

Northern insights

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their duties, seemingly unremoved.

Historical discoveries are like that. Most people greet them with a shrug.

Is it exciting that:

- the archives of the Anglican Diocese of Keewatin, sitting in an old bookcase in a basement office in Keewatin, contain records dating back to 1864—shortly after the point of first contact between native communities and white missionaries?

- years of personal as well as cultural loss are chronicled in the records of two closed Indian residential schools?

Those records are locked away in the vault of Notre Dame du Portage Roman Catholic Church in Kenora, with very restricted public access.

- old parish minute books, stashed away in dusty cardboard boxes in the attic of Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenora, switch from Swedish to English in the first decade of this century, coinciding with assimilation of the local Scandinavians?

No. None of this matters if history holds no excitement for you.

But to me, history is much like news reporting—something I did professionally for 14 years for CBC Radio.

Digging though the records of the past is much like uncovering truths in the present. It's always exciting to discover something—particularly in the dusty records of this enigma called Canada.

Winter travel kit checklist

For country driving put a winter storm kit in the trunk of your car. Even for city driving you should have some of these items with you:

- Shovel
- Sand (or kitty litter, which is lighter than sand or salt and doesn't freeze)
- Tow chains
- Flashlight
- Warning light or road flares
- Extra winter clothing and footwear
- Emergency food and water pack
- Booster cables
- Compass
- Ice scraper and brush
- Road maps
- First-aid kit
- Matches in a waterproof container

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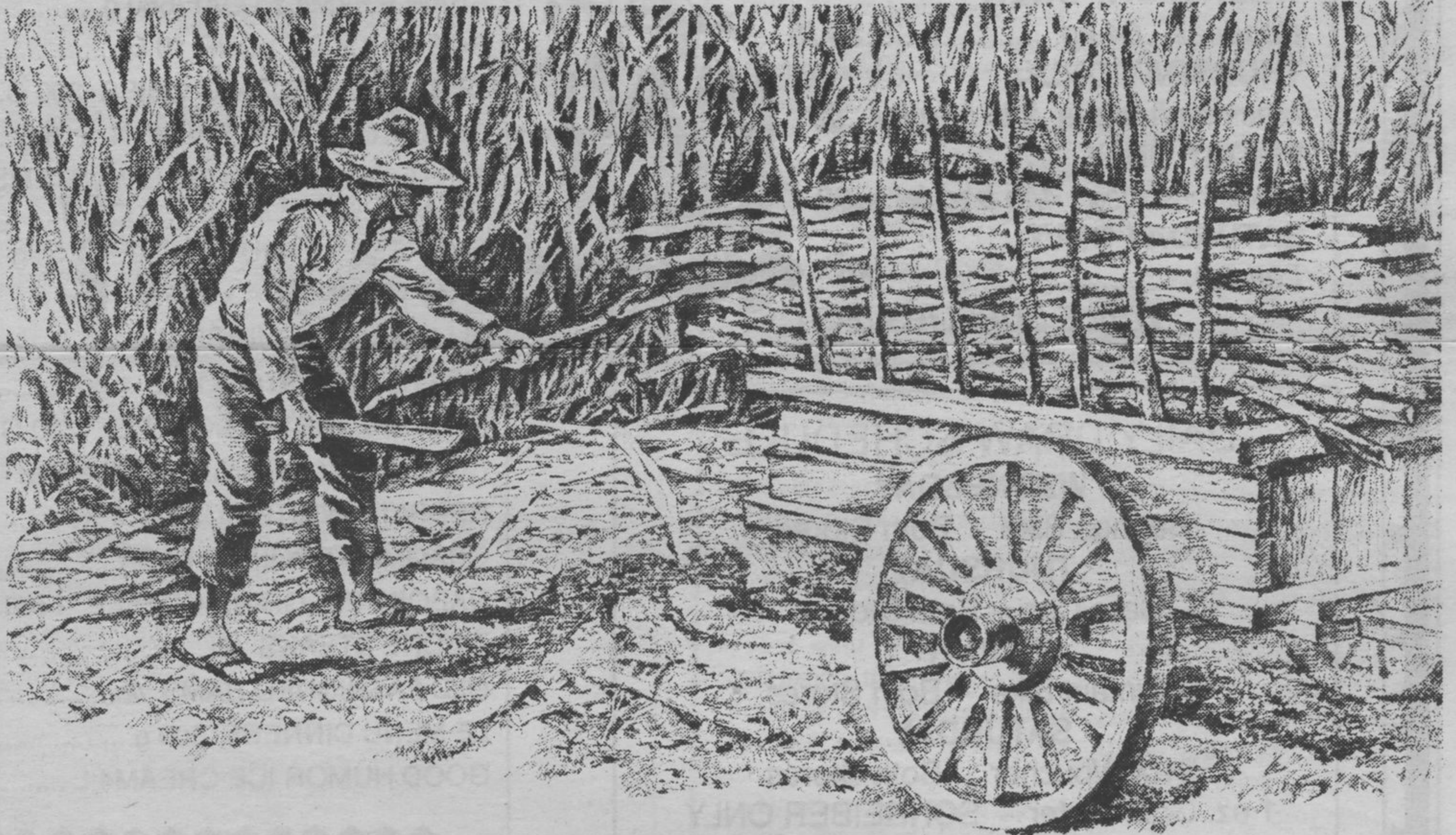
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+ **BOYD** Mr. John Cecil Boyd, 80 years, of Nepean, Ontario, formerly of Nipigon, Ontario passed away Monday, November 16, 1992 in the Ottawa General Hospital, Ottawa, Ontario. Mr. Boyd ran Cloverleaf Service and was employed at Multiply Plywoods until he retired in 1977. He was a member of the Masonic Order, of Superior Lodge AF & Am #672, of Connaught Lodge #511, Thunder Bay, of Shuniah Chapter R.A.M. #82, of Rhodes Preceptory #23 and of the Shrine Khartum Temple. He used to be an avid hunter, enjoyed his family and work and was a sports enthusiast. Predeceased by his parents - Cecil and Emma Boyd, by his wife Lottie (nee Batson) in 1983, by one sister Quida Scott of Canora, Saskatchewan and by one great granddaughter Ashley Lacourse-Jones; he is survived by two daughters - Lenore (Mrs. Dean) Jones of Nepean, Ontario and Arlene Toykkala of Thunder Bay, Ontario, by four grandchildren - Bruce and Brian Jones, and Suzanne and Tommy Toykkala, by one sister (Beth) Gertrude (Mrs. Ed) Winchell of New Westminster, British Columbia. Numerous other relatives also survive. Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 19, 1992 at 10:30 A.M. at Grace United Church, Nipigon with the Rev. E. Prinselaar officiating. Interment was in Cliffside Cemetery, Nipigon. Pallbearers were: Don Doiron, Cam Todesco, Ray Lankinen, Ted Nyman, Gerry Rhodes, Roy Cross. Honourary Pallbearers were: Urbain Luce, Bill Locker, Bob Parker, John Harding, Ollie Ziegler, Clarence Saunders. Superior Lodge AF & AM #672 held a memorial service at the Elliott Funeral Home Ltd., Nipigon on Wednesday evening at 8 P.M.



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