



COBOURG'S BALTIMORE HOTEL

THE COLUMBIAN - established in 1893 "popularly known as COBOURG'S COSY SUMMER RESORT". It had two annexes, Lake View Lawn and the Baltimore. On Lake View Lawn there were two first-class cottages, each containing about thirty rooms. The Baltimore was near the lake and had about

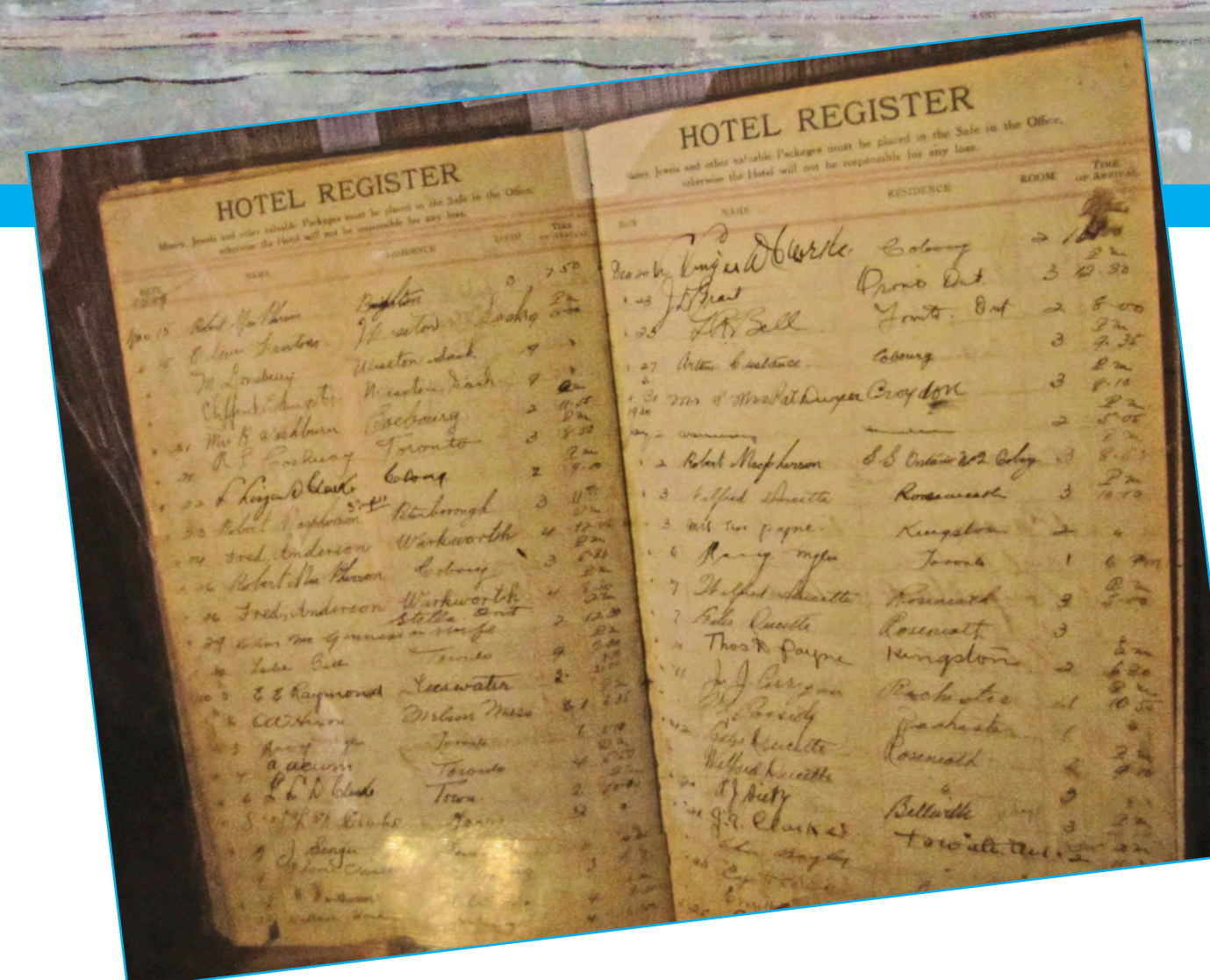
twenty-five "excellent sleeping rooms". Some older residents remember it as **the first local establishment to have strippers.**

CHATEAU BY THE LAKE - once the Columbian, on the south east corner of King and McGill Streets It was one of the last of the old hotels, demolished in 1994 to **complete the current outline of Victoria Park.**



KELLY'S HOMELIKE INN - is **still with us today.** Going inside is like stepping into history, for behind the bar you may find Gord Kelly IV, great grandson of Gord who became the owner in 1932. That Gord was **a chef on the ferry which ran between Cobourg and Rochester** in those days. Once, when returning from a trip across the Lake, he found that his wife had bought a boarding house and inn, first built in 1845, stables and ice house included. While many other establishment have come and gone, Kelly's remains on Third Street next to Victoria Hall.

As the oldest pub in town it makes no pretensions to be the most modern. One recent visitor delighted in "the old pine floors, the embossed tin ceiling in the foyer as well as the comfortable look of another age". (Marian Boys) On display in one corner is an old Guest Register showing the names of the guests who were there in 1929, even before it was Kelly's. But Kelly's does keep up with the times. **In 1976 women were allowed in the previously all-male bar!**



And then there was the **ST LAWRENCE TEMPERANCE HOTEL**

As Susanna Moodie commented in the 1830s,

the frightful vice of drinking prevails throughout the colony to a large extent.

The prevalence of alcoholic beverages, and the attendant evil of intoxication amongst the inhabitants, led to **the creation of the Upper Canada Temperance Society in 1834.** Two pledges were available to members: one permitting wine and beer but excluding spirits, and one abstaining from all alcohol except for medicinal reasons.

Women were barred from membership in the Society until the 1860s. Women were, naturally, fearful of staying at hotels, particularly if unaccompanied. They undoubtedly **welcomed the opening of Cobourg's Temperance Hotel in 1859,** at the corner of James and Division Streets. The absence of a bar in the hotel ensured their peace and safety. A number of these Temperance Houses in the province offered the traveller very good accommodation.