

## Indian loans Halton Museum 1762 medal

Halton County Museum at Kelso will soon be displaying a rare Canadian medal dating to 1762, thanks to the generosity of an Indian from Port Loring who decided the priceless treasure should be on display to the people of Canada for Centennial year.

Simon Stevens, a 72-year-old Indian from Port Loring, took his most prized possession from the Port Loring Post Office safe for the first time in many years on Tuesday, to deliver it in person to Major Hal Newman, director of the Halton Museum. Stevens, a well-mannered, soft-spoken resident of Port Loring is the grandson of chief Peter Stevens of the Maniwaki tribe of Algonquians who

helped Her Majesty's Highlanders scale the cliffs of Quebec.

The unique medal, solid silver and two and a half inches across, is inscribed in Latin and bears a picture of King George III. George had the medal struck to give to the Indians who switched their allegiance from France to Britain in 1762, and the medal loaned to the Museum this week is one of six made. One other similar medal has been located in Washington — Mr. Stevens' is the only other known to exist.

From stories handed down through the family, he has learned his grandfather receiv-

ed the medal in Quebec from a representative of the King. Chief Stevens later left the Maniwaki band and went to live in northern Ontario.

Indians, unlike other people, hand down their treasured possessions to their youngest son instead of their oldest. So Chief Peter Stevens' son Joseph received the treasure on Peter's death at age 110, and Simon received it when his father died at 85.

Simon recounted his travels for Major Newman while he

visited the Museum on Tuesday. He had brought along his wife Lucy Anishnabe, princess whose father was Chief Gabriel of the Ojibway (they spell it Otchjwwe) tribe. The couple have seven children, the youngest of whom is Arnold Stevens who is serving in the Air Force. Some day, Arnold will inherit the medal.

Mr. Stevens said the Royal Ontario Museum at Toronto learned about his medal in 1947 and has been attempting to purchase it ever since. But he will not sell his "priceless" treasure.

## Senior Citizens' problems aired at Golden Age Club

The regular evening meeting of the Acton Golden Age Club was a most interesting and enjoyable one and was well attended. As the proposed bus trip to Brantford to see the Don Messer Jubilee appearance June 19 was considered too expensive for an evening, it was decided to resume arrangements for a day's bus trip to Collingwood and vicinity.

The secretary was to write again to see if Aug. 3 would be a suitable date for an arranged tour of Blue Mountain Potteries and Georgian China. Mr. and Mrs. Rolston, Mr. Davidson and Mrs. Reed were to make arrangements.

Mrs. Cosser said more instruments and more practices were needed if the rhythm band was to be a success. A committee of Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Cosser, Mr. O'Hara and Mr. Winton was appointed to choose and purchase instruments and they were authorized to spend necessary funds at their own discretion. Mrs. Cosser thanked the club for cards and kindness during her recent illness.

The quilt committee displayed a large quilt just out of the frames Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Nelson Lambert had been the hostess. Mrs. Kennedy had carefully and accurately marked it with a beautiful design and Miss Somerville had helped in assembling it in the frames.

Other members helping quilt were Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Rolston, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Wilderspin, Mrs. Winn, Mrs. Shoemaker, Mrs. Creasey, Mrs. Cleave, Mrs. McCutcheon, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Agnew, Mrs. Hargrave, Mrs. Miyyer, Mrs. John Lambert, Mrs. McAuley, Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Smith had applied the quilt and will be taking it to England with her for a wedding present for her only niece when she flies over to attend the niece's wedding in July.

Mrs. Mercer, public health nurse, was present to speak on the problems of senior citizens and told of benefits available to them in regard to OMSIP and Hospital Insurance, and of the services through CNIB, cancer societies, legal aid etc.

She gave advice on nutrition, exercise, safety habits, night classes etc. She said senior citizens had a lot to offer the younger generation in the skills they had, such as teaching young girls to cook their favorite recipes etc.; getting Boy Scouts and other youth organizations to help would also help the Scouts and other young folk. Mrs. Mercer answered questions and gave out an excellent pamphlet on Food Guide.

Mr. Rolston, M.C., introduced

ced Mrs. Armstrong, who showed many beautiful pictures of her tours in Europe and showed some of Expo 67, the first to be shown at the club. She was given a hearty round of applause in gratitude.

Mrs. McCutcheon gave a couple of short readings in her usual pleasing manner. A sing-song followed. Mrs. De Vries and her committee served a bountiful lunch.

June "birthdays" present were Mrs. Evans, Mrs. McCutcheon, Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. D. Reed's 44th wedding anniversary comes June 20, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown's 58th wedding anniversary on June 28.

About 50 members enjoyed a happy evening.

Mrs. Ferguson was incorrectly named as lunch convener of the June 1 meeting instead of Mrs. De Vries.

The Golden Age Club was well represented at the official opening of the hydro building and at Decoration Day.

## Pioneer grist mill

Visitors to Black Creek Pioneer Village this year will have an opportunity to visit and inspect an authentic pre-Confederation grist and flour mill, and also see the actual grinding of wheat into flour as it was done during the early 1800s.

The mill, known as Roblin's Mill, formerly stood at Ameliasburg in Prince Edward County near Belleville. It was built in 1842 by Owen Roblin, whose father John, a United Empire Loyalist, was the first of the Roblin clan to settle in the county. The premier of Manitoba, Hon. Duff Roblin, is a descendant of John Roblin.

During the mill's heyday, particularly during the American Civil War, the mill ran 24 hours a day. Two teams of horses were kept busy around the clock, hauling flour to the nearby port of Rednersville. From there, the flour would go aboard American schooners bound for U.S. ports. Production at the mill was about 100 barrels daily.

The town of Ameliasburg, site of the mill, was first called Roblin's Mills, and became a prominent community in the region.

The mill was powered by water from nearby Roblin's Lake, and had 40-foot head of water over the wheel. Fish in the lake at that time were so plentiful that a man was paid, full time, to net fish entering the gates of the mill.

## Mrs. W. Britton Institute hostess

The monthly meeting of Dublin Women's Institute was held last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Willard Britton, First Line, Esquering. In spite of the very warm evening, there was a good attendance.

Opening exercises were conducted by the president, Mrs. M. Nellis. Roll call by the secretary, Mrs. Moffat, was answered by "A local news item" which created interest. The usual business was approved and other matters of correspondence disposed of.

Members were asked to loan articles for the display at the Antique Show on June 24 at Nassagaweya Centennial at Brookville.

Further plans were made for the annual bus trip on June 29 to Niagara Falls.

A thought for the day was given by Mrs. J. C. Dennis.

A splendid report of the Halton District Annual on May 24 was given by Mrs. D. Moffat. Congratulations were extended to the president, Mrs. M. Nellis, on the occasion of her silver wedding anniversary the previous day; and an Institute cup and saucer were presented to her.

A "bon voyage" gift was also presented to Mrs. J. O'Gorman on the occasion of her leaving early in July for a trip to England. She also received a travelling gift from her secret pal.

A car load of ladies attended the F.W.I.C. National Convention at the University of Guelph one day, and Mrs. A. Near was the official delegate and attended most of the sessions during the four days. Mrs. Arovi Dutt, president of the A.C.W.W. from India, endeared herself to the large audience of nearly 4,000 women, when she spoke. A short history and background of her life was read at the meeting by Mrs. J. Dennis. A full report of the sessions will be given at the next meeting.

The treasury was again enhanced by Mrs. W. Britton as the result of a couple of auction sales at Stewarttown recently.

Strawberries, ice cream and cake made a delicious lunch served by Mrs. W. Frank and Mrs. N. Douglas. A thank you to the hostess, Mrs. Britton, the lunch committee and to those taking part was expressed by Mrs. J. A. Van Fleet.

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