

OUR TRIP TO OTTAWA

by Kim Schenk

On June the 3rd, 4th and 5th of last week, the Grade 8th class of Stewarttown Senior Public School visited our capital city, Ottawa.

After a five hour bus trip, we arrived at our motel, The Butler. The class was given time to "settle" in and meet another Grade 8 class from Burlington.

We were whisked off for a short visit to Ottawa's "Museum of Science and Technology." The building is approximately one-third as large as Toronto's "Science Centre," containing many exhibits on such topics as physics, astronomy, techniques of seeing, transportation, meteorology, and agriculture. I'm sure the class would have stayed and browsed for hours but our timetable did not permit us to stay more than forty five minutes.

When we returned to the Butler, we were met by a representative of the National Capital Commission. He gave us a slide presentation of what we were going to see, as well as talking about Ottawa in general.

Immediately after we had a delicious dinner of fried chicken, french fries and parfait.

The evening was free to swim, rest, watch TV or hold parties.

WAR MUSEUM

At 8:30 the next morning we quickly ate our breakfast as we were due at the National War Museum at 9:00.

Here, there were exhibits on the War of 1812, wars between the Indian tribes, the First World War and the Second World War. There were vast collections of uniforms, badges, medals, weapons & war posters. After an hour of looking and sketching we boarded the bus and headed for the National Arts Centre.

Nothing I could say would be close to the beauty of that building! It has to be seen to be believed.

The Salon contained exhibits of Eskimo Art, while the theatre was set up for one of Shaw's plays. We saw the opera in which one wall is a solid riot of colour created by a Toronto artist. Unfortunately, we could not tour the studio as a radio program was being taped in there. In the halls there were tapestries, fountains, sculptures and paintings.

We left the centre at approximately 11 a.m. and adjourned for lunch and shopping in the Sparks Street Mall. The Mall is a fantastic place, crowded with shops of all kinds, and people to match.

P.M. TO LUNCH

At about one o'clock, everyone had met in front of the Parliament Bldgs. As we stood in line to get in, Mr. Trudeau came out of the buildings and entered his limousine, presumably on his way to lunch. However, we had to hold our places for we were waiting for our guide to come. When he did, we

were taken to the Railway Committee Room where debates of all sorts are held. Our M.P., Mr. Rod Whiting, took time off his busy schedule, and explained to us the passing of a bill. The events which lead up to the passing of a bill are quite complicated, but Mr. Whiting went over the proceedings twice to make sure no one had gotten confused.

Following this was a short question and answer period, in which questions about parliamentary proceedings or government affairs, were answered.

Our guide then led us on a tour of the House of Commons, Library and Memorial Room. When we tried to climb the Peace Tower however, we were turned away, as the Tower was closed for a special ceremony.

We left the building and were waiting for our bus to arrive when Mr. Trudeau drove up for Afternoon Session. He was immediately mobbed and three of my classmates, Shawn Walker, Nanci McNeil and Ron Appleyard shook his hand!

Our bus arrived and we boarded it for our ride to Hull and the Gatineau Paper Mill. One thing that impressed me on our way to Quebec was the lack of litter in the streets. The great pride the people of Ottawa take in their city amazes me.

LIKE PORRIDGE!

The noise in the Gatineau Paper Mills was terrific, but then so was our tour. One machine held me in awe; whole logs were fed in the top, to come out a porridge-like mush at the bottom! This was sent through huge rollers which flattened the pulp to the merest fraction of an inch. It was dried and rolled on steel rollers the length of two cars. From here the rolls were cut and packaged for shipping all over the east.

We returned to Ottawa, had a swim in the hotel's pool and ate a dinner of pot roast, potatoes and pie.

Breakfast was scheduled for the next morning and at 9:45 we left for the Royal Canadian Mint. This mint coins all the Canadian change we use. Makes you stop and think, doesn't it?

The first room we entered punched the coins out of long sheets of nickel or copper. The second room was the minting room with presses which simultaneously put designs on both sides of the coins.

We reboarded the bus and took on an additional passenger, Claude, our guide for a tour of the city. For an hour and a half Claude explained to us the varied sights of the city, including the Prime Minister's residence, the Governor General's home (where our students' council representative signed the guest book), the Experimental Farm and the different embassies.

FABULOUS

We were let off at the Arts

Centre and were given two and one half hours for lunch and last minute shopping.

We later met at the Art Gallery and took a half hour tour. It is my private wish that we had a day or two to browse, but in order to arrive home in good time, any more time was impossible.

We started at the Renaissance and worked up to the 20th Century, examining four paintings altogether. I hardly need to say all four were

HORNBY

Successful Bazaar by Sunshine School Pupils

bulous, for it goes without saying. The class had so much to discuss and talk about, the five and one half hour drive home flew by. Before we knew it we were at Stewarttown once more.

It was a wonderful trip and I, for one, am glad the beautiful and gracious city of Ottawa is our capital.

Friends in this district extend their congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson May, who will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary on Friday, June 19. Open House will be held at the Streetsville United Church for their friends to call and visit with them.

Congratulations to Jim Plant of the 8th Line, Hornby, who was the winner of the feature

race at the Flamboro Speedway on Saturday night, June 13.

The North Trafalgar Euchre Club held their weekly euchre party on Saturday night, June 13 at the North Trafalgar Community Centre. There were eleven tables of euchre in play with the prizes going to the following winners — Mrs. Bob Crozier, Mrs. Lena Reid, Mrs. Lena Hamilton, Frank Peacock, Roy Wilson and Ernest Martin. The lucky draws were won by Mrs. Frank Peacock and Charlie Brown. The next euchre party will be held on Saturday night, June 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Plant, David and Tommy spent the weekend at Wasaga Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Plant and family spent the weekend at their cottage in Orillia.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sparling of Streetsville visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lowden of Derry Road.

A very successful bazaar and tea was held by the pupils of the Sunshine School on the 7th Line at Hornby, on Friday afternoon, June 12. A variety of skits, music and duets were enjoyed by a well attended audience. The guests were pres-

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ented with ribbon corsages as they entered the school which was decorated with beautiful bouquets of flowers. Tea, sandwiches and fancy cookies were served. There was a wonderful collection of crafts, aprons, puppets and other articles which were made by the children.

Anniversary greetings are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Chamberlain who will celebrate their wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 20.

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