

McMahon to Gen. Brock

Michael McMahon and environmental studies at General Brock and Halton Board of Education approved the appointment during Thursday's meeting at Burlington.



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The North West Co. took part in a recreation of Canadian history on the weekend. Ready to go from Hugh MacMillan's home area, left to right, Paul Savage, Ken Craeford, Mike Gillett. Standing, left to right, are Doug Hoy, Roy Winders, Hugh MacMillan, Warren Rich and Brian McCloy.



Wind power came into use by the Simcoe Canoe Brigade as it made its way through the Thousand Islands on way to battle the Americans.
photo courtesy of HUGH MACMILLAN

Acton voyageurs help the Simcoe legend

John Graves Simcoe, Upper Canada's first lieutenant-governor, may have looked down on his old battle grounds on the weekend and smiled with pleasure. For several history buffs, some from Acton, were recreating a 163-year-old chapter in Canada's troubled early history.

There on Lake Ontario were canoes transporting British irregular troops to battle invading American forces at Fort Wellington near Prescott.

The canoes, manned by Hugh MacMillan's The North West Co., helped the troops capture the brigantine St. Lawrence from the southerners.

The battle, with about 400 British, Canadian and Americans, topped off a weekend's journey for the North Westers from Oswego and Sackets Harbor, an American naval base during the 1812-14 war, to Kingston, Gananoque and Prescott.

The North West Co. adopted the title Simcoe Canoe Brigade because they were transporting a 1980 version of Simcoe on a good will tour.

Charles Humber, a history and English teacher from Jarvis Collegiate in Toronto, portrayed Simcoe as the uniformed officer in his King's service.

Part of the weekend's purpose was to promote the Simcoe name, make it better known to people. Eventually, according to MacMillan, such events as last weekend's will fall into place as a way of getting Civic Holiday renamed as Simcoe Day.

Governor General Edward Schreyer was one of the dignitaries witnessing the "battle". Forces dressed in period costume, and light artillery in order to win the field.

Acton and area participants dressed as voyageurs for the trip. Four canoes were used including a 36-foot Montreal canoe.

Acton area people involved in the Simcoe Canoe Brigade were: the MacMillans-Hugh, Ian, Neale, Muriel and Jocelyn, Christine and Peter Arble, Paul Petric, John Gorjup, Diana James, Les Jones, Carol Buchanan, Richard Lay, Cliff Brittan, Yvette Leroy, Lena Larsen, and Cathy Frost. Former Acton High School teacher Wally Rowley came south from the Ottawa valley to join the brigade.

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