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Have YOU Helped the Red Cross Yet? Do it Now!

No Store, 4 Taverns, 448 People In Trafalgar in Year 1817

Document 119 Years Old Tells of Early Days in Township in a Letter Addressed to Mr. Robert Gourley.

Days when Trafalgar had four taverns and no stores, no doctors, three schools, 448 residents, 97 houses and land selling at \$4.00 to \$5.00 per acre, are being brought to light through a document found by Mrs. Wright-Orr amongst possessions of the late Dr. Wright of Oakville. This copy is loaned by Mrs. Colin H. Campbell, O.B.E., Winnipeg.

Written 119 years ago, in the clear scholarly hand, and in the excellent state of preservation, the document is the following letter addressed to Mr. Robert Gourley.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of our township holden on the 27th November, 1817, at the house of Daniel Munn, innkeeper, the following answers were framed in reply to your queries, as they appeared to us in the Niagara Spectator.

1st. The name of our township is Trafalgar. It is situated in the County of Halton, in the District of Gode, in the Province of Upper Canada, about twenty-one miles from Little York. It is eight and eight-fourth miles in length and seven miles in breadth. It is bounded on the north-west and north by a large tract of land in the possession of a nation of Indians called Mississauga. It is bounded on the northeast by the Township of Toronto, east and southwest by the Lake Ontario, and on the southwest and west by the Township of Niagara. It is divided into two hundred acres each, excepting on the lake shore, where they are irregular according to the bearing of the lake. The lots are twenty-one chains in breadth and one hundred chains in length.

2nd. The first settlement of our Township began in the Spring and Summer of 1807. The number of people is five hundred and forty-eight. The number of houses inhabited is ninety-seven.

3rd. No churches. There are two preachers who preach alternately, they belong to the sect called Methodists according to the institution of the late Rev. John Wesley.

4th. Of medical practitioners we have none.

5th. We have three schools in this Township. The price per quarter is Two Dollars and boarding found.

6th. We have no stores in this township.

7th. We have four taverns.

8th. We have one grist mill and four sawmills. The rate of grinding is one-twelfth. The rate of sawing is one-half when the sawlogs are carried to the mill.

9th. The surface of the land is level, the top soil is clay, mixed with loam and a little gravel; under that is clay mostly of a red color.

10th. Our timber consists of oak, two kinds, white and red; pine (very large of the white kind); beech; maple, two kinds, sugar maple and soft maple; ash, two kinds, the black or swamp ash and white ash; basswood; hickory; elm, white and red; hemlock; ironwood; chestnut; some birch; sucking ash; some cedar; some butternut and a little tamarack. The timber most large and stands thick on the land.

11th. Respecting minerals, there is a considerable quantity of the mineral of iron called bog ore; also a few salt springs of an inferior kind.

12th. Building stones we have none excepting a few which may be found over the land of a very indifferent kind.

13th. A few bricks have been made. Their price is Six Dollars per thousand.

14th. No lime has been burnt in this township, nor have any limestone quarries been discovered.

15th. Blacksmithing here most generally work by the pound, that is 7 1/2 d per pound, when the iron and steel are found, and 1s 3d when the blacksmith finds the materials. To this there are some exceptions but not many. Carpenter work by the day or by the job. By the day, it is a dollar and boarding included, by the job it is according to the quantity of the labour to be performed.

17th. The price of mowing grass for hay and reaping grain is from four to five shillings per day according to the price of wheat, (as the greater part of wages here is regulated by the price of wheat). Cradling wheat is a bushel of wheat or its price as above.

18th. Clearing and fencing of land when all the timber is cut off, costs Twelve Dollars per acre; so that a field containing five acres would cost Sixty Dollars. But the common custom of our Township is to cut down no more

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Col. James Ballantine Spoke to Lions Club

Meeting in regular session on Monday evening, Georgetown Lions Club had the pleasure of entertaining a number of guests, as well as having a goodly representation of its own members.

Lion Charles Cochrane was welcomed into the Club by Lion President Ralph Ross, and promised an initiation at the next meeting.

\$25.00 was voted by the Club to the present Red Cross drive.

The Lions and guests were indeed pleased to have a fellow Lion Col. James Ballantine, as their guest speaker. The "Col." had been promising to give his talk for some time back but a number of interruptions delayed this. Col. Ballantine, a veteran of the Boer and First Great War, is well versed in this subject, and his talk was indeed appreciated.

Opening his remarks the speaker said he considered the Red Cross Society the "greatest organization for good in the world today. Not only in war-time, but in peace-time as well, this Society carries on in the interests of humanity, regardless of race, color or creed. He said he had seen the Red Cross work in all its phases during two wars, and that this band of mercy should be, and would be supported to the limit.

Other headings under which Col. Ballantine based his talk included: Cecil Rhodes, an Empire builder, and his dream of British-American unity; causes of war and development of Empire; How much Rhodes dream has come true.

Lion G. W. McIntock moved a vote of thanks to Lion Jim for his very interesting and informative address.

Active Service Notes

Word has just been received by his parents of the promotion of W. O. 1st class David Crichton to Pilot Officer. The commission is retroactive to November. P. O. Crichton is stationed in Ceylon, and has been in the Far East for over two years.

Pte. Clifford Kenney has received his honourable discharge from the army for health reasons.

Pte. Norman McDonald has arrived safely overseas according to word just received. He mentioned having seen Lorne Cross, Fred Kidd, and Vick Swindhurst in his camp. Pte. McDonald has been in the army a year, and worked at Smith & Stone prior to enlistment.

ACI Larry MacKenzie of Toronto was home for the week end.

Mrs. Broomhead was thrilled last week when she received a dozen roses and a dozen daffodils from her son, ACI Rex. Broomhead, overseas with the R.C.A.F., on her birthday. Rex is a former employee of The Herald.

ACI Alva Grieve landed in England on his nineteenth birthday, according to a cable received by his parents here on Monday.

Sgt. Harry Ferry entered Christie Street Hospital in Toronto on Monday morning.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tennant that their nephew, Corp. Bert Tennant from Brampton, and now attached to the Armoured Division, has been wounded in Italy.

Pilot Officer James Ruddell left on Sunday for Nassau, the Bahamas, after spending a two week leave at home. He will leave from Lachine, Quebec, and upon reaching his destination will be on an R.A.F. station for three months. P. O. Ruddell was formerly stationed at Charnlottepoint, P. E.I., and has been in the Airforce 18 months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Strang have been informed of the promotion of their son from the rank of Lieutenant to Captain. Capt. Strang is a Wireless Maintenance Officer overseas.

Pte. Harvey Allen has been honourably discharged from the army as physically unfit. He has resumed work at Provincial Paper, where he was employed before enlisting. Harvey has just recently returned after thirty-two months service overseas.



"LEND A HAND, BUDDY?"

Splendid Response to Red Cross Campaign to Date

The Red Cross campaign is now in full swing, with Georgetown and district more fully and better organized this year than ever before. If a canvasser has not already called on you, you may expect a visit from him in the near future, for all the committees are working hard to make this campaign the largest yet in subscription and membership. The one great fact that everyone connected with the campaign, keeps in mind, whether they give of their time, money, or both, is that as the hour for full-scale invasion of Europe grows more and more imminent, so does the need for Red Cross aid to our forces increase.

There has been a splendid response from the people and firms already contacted, and in most cases, donations are substantially increased from former years. Among the largest subscriptions already received are Alliance Paper Mills Ltd., \$200.00, Smith & Stone Ltd., \$200; Provincial Paper Ltd., \$75; Mr. D. R. McLaughlin, \$200; Miss H. A. Staunton, \$100.

Over 200 Attend Norval Juniors' Social

A very successful social evening was held by the Norval Junior Farmers in the Parish Hall, Norval, on February 26th, with over two hundred guests attending.

Jim Carney, president of the Boys' Group was chairman for the evening. John Bird led in community singing; a piano trio by the Hutchinson sisters; instrumental numbers by Miss Taylor, Fred Sharpe and Archie Fuller; a reading by Joe Lyons, and vocal solo by Mrs. Howard Wrigglesworth were all included in the very enjoyable program. An added attraction was the showing of three movie camera reels by Wilfrid Leslie.

After the program, lunch was served followed by dancing to Wiley's orchestra of Woodbridge. The silver collection taken was donated to war work.

Plan Greater Sale of War Savings Stamps

Halton Schools Will Take Part In Campaign To Raise the Sum Of \$13,637 Before Term Ends.

Formation of a Canadian School Financial Corps for the sale of War Savings Stamps by the pupils of Halton County is announced by G. E. Harris, county organizer, under the national War Finance Committee. Mr. L. L. Skuce, the School Inspector for the County who resides at Milton, will be commanding officer of the corps, which will be patterned after the regimental system.

Following the successful application of the plan in the County of Brant, where last year 11,898 pupils sold \$32,384 worth of war savings stamps, it was decided to organize Wentworth and Halton counties.

The objective for Halton is 50 cents per capita—the school term ending June 30th. This amounts to 13,637, and it has been apportioned among the schools in accordance with the following:

Acton	1,108.00
Burlington, (c)	1,050.00
Burlington, (e)	859.00
Georgetown	1,244.00
Milton	972.00
Oakville, (c)	800.00
Oakville, (b)	600.00
Oakville, (w)	508.00

The C.S.F.C. enlists boys and girls in the rural public schools to help Canada sell war savings stamps, not only to themselves and their families, but to as many people in their community as they possibly can.

Enlistment Buttons In a letter to the teachers, Mr. Harris has outlined the objects of this movement, pointing out that the Government needs every cent possible

to hasten victory and also to guard against inflation. It is also encouraging people to save their money while the war is on and have money available after the war for new purchases.

Buttons are supplied for this scheme and samples have been sent to the teachers. These buttons are rewards for war work and are to be issued only for the rank to which the boy or girl is entitled.

First is the enlistment button which has only the letters C.S.F.C. on it.

Ranks in the C.S.F.C. are the same as the non-commissioned ranks in the army. When a member has sold 32 stamps he becomes a lance-corporal. His membership button is replaced with a button with one red stripe of the lance-corporal's rank. When he has sold 64 stamps, lance-corporal button is replaced with a full corporal's button, with two stripes. With the sale of 128 stamps he becomes a sergeant in the corps and the corporal's button is replaced with a sergeant's button with three stripes. The sergeant-major's button has three stripes and a crown and is given him when he has sold 256 stamps.

It is emphasized that this is not a stunt, but a basic plan for the sale of war savings stamps for the duration, and will aid rather than interfere with present plans. There is no competition between schools and quotas have been set for the various schools on what is considered a fair and equitable basis. The co-operation of the teachers is anticipated and reports will be presented each month of the sales made.

"China Devastated and Starving," Stated Recently Returned Missionary

Archdeacon Andrew Spoke at St. George's Church Last Sunday Evening.

THE WEATHER

By H. L. Hutt

Now that we have all the figures for the month of February, we find she ran through her twenty-nine days pretty well true to form, and was quite normal for that month. The rainfall was only 45 of an inch, which was 41 below normal, but the snowfall reached 14 inches, which was within a slight fraction of an inch from normal. The daily mean temperature for the month was 19 degrees, only a fraction of a degree above normal.

The first week of March is starting in with a whole bag full of subzero nights. We hope she will deal them all out soon and give us a taste of Spring.

Following are the local records for the week:

Date	H. and L. Temp.	Snow-fall
Tues. Feb. 29	28 18	
Wed. March 1	18 10	
Thurs. March 2	22 0	
Fri. March 3	28 18	4"
Sat. March 4	13 6	
Sun. March 5	22 -5	
Mon. March 6	31 -3	

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Last Thursday evening III Form and their guests held a tobogganing party and dance. The dance was held at Darrell Dawson's, music being supplied by the vocal efforts of some of the class. Miss Fairbairn thanked Mrs. Dawson on behalf of the class for the good time enjoyed by the pupils.

Friday afternoon all the cadets went to the armoueries where Sgt. Major Carney gave instructions on the taking of the roll. Craig Alexander was commissioned as a Lieutenant—replacing N. Long, who has been placed as Lieutenant of the boy's platoon, who in turn replaces Bob Burns, who has left school.



CBC GOVERNOR

William J. Parker, of Winnipeg, is the newly named member of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's board of governors. He is a man of many interests. Flying veteran of the First World War, graduate of Manitoba Agricultural College, practical farmer, president of the Manitoba Pool Elevators and chairman of numerous committees. Mr. Parker was named to the CBC board early in February. He is a native of Sanford, Manitoba, and now serves as a member of the Dominion Food Advisory Council.

UNION

Miss Shirley McNally and Miss Dorothy Jane Thompson passed successfully their Grade V and Grade III piano exams respectively at the Toronto Conservatory of Music, the latter part of February. These girls are pupils of Miss Nora Lyons.

The Women's Missionary Society of Union held their March meeting at the home of Mrs. J. C. Cook and Mrs. Clifford Cook on Wed. March 1st. There was a splendid attendance at the meeting. The Study on British Guiana was taken by Mrs. Jack McDonald. Mrs. Leonard Smith read a paper on Christian Stewardship and Mrs. LaVerne Thompson reported on the second days sessions at the Annual Meeting of Toronto Presbyterian W.M.S. held in Calvin Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

The Terra Cotta Federated Farm

Having just returned from China, where he had been a missionary for the past thirty years, Archdeacon Andrew gave a very stirring portrayal of conditions in China at the evening service in St. George's Church of England last Sunday.

Archdeacon Andrew and Mrs. Andrew were stationed in the diocese of Honan, and lived at Loyang. For the past year or so, the Japanese force of occupation has been stationed just a few miles from their home. The horror and devastation the Japanese have wrought in China are unbelievable said Archdeacon Andrew. The Chinese have manpower, but little else, as their guns are few and very small. It is because of their inability to cope with mechanized warfare that the Japanese invaders have been able to swarm over their country. Archdeacon Andrew said that we have to remember we have one great reason to thank the Chinese people, and it is this: when the Japanese invaded China, the Chinese Generalissimo had to choose between two courses of action—either throw in their lot with the invader with the cry "Asia for the Asiatics", or fight them to the best of their ability, knowing that they could never win. The Chinese took the noble way, but the hard way.

It took Archdeacon and Mrs. Andrew four months to reach home in Toronto. They flew to India and came over in a destroyer, taking the southern route around the tip of Australia, and landing at Los Angeles. It was a nerve wracking trip, but had one great consolation—there was enough to eat.

Archdeacon Andrew spoke about the starving millions in China today, and how inflation is making it impossible for the people to get even the barest necessities. One pound of ordinary flour costs over \$7.00, and many other commodities cost fabulous sums. He was in charge of handling all the relief money coming into 6 counties, and by the time he left, it took over a million dollars a month to keep even a fraction of the population from starving. He said that right under their very eyes, people would die of starvation. They would come to service each day in the church weaker and weaker, and then the tall-tale puffiness would appear under the eyes and he and the other missionaries would know that the end was in view for another poor soul. The church gave them their only hope of a better world to come. In this connection, he said, all denominations of missions cooperated wonderfully with one another, working day and night to help alleviate suffering.

Before the Allies declared war on Japan, the Christian churches were the only places of refuge for the Chinese, who all tried to get their women and children within their sheltering walls. Archdeacon Andrew said that in time, the Chinese might forgive and forget what the Japanese have done to their country but that they will never forgive the way they have treated the Chinese women. It is worse than death for every woman from the age of ten years to seventy. When war was declared, the Chinese were ordered out of the churches, and the very buildings themselves taken over in all of occupied China. All clergy were ordered out, and in most cases given only 24 hours notice.

The people in Lyang are subjected to Japanese bombings nearly every day, and as the earth is very sandy, dugouts just the size of a barrel are all the protection they can have. There was one continuous raid which necessitated Archdeacon and Mrs. Andrew and their household remaining in these "holes" for three days and nights.

After hearing Archdeacon Andrew it was some small consolation to think the recent collection taken up for the starving people of China and India was so generously supported by the church people of Georgetown. The Andrews' only son, Douglas is in the R.C.A.F. and after spending a two week leave with his parents, whom he had not seen for several years, he will report to Belleville for posting.

Clubs met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Reid on Monday evening, March 6th for the regular March meeting. A very enjoyable and profitable evening was spent by those who were able to attend.