



You gotta have heart

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The Heart and Stroke Foundation celebrates its special month with the traditional flag raising ceremony at Town Hall. Mayor Gord Krantz hoists the flag with Mary Goodfellow, area co-ordinator, and Don Flack, campaign chairperson, both of the Oakville chapter. February is Heart and Stroke Month when the organization holds its door-to-door fundraising drive.

Stories put a new face on Canadian history

Intended for young people, *The Story of Canada* (\$35hc) will appeal to readers of all ages. Lester Publishing and Key Porter Books have jointly published this 320-page history book to commemorate the 125th anniversary of Canada's Confederation.

Janet Lunn, one of Canada's most respected writers for children, and historian Christopher Moore collaborated on the informative and entertaining text. As well as full-colour illustrations by Alan Daniel, hundreds of colour and black-and-white photographs, paintings, posters, maps and cartoons take us from 10,000 years ago up to the present.

The authors transport us back 700 years to spend a day in the Arctic with an Inuit family, then one chilly morning 400 years ago, we set off

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on a buffalo hunt with the Blackfoot people.

Lunn and Moore retell a voyageur tale about the devil who outsmarts a band of men, and elsewhere, the authors speculate that perhaps the Chinese fable about Fu Sang, the land of the rising sun, that was visited 15 centuries ago by navigator Hwui Shin, was the northwest coast of Canada.

Through the narrative and the illustrations in *The Story of Canada*, the authors remind us of the colourful personalities, heroic actions and varied achievements of those who have made their mark in Canadian (and world) history: Metis leader Cuthbert Grant, naturalist and politician Martha Louise, artist Paul Kane, figure skater Barbara Ann Scott, adventurer John Palliser, and physician Emily Howard Stowe.

The Story of Canada is a beautiful and memorable reference book for every family library. "No book," say Lunn and Moore, "has room for all the stories of Canada, (but) we hope you find something of yourself in the tales we have told — and go on to discover more stories of Canada for yourself."

Pierre Berton's *A Prairie Nightmare* (\$5.99pb) is McClelland & Stewart's third volume of the Canada Moves West series in its Adventures in Canadian History collection, of narratives for preteen and teenage readers.

Reverend Isaac Montgomery Barr's goal was to establish an exclusively British community in western Canada. With this end in mind, he managed to convince himself and 2,000 gullible Britons to embark on this badly conceived enterprise.

"Agriculture on the prairies is simple," Barr enthused. He even fooled the Canadian authorities who were led to believe that the newcomers were farmers when in fact farmers comprised only 10 per cent of the immigrants.

The furious colonists who dubbed themselves "Barr's lambs" soon got rid of swindler Barr. Surprisingly, from those who muddled through hardships and persevered grew the prosperous town of Lloydminster on the Saskatchewan-Alberta border.

Colonial Life (Crabtree Publishing Company, \$16.76hc, \$8.96pb) is the latest in Bobbie Kalman's Historic Communities series for young readers. The 30-page book features numerous illustrations in addition to full-colour photographs of reenactments of life in the 13 American colonies. Kalman describes the homes and the day-to-day living of both the well-to-do Europeans and the African slaves. Men's and women's fashions — hoops and corsets for the ladies, breeches for the men, and wigs for men and women — offer contrast to today's styles.

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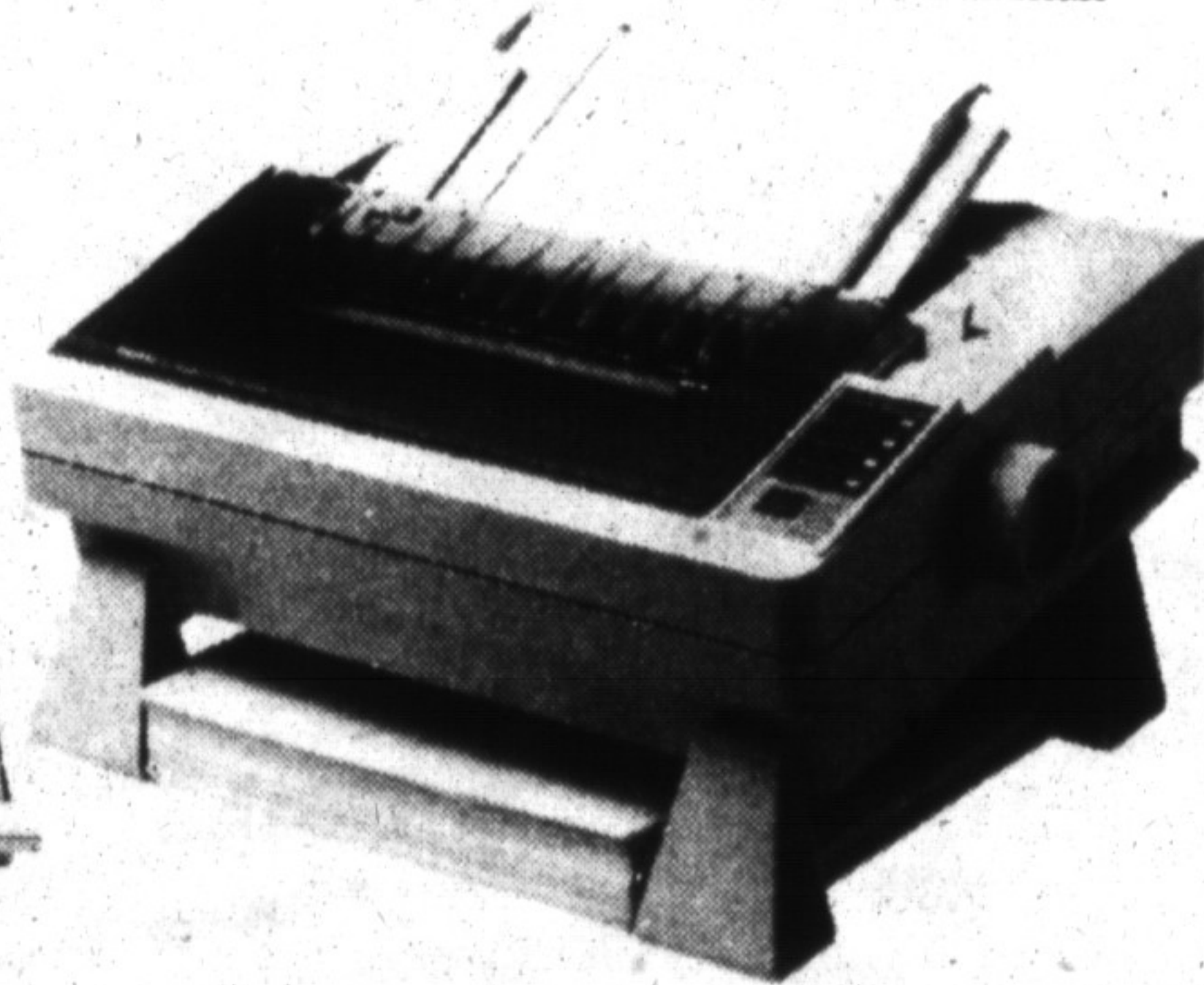
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