



At the CNE

Queen of the Fair!

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NORVAL-Congratulations to Kelly Stewart of RR1 Hornby, who won the Miss C.N.E. title for 1989-90 on Aug. 16. Kelly, representing Milton Fair, won the crown of Miss Milton Fair Queen at last year's fair, and was one of 113 contestants at the Canadian National Exhibition.

All contestants were billeted at the University of Toronto residence from Sunday evening until Wednesday and were required to attend social functions each evening, where they were assessed on poise and personality as well as the results of a lengthy interview. The final day of competition at the Band Shell, was narrowed down to seven queens, who were asked to give a prepared speech, and from these, three were chosen, and were required to give an impromptu speech.

Kelly received her crown from 1988-89 Ilderton's Fair Queen, Kathy McNaughton. First runner up was Nadine Price of Schomberg, with Dresden's Queen,

Jennifer Van Racy, who was second in line. Susan Clark of Markdale Fair was given the title of Miss Congeniality.

Among her many prizes were a suite at the Royal York Hotel at her disposal for the three weeks of the Exhibition; a Chrysler convertible for a year; a \$1,400 scholarship from Canada Packers; a four-piece place setting of Royal Doulton china; an encyclopedia Britannica; a Bulova watch, and numerous other beautiful gifts.

Following a year at George Brown College where she graduated as a dental nurse, Kelly has been working in the dental office of Dr. Brian Markham and Dr. Robert Hurst of Georgetown. She is planning to take a dental hygiene course in the future.

Kelly is the daughter of Bert and Hazel Stewart of RR1 Hornby.

In recognition of Kelly's achievement as Miss C.N.E., Milton Fair directors are holding an Open House on Sept. 6, 7-9 p.m. at the Scout Hall, Milton Fair Grounds. Friends and neighbors of Kelly's are invited to attend.

Acton man's journey

To the Arctic and back

All Acton resident Clifford Britton had to do to re-live a part of Canada's history was paddle 2,200 miles to the Arctic.

The Lakehead University student was one of 25 Lakehead students who recently returned from a canoe trip retracing the route followed by Canadian explorer Sir Alexander Mackenzie in his quest to travel from "sea to sea."

The two-month journey was co-sponsored by Lakehead University, One Step Beyond and the Alexander Mackenzie Trail Association to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the first recorded crossing of Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans.

Before embarking on the voyage in late May, Mr. Britton said he wanted to participate in the trip to "recognize a great Canadian hero, who exemplifies the true meaning of entrepreneurship and bravery."

Upon his return July 30, he echoed these sentiments saying, "he was proud to have lived up to the challenge. I set a goal and stopped at nothing to reach it."

Mr. Britton, 25, dressed in clothes representative of Sir Alexander Mackenzie's time, set out from Fort McMurray and paddled the Athabasca River to Lake Athabasca. They then travelled along the Slave River to Great Slave Lake, crossing it to reach Yellowknife. From there they

travelled to the mouth of the Mackenzie River, then north to Inuvik.

The group paddled 100 plus days usually more than 20 hours a day. It was daylight approximately 22 hours out of every 24, Mr. Britton said.

"It was a great way to see and feel the country."

Along the way the group stopped

was also a highlight of the trip, Mr. Britton said. The explorers saw moose, bald eagles, bear, falcons, and foxes.

Luckily problems were few and far between.

They expected to be ice-bound a few days while in Yellowknife, but they were only stranded for one day, Mr. Britton said.

The icebergs floating in Yellowknife Bay is something Mr. Britton won't easily forget.

"It was quite a sight."

The food, however, was one of the least gratifying parts of the trip. Their food was stored in olive barrels and it consisted mainly of canned meats, cold beans, cheese, crackers and canned puddings.

Everyone was amazed at how well they got along with each other, said Mr. Britton. They got along well because they had a common goal and realized it would never be achieved if they spent their time bickering, he said.

Mr. Britton would definitely repeat the trip or go on a similar trip, saying, "It was a unique experience. I feel I am a better Canadian because of it."

Mr. Britton is entering his third year at Lakehead University in September where he will be continuing his studies in outdoor recreation and science.

After completing his honors bachelor of arts, he plans to attend teachers college.



Clifford Britton

in several communities and put on dramas of Sir Alexander Mackenzie's life and the fur trade.

The dramas allowed the group "to bridge the gap between many communities proving that people from the Caucasian sector of Canada can interact with Canada's native population. We taught them a little about our culture and they learned a little about ours."

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