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Grade Eight Pupils Enjoy Trip to Toronto Museum Indian Gallery Fascinates Betty Cook

MY TRIP TO THE TORONTO PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AND MUSEUM

By Betty Cook
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I would like to share with you some of the enjoyment I received on Friday, March 24th, 1961. This day will linger in my mind for a long time as it was a day full of excitement.

We arrived by bus at the Parliament Buildings about 9:15. The guide led us into the Legislative Assembly, which is carpeted in scarlet, and up to the speaker's chair.

Here she explained to us the arrangement of the legislature, the furnishings and decoration of the room. After she finished, she asked us several questions about civics.

Next, we were taken to the east gallery, where we watched a session of parliament. We were given a floor plan of the legislature so that we could see where the various members sat. When we left the legislature to go to the cafeteria for lunch, we were given an envelope containing a puzzle and other literature.

Lesson on Indians
Leaving the Parliament Buildings about 12 o'clock, we walked through Queen's Park to the Royal Ontario Museum. Here a guide divided us into two separate classes and we were led to different sections of the museum.

We had lessons on such topics as Canadian Mammals and Canadian Indians. I enjoyed the lesson on Indians more. It was so interesting to see the different dresses, headwork, carved figures and weaving.

The thing that fascinated me was the tremendous age of the articles. The guide said that one of the brave's garments was several hundred years old and, he told me, it did not look much more than a couple of years old, as it was in such good condition.

Explore Building
After this lesson, we were given about an hour's free time in which to explore the building of four floors.

My trip was almost like a dream. I would like to return again someday, as I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Acton Public School Board who made this trip possible.

MY EXCURSION TO TORONTO
By Gordon Campbell
Robert Little School

As I stepped on the bus which was leaving for Toronto, I knew I was headed for a day of fun, excitement and mystery. We drove along for approximately an hour and a half before reaching the busy city of Toronto with its many tall buildings looming high in the air.

Although we had already entered the city, it was some time before we reached Queen's Park in which the Parliament Buildings are situated.

Towers Proudly
The buildings are very old outside and although they were built in the nineteenth century, they tower nobly and proudly in the air. Once inside the building, we were led to the Legislative Assembly by a guide.

On the floor was a dark red carpet and from the ceiling hung large chandeliers. She spoke to us about the coat of arms and how they were carved by a famous artist.

We then went up to the gallery and listened to parliament while it was in session. Following our stay in the Assembly, we walked through a tunnel under the street to the cafeteria, where we ate our lunch. It was a most enjoyable lunch with many delicious things and I liked it very much.

Likes Armour Best
After finishing our lunch, we walked through Queen's Park to the Royal Ontario Museum. We were met here by two guides who showed us only a few of the vast number of galleries in the museum. They discussed each gallery with us and, following our conversation we were given an hour of free time to tour the entire museum by ourselves.

I enjoyed standing about the large building with its many galleries full of various things. The gallery which I stayed at the longest was the armour section. It revealed the oldest types of armour ever used. Displays of the armour were all over the gallery. The different kinds of swords and shields were also shown. This gallery was to me the most interesting of all.

On the way home, I thought of all the things which I had seen during the day. I knew that some day when I have more time, I shall go to the museum and study more thoroughly other interesting subjects.

Three Calls on Weekend Over New Alarm System

Acton's newly installed fire alarm system was well christened over the weekend when firemen were called out three times to minor fires.

Final check for the new six-phone alarm system came Friday afternoon and Saturday morning the first report of a fire was heard by the answering service when a chimney blaze caused firemen to make a fast run to the residence of D. Pothier, Bower Avenue. The fire was brought under control in a matter of minutes.

Sunday morning the wait of the siren brought firemen racing to the home of Harold Harris, Main Street North, when another chimney blaze occurred. Once again damage was nil.

Sunday afternoon, firemen were alerted by the sound of the siren and made a fast run to the farm home of Bruce Williamson, but on arrival found a fire in the

basement had been brought under control.

New System Good
Since the weekend's work-out, fire chief Jack Newton is confident the new system is a good one and no doubt telephone operators are happy to be relieved of the worry of fire alarms.

Under the new system anyone reporting a fire calls 300 and one of six phones placed in strategic places in town will respond to the call and receive all information.

The other five phones can receive the call as well but users cannot interrupt the message. When the location of the fire has been obtained, a lever on any one of the six phones can be flicked and the siren is sounded to summon firemen to the firehall.

The system was adopted prior to the installation of the dial system when an operator will not be on duty to answer calls as in the past.

Toll-Free Service to Acton To Boost Telephone Charges

Plans to eliminate long distance charges for telephone calls between Acton and both the Rockwood and Georgetown exchanges late this year were announced this week by C. S. Keith, Bell Telephone manager for this region.

The introduction of toll-free calling with Rockwood and Georgetown will coincide with the introduction of dial service in Acton scheduled for late 1961.

Mr. Keith said that studies are constantly being made on the calling patterns among neighboring exchanges. When the volume of calls reaches a level which indicates the existence of a strong community of interest, steps are taken to remove toll charges on the telephone traffic which flows between them.

With the addition of Georgetown and Rockwood customers to those which Acton subscribers can reach on a local calling basis, higher rates for telephone service will apply here, Mr. Keith said that this is in keeping with the principle of classifying exchanges into rate groups according to the number of telephones within their local calling areas, taking into consideration the distances from any exchange with which they have toll-free calling.

Similarly, higher rates for local service will apply in both Rockwood and Georgetown, which they will also receive toll-free calling with Huttonville in September.

It explained that all exchanges served by Bell are divided into 12 rate groups according to this principle. The addition of Georgetown and Rockwood telephones to those in Acton's local calling area will move Acton within the range of a higher rate group than at present.

Federal Health Grant
Aids Mental Clinic
Word was received from Hall on M.P.P. Sandy Best that the Minister of Health has approved a federal health grant amounting to \$24,246, to assist in the establishment and maintenance of a Mental Health Clinic in the Huttonville area.

These funds will help finance salaries of personnel, travel expenses, costs of equipment and services. "This grant should be of material assistance in the expansion of the Mental Health Services in Huttonville," Mr. Best reported.

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Euchres Popular; Hockey Win Weekend Visitors in News

Congratulations to the Guelph Royals Hockey Team who defeated the Niagara Falls Flyers 11-4 Friday evening at Memorial Gardens. This was the semi-final between the two clubs. Guelph will go on to meet the finalists when the winners of the other clubs are decided.

The euchre and dance sponsored by the Home and School Association held in the town hall Friday evening was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reid of Oustie, Mr. Vernon Meadows, Miss Shirley Mortimer, Kitchen, Mr. and Mrs. O. Meadows attended the euchre party Saturday evening at Stewarttown when 21 tables were in play.

A group of the Rockwood Euchre Club fans attended the W.I. euchre held at Luttrell's School Friday evening when 17 tables were in play. Mrs. Fred Lambert won the ladies' high score, with 150 points, and Mr. George Mortimer of Kitchener won the gents' birthday prize.

Congratulations to Mr. Alex McPhedran who won first prize on barley at the Arthur Seed Fair recently.

Little Garry Hepburn who had the misfortune to break his leg a couple of weeks ago, was able to leave the hospital and is resting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hepburn.

Plans were made to hold a baking sale in June in Acton. A public relations meeting was planned for Monday, March 27, at the home of Mrs. A. McLean. Mrs. Archie McLean gave an excellent paper comparing the modern-housewife and her grandmother. The housework was done in a more difficult way in the day of the grandmother and also the clothing was quite different than that of today.

Mrs. Oude-sloos gave the thought for the day. Each member took part in the program. The meeting closed with all singing the Queen and repeating the benediction and Institute Grace.

Mrs. Mervyn MacLeod thanked Mrs. Cox for the use of her home and the lovely lunch.

CONCENTRATION CAMPS
British military authorities in the Boer war instituted concentration camps in 1901 with the best of disheartening fighting troops by collecting non-combatants.



GORDON CAMPBELL, grade eight pupil of the Robert Little Public School had his essay chosen by staff members following a recent trip to Toronto. Last Friday pupils from the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett schools toured Queen's Park and the museum and after their return wrote a brief outline of the trip. Gordon is pictured above with his principal G. W. McKenzie who accompanied the pupils as they scan his winning essay.

Weekend Visitors

Weekend and Sunday visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Max Norris and Ricky of Flock with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harris.

Miss Carol Judd of London, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly of Guelph, Mrs. Elizabeth Johns, Mr. and Mrs. George Johns and daughter of Newmarket with Mrs. D. McPhedran and Miss Elizabeth McPhedran.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hagan, Patsy and Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Spears of Guelph with Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Meadows were in Kitchener during the weekend.

Mrs. Gordon Harris and children Wesley and Rose Marie, Mrs. Stanley Harris visited friends in Guelph Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Lambert and daughters Brenda, Lyne and Maureen of Hamilton with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lambert.

Two Surprise Parties Held

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hiltz were taken by surprise when friends and neighbors dropped in to help celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Thursday night. The evening was spent playing euchre and Mrs. Frank Smith and Robt. McEnevy were winners.

A beautiful lunch was served and a cake nicely decorated to suit the occasion. The bride and groom of 40 years cut it together. They received many lovely gifts and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

On Friday night a second group gathered for a second surprise. The evening was spent in games and contests. They again received some lovely gifts.

Achievement Day

The ladies who have been making rugs, attended achievement day at Milton on Friday.

Wayne and Kathy Lee French have been in Guelph Hospital for tonsil operations. Both are doing fine.

Chester Swindlehurst was among the lucky ones whose horse ran in the sweepstake but failed to come in first.

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Susie's Daddy is saving for that day too . . . regularly. Each week he comes into our office and adds to Susie's account. You see, he figured that if he put \$5 a week away for her at 4% cumulative interest, there would be \$5,300 in 180 months . . . when she'll be ready for college . . . or for her very own.

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