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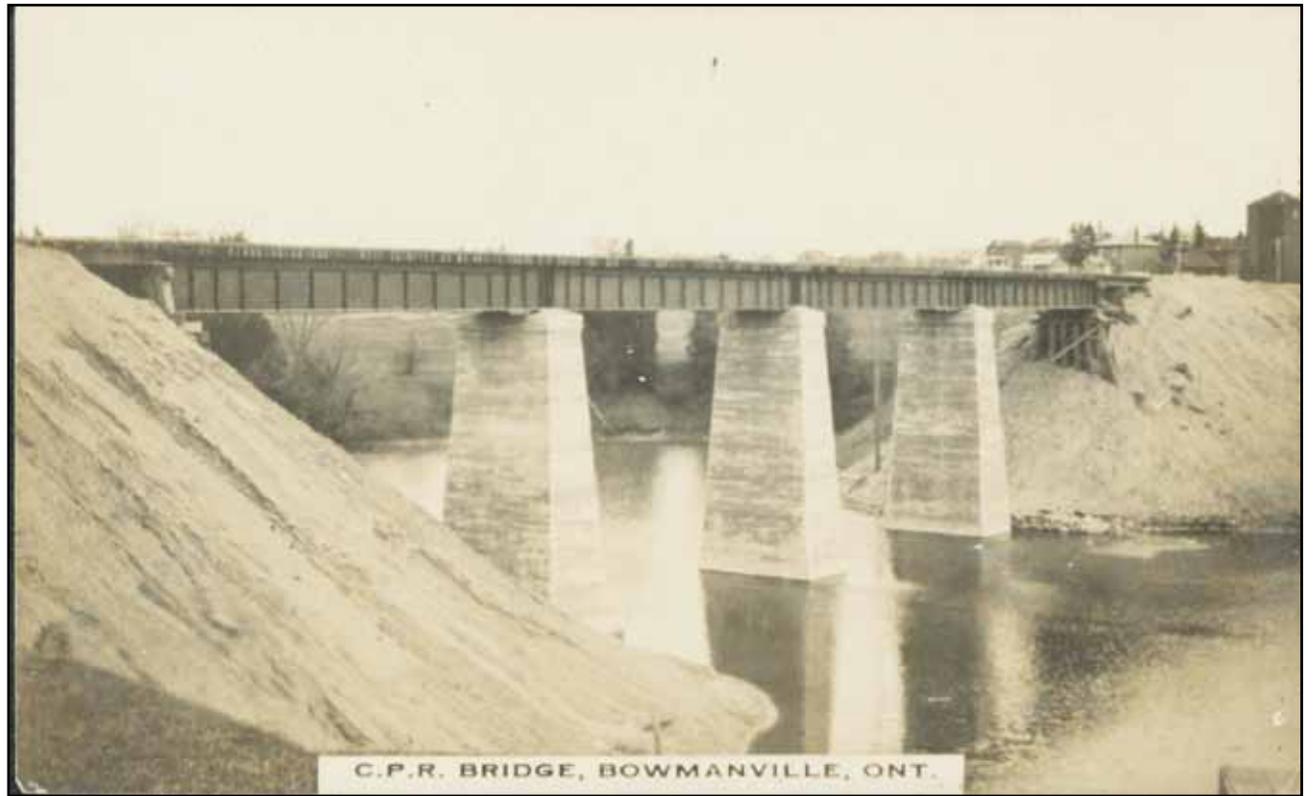
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History of Bowmanville Valley Part II



The Canadian Pacific Railway Trestle over Vanstone's Pond was considered quite an engineering feat in its day. This photo shows it just after completion around 1912. To the extreme right a water tower, used to provide water for the steam locomotives, can be glimpsed.

by Charles Taws

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The conclusion to Bowmanville Creek and its very early history.

In the last edition of the Clarington Promoter I presented you with some of the very early history about our Bowmanville Valley starting with the early days of Bowmanville, I touched on the Highway # 2 bridge and some of the early Industries which flourished on the electrical power generated from the Bowmanville Creek. If you missed reading that story - please feel free to visit www.ClaringtonPromoter.ca to download and read Bowmanville Valley Part I. Today we continue.....

Trains Across the Valley

Beginning in the middle of the 19th Century all Canada was gripped by railway fever! No self respecting community that planned to grow and prosper could do without a railway. Consequently some communities, like Bowmanville, ended up with too many rail lines and not enough traffic.

The first line to come through Clarington was the Grand Trunk in 1856. Today it is the Canadian National Railway and the original track bed was located near where it is today near Highway 401. The station is gone today, but the old railway hotel, "The Arlington", can still be seen as you take the east-bound on ramp at Liberty Street (you actually see the back of the building. The station was just to the

west of this structure).

Railway fever arose again and the next three lines all came to town more or less at the same time around 1910-1914. They were the Canadian Pacific, the Toronto Eastern Electric Railway and the Canadian Northern (Ontario) Railway. The last line mentioned came through north of Bowmanville and a bridge was built at Stephen's Mill near Bethesda. Although gone today the cement bases can still be seen today if you know where to look. It was also at this time that the Goodyear spur line on the Grand Trunk that ran along Hunt Street was constructed.

The Canadian Pacific had an earlier line pass through Clarington but it was up north near Burketon. This new line was known as the Lakeshore Line and unlike

the Grand Trunk its Bowmanville station would be very near the downtown. The construction of the cement trestle through the valley, and Vanstone's pond caused a lot of excitement and was considered to be quite an engineering feat. Sadly, passenger traffic ceased on this line in 1968 and the station near Scugog and Wellington Streets was torn down.

The Toronto Eastern Electric Railway was a proposed commuter train that promised hourly service to Toronto! They too built a trestle across the valley but this one was made of wood. Their tracks went down Wellington Street and stopped at Liberty. This railway went

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Increase the Number of Times Your Customers Come Back



by Peter Hobb

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It can cost up to six times more money to win a new customer than it costs to have an existing customer purchase again. It is much easier to grow your business by focusing on the customers you have rather than expending your energy and money on trying to win new customers. The incremental cost in getting existing customers to buy from you

again is much less, increasing profitability.

To focus your marketing efforts to get customers to keep coming back, you should classify your customer base into A, B, C, and D customers. "A" customers are your ideal customers, the ones you really enjoy dealing with. They are the ones that really appreciate what you do for them, always pay on time, are happy to recommend your business, etc. The "B" customers are good customers that, with a little bit of effort, have the potential to become "A" customers. "C" customers are the ones that don't give you any problems but don't have a lot of potential for growing the relationship. The "D" customers are the ones that can monopolize your time but provide little return to your business. These are

the ones you might consider asking to go elsewhere, freeing up time to take better care of your "A" and "B" customers. The Pareto Principle would state that 80% of your sales come from 20% of your customers, so why not focus on that 20%. Knowing who your "A" and "B" customers are will help you focus your marketing efforts on these customers to encourage them to keep coming back. For example, you could send them special mailings, make them exclusive offers, etc. Make them feel that they are members of a special club.

One simple strategy for getting customers to come back is to simply ask them to come back. Let them know you really appreciate doing business with them and you are looking forward to the next time. Normally customers that are delighted with a product or

service want to continue the relationship. Making them feel appreciated and valued will only encourage them to do that. On the other hand, if they don't feel valued and appreciated, they may go to your competitor. They may perceive that you don't care whether they do business with you. A simple thank you and asking that they please come back may be all it takes to establish a long term profitable relationship.

Providing awesome customer service is one obvious strategy for increasing the likelihood that customers come back. However, it does not always happen. If your business is able to offer service that goes above and beyond the norm your business is either very successful or it is well on its way to becoming very successful. To be able to give awesome

customer service you need to train your team to deliver it every time. It has to be part of the company's DNA. Every team member needs to know what is expected of them when dealing with customers and their level of authority in dealing with customer issues.

Keep nurturing the relationships that count. Keep in contact with your "A" and "B" customers. Follow up with customers by telephone to see how things are going, send them articles that may be of interest to them, thank them for referrals, etc. The more your name is in front of them the more likely they are to remember you and the more likely it will be that they will make a repeat purchase.

As mentioned in my previous article, ask for customer feedback. The information you obtain can be invaluable

for improving customer service. You can gather customer feedback by making follow up telephone calls, doing a customer survey or by asking ten of your best customers to participate in a meeting to review your customer service. Normally, you would have someone from outside your company facilitate this meeting where the participants would be asked what they liked and disliked about your company's service, what they valued, how the service could be improved, etc.

A lot of these strategies are very simple. With little effort you may be able to improve your company's performance dramatically. Remember it is a lot easier and less expensive to look after the customers you have than trying to find new ones.

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Speaker
Dr. James Breech

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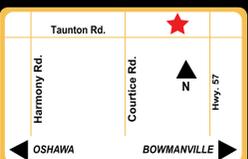
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The \$10 Million Dollar Decision



by Jim Abernethy, Editor
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Please take a moment to read the Message from the Co-Chairs on page 5 of this edition regarding an update on the progress of fund raising for the Valleys2000 Project.

Also mark your calendars now for Saturday June 14, 2012..... the RCMP are riding into town (Orono) to put on a spectacular show..... see details on page 8 & 9.

The next time you are driving, walking or cycling past an orchard of apple trees..... remember that the Apple Blossom is Clarington's official flower.

Our thoughts go out to all of our many Fruit Farmers who have been sitting on needles and pins worrying about the negative effects that this unusually warm spring weather will have on the fall harvest.

The danger is the cooler nights (-4 degrees C) that tend to damage the buds resulting in a low yield come fall. Let's hope it is not too bad come this fall.

So, what would you do with \$10 Million Dollars if it dropped into your lap tomorrow?

Spend it? Share it? Save it? Buy something special?

That is the dilemma that Clarington Council will be facing when the Port Granby Low Level Waste Project begins later this year, or early next. The \$10 Million is due from the Federal Government of Canada in return for hosting in perpetuity the long term low level waste site in Port Granby.

I have been encouraging everyone to share their thoughts to how best our municipality could spend this money in such a way that benefits the entire community.

We have received a number of suggestions from various residents who suggest that the funds are used to start a

foundation that will save Camp 30, and to create a tourist destination centre and save some of our historical past.

Other less costly suggestions include: using the funds to create a legacy project that would improve and delight our community by establishing an "edible tree concept." Peterborough has planted fruit & nut bearing trees all over their town and issue grants for organizations to plant more.

Establishing allotment gardens throughout our municipality is another suggestion that fits nicely with the "edible tree concept."

Improvements to the Lake Ontario Waterfront Trail where it passes thru Clarington will be expensive, however this would be a legacy lasting generations to come.

We have received many suggestions that we either relocate or make a substantial investment into our current Older Adults Program. This program is serviced by the Older Adult Centre on Beech Avenue in Bowmanville and by some of our many community town halls.

Funding a reduction in Juvenile Crime was another suggestion, the idea being to introduce programs for our younger people to teach respect for public and private property, thus prevent future property damage.

Some believe we should just keep the money in the bank for a rainy day, while others are afraid that the \$10 Million will be spent to shore up our reserve funds as a result of over spending.

Thank you for your suggestions and keep them coming!

My understanding is that Council has not made a decision how these funds will be spend.

Your input into that decision making is important.

Remember the old saying..... "it is easier to fight a decision before it is made."

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to invest some of your own energy into learning the basics about the choices available. Not to mention the immediate and long-term implications of your decisions regarding your investments.

The challenge of investing is to balance your desire for growth in your investment portfolio with your requirement

for safety. There must be a basic understanding of risk, and the fact that there is no escaping risk, only controlling exposure to it. For example, if you hide money in your mattress, you face the risk of a fire or flood destroying your mattress, or having your money stolen - out from under you. If you invest in bond/GIC/T-bill products only, you face the risk of equity markets rising higher than bond markets, while you are stuck with sub par bond returns. If you invest in only one asset class, for example Canadian equities, or one company, you face the risk of that asset class or company performing poorly at the same time.

To take control and reach your investment goals you should first determine the amount of risk you're willing to take, to minimize the chance of losing money. Then, take advantage of opportunities in the investable world that will give your portfolio exposure to a number of asset classes. Finally, monitor and adjust your investment as necessary to keep up with a changing world. Sticking to these basic principles will ensure you stay on the right track.

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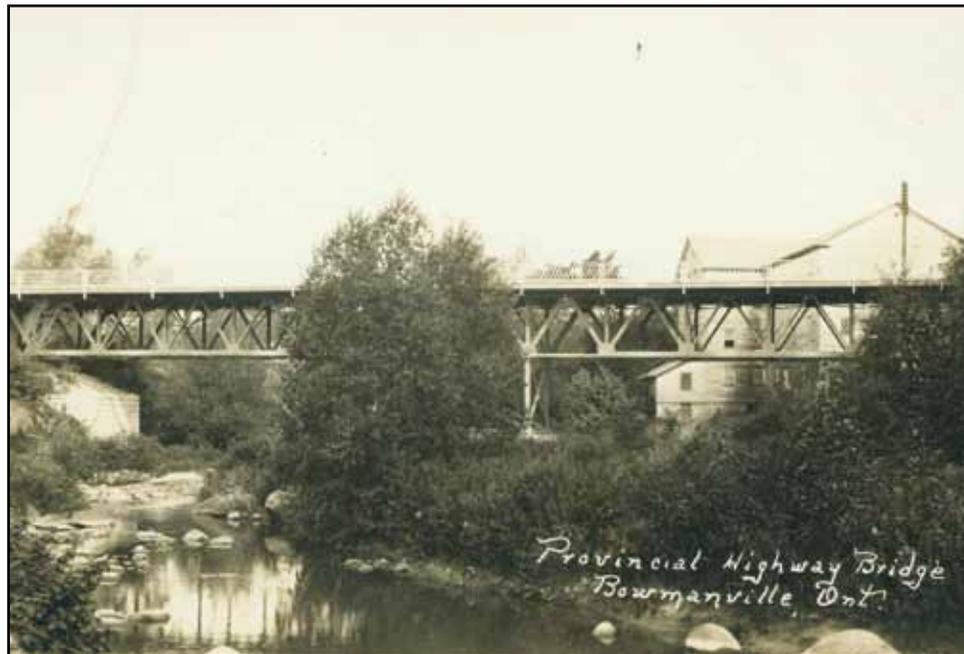
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History of Bowmanville Valley Part II



After a flood in 1890 five local bridges were washed out or damaged. The Highway # 2 bridge was the busiest and needed to be replaced as quickly as possible. The old bridge had been built of stone and wood. A prefabricated steel bridge was purchased to replace it. This bridge was used from 1890 until 1973.

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bankrupt before it opened but a gas-powered official's car did run on the line once.

World War One in the Valley

July and August of 1916 were busy times in the valley. In an area known as "The Flats" (south of the Vanstone Mill and at the foot of Temperance Street) a temporary military camp was set up. It was for the 235th Battalion, the second to search this area for recruits (the first was the 136th).

Bowmanville historian, David Morrison Sr. wrote in his regular Orono News column on August 3rd 1916:

"The 235th Batt. Is now under canvas in the flats below the English church and it is some place for such a gathering, lots of shade, plenty of water, and if there is any breeze blowing it will find its way down that valley to the camp ground. A canteen on the ground will sell you anything in the way of soft drinks or ice cream, or smoke if wanted, and a

good business appears to be done in this line. The band has a fine place to practice under the shade of several elms, and their music is much appreciated by those who venture to the top of the "stairs" and stay there to listen..."

In those days there was a park where Rotary Park is today. It had a wooden staircase leading to the valley and a small wooden bridge over the creek to "The Flats".

The camp was called "Camp Hoskin" or "Hoskin Park" and was named after their Honourary Colonel Dr. John Hoskin. He had donated money for the Battalion to purchase band instruments. Dr. Hoskin was born in England in 1835 and came to Darlington at the age of 18. He taught school near Mitchell's Corners (then known as Saxon Settlement) but went on to lead a distinguished career in law and business. He never forgot his first home in Canada and over the years Bow-

manville benefited from his generosity. It was he who laid the cornerstone for the Town Hall on August 29th, 1903. He died at the ripe old age of 85 in 1921.

Colonel Hoskin visited the camp in mid-August 1916 and on September 5th the Battalion left Bowmanville for points east. They left for England on May 3rd, 1917.

Conclusion

A lot has happened in the Bowmanville Valley since 1794. The creek with its water power is the reason that Bowmanville is where it is today. But, let's not forget that other people were attracted to the Bowmanville valley before the arrival of the first settlers. Native People lived and travelled through the valley for thousands of years before the arrival of the settlers. Their history is largely unrecorded but perhaps one day the trowel of the archaeologist will shed light on some of their stories.

Clarington Opening Doors!

Doors Open Clarington is excited to offer a glimpse into places not normally open to the public as part of its 3rd annual Doors Open event. On June 9th, 2012 from 10:00am to 4:00pm the doors will be open to beautiful schoolhouses converted to homes, an old film studio, churches, heritage barns, and an old cheese

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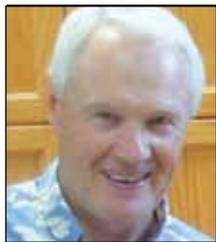
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“Man O’ War!” – The Sid Rutherford Story



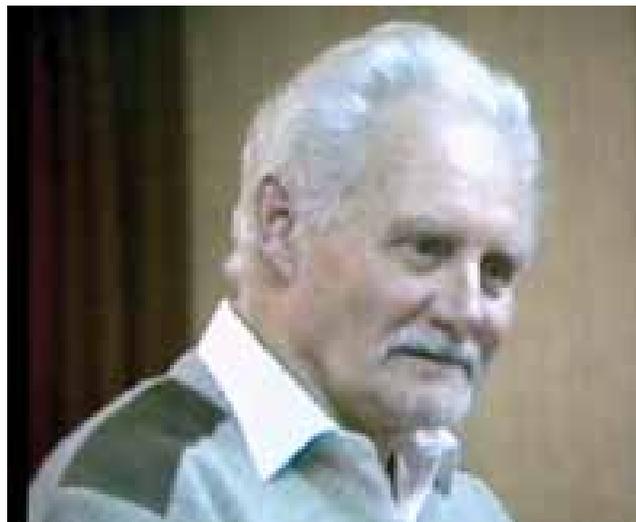
by Myno Van Dyke

NEWCASTLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sid Rutherford was born on the family farm just east of Kirby, Ont. His parents were William and Joanna. He began his education at SS#14 Clarke (now Clarke Museum) and then to the Orono Continuation School (High School) in Orono. Then to Peterborough Teachers College and later he received a degree at Queen’s University in Kingston. He began teaching in the early 1930’s at the Crooked Creek School (North of Newtonville) and then decided to go up to Northern Ontario for a few years. In 1938, he married Mary Mellor from Orono and they had four children- Paul, Joanne, Heather and Janice. Sid taught at Forest Hill Collegiate in Toronto and eventually made his way back to the Clarington area. He first taught at Ontario St. Public School in Bowmanville and then went back to his old high school in Orono. When the Orono School closed and the new Clarke High School was built, Sid became their first Vice-Principal. Soon they moved into the family farm on Regional Rd. 9.

When teaching, he often wore a tailored suit, white shirt, a tie and polished shoes in the classroom. He loved history and algebra. Praise flowed from his lips when students were successful. Apparently when he conducted a review for an exam, he would have ten students, all at once, go up to the blackboard. He would dictate the algebra equations and the chalk dust would be flying as the students wrote them out on the board. When things weren’t going well, Sid was known to occasionally throw chalk at them. Some would find their hands shaking so much that they couldn’t read their own writing.

“Man O’ War!” he would shout when he observed too many mistakes. “How many times do we have to do this?” The ones at the blackboard were the lucky



ones. Those in their seats knew there was no escape as their turn was coming.

Many years later at the Orono High School Reunion, Sid was introduced and shouted “Man O’ War!” and received a standing ovation from the students.

There was no hiding from Sid Rutherford. Sometimes the high school boys would be missing from class and frequent the pool hall in downtown Orono. When Sid arrived at the door, even those under the pool table would be quickly and efficiently returned to the classroom.

Sid knew his students thoroughly and pushed them to their greatest potential. He loved history and politics and was an active Liberal. In those days, most folks in Orono were either Liberal or Conservative, but he never let his own political bias enter the classroom. He loved to place a statement on the black board and grin as he watched his students debate the issue.

Not all of his teaching took place in the classroom. There is a story that one of his older students, much larger than Sid, complained loudly about Sid in Bob Thomas’ restaurant on Main St. in Orono. He felt that Sid had treated him badly and boldly stated to his pals that he would like to settle the score “out back of the restaurant”. Unbeknown to the student, Sid happened to be standing right behind this young lad when he made the utterance. Sid informed him that he would be more than happy to oblige and “let’s do it right now”. The student knew he was trapped and reluctantly stepped outside with a small crowd following. Sid was in fantastic physical condition, and as quick as lightning, deliv-

ered a quick lesson to the boy’s nose. The boy did not tell his parents about the altercation as he felt he would probably endure a worse fate at home. Another lesson learned. My, how things have changed..

Sid was a regular columnist for the Orono Times and wrote frequently about the historical characteristics of Clarke Township. He often would sermonize a bit about his thoughts and ideas. My favourite is this quote about the value of books- “It is from this source you get your ideas, your dreams, and without these our civilization would go backwards. It is not the answers in life that are important, it is the questions that you ask that are important. If you don’t ask the right questions there is little hope for the future”.

Helen MacDonald wrote a wonderful tribute when Sid Rutherford died at age 75 on February 15, 1992. “Sid Rutherford died this morning, the day following Valentine’s Day- a day of universal love. He loved life, he loved Canada, he loved poetry, he loved people and he loved his community. More importantly, he loved the earth, the essence of all his loves, and he loved the forest- the Ganaraska Forest. It is here that he was born. It is here that he died.”

Sid Rutherford believed that education was a lifetime pursuit. In 1975, he co-authored a book with Helen Schmid called “Out of the Mists-A History of Clarke Township”. The walking trail in downtown Orono along the creek is called the “Sidney B. Rutherford Woods Walk”.

He wrote “all of history is a continuation of life”. His life is part of our history. This was a special man.

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Message From the Co-Chairs

We are pleased to inform you that construction of the By-Pass Channel at the Veyance-Goodyear Dam is expected to begin in early July, 2012.

Our initial fund raising goal was increased to \$450,000 due to unexpected soil conditions and the decision by the Board of Directors to enhance the project's design by adding improved public viewing areas and educational components.

As a result, we continue with our fund raising efforts and invite you to help us reach our goal.

The Valleys2000 Fish By-Pass Channel project will have tremendous educational, economic and recreational benefits to our community for decades to come.

We wish to acknowledge more than 400 individuals, organizations and corporations who have donated funds and substantial in-kind contributions to the construction costs of this wonderful community project. (see List of donors to date)

Especially the Ontario Trillium Foundation for their donation of 1/3 of the funds required to complete this project.

Other major supporters are: St. Marys Cement, Molson-Coors, OPG, Valleaux Construction, Oshawa Sand & Gravel, Vissers Sod Farm, Trade-Tech Industries/Walter Hillman, Salit Steel, and T-D Bank who arranged for guest speaker General (Retired) Rick Hillier to headline the "A River Runs Through Us - Gala" which provided a venue for more than 400 attendees, sponsors and auction contributors to raise \$85,000 towards our goal.

Please remember that our Campaign remains open and that donations of \$500 or more will be recognized on the permanent donor board to be erected at the project site.

Please know that any amount you contribute will be greatly appreciated.

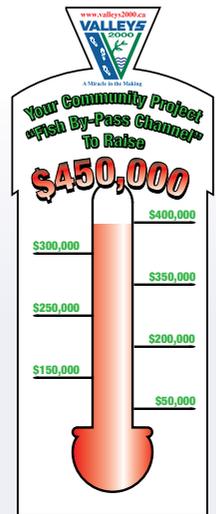
Here is how you can make a contribution:

1. contact one of the Committee Members listed on this page.
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Sincerely,

*Al Strike & Harold Hammond, Co-Chairs
Valleys2000 Fund Raising Committee*

**We have still
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Message from the President

What a wild ride we've been on since committing ourselves to a new By-Pass Channel for the great fish of Bowmanville Creek!

It's been a tougher project than we thought then. However we now have plans ready for the government authorities, we have almost enough donated funds in funds and "in-kind" to begin and we're putting shovels into the ground within days to create this magnificent gift for our community.

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~ Frank W. Lockhart, President | Valleys2000 (a not for profit charitable organization)





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RCMP Musical Ride

by Charles Taws

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The RCMP Musical Ride is coming back to Orono! It was here once before on June 18th 2004. It was part of the Great Canadian Town Band Festival organized by Dave Climenhage and other volunteers. The Musical Ride is a spectacle that all Canadians should see. It is an opportunity to experience part of our heritage and national identity.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police and their distinctive red uniforms

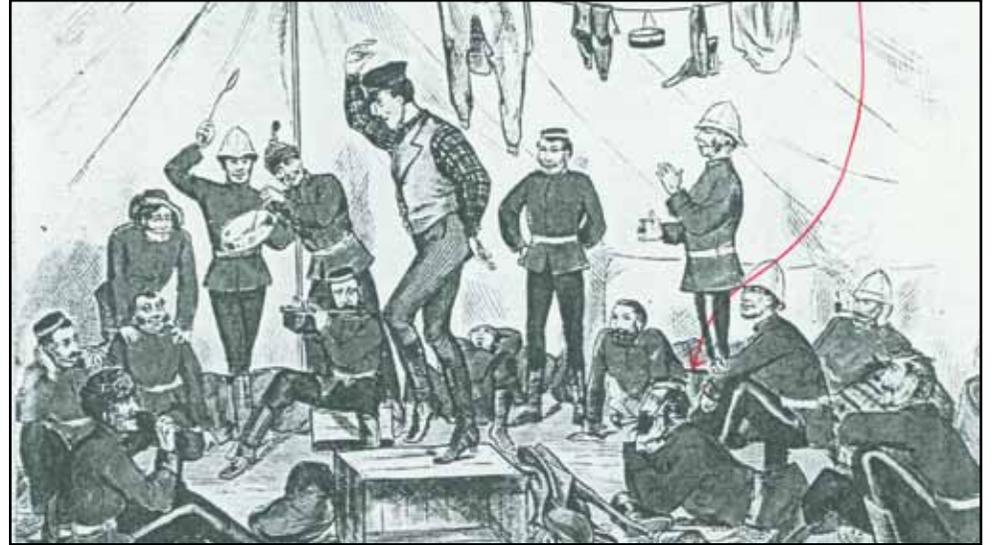
are one of the most recognizable symbols of Canada throughout the world. They began in 1873 and were known as the Northwest Mounted Police. Local legend states that the first Musical Ride was held three years later in 1876 as a way for members of the force to display their riding ability. The first recorded Musical Ride was held in Regina in 1887 and in 1901, with 20 men and horses, they put on a public display for the first time. The Ride consists of the execution of a variety of intricate figures and cavalry drill choreographed to music. Demanding control, timing and coordina-

tion, these movements are formed by the individual horses and their riders in two's, four's, and eight's at a trot and at the canter.

Today the RCMP Musical Ride performs from 40 to 50 locations annually between the months of May and October. Many of the performances are in Canada, but they also perform internationally as well. The Ride comprises 36 riders with 36 horses as well as a Ferrier, a technical production manager and three Non-Commissioned Officers.

Members of the Musical Ride are police officers with at least two years active police service. They volunteer for the Musical Ride and many of them have no prior horse training! Many months of practice and many kilometers around the riding school make the riders and horses one.

The Canadian Government considered forming the police force that became the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as early as the 1860's when they were considering buying Rupert's Land (much of northern Ontario and Quebec, all of Manitoba, and large sections of Saskatchewan and Alberta) from the Hudson Bay Company. They were



Col. James F. Macleod

Many sketches were done of the Riel Rebellion in Western Canada. Before photography, they were used to illustrate current events in newspapers such as the Canadian Illustrated News. Here some soldiers make their own entertainment to pass the night away. Col. Macleod can be seen in the lower right corner lying on the ground smoking a pipe. Maybe this is the one he got while serving in the local militia in Bowmanville?

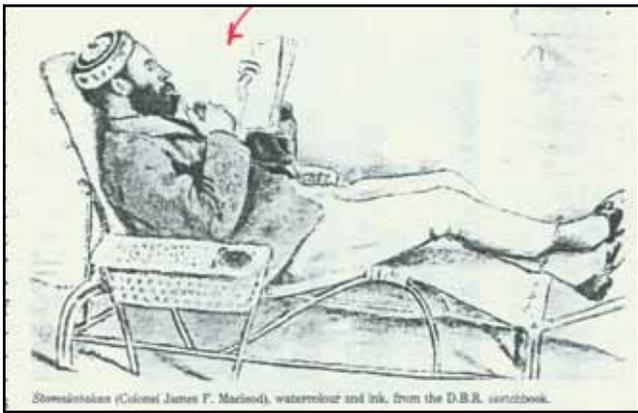
originally intended to be a temporary force to ensure the smooth settlement of the west and fair treatment of the natives.

One of the Northwest Mounted Police's most famous sons was Scottish born James Farquharson MacLeod. He went west in the early 1870's to help quell the Riel Rebellion and became a superintendent and inspector of the newly formed organization in 1873. His career was a distinguished one and Fort

Macleod in Southern Alberta is named after him. He's also the man who named the city of Calgary. He named it after Calgary Bay on the Isle of Mull, Scotland where he had relatives.

James MacLeod (1836-1894) also has a strong Bowmanville connection. He practiced law here on King and Silver Streets in the 1860's. Sadly no newspapers exist from this era so we know little of his activities. We do know he studied law with Frederick Cubbitt and

like him was active in local militia affairs. He achieved the rank of major in the 45th West Durham Battalion of Infantry and saw service during the Fenian Raids in 1866. This battalion had companies in Bowmanville, Orono, Cartwright Township and Newcastle. His family married into the well known McCready and Vanstone families. When he left Bowmanville the 45th Battalion presented him with a gift of a meerschaum pipe.



Col. James F. Macleod

Col. James F. Macleod led one of the most distinguished careers in the history of the R.C.M.P. He is shown here in an 1870's sketch smoking a pipe which we believe was given to him in Bowmanville by the West Durham 45th battalion.



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The Fort Macleod Band of the North West Mounted Police

by David Climenhage,

CLARINGTON PROMOTER
CONTRIBUTOR

On June 14th the RCMP Musical Ride will appear at the Orono Fair Grounds in celebration of 160 years of fairs. That evening the Orono

no Cornet Band will open the program with the music of the Fort Macleod Band of the NWMP. This historic band, established at Fort Macleod in 1876, was the first to travel to Rupert's Land and bring brass band music to the North West.

By the 1870's, the United States had completed a

transcontinental railway. Along with settlers, came a lawless element determined to live free and do as they pleased. American whiskey traders set up business on the Canadian Prairies. Their names reveal something of their storied character - Slideout, Kipp, Standoff and the most notorious of them all: Fort Whoop-Up.

Canada's answer to this problem was to create the North West Mounted Police and move the 300 man force west to bring law and order to the Canadian prairies and to establish Canadian Sovereignty. The trek west by the NWMP is a story of great hardship and determination. They had an immediate impact. The whiskey traders cleared out and law and order was a reality on the prairies.

Following the long winter of 1875 at the newly con-

structed Fort Macleod, it was recognized that morale would be a problem without some diversions to cope with the short winter days and long nights. They decided to form a band made up of the men in the detachment who were musicians. Many of the men had grown up playing brass instruments in their town band. Their first concert was performed on Queen Victoria's Birthday in May 1876.

In the summer of 1876 Major Macleod began a tour of the tribes for talks. This quote from Captain Parker "We used the band that same summer in our long marches making treaties with the Wood Cree Indians at Fort Carlton and the Plains Cree at Fort Pitt. The Indians had never heard a band before and showed intense surprise... The men

liked the big drum and made the offer of a good horse for it."

During the negotiations with Lieutenant Governor Laird, a large procession of tribes led by chief Old Sun was led by the mounted Fort Macleod Band. They marched from their encampment to the Governor's Headquarters with the band playing "Hold the Fort for I am coming".

On September 22, 1877, Treaty Number 7 was signed with the tribes of the Blackfoot Confederacy on the Bow River. It was presided over by the Fort Macleod Band. Peace with the power-

ful tribes and law and order was established on the prairies within only four years all with the help of the first Brass Band west of Ontario.

The present day Orono Cornet Band is a project of the Great Canadian Town Band Festival. It is made up of outstanding professional brass musicians from across southern Ontario who perform the music of Canada's 19th century brass bands on period instruments. They will perform the music of the Fort Macleod Band at 6:30 PM, June 14th in an opening concert for the RCMP Musical Ride.



Legion's Dedication of The Fred West Hall



Left, former Mayor Diane Hamre and Rick Saunders, President Royal Canadian Legion BR178. Right, soldiers from the Ontario Regiment in Oshawa who also participated in the dedication of The Fred West Hall.

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HOME COOKING *with Cathy*

by Cathy Abernethy

HOME PROMOTER
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Hello everyone. Spring has arrived and I am feeling that I could not do this column without included two of my favourite spring time pleasures. These recipes are very easy and use ingredients which are readily available in our local markets and grocery stores. Asparagus is certainly ready now and rhubarb will be available very soon. I hope your family & friends enjoy these recipes as much as I we do.



Rhubarb Crisp

Ingredients:

- 3 cups rhubarb cut into ½ inch pieces
- ½ cups maple syrup

Topping ingredients:

- 1/3 cup butter- unsalted
- 1 ¼ cup brown sugar
- ¾ cup flour
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. cinnamon

Preparation:

- Preheat oven to 350 F.
- Cream together butter and brown sugar. Stir in flour, salt and cinnamon
- Arrange rhubarb in the bottom of a 8" x 8" pan. Pour ¼ cup maple syrup over rhubarb.
- Sprinkle topping over rhubarb and bake for 25-30 minutes until topping is starting to brown slightly.
- Serve warm with vanilla ice cream or whip cream.

Asparagus in Lemon Butter

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ lbs. fresh asparagus, ends trimmed and well rinsed
- ½ cup white wine
- Juice of 2 fresh lemons
- 1 shallot, minced
- 5 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- Salt and pepper

Preparation:

- Bring 8 cups if salted water to a boil and add asparagus. Cook until just tender, about 3 minutes. Drain asparagus and immediately place in a bowl filled with ice water until asparagus is cold. Drain and reserve asparagus until ready to use.
- To make lemon butter, reduce white wine and lemon juice with shallot in a saucepan over medium heat until only 2 Tbsp. of liquid remain. Stir in 4 Tbsp. of butter until incorporated, season to taste and remove from heat. Melt remaining 1 Tbsp. of butter in a sauté pan and heat asparagus until just warm. (be careful not to overcook). Arrange asparagus on a platter and spoon lemon butter over spears of asparagus. Serves 6



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Local Markets Opening In May



by Tom Coleman

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Local Farm Markets will be opening their doors this month, and with that will come

delicious locally grown food! Opening in Clarington in May are Pingle's Farm Market in Hampton, Price's Country Market & Greenhouse in Bowmanville, and Watson Farms in Bowmanville. Both Pingle's Farm Market and Price's Country Market & Greenhouse offer a selection of bedding plants, local produce, not to mention some fun attractions for the whole family. This year, Watson Farms will be opening their sea-

son with asparagus for the first time. Watch for them to open in early-mid May. This spring-time favourite can also be found at Link Greenhouses in Bowmanville. In addition to asparagus, Link (who opened last month) also offers fresh from the vine tomatoes and cucumbers. Our year-round markets are also a great source of local produce. Visit Algoma Orchards Gourmet Market in Newcastle, or Country Market Garden Centre in Bowmanville to buy

local and buy fresh. With all signs pointing to an early growing season, you can also expect to see local strawberries in full blossom before the end of the month. We have so many tasty foods to look forward to!! To find out more about these local options, visit www.durhamfarmfresh.ca or call 905-427-1512. Discover the local difference - see you at the farm market!

Food for Thought

by Leslie James

HOME PROMOTER CONTRIBUTOR

Even though I start umpteen edibles from seed, I also like to visit my favourite local markets to purchase other plants for my garden and table. My route starts east of Kendal at H. Richardson Farms, meanders west to The Garden Shed near Leskard, and then on to The Country Market Garden Centre north of Bowmanville. I finally hit Prices Country Market east of Bowmanville on Highway #2. These local growers offer friendly personal service and an unusual variety of plants grown in their own greenhouses. If they don't have a

requested plant, they will order it or help their customer source plants locally. Richardsons features bulk bare root trees and shrubs as well as individual specimen trees, flowering shrubs, fruit trees and small fruits. Planting trees and shrubs is a great way to modify the climate around your home as you provide cover and food for birds as well as humans. Whether seeking edibles or ornamentals, The Garden Path is well worth a visit. They offer twenty varieties of heritage tomatoes, various herbs and edible flowers as well as rhubarb, current, strawberry and asparagus plants. They are open seven days a week after May 1.

Interesting plants spill out of every corner of Country Market Garden Center. In the edible department, one can find the small fruits listed above plus blackberries and fruit trees and cell packs of unusual varieties of vegetables. Link Hydroponic Greenhouses and The Orono Co-op also sell vegetable plants. It's a delicate dance to purchase tender plants just before the long weekend in May while procuring other hardier plants before they sell out. For contact information for the local Markets mentioned above visit: <http://claringtonpromoter.ca> This spring, my heart is heavy. Just as many of us are

enthusiastically embracing the local food movement, our right to save seeds, grow our own food and buy from local merchants may be severely curtailed by a little known law known as CETA. This proposed Canadian-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement places treasured democratic rights at all three levels of government in the hands of global agribusiness corporations. The National Farmers Union successfully stopped proposed changes to seed saving laws in 2005. To learn more visit this website: <http://www.cban.ca/Resources/Topics/Trade/Food-Agriculture-and-CETA>

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