

LUMBERING IN CANADA.

Osgoode Township  
 Historical Society & Museum  
 at the  
 Old Vernon School  
 Newsletter

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

15th of Jan. 1894

The Township Council met at the Town Hall in Metcalfe. The Council consisted of: Reeve - A.P. McDonnell, 1st Deputy Reeve - Hugh Cleland, 2nd Deputy Reeve - Duncan McArthur, Councillor - Alex Dow Jr. and John McEvoy, Clerk - F. Iveson.

From a previous meeting on 20 Dec. 1893 Council authorized the Reeve to borrow \$700.00 from a Quebec Bank to pay accounts in connection with Gray Creek drain and tenders were called. It was announced that the contract was awarded to Mr. Bruce. (No details of the extent of the work are recorded.)

Duncan Cameron and Patrick Grant requested Council to build a bridge on the 9th Concession between lots 25 and 26. (That would be the road allowance which is an extension of Walker Road on the 8th Concession and Ray Wilson Road on the 10th and 11th Concessions.)

Council appointed a Board of Health to consist of the Reeve, the Clerk and Messers Terrance Gillisie, John M. Campbell and W.J. Moses and that Dr. Wallace be the Medical Health Officer.

10 Feb. 1894

\* Letter from Mountain Township requesting this Council to name a day when the two Councils would meet on the Mountain Boundary to settle the road allowance.

\* A vote of the electors to be taken at the next Municipal Election to have the Statute Labour done away with and that the sum of 40 cents per day be added and collected with other taxes. (Statute Labour was primarily work on improving roads and the number of days per year was based on the assessed value of property)

\* Council agreed that the time for collecting taxes be extended to 24 March 1894.

\* On 24 March, 1894 Council agreed to extend the time for collecting taxes until 15 April 1894.

It would appear that 1893 must have been a year of hardship in that tax money was hard to come by. It is also of interest that most of the Council business this time deals with road maintenance, ditching and bridges.  
 submitted by Bob Usher

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I will in my inept way, strive to portray a brief sketch of another aspect of Osgoode Township History - Lumbering. My grandfather, Michael Daley, interviewed by George Wilson of the Ottawa Citizen, dated Sept. 6, 1930, relates how when his grandparents, Michael Daley and Elizabeth McGuire came into the township in 1835 from Lower Canada (then province of Quebec) there were scenes of a great deal of lumbering. Very large square timber, pine and oak were being drawn to the rivers and floated downstream.

The timber, particularly the oak, lining the banks of the Castor and its branches was of exceptionally excellent character and in quantity no locality surpassed it. It was drawn even from the banks of the Rideau and floated by way of the Castor and the Petite Nation to the Ottawa and then to Quebec and overseas markets. That route to the Lower Ottawa was much preferred in a variety of ways to the Rideau itself.

It was the acquaintance formed by the original oak lumber men from the St. Lawrence front, while operating on the banks of the Castor that first brought the locality into notice as one worthy of settling. It was a locality which hitherto had been looked upon as nothing but one dense and impenetrable swamp. This idea had originally prevailed to such an extent however that Osgoode was the latest township to be settled. The first actual settlers located in the winter of 1826-27.

This interesting event was due to Archibald McDonell of Cornwall who during his lumbering operations along the Castor, selected a spot where the 8th Concession line crosses that stream (Lot 25, Con. 8) onto which he moved his family at the above date. Soon after settling, he opened the first store in the township and also built on the same lot, the first sawmill in the township in the year of 1835.

submitted by Michael Daley



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Well, here we are waiting patiently for spring to gladden our hearts. You know there is something about spring that gives everyone a brighter outlook on life. I hope all of you readers survived the winter with nothing worse than a few sniffles.

Here at our Historical Society Museum our first venture into the new year was our Canada Heritage Day celebration. It was a great success, a wonderful crowd turned out even though it was a crisp cold day on the 12th of February.

Nicol Mackie was our guest speaker, he had some very humorous poetry, some good down to earth poetry also. He was certainly well received by those who attended.

We are looking forward to various activities throughout the coming year, such as Canada Day, Pioneer Days etc. Hope you can all attend.

*When we were kids, spring always made us think of heading for the old fishing hole. Thinking of fishing brings to mind the story of the two old gentlemen sitting on the bench in front of the local store. They were talking about the big fish they were supposed to have landed. Says one, "I caught a fish last year up at the big bend in the river, it must have been five feet long." "Wow," says the other, "that's a pretty big fish," as he proceeded to tell of his escapades.*

*"I was fishing in the very same spot last year, only it was at night. I was using the lantern and when I went to take a fish off the hook, the lantern fell overboard. Well, would you believe it, I was fishing in the same spot this spring, something got caught on my hook. I pulled it in and lo and behold, it was my lantern that I had lost the year before. It was still lit."*

*The other old timer said, "Do you expect me to believe that one?"*

*"Well," said the other, "You knock a couple of feet of the big fish of yours and I'll blow out the lantern."*

We are looking forward to seeing you all this year. Please drop in to some of our meetings - the first Tuesday of every month.

Murray Little

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### APPOINTMENT

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 A note of appreciation to Lorne Harrison for his contributions while on the Board of Directors. We thank both Mary and Lorne for their many contributions not to mention time, expertise and the displays they shared with us. We hope they continue to be part of our organization.



### A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST

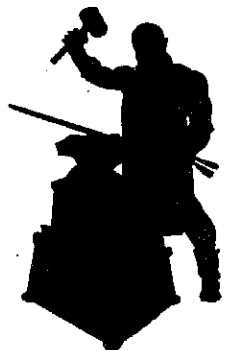
**P**re-Confederation Historical Bookkeeping Records of Michael J. Fanning, Blacksmith in Osgoode Township, Lot 12, Concession 6. Date 1838 to 1863 have been loaned to the Osgoode Township Historical Society by great, great grandson, John M. Fenning.

Michael Fanning born 1790, County Leitrim, Ireland, left his native land on May 5, 1818 with his wife Sarah Jane O'Brien and 7 week old son Patrick; settled in Macisque Co., St. Armond, province of Quebec. In 1833, they moved to Bytown(Ottawa). In 1838 the moved to Osgoode settling on Lot 12, Concession 6. For many years Michael operated a blacksmith shop. His account books date from 1838 to 1863.

As one slowly turns those pages (ravaged by the mists of time), one realizes the tremendous asset the "Blacksmith Shop" was to our early settlers and right into the middle of the present century. The monetary system of the time was the pounds, shillings and pence. Also the bartering system worked very well. Often times Michael was paid in pounds of butter, one day chopping, a day of logging, one day hoeing, etc.

Michael Fenning (Fanning) died May 8, 1868, age 78 years, his wife Sarah Jane O'Brien, nine days later, May 17, 1868, age 74 years. Their bodies were laid to rest amidst those of their country men and women in St. Catherin cemetery in Metcalfe - so far from the land of their birth.

The following are excerpts from Michael Fanning's account books....



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Membership: \$8.00 per year (single)  
\$9.00 per year (family)

Apr. 15, 1841  
Patrick Skiffinton  
to 1 ox staple 4 s  
to mending chain 4 p  
to 1 Clevis for plough 5 p  
to 1 small clevis 1 s 6 p  
June 24 to mending chain 8 p  
to 1 ring for scyth 1 s  
to 1 ring .... and hoe 1 s 6 p  
June 30 to rivit links 1 s  
Sept 9 to steeling 9 draggteeth 7 s 6 p  
to setting cart tire 5 s  
Sept 9 to shoeing horse 2 new shoes 3 s 2 p  
Nov 18 to jumping 1 ox 5 s  
to shoeing horse 4 removes 2 s  
Jan 7 to mending chain 1 s  
July 2 to 1 colt 1 s 3 p  
Oct 4 to ..... 1 s 6 p  
Nov 3 to shoeing 1 horse 1 removes 2 s  
Jan 12 by cash paid 1.8 £  
1843 to sleigh 1 £ 1 s 6 p  
to 1 ..... 6 s 3 p  
to shoeing horse 2 new 2 removes 3 s 6 p  
Feb 7 to 1 Lig.. 1 s 6 p  
to chain 10 p

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4 £ 19 s 2 p  
1 L 10 s  
1 £ 6 s 10 p

cash 1 £ 10  
2 pigs 10  
butter 1 5  
Cash 1.6.10  
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2 £ 16 s 10 p

July 6 1843 to mending chain 1 s  
to shoeing 2 horses 4 removes one of mine 2.9 £ 10 s  
July 15 to 2 ... 4.9  
Aug 16 to shoeing horse 2 new shoes 2s 6 p  
to repair clevis 3 s

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1 £ 15 s 6 p  
2 4 9  
Cr by cash 2 0 0

Aug 1, 1838 John Lee to shoeing horse, making hinges for barn door etc.  
Dec 4, 1839 John Lee to band on cart, mending chains etc.  
Apr. 17 1841 Robert Lee Framing sleigh  
John Lee shoeing horses  
April 1 1840 Sylvester Doyle  
Feb. 22 1840 James Fagan  
Jan 14 Allan Monk  
Jan 14 Robert McNale  
Feb 24 1840 Peter Skiffington  
Feb 20 1840 William Mountain  
Aug 2 1839 Thomas York  
May 4 1841 Robert McNab  
Feb 26 1839 Michael Skiffington  
Apr 24 1840 Thomas Kangley  
Apr 10 1840 Duncan McMartin  
May 23 1840 William Britt  
June 13 1840 William Stackpole  
Mar 13 1840 Thomas Poor  
Apr 4 1840 Thomas Lee  
Dec 21 1839 Samuel Little  
Dec 19 1838 George Sweeney  
May 4 1839 James Tobin  
Feb 27 1840 John Pamer  
Feb 29 1840 Patrick Skiffington

Jun 9, 1841  
Archb Lawkes  
to shoeing 2 horses 4 new shoes 4 removes 8 s  
Jun 23 to 1 pair of fetters 7 s 6 p  
July 6 to shoeing horse 1 new shoe 1 s 7 p  
May 6, 1842  
Edward Morres 7 s  
to making 1 set of Draggteeth 3 s  
settled

The following customers' names have been compiled from within those time worn pages of Michael Fanning's account book.

May 22  
Patrick Barkin 1 day  
Dr to 12 lbs of .... 8 s  
May 29 to 1 ...  
Jun 1 to 1 hoe  
to 1 day planting  
Jun 20 to 17 bushels of potatoes 1 £ 2 s 6 p  
Jun 26 to ... pair of trousers 10 s  
July 8 to 1 day hoeing  
July 23 to 2 days  
Aug 12 to 45 lbs of ... 2 s 9 p  
July 24, 1841  
Alexander Kennado (Kennedy ?)  
2 shoeing horse 2 removes 1 s 3 p  
Aug 3, 1841  
Samuel Loney  
Balance due on settlement 10 s  
to 1 pitch fork 2 s 6 p  
Aug 11 to shoeing 2 horses 4 removes 2 s 6 p  
to mending chain 10 p  
to 2 bolts for wagg 2 s  
Dec 6 to mending dung fork 1 s  
Apr 13, 1842 to shoeing horse 1 remove 6 p  
to hard ... 1 ox 8 p  
July 14 to shoeing horse 2 removes 1 s  
July 18 to steeling one plough pint 2 s 6 p  
July 28 to mending fork 6 p  
Oct 6 to repairing waggon 2 s 6 p  
to shoeing horse 3 removes 1 s 6 p  
to 1 clevis & 1 bolt 1 s 6 p

May 14 1839 Hugh McKinna  
Aug 29 1840 Alexander McDonell  
Mar 1 1840 Hugh Mathews  
Apr 17 1841 James Hanna  
Apr 30 1841 Isaac Brown  
Apr 30 1841 Barney Shaurin (Shearin)  
Apr 7 1841 John Blair  
May 29 1842 John Dailey  
May 26 1841 Patrick Haro  
July 27 1841 Alexander Brannada  
June 9 1841 Archb Loukes  
Sept 27 1840 James McDonell  
April 15 1841 Patrick Skiffington  
May 6 1841 Patrick McGee  
July 15 1841 Terrence McGee  
May 11 1841 James Hanna  
Dec 27 1841 J. Hawley  
Sept 20 1840 Michael Johnston  
Apr 29 1841 James Gleason  
Apr 9 1841 Thomas Gold  
Apr 4 1841 Michael Stackpole  
Apr 6 1841 William Dailey  
Feb 16 1842 Finley McNail  
Jan 9 18339 John McDonald  
Apr 15 1839 James Smith  
Mar 6 1839 Richard Heppenstall  
Oct 2 1838 Patrick Melven  
Apr 8 1840 Henry York  
May 1 1840 Alexander Herbert  
May 27 1842 Daniel Cammeron  
Nov 30 1840 Leonard Woods  
May 6 1840 Andrew Spratt  
Mar 4, 1840 Edward Whiteside  
Dec 23, 1840 James Kurns  
Apr 14, 1841 William McGare  
Jan 7, 1841 Robert Grant  
June 10, 1841 Archbl McDonell  
June 4, 1839 Peter McGlarlen  
Jan 12, 1841 John McKeon  
Jan 12, 1841 Patrick O'Brine  
Feb 5, 1840 Barney McCarrell  
May 20, 1840 Michael Dailey  
May 20, 1840 Michael Downey  
June 4, 1840 Alexander Thompson  
Sept 20, 1840 Mr. Piper  
Sept 5, 1840 John Durney  
Oct 14, 1840 Hugh McCormick  
Mar 23, 1841 William Bruntan  
Dec 20, 1840 John Mallen  
Aug 7, 1841 Thomas House  
Apr 24, 1840 John Dow

Aug 21, 1839 Thomas Bailey  
 Sept 1838 George Sully  
 Jan 17, 1839 Mr. McMullens  
 Sept 14, 1847 Thomas McCargay  
 Apr 2, 1840 Samuel Loney  
 Sept 28, 1840 Mr. York  
 July 22, 1840 William McGure  
 Feb 8, 1840 Henry Latimer  
 Apr 7, 1840 John Woods  
 Jan 23, 1841 Moses Tobin  
 July 13, 1840 David Campbell  
 Jan 18, 1841 Duncan McNab  
 (?), 1841 Michael Guilfoyle  
 Mr. Kelly to jumping 1 ox  
 Feb 20, 1841 Peter Williams  
 Feb 20, 1841 James Spratt  
 Oct 5, 1841 Patrick King  
 Feb 19, 1841 Peter McNab  
 Mar 3, 1841 Robert Rodney  
 Feb 19, 1840 Isac Brown  
 Apr 7, 1840 Charles Moresey  
 (?) 1840 John Patersan  
 Dec 23, 1841, Patrick Dawson  
 Aug 19, 1841 Alexander McLaurin  
 Jul 20, 1840 Bryan Doyle  
 (?) 1840 Stephen Simmons  
 July 1840 Michael Casserly  
 July 1840 John Blair  
 Aug 1840 Duncan McMartin  
 Sept 14, 1840 James Fagan  
 Sept 1840 Joseph Casserly  
 Oct 12, 1840 Joseph Brennen  
 Apr 24, 1840 Joseph Lefounteon  
 Feb 2, 1843 Daniel McDonell & Co  
 Jan 14, 1842 Robert McNight  
 Feb 20, 1842 Patrick Melvin  
 May 16, 1844 Francis King Jr.  
 Mar 2, 1841 Mathieu McDole  
 May 17, 1846 John Keegan  
 Apr 2, 1846 James Fisher  
 Apr 2, 1847 Alexander Wadell  
 Apr 20, 1846 John Quin  
 Apr 15, 1847 Daneil Campbell  
 Feb 2, 1843 John Casserly  
 Apr 20, 1843 George Latimore  
 Jan 9, 1844 James Busbey  
 Feb 17, 1845 Patrick Hughes  
 Dec 18, 1843 James Quail  
 June 5, 1862 George Sully  
 Feb 22, 1859 Patrick Herbert  
 Oct 1853 John Downey  
 Aug 10, 1853 Patrick Dailey  
 June 23, 1860 Hugh Carigan



Many of our readers, I am sure may relate to their ancestral namesakes in the above lists. My great, great, grandfather Michael Dailey, born 1796, Kings Co. Ireland, visited the Blacksmith Shop May 20, 1840. Michael died here (Lot 14, Con 3) Jan. 1st, 1841, buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Osgoode.

For more information on the Fanning family, refer to Vol. IX and XII of Pioneer Families of Osgoode.

Michael Daley

## TRAGEDY OF THE PAST

Today we learn of many of life's tragic incidents via the various news media of our times. Car, train, plane etc. accidents are beamed across the airwaves or flashed across our TV screens into our very homes.

But let us go back in time, to the following excerpts from an Ottawa paper dated January 7, 1899. Wm. Cowan, County Treasurer, 74 years of age and Holmes Cowan his son, 48 years of age, were this morning instantly killed at the O.A. & P.S Railway crossing on Main Street in Ottawa East. Their coachman, Nathaniel Dumas, 36 years of age, died of his injuries later. The accident was caused by the team the victims were driving, became unmanageable and

dashed into a passing train. James Taggart, the flagman at the crossing where the accident occurred says the driver seemed to lose all control of them. Taggart saw the team approaching at a speed of about 10 miles per hour and signalled the driver at the same time he endeavored to signal the Engineer of the approaching Parry Sound train to stop. Both engine and team were approaching so quickly and the collision seemed inevitable. The runaway team dashed into the train striking between the tender of the engine and the baggage car. The two Cowan men were killed instantly. From the time the team struck the train until the train was stopped was only an instant. The horses, one of which was instantly killed, had to be dragged from under the train, the remaining horse had to be shot.

Mr. P.J. Coffey, County Registrar, was driving behind the County Treasurer's rig when the accident happened. He saw the train and shouted but their team was then unmanageable. Judge MacTavish was in a cab a short distance behind Mr. Coffey and arrived at the scene a few seconds afterwards.

Mr. William Cowan was born in County Leitrim, Ireland in 1825, and arrived in Canada in 1848. He taught school in North Gower village for 5 years. In 1850 he married Catherine, daughter of Captain McRea of Montague, an officer in the War of 1812-1815. At the time of his marriage, he accepted the position of Clerk of the Division Court for the North Gower and Marlboro Districts. This position he held for 21 years. While in North Gower, he was elected Councillor and served 5 years as Reeve.

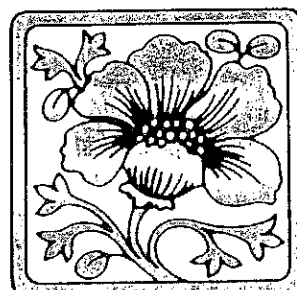
In 1870, he moved to Ottawa to accept the Clerkship of Carleton County and in 1873, he was made County Treasurer and served in that capacity up to the time of his death. During the construction of the Ottawa Water Works, Mr. Cowan served as Water Works Commissioner and for over 23 years he had been a "Justice of the Peace." He was a member of the Richmond Lodge of Freemasons, an Orangeman and in the early days, belonged to the County Militia.

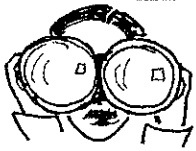
A strange fact, in connection with the death of Mr. Cowan, is that he had his Last Will and Testament witnessed the day before his death. He walked into the office of County Clerk Macnab, where Mr. John Dawson was sitting and said, "Gentlemen, I want you to witness my Will. There will be some changes in my family within a few days and this is my Last Will. I have made a good many Wills, but this will be the last I will ever make." The Will was witnessed by Messers Macnab and Dawson.

Mr. Wm. Cowan and his son Holmes Cowan were buried in Beechwood Cemetery. The above excerpts were taken from an Ottawa newspaper and sent in by Phyllis Campbell of Vernon.

In an added footnote, in reviewing the last paragraph, one would ask oneself, did Mr. Cowan have a premonition of his impending death?

Michael Daley





## IN SEARCH OF THEIR ROOTS

### TOMKINS

Mrs. Carl Green of Brockville, Ont., Great, grand daughter of John Tomkins, who came from Co. Wicklow, Ireland, was living in Grenville Que. in 1825. Peter Tomkins, his wife Sarah left Gloucester and moved to Osgoode Lot 1, Con. 3 in 1831. "Believed to be a brother of John." Any info in regards to descendants of Peter Tomkins would be appreciated.

### ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

We have been fortunate to receive a number of photographs recently. They were donated by (1) Mrs Evelyn Pelton - 2 framed reprints. One is of the 1901 Millinery Class in Kenmore. Mrs. Russell Dempsey (nee Isabella Morrow) mother of Mrs. Pelton, is in this group. The other is of Elmdale in 1906, the home of the Dempsey family.

(2) Leonard and Shirley Quinn - several reprints of the Quinn home on lot 8, Con. 6; members of the Quinn family and the threshing equipment belonging to Andrew Quinn.

(3) Bessie Windsor - reprint of Robert, Sam and Alfred Sheldrick, taken at a shanty in Petawawa in the 1900's.

(4) Fred Alexander - Orange Lodge, July 12, 1915 at Marvelville, the photograph had belonged to Henry Robinson.

(5) Dr. Ralph McKendry - photos of Elizabeth (Allen) McKendry, John, Maggie and Earl McKendry; wedding photos of Ralph Wright and Jean McKendry.

\* New Publication available - Memories of Home by Bob McDonald @ \$2.00

Donna Bowen

### OSGOODE TITBITS

From The Ontario Register edited and published by Thomas B. Wilson Volume 2 p. 182

Eastern District Marriages by Rev. H. Hayunga Lutheran Congregation of Williamsburgh and Osnabruck. James HOUSE and Sally OTTO both of Osgoode, 8 Feb. 1842. Henry OTTO and Eliza HOUSE.

Rev. Henry SHALER, Wesleyan Methodist Minister, 1835 - 1857, resided in Prescott and later in Osgoode.

Volume 5, p. 110, Sept. 2, 1845

A Mr. JAMES was thrown from his cart and killed on Saturday, 23rd inst., on his way from Osgoode to Bytown. He leaves a wife and 2 small children. (Bytown Bazette) p. 176

James TOBIN, pathmaster, Township of Osgoode, was struck by a falling tree on 30th July, 1849 and died two days later. (Brockville Recorder) p. 207

Marriages from the Christian Guardian.

At the Wesleyan Parsonage, Osgoode, March 18th, 1851, John CAMERON, merchant and postmaster, Osgoode and Harriet Smith SHALER, eldest daughter of Rev. H. Shaller, Wesleyan Minister (Rev. Jas. Elliott)

Volume 7 Marriage Notices from the Christian Guardian

p. 67

On 6th January 1857, James BLAIR and Eliza MORGAN, both of Osgoode. (Rev. W. McGill) p. 83

March 31st, 1857, at the residence of the bride's father William GRANT of Clarence and Catherine YORK of Osgoode. (Rev. W. McGill) p. 101

From the Claims of Lands of Heirs or Assignees of the Original Nominees of the Crown when no Patents have issues:

Duncan McEWEN in trust for John McEWEN, Osgoode, Con. 6, E 1/2, lot 40. (Property on which the Museum stands.)

BECKWITH by Glen Lockwood p. 158

*Osgoode attracted a concentration of Perthshire Highlanders from northern Beckwith including members of the Campbell, Ferguson, Fraser, McCuan, McDiarmid, McDonald, McEwen, McLaren, McNab, McNie, Reid, Saunders families.*

(P. 173 Vol VIII of the Rev. Wm Bell Journals in the Queen's Univ. Archives (Note: - Reid and Saunders were not from Perthshire. Some names were omitted: - Comrie, McTavish, Stuart, McPhail)

submitted by Elizabeth Stuart

### HISTORICAL HEADGEAR NOTES

\* By 1689 steel helmets were replaced by large hats with feathers. These gradually turned into three cornered hats which were worn atop the periwig. When soldiers charged, the evitable happened, during the fray many went for one another bald-headed. (yet this headgear lasted another 4 reigns)

\* While wearing the three-cornered hats, it was found impossible to sling a rifle over one's shoulder, so Grenadier caps (soft, mitre shaped caps) were substituted.

\* During the Napoleonic Wars, the English troops wore their hair well larded and sprinkled with white powder. A long pigtail in back was held with a leather strip. Russian soldiers' heads were dressed similar to the English. The officers wore three-cornered hats over their thickly powdered heads, the false pigtails were kept in place by iron grips and they plastered down their hair with a mixture of glue and cornflower. .

\* When the three-cornered hat disappeared, a cocked hat for officers took its place with the brim folded into 2 instead of 3. Napoleon wore his in square-rig style, but the Duke of Wellington plasted his fore and aft.

From Antique Toys, by Gwen White submitted by Ann Leighton-Kyle

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS AT MONTHLY MEETINGS

Apr. 5, 1994 - Barry MacKeracher, Yorks Corners - Canada's WWI Flight Project

May 3rd, Paul Cantling, Metcalfe - 3 Notable, Historical Women

\* Margaret Casselman - Chesterville Museum

\* Local people re: Spring Hill, Babylon, Blueberry Marsh etc.

# VALUABLE LANDS FOR SALE.

## **Township of Fitz Roy.**

The east and west halves of lot number 21 in the 3d Concession, 200 acres. On this lot is a large improvement, Ewen McMillan resided on it for many years, the land is good and well timbered and within a few miles of Fitz Roy Harbor.

## **Township of Osgood.**

The front half of lot No. 17 in the 3d Concession 100 acres. On this lot is said to be valuable spring, the land is good and well timbered.

## **Township of Gloucester, Ottawa front.**

Lot No. 20 in the 3d Concession, 200 acres. This lot is within a few miles of Bytown, the land is good and well timbered.

## **Gore of the Township of Gloucester, Rideau front.**

Lots Nos. 21 and 22, broken fronts, containing about 300 acres, and taking in about half a mile of the banks of the river Rideau adjoining the locks at Black Rapids, foot of Long Island, the land is good and well timbered. This is a most desirable situation.

## **Township of Cumberland.**

Lot No. 8 in the 1st Concession 200 acres. The land is good with plenty of steam boat wood, on the banks of the Ottawa river.

## **Township of Alfred.**

Lot No. 24 in the 1st Concession with broken front, containing about 300 acres, good land and well timbered, on the banks of the Ottawa river. It is said there is a spring on this lot that will compete with its neighbor the Caledonia Spring.

For farther information respecting any of the said lands, prices, &c. application to be made to the subscriber at Prescott, *if by letter to be Post paid.*

Prescott, 24th February, 1844.

**ALEX McMILLAN**

### Note to "Valuable Lands For Sale"

Dated at Prescott, 24 Feb, 1844, signed by Alex McMillan. The front half of lot No. 17 in the 3rd Concession, 100 acres, on this lot is said to be a variable spring. The land is good and well timbered. This spring or springs are situated in what is known as the "Middle Castor" or Greys Creek. Today the above mentioned spring still runs as free as it did one hundred and fifty years ago.

In 1991, the Regional Municipality of Ottawa Carleton in their effort to construct a footing for a new bridge, (where Regional Rd. 25 crosses over that stream) attempted to dewater the site. Thirty five sandpoints were set into the site and connected to a central pump. It pumped continually 1,000 gallons per minute from July 19 through to July 23 and for 2 hours on July 25th to no avail, the creek was recharging the local water table as fast as the wells could pump it.

The stream was eventually diverted and the bridge construction completed. However, a drainage project, ongoing at the time, lowering the creek bed from 0 - 3 feet did result in, the lowering of the water table causing some shallow wells to run dry.

In years gone by, neighbours would drive their cattle there to drink, in the winter time. Also, travellers along the road would stop to water their horses there. Three times in my life time deepening of the ditch resulted in "dry wells" in the immediate area - 1991, 1971 and as early as the 1930's. This natural resource still remains a valuable asset to the hamlet of Enniskerry and the surrounding country side in which it nestles.

Michael Daley



**DON'T FORGET!**  
**YOUR 1994 MEMBERSHIP**  
Family \$9.00  
single \$8.00