corner of orchard. Billie went to Gananoque with Isabela. She is going to school there. Ellen and Isabela came home from Gananoque last night on the express.
- There are no items in May.**
- June 15** Rev. Mr. Gordon preached in the schoolhouse. He was here all night. Billie took him to Reeds. He preached there in the afternoon.
19 Went to the funeral of Wm Webster. He was buried at the Taylors. The Rev. Mr. Carrol preached. There was over 80 buggies and wagons. It was the largest funeral I ever saw.
24 Worked on the roads. Billie went to Robert Allen for some lumber for S. Graham. Allen was not at home.
30 Went to Caintown to see Adam Armstrong. He is very bad with a cough. Isabella went with me. We went down on the Express. Rob Beatty met us. Warm day.
- July 1** **Came home from Caintown. Had to walk home. There was no trains running. It was a holiday.**



The C.O.C.F. No 151, in Lansdowne:

It is thought that the lady on the far left of the picture might be Verma Peck.

Is that verifiable? Can you help identify others in the picture? Or can you provide any details about this fraternal organization? Can you help solve the mystery of the window clothing display which does not match with the clothing worn by the people in the picture? Contact Glennda Olivier 613-659-3803 or email glenndaolivier@yahoo.com

Picture from the Collection of Nancy Webster.
Supplied by Connie Burns.



In the 1920's and earlier, the building most commonly known as the Drug Store was the home of a local chapter of the Circle of Chosen Friends (formerly the Order of Chosen Friends), Chapter No. 151. Notice the beautiful clothing display in the store windows. These clothing styles don't seem to be consistent with the dress of the people in the picture.

The Order of Chosen Friends was a fraternal benefit order that existed in North America in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The group suffered a number of splits during its lifetime. Leading scholar Alan Axelrod called it "almost a parody" of fraternal benefit societies of the time.

The Order was founded by a group of individuals who wished to found an organization that would pay old age and disability benefits. This group, a number of whom were Freemasons and Oddfellows launched the OCF in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 28, 1879. Like most fraternal societies of the day, the original Order had a secret ritual and was organized in the typical three tiered structure of local "Councils", statewide "Grand Councils" and a national "Supreme Council". Before the schisms occurred it had 12,000 members.

In 1881 the Order of United Friends split from the OCF in New York State, over disagreements over insurance practices. The United Friends of Michigan left in 1889 and the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends was formed in Ontario in 1891. Lastly, German speaking members left to form the United League of America in 1895. In spite of all this the group was able to rebound and had 32,255 members in 1899. However, adverse publicity about the organizations financial difficulties finally spelled the end of the Order in the early twentieth century.

The Canadian Order of Chosen Friends were originally incorporated in the Province of Ontario in 1887. The Canadian affiliates left the OCF when many members became dissatisfied with the parent order. For several years there was considerable litigation between the two over the use of the name "Chosen Friends" and because of financial matters. The Order established a sickness department in 1890 and a child insurance department in 1917. It made "very necessary actuarial adjustments" in 1915, which, nevertheless, resulted in a significant decrease in membership. However, by the early 1920s the Order had rebounded again and had 32,000 members. In 1943 the Order became the Reliable Life Insurance Society. It was turned into a stock own life insurance company in 1964. Its headquarters were in Hamilton, Ontario.

Research material from Wikipedia

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The C.O.C. F. No 151, in Lansdowne:

The many splits within the group and the arguments over the use of the name Order of Chosen Friends may explain why this particular group was called Circle of Chosen Friends. In modern terms a Circle of Friends is something quite entirely different. It may refer to a personal friendship group or to a method of use to provide inclusivity for special needs persons.

MRS. FERGUSON

Begs to return thanks to her numerous customers for their liberal patronage, and to inform them her

**Spring Stock is Now Ready
FOR INSPECTION**

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Of the season in Hats, Bonnets, Ribbons, Elastics, Buttons, Ornaments, Jet-Trim mings, and Lace.

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MRS. JNO. FERGUSON.

Gananoque, March 25, 1881.

From research done by Bill Boulton, we learned that the Drug Store was in this building from 1915 through the 1920's and much later. We think that this picture may be before the Drug Store moved into this building.

An advertisement in the Gananoque Reporter of June 11, 1881, informs the public that the Spring Stock is now ready for inspection. Mrs. Ferguson had stores in both Lansdowne and Gananoque, but this is the first time that we have had a clue to where it might have been.

A Gananoque Reporter newspaper article from February 1923 stated that "the Order of Chosen Friends have given up their lodge room over the Drug Store and have disposed of their furniture." Also, from newspaper articles we know that Dr. Campbell's wife ran the drug store from 1921 for several years. In September 1924 George Hamilton, a druggist, from Toronto bought the store.



All Photos courtesy of Freda White

Lansdowne Vikings - Ontario Bantam D Champions - 1986

BACK ROW L-R: Associate Coach Dewey Hall, Coach Dennis Arrowsmith, Terry Watkins, Chris Smith, Travis Nichols, David Tompkins, Robert Wyborn, Rob Borthwick, Manager Bob Wyborn.

FRONT ROW L-R: Jamie Higgs, Dave Arrowsmith, John Esford, Jeff Hall, Paul Tompkins, Andy White.

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A Tribute to Dennis Arrowsmith and The Vikings

By Freda White

Did you know:

- * Lansdowne formed a softball team in the early 1980's?
- * The Lansdowne Vikings went to the all-Ontario fastball tournament for six consecutive years?
- * Many players remained with the team for all six years?
- * Dennis Arrowsmith remained the coach from 1981 to 1988 ?

Going down memory lane, Dennis Arrowsmith loved coaching and brought out the best in each and every athlete. Many of the boys on the Vikings, he also coached in hockey. He appreciated the importance of sport and athletics as a way of reaching children who might have struggled in the classroom. His faith in his sportsmen often improved their performance in the classroom.



L-R: Bette Warren, Dennis Arrowsmith, Marion MacLeod



When the Lansdowne Vikings won the eight team All-Ontario tournament in 1987, it marked the sixth straight year that the team had been to the Provincial Finals; two times each in Squirt, Pee wee and Bantam.

Their first win was in 1986 and they won the All-Ontario Bantam D level.

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In 1987, the Gananoque Reporter says, "Last year the team won the All-Ontario Bantam D tournament in Milverton. The nucleus of that team is back again. Most of the players have played together for the full six years, earning a lot of pride and respect for each other."

The team came together as one and won the higher Bantam B Ontario Softball Athletic Association (OSAS) division.



1987





WEBSTER REUNION

COME AND JOIN IN TO CELEBRATE THE 205TH YEAR
OF THE WEBSTER FAMILY IMMIGRATION TO THIS AREA
JUNE 17, 2017 - HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - OAK LEAF

As we turn our attention to the 150th celebration of Canada's Confederation, we need to remember that Canada is not simply a document or a land mass or a railroad, but a collection of people. People make up a country and build the infrastructure to make it work. Those people come from families and one of those families has been building this country for a very long time.

The Webster family celebrates a reunion every five years, and that cycle falls on this year, 2017.

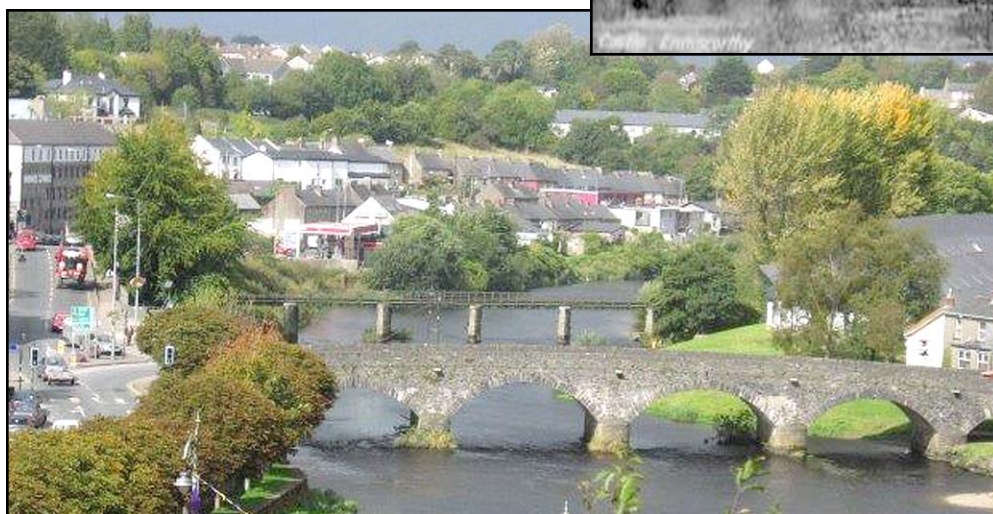
This will be the 205th year celebration of the Webster family emigrating from Ireland to eastern Ontario. Since that time we have cleared land, gone to war, helped build a country and been witness to the rise of Canada on the international stage. We have migrated throughout Canada and North America, but as we did so, we have always held a warm remembrance of our initial steps in Ontario and kept a special place in our hearts for east Ontario. Because of that, every five years many of us make the trek back to the east Ontario "homeland"-- and this time will be no different.

We will be gathering at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church-Oak Leaf, for a day of remembrance and celebration to mark this 205th year. As usual, we extend the invitation to all Websters as well as anyone interested in mingling with the family or just wanting to enjoy some potluck on a (hopefully) sunny Saturday afternoon.

NOW SOME BRIEF HISTORY:

During the Irish Rebellion of 1688-90, a time when the British Isles were in great religious turmoil, three Webster brothers, in a regiment under British commander Colonel Ram, were in action in Ireland. As the hostilities finally ceased, (culminating in the Battle of the Boyne) these three brothers were granted land and settled in the County of Wexford, Ireland.

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TOP:
Castle and Bridge in
Enniscorthy, Ireland.

LEFT:
Enniscorthy Bridge,
Ireland

(Photos from
Webster Family Collection)

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WEBSTER REUNION

(Brief History Continued)

While in Wexford, one of the descendants of these men had three sons: Robert, Nathaniel and John. With religion and nationality still a tinder box, rebellion once again broke out in the year 1798. As Wexford County was one of the focal points of this uprising, the Websters, ever loyal to their country and religion were thrown into the fray and took up arms against the rebellion.

Robert (one of the three sons of the original Websters of Wexford) who had lived in the old homestead, was "piked" by members of the rebellion, and thrown over the Enniscorthy Bridge in the presence of two of his 11 children: daughter Mary and son Nathaniel. His eldest child Edward then became the "man of the house" taking Roberts place in the homestead. Edward (the eldest) then had six sons and one daughter, but only one son, "Edward the Tanner" immigrated to Canada and settled in Escott.

Edward being the eldest, stayed in Ireland at the homestead of Garrybritt, Wexford County. However, nine of Edward's siblings immigrated to Canada between 1812 and 1817. These siblings all settled in Oak Leaf with most being buried there and at least one being buried in Union Cemetery.



LEFT:
Vinegar Hill,
Ireland

(Photo from
Webster Family Collection)

SETTLED IN OAK LEAF

Mary- Mar. Sam Copeland

Martha (Mattie)- Mar. Major George Johnston

Elizabeth- Mar. John Foley

Margaret (Peggy)- Mar. Long John Johnston

Eleanor- Mar. Long George Johnston

Robert B. Sr.- Mar. Alice Boardman

William Sr.- Mar. Alice Murphy

Barbara- Mar. Richard Leech

Nathaniel- Mar. Elizabeth Johnston

Martha (Mattie) is buried in Union Cemetery. There are no records where Elizabeth is buried and the remaining 7 are buried in Oak Leaf Cemetery.

In addition, **Thomas** immigrated in 1817 to Prescott later moving to the Bay of Quinte and Cavan Township.

Of the three original sons, **Nathaniel**, the second son of the old soldier, came to Canada and settled in the Brockville area (likely New Dublin). His descendants include sons Richard, William, Thomas and Nathaniel.

The third original son, **John**, had four children: Robert, John, Edward, and William. Robert took part in the same rebellion in which his uncle Robert (piked at Enniscorthy) had been killed. In May 1798, he too died, but instead of a piking, he was killed on the battlefield at Vinegar Hill. Descendants of John immigrated at different times to Canada, settling eventually in the Lansdowne area. (Continued on page #11)



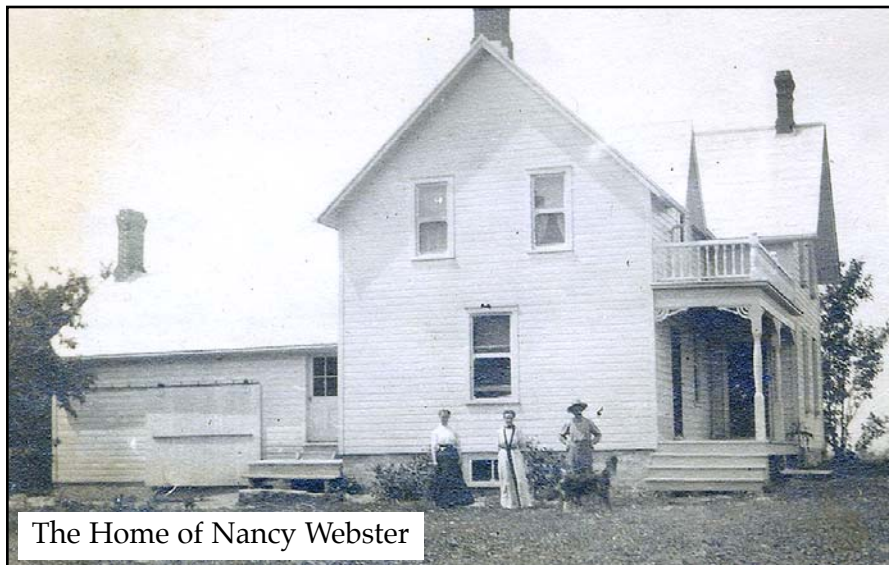
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WEBSTER REUNION

(Brief History Continued)

This home was built by
Thomas J. Webster,
father of Adeleine Kennedy
and Wilhelmina Kaiser.
*The Webster name continues to be
a prominent one in our local area.*

Picture from the Collection
of Nancy Webster.
Supplied by Connie Burns



The Home of Nancy Webster

All this rich history is just one of
the building blocks of the country
we call home. So mark your
calendar for the **205th Webster**

Reunion and come out and help celebrate the history of a proud family of Canadians called the Websters.

Contact: David Webster e-mail: webhus@nexicom.net or by phone 705-932-2803

THE WORLD in '45

*This is the continuation or the Current Events book kept by Beverly (Moxley) MacDonald in grade 7.
Her teacher was Marion Steacy.*

- Jan. 17, 1945** The Americans have landed on Luzon Is., in the Philippines and expect to take Manila within 2 weeks. Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin are to meet soon. Daylight raid on Tokyo yesterday. The Americans lost 40,000 soldiers in the battle of the Bulge. Gananoque had a fire on Wellington Street making 8 families homeless.
- Jan. 19** 3,000 families in Toronto have no coal. Russians take Warsaw and Krakow in Poland and entered Germany in one place. Germany is now invaded from east and west. The Japs have 3 new weapons. Churchill with a cold, states that the surrender will be unconditional. Lord Moyne was shot in Cairo because of his British influence and his murderers have been caught and punished.
- Jan. 22** The Russians advance over a mile an hour in Germany on a 500 mile front. They are only 195 miles from Berlin to-day. Hitler has ordered the evacuation of Berlin. Himler has asked for aid from German people for food and clothing. Lady Nelson expected at Halifax with wounded soldiers aboard. President Roosevelt inaugurated on Sat. on the south lawn of the White House in Washington.
- Jan. 23** The Russians are less than 150 miles from Berlin on the Eastern Front. On the Western Front the Germans are shoved back. Churchill and Eden and large number of officials are preparing to leave London for a conference with Roosevelt and Stalin. John Bracken, Progressive Leader for Canada visits Churchill and soldiers in Belgium and France. He returns this week.

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THE WORLD in '45

- Feb. 5** The Russians are 25 miles from Berlin and the R.A.F. bombed Berlin on Saturday noon with 1,000 bombers. Berlin is full of refugees who are starving and cold. Hitler moves his government to Munich. Gen. MacArthur marches into Manila in the Philippines making good his promise to the Philippians. To-day in Grey North there is a by-election in which Gen. McNaughton wants a Liberal seat in the House of Commons.
- Feb. 15** Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin had an eight-day conference in Yalta in the Crimea, near the Black Sea. De Gaulle was there too. The Russian army is splitting Germany in two. One spearhead is driving toward Berlin and another to Dresden, Budapest fell lately to the Russians. Germany is in a panic. Intend to use poison gas. F.O. Gordon Grier killed in action and Hugh Lync is missing. The Americans still fighting in Manila. Gen MacNaughton lost his seat in the election in Grey North to Mr. Case, Prog. Cons. Chile declares war on Japan yesterday.
- Feb. 21** Churchill and Roosevelt hold a four hour conference over Japan's doom. The Americans invade Iwo Jima which is 750 miles from Tokyo. Corregidor, in Manila harbour is attacked by Americans. Hitler's hangout, outside Berlin was bombed heavily this morning by the R.A.F. Troop trains were bombed also, in Germany.
- Feb. 28** Hitler made a pathetic speech yesterday and said that the German people are terrified and will never give up. The Russians advance closer toward Berlin. The R.A.F. bombed Berlin yesterday for the last time and the planes extended for 100 miles. Manila is again the capital of the Philippeans and Corregidor is cleared of Japs. On Iwo Jima there are 40,000 Americans and 20,000 Japs fighting it out. Turkey and Egypt have declared war on Germany. A peace conference on all United Nations will be held in San Francisco in U.S. A riot in Quebec starts when the police try to capture Zombies.
- March 12** Nazi General says to end soon. A new, large, steel cargo vessel blew up in Vancouver harbour, killing 5. Its name was "The Green Hill Park". A man was crucified in Detroit a few days ago. The Americans cross the Rhine river by crossing a bridge in only 10 minutes time before it was blown up. England suffers again from robots. Mac Arthur invades the second largest island on the Philippeans. Billy McKee of Escott died in Italy in October. Flight lieutenant Gerald Hagerman won the D.F.C. for dropping supplies to the surrounded paratroopers at Arnheim.
- March 23** Mandalay has been taken by us from the Japs. Over 8,000 planes bombed Germany for 31 nights in a row. The British use their new bomb in Berlin. A little boy and his grandmother were killed yesterday in Brockville when a 2 in. bomb exploded. He was hitting it with a hammer. Hitler is thinking about getting married. Von Runstedt, a German General, has been killed and Kesselring has taken his place. The Ludendorf bridge at Remagen collapsed and many hundreds of Americans were drowned. Premier Drew, Conservative leader for Ontario lost his vote of confidence yesterday and an election may take place soon.

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THE WORLD in '45

- April 9** The Americans in Germany find over 100,000,000 in solid gold blocks and priceless art treasures in an old salt mine. Hamelin has been taken by our troops, and the Americans are 5 miles from Hanover. The Americans are on Hitler's Superhighway headed toward Berlin, 115 miles away. The Japanese government has fallen and a new one has been formed. The old members were scared of American invasion. American bombers kept the Japs busy running to air-raid shelters.
- April 11** Prime Minister King will go to "San Francisco Conference" the end of the month along with Gordon Draydon the Conservative leader and Mrs. Cora Casselman. Vienna, capital of Austria, is surrounded by Russians. The Americans on the Western front are advancing toward Berlin. Bombers raid Hamburg and Kiel again (125 miles). Sweden states there is no room in her country for Nazis who wish to escape the war and punishment.
- April 13** Franklin Delano Roosevelt slept away in a cerebral stroke which attacked him at 3:05 and he died at 3:35. He was at Warm Springs Ga. Resting up for the conference at San Francisco. He was sitting for a portrait for Ken Robbins of N.Y. when he fainted away. This picture will never be finished. Mrs. Roosevelt was at Washington and she told the world the news. Harry S. Trueman of Missouri was sworn in as the new president at 7:09 as Mrs. Roosevelt watched. The funeral Train left Warm Springs this morning and is slowly going to Washington. The funeral is to-morrow and it will be a day of mourning for the nation. Two sons are flying home. Anthony Eden and Princess Elizabeth are flying to Washington today. Roosevelt had the longest term of office of any president. He was 62 and was the 22 president of the U.S. Americans are less than 45 miles from Berlin. Paratroopers are 20 miles from Berlin. Election in Ont. will be on June 11.
- April 18** The Russian Army is within sight of Berlin, which is in flames. The R.A.F. has destroyed over 2,000 planes in 2 days. Ontario election date had to be changed to June 4. Mr. King had announced the election in the Dom. will be on June 11. Von Paupen, the old German spy, ambassador and murderer was caught Saturday with his son, in a hunting lodge in S. Germany.
- April 23** The Russians are in Berlin and have taken of it. There are over 3,000,000 people in Berlin who will be destroyed. An announcement will be made by the 3 Allied governments when the Russian and American Armys meet, and also when Berlin falls. Hitler is said to be in Berlin. The German army has been broken up and they will be guerilla warriors now. The 8th Victory Loan Drive opened this morning for \$1,350,000,000. Princess Elizabeth was 19 on Saturday. She is in the A.T.S. There are 2,000 more English wives and 900 children to come to Can. Near Moncton N.B., there was a train wreck killing 1 man. Russian Minister Molotof arrived in Washington Sunday and is in conference with Anthony Eden and President Trueman.

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THE WORLD in '45

- April 24** Berlin is from 1/3 to 1/2 taken by the Russians. Hitler and Goebbels are both in Berlin. The Russian and American Armies have not met yet. Molotoff, Trueman and Eden have been in conference since Sunday trying to agree over the Polish question.
- April 30** Mussolini was shot in the back by a firing squad of Italian Patriots in Milan, Italy on Sat. His body was hung up by the heels in the market place. Hitler is said to have died yesterday under Berlin in his fortress. Peace may be announced any minute of the unconditional surrender of Germany with Russia, England and U.S.. On Sat. peace was announced but it was unfounded. 1,500 Canadians of the 1st Division arrive in Can. for a rest. The 8th Loan is selling. San Francisco Conference is planning very successfully for the future peace of the world. The Polish question is still not settled.
- May 2** Hitler was reported dead yesterday. Von Runstedt was captured yesterday in a hospital, 25 miles from Munich. The aged Petain, the former premier of France has given himself up to the Allies in Paris. The lights go on again in England. Russian Foreign Minister Molotof returns home because of war conditions. May Day in Russia was a happy one yesterday.
- May 28** Heinrich Himmler, Gestapo chief, was captured in Germany and while being questioned poisoned himself. Goering, Gobbles, Hess, Runstedt are prisoners. The world heard on May 7, that the war in Europe was over and it was made official on May 8, V-E Day. The King, Churchill, Trueman and Stalin announced it. ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

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In 2017 CANADA CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

by Glennnda Olivier

On July 1, 2017, Canadians celebrate the July 1, 1867 signing of the British North America Act that created Canada. The provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, (Ontario and Quebec) Canada came together in Confederation to form the Dominion of Canada. In 1864, Upper and Lower Canada had unified to become Canada. The following year, the Governor General suggested that Canadians celebrate the first anniversary of the young country. Known as Dominion Day, the celebration was given legal status in 1879.

The following year, the Governor General suggested that Canadians celebrate the first anniversary of the young country. Known as Dominion Day, the celebration was given legal status in 1879.

On the Cover of this Newsletter #46, is a picture of one of the celebrations held in 1917 for Canada's 50th Birthday. The cover photo shows students and teacher at Greenfield School with flags indicating Canada 1867 to 1917. It is amazing to have this wonderful picture from the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives! Amazing that it was ever even taken! In 1917, Canada had a very difficult year. The country was involved in the First World War and was divided over the issue of conscription!

The Halifax explosion happened this same year when the "Imo" collided with the munitions ship the "Monte Blanc" in the harbour. This was the largest and most destructive man-made explosion prior to the atom bomb. It is reported that between 1,600 and 2000 people were killed and 9,000 were injured (of a city population of 50,000) in this tragic event. Twelve Thousand buildings were damaged, either laid flat or made uninhabitable. Barely a single pane of glass was left to keep out the weather. The destruction covered 325 acres of Halifax, and Dartmouth across the harbour. A few days later the most divisive election in Canadian history was held on December 17, 1917.

These events together caused the writer J.D.M. Stewart to call this "Canada's Worst Year Ever" in the Globe and Mail newspaper in 2007 when remembering the Halifax disaster. However, many people continued to celebrate the new country Canada, and she survived and continued to grow.

From the Gananoque Reporter July 7th, 1917:

Lansdowne: *The Presbyterian Sunday School observed Dominion Day by holding a patriotic service with the subject "His Dominion". This service was well attended and was much enjoyed. Dr. J. D. Campbell and Mr. John Donevan gave addresses connected with the general subject and greatly pleased the audience. The church was beautifully decorated with flags, maple leaves and ferns with an engraving of the Fathers of Confederation in a central place. At the morning service of the Presbyterian congregation the Rev. Mr. Becksted spoke on the subject "How to make Canada truly great".*

Gananoque: *Royal weather for outdoor recreation prevailed on Monday last and added materially to the success and enjoyment of the celebration put on at the Driving Park. Owing to the war conditions and the natural desire to devote the day to patriotism in honour of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Confederation there was not a full programme of events which usually mark this event, and, while there appeared to be quite as many people in town, the attendance at the park fell a little short of previous years, with a consequent shrinkage of receipts.*

The Citizens' Band was on the job from before noon until the close of the excellent concert rendered in the town park in the evening. They played with old time fervor, and won the plaudits of the crowd. Altogether the day was one filled with pleasure for all. ▲▲▲▲▲

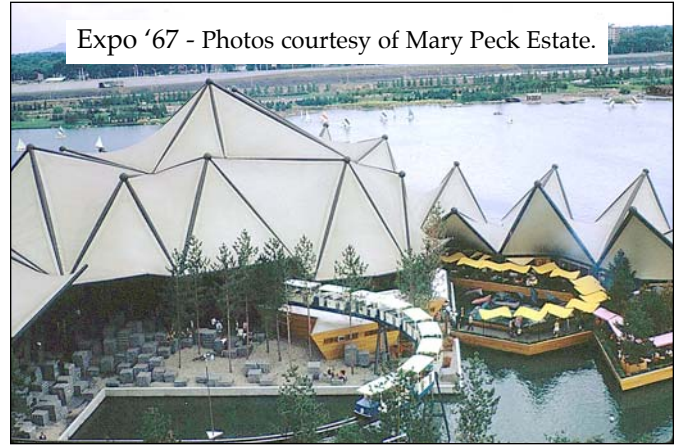
1967: Canada's 100th Birthday: *Probably the most memorable event of 1967 was Expo '67 in Montreal. Living as close as we do to Montreal, many people visited Expo '67, often returning for several visits. On Page #16 you will find pictures of Expo '67 from the collection of Mary Peck courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Historical Society.*

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Expo '67



Expo '67 - Photos courtesy of Mary Peck Estate.

Celebrations, activities and events of all kinds were held across Canada in 1967 to mark the 100th anniversary of Confederation, and promote the country's achievements, history and cultural heritage.

Many Canadian historians believe that Canada "Came of Age" during this time, laying the ground work for the Constitution to come home to Canada in 1982. It was then that Dominion Day became Canada Day.

Canada's Sesquicentennial: 150 Years of Confederation.

This year we celebrate 150 years of a "country by choice." We have already started celebrating!

On May the 5th at 10:30 am on a rainy and overcast day more than 50 people came out to celebrate the Ribbon Cutting for the refurbished Lansdowne Train Mural! This was a joint project of the LTI Historical Society and the Lansdowne Association for Revitalization (LAFR). Thank you to everyone who donated to or helped with this project.

The Joint Committee for the Restoration of the Mural were: Peter Christie, Connie Burns, Gerry Dorey, Glennda Olivier, Liane Salmon, and Secretary Wilhelmina Lacelle. David Sheridan the original artist repainted the mural even using his living room as a paint room over the winter months. A very special thank you to Al and Izzy Noor for hosting the mural on the side of their store, the Lucky Dollar, and also hosting a reception following the ribbon cutting.



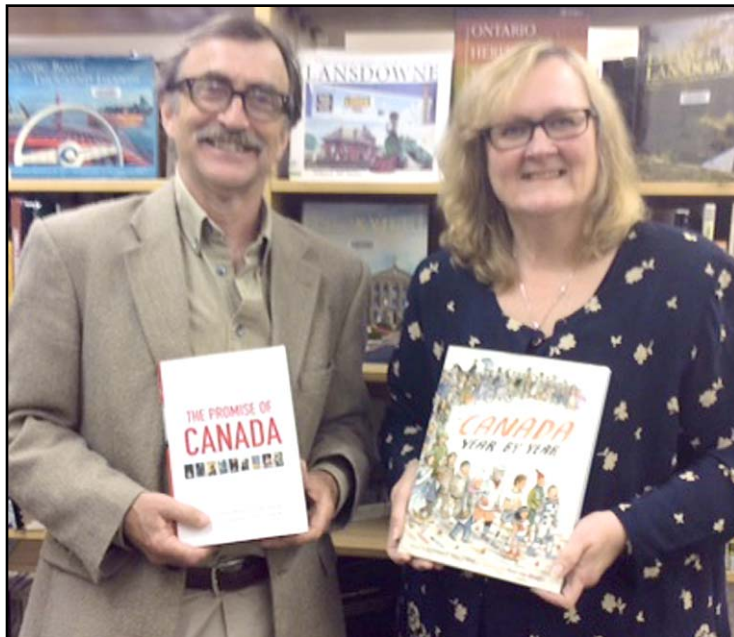
Photos by Ted Hewitt



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Above is a picture of Pierre Mercier, Vice-President of the LTI Historical Society presenting the books to Tara Mendez, Head Librarian of LTI Library. The two books are: The Promise of Canada by Charlotte Gray and Canada Year by Year by Elizabeth MacLeod and Sidney Smith.

On May 9, the Leeds and Thousand Islands Historical Society donated two Canadian History books detailing the formation of Canada and our history to the current time, to the Lansdowne branch of the LTI Library. These may all be borrowed by inter-library loan by anyone in the township.



Let's Keep Celebrating!

Don't forget to visit our display at the Lansdowne Fair July 21, 22, 23/2017. It will be full of special surprises and interesting displays!

If you can volunteer 2 hours at the booth, please call
Glenda Olivier 613 659 3803

2017 events at a glance!

JANUARY

- Jan 1 Canada 150 Kickoff celebration / Lansdowne
- Jan 15 Sesquicentennial Storyfest / Seeley's Bay
Dr. James Raffan

FEBRUARY

- Feb 4-6 Frostfest / Seeley's Bay
- Feb 8-12 Rockport Winter Carnival

MAY

- May 5 Mayor's Breakfast / Lansdowne
- May 20 LAFR Annual Plant Sale / Lansdowne
- May 20 Lyndhurst Sidewalk / Plant / Yard Sale

JUNE

- Jun 3 Red CanoeFest / Seeley's Bay
- Jun 3 1000 Islands Parkway Challenge / Rockport
- Jun 10 Seniors Expo / Lansdowne
- Jun 17 School House Jam / Rockport
- Jun 24 Textile Festival / Lansdowne

JULY

- Jul 1 Canada Day Celebrations / Seeley's Bay
- Jul 12 Ice Cream Social / Lyndhurst
- Jul 21-23 Lansdowne Fair

AUGUST

- AUG 26 Rockport Festival Salute to Our River Heritage

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 16 Lyndhurst Turkey Fair

OCTOBER

- Oct 14 Lansdowne Equine Extravaganza

NOVEMBER

- Nov 18 Lyndhurst Santa Clause Parade
- Nov 19 Lansdowne Santa Clause Parade
- Nov 24 Lightup the Gates / Rockport

DECEMBER

- Dec 1 Seeley's Bay Tree Lighting
- Dec 3 Community Carol Singing / Lyndhurst
- Dec 7 Light up Lansdowne Tree Lighting

**Paid up MEMBERSHIPS as of May 1, 2017**

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ADAMS, WINSTON & WILMA		GILL, JULIA		McKAY, MARION		WEBSTER, KAY	
ARBUCKLE, DON & GLORIA		GOFF, DOROTHY		MERCIER, PIERRE		WHITE, FRED A	
ARROWSMITH, BRENDA		GRAHAM, KATHERINE		MICHIE, BOB & ROSE		WHITE, LARRY & CHERYL	
BARR, DAVID & PENNY		GRAY, CHARLES & ANN		MOIR, RONALD		WILLIAMS, HOWARD	
BICKERTON, DOUG & ANN		GREBBY, JOHN & MARIE		MONTGOMERY, CHARLES		WILLOUGHBY, JACK	
BOYD, JIM & ELIZABETH		GRIER, JAMIE & TRACIE		MOORHEAD, LORNE & MARGARET		WRIGHT, JUNE	
BRADLEY, BETTY		GRIER, ROSS		NALON, JOHN & BARBARA			
BROWN, DEBORAH		GRIER, VELMA		NUTTALL, BEN & HILDA			
BROWN, HILARY		HAFFIE, JOHN & DOREEN		NUTTALL, JAY			
BROWN, JACK		HAFFIE, LARRY		NUTTALL, LINDA & CHOJNACKI, MARK			
BURNS, DON & PAT		HAIG, HAROLD		O'CONNOR, MICHAEL			
BURNS, GEORGE & CONNIE		HALL, MYRTLE		OFFORD, HOSS & SANDI			
BURNS, JOAN		HEWITT, TED & PAT		OFFORD, SANDRA			
BURNS, KEITH		HEATON, STEPHEN		O'GRADY, CHRIS			
BURNS, TOM		HILDEBRANDT, URSULA		PAGE, STEVE			
BURTCH, KATHLEEN		HOUSTON, WILLIAM		PECK, GARY			
BURTCH, ROBERT		HUNT, DOREEN		PILON, TELESOPHORE			
CAVE, SUNNY & NELSON		HUNT, MORLEY & ANNE		RATCLIFFE, WALTER & GEORGINA			
CHISAMORE, DON & DANNY		HUNTLEY, BRUCE & PAT		RATH, NORMAN			
CLANCY, RAY & FAYE		HUSKINSON, BRIAN		RIDEOUT, WES & KAREN			
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CROSS, THORALD & MARY		KYES, BOB & DEBBY		SHARF, RICHARD & MYRNA			
deKROON, ERIC		LACELLE, WILHELMINA		SHAVER, CAROL			
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FOLEY, BRUCE & JOAN		MacLEOD, JOHN & MARION		TEDFORD, ROGER & CONNIE			
FOLEY, DONNA		MALLORY, GLENNA		TRUEDELL, ERIC & JACKIE			
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GEMMELL, JOHN		MATTHEW, DOUG & MARY ELLEN		WARREN, GLENN & TRUDY			
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