

# Rare George 111 Medal On Display at Museum

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, June 20 to deliver it in person to Major Hal Newman, Georgetown, 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 111. 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 received 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 toured the Museum on Tuesday. He had brought along his wife Lucy Anishnabe, a princess whose father was Chief Gabriel of the Ojibway (they spell it Ojibwe) 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.

A few years ago he met Mrs. Eria Brittain of Palermo, Major Newman's assistant at the museum, when she was in Port Loring visiting her brother Carl Wendover. Through her he met Major Newman, who has been a "blood brother" of the Algonquians for several years. Mr. Wendover drove him to Milton Tuesday.

Lending the medal to the Museum soon evolved as his centennial project. In return, Major Newman gave him a copy of a 1740 map of North America which he obtained in France a few years ago and a special centennial year certificate from the Museum. Later in the afternoon the Stevens' visited a meeting of Halton County Council.

And at the end of the year,

# Nurses Complain County Torpedoes Conciliation

Halton County officials have been accused of "torpedoing" conciliation efforts aimed at settling a long-standing dispute with county public health nurses.

A news release issued to The Herald said Mrs. Flora Hesson, spokeswoman for the Halton nurses, has requested a meeting with the principal officer of the Oakville and District Labour Council "to work out suggestions for aid by area unionists."

"The showdown is coming," said one labour official when commenting on the meeting with Mrs. Hesson, president of the Halton Public Health Nurses Association.

"We're behind the nurses and we're going to get into this dispute in a big way," he added. The nurses and Halton officials headed by Warden William Coulter, met for two days' last week without success. A department of labour conciliation officer sat in on the meetings which were held in Hamilton.

Following the second day of the meeting the nurses reported that 15 items were in dispute which is more than before the conciliator reopened the talks June 10.

The nurses' release said, "The majority of the demands or issues paradoxically now originate with Halton county and pertain to conditions enjoyed at least for the last ten years. In general, if these demands were complied with, even lower standards of employment would be the result."

The nurses charged that the special Halton negotiating committee headed by Warden Coulter "had no intention at those recent meetings to settle the dispute at this late stage and neither good faith nor willingness was displayed by them to end

the medal goes home to Mr. Stevens. Special precautions will be taken at the museum to ensure the safe-keeping of the valuable article.

mitted) are not serious about the entire set of negotiation and conciliation meetings", the nurses charged. "For the money spent on prolonging this entire matter by the representatives of the county, a healthy wage increase could have been granted and paid for by now," they said.

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The nurses refused a county request to lift a "greylisting" of Halton. The effect of the greylisting has left the Halton County Health Unit short staffed.

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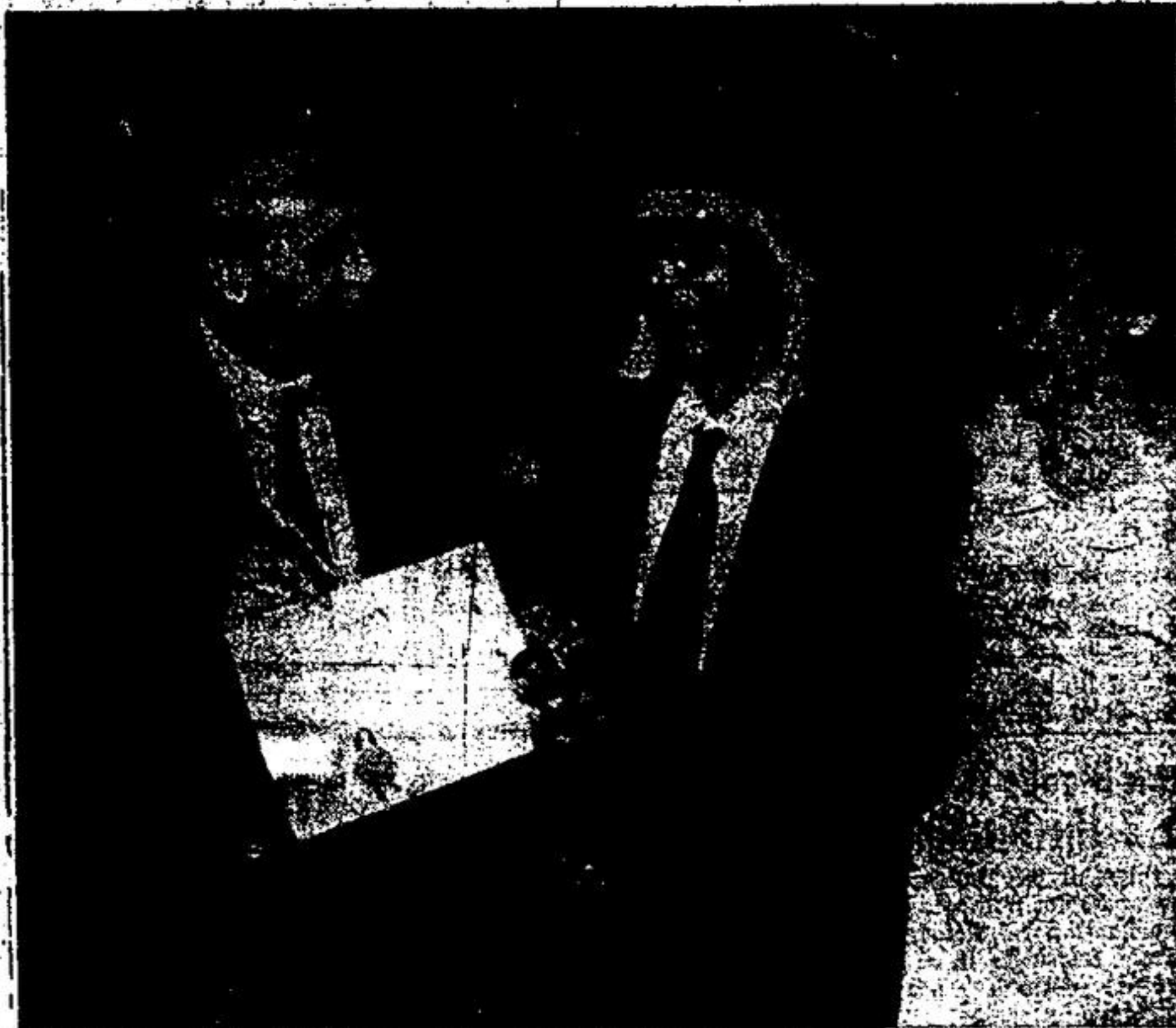
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MAJOR H. J. NEWMAN, Georgetown (left), presents a special centennial year certificate, to Algonquin Simon Stevens while Mrs. Stevens looks on. Mr. Stevens, grandson of Chief Peter Stevens, who helped the forces of King George III take Lower Canada from the French in 1762, has loaned a priceless antique medal to Halton Museum.

# Expect 500 Students When Sheridan College Opens

Halton-Peel Counties' Sheridan College of Applied Arts and Technology will be ready to receive an expected 500 students by the second week of September.

Annual fees will range from \$125 to \$225, depending on the course chosen.

Classes will be held in the former high school building on Church Street East in Brampton and although the objective is to have small classes, there is a lecture theatre available for subjects which are common to a number of classes.

Most classes will have only 20 members, but seminars and study groups will have less than this. By August 1, all faculty members will be on hand to counsel students on choice of courses.

President John M. Porter has said one of the main objectives is to develop self-sufficiency on the part of the student.

William G. Davis, Minister of Education, has called the community colleges the guarantee of the present and the promise of the future.

"Community colleges will broaden our educational spectrum and provide post-secondary and continuing education to enable each individual to develop his abilities to the greatest degree and to employ his talents to the greatest advantage," he said.

The curriculum is designed to equip the students for jobs, but instruction in related general arts subjects — such as English, mathematics, economics, sociology — should give an adaptable and flexible background.

The two-year diploma course will be open to grade 12 graduates of the four year high school program. There are three divisions: Business (general, secretarial, and data processing); Technicians' Courses (Electronics, industrial chemistry, laboratory work, mechanical drafting); Applied Arts (commercial art and design, community planning technician's course, fashion technique and design, general arts, hotel, restaurant and resort administration.)

Three-year diploma courses will be offered in Electrical,

Mechanical and Chemical Technology, Business Administration and Secretarial Science. Students will enter these courses after completion of grade 12 in the five year high school program, or with high standing in grade 12 of the four year program.

The Ontario School of Crafts and Design, the former Lorne Park College, will be a division of Sheridan. It will have a two year course for day students, with a small number of accommodations available for students.

The main campus, in Brampton, will be primarily a commuter college.

Information about the college may be obtained by writing to the registrar, at the temporary office at 90 Dundas Street West Cooksville, Ontario.

# Master Teacher Plan Helpful To Novices

A Master Teacher plan will be implemented at Georgetown District High School this September.

"The purpose of a Master Teacher is to work in confidence with any other member of the teaching staff who wishes to discuss a problem in confidence with an experienced teacher," principal Donald Turner told The Herald. "The Master Teacher does not report these discussions to the authorities and therefore can work with the teacher in a more personal way," he said.

Teachers may request to have meetings with the Master Teacher or be recommended to do so.

"The value of the system is the fact that the discussions are confidential," Mr. Turner said.

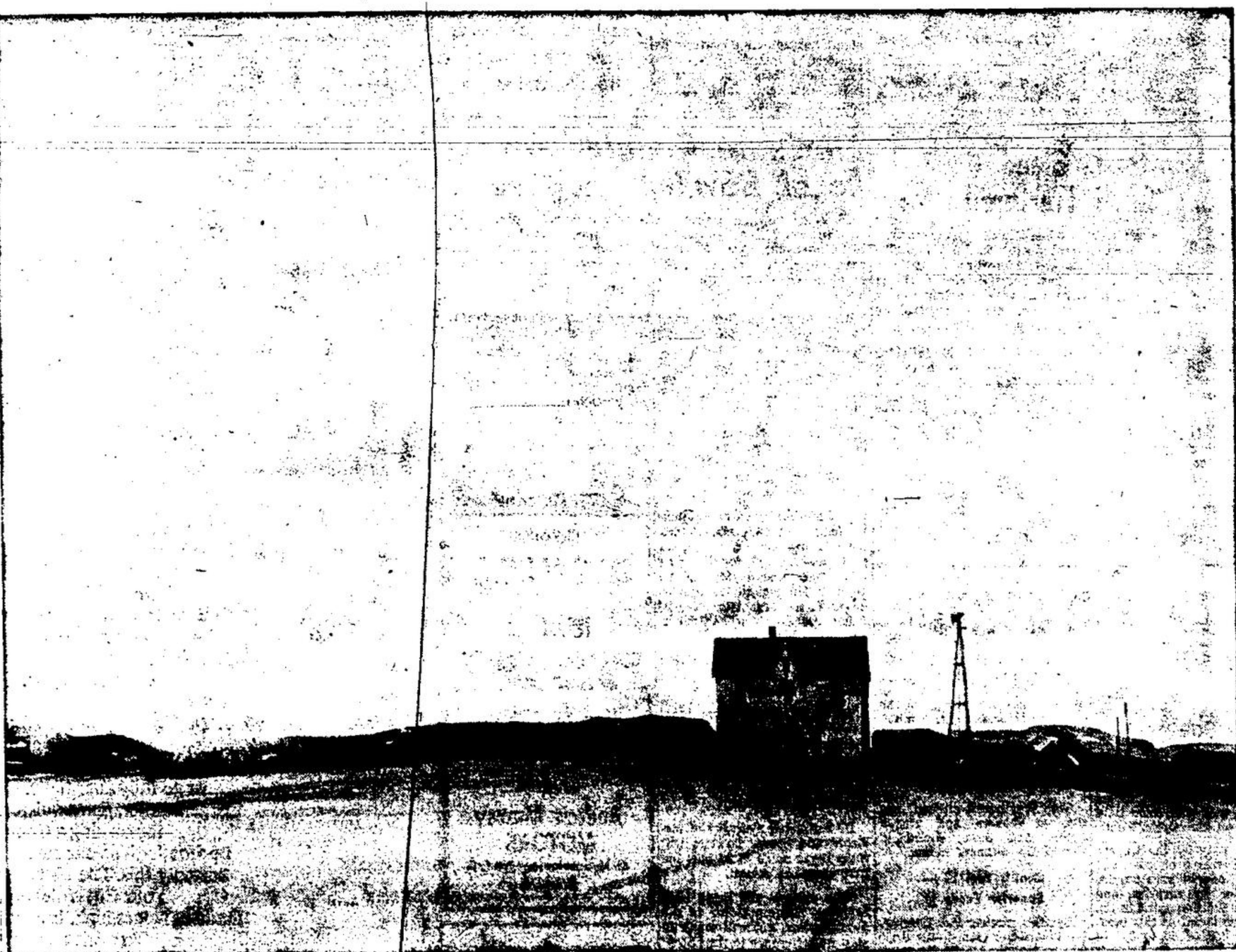
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A resourceful land; a resourceful people. The Canada that Erikson and Cabot found seemed too big to encompass. A rich and teeming land, to be sure; but what to do with it? "Explore it," said Radisson and Hudson and Mackenzie. "Settle it," said Cartier and Champlain and Selkirk. "Unite it," said Macdonald and Van Horne and Tupper. "Populate it," said the Frenchmen and Englishmen, Scotsmen

and Irishmen, German and Norwegian and Ukrainian and Japanese and Polish and Italian and Dutchmen. And we did. And the land responded with wheat and lumber, fur and fish, gas and oil, copper and silver and gold. And the land responded with space and sunrise and northern lights; and pearly dusks and wild geese flying. And the land

was laughing with hunters' moons and crackling midnights and soft stray snowfalls floating down on the pussywillows. And gradually we took the riotous fancy of the maple leaf and the sober industry of the beaver and said to the world, "Here's what we do with it." "We make it Canada." Happy birthday, Us.

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