

Gen. Brock has little presence in his homeland

Q. How long is the Welland Canal and who was responsible for its construction?

A. The Welland Canal, which crosses the Niagara Peninsula from Port Weller on Lake Ontario to Port Colborne on Lake Erie, is 43.5 kilometres long and overcomes a height difference of 99.4 metres between the two lakes, as well as bypassing Niagara Falls.

It has been part of the St. Lawrence Seaway since 1959 and has seven lift locks and one guard lock. The first Welland Canal opened in 1829, an achievement attributed primarily to St. Catharines businessman William Hamilton Merritt. A second canal opened in 1845, a third in 1887, and today's version, with a 13.4-kilometre bypass of Welland, went into service in 1973.

The amount of cargo sent through the canal peaked at 66.2 million tonnes in 1979 and has dropped off ever since. Principal goods transported through the canal are grain, iron ore and coal.

Q. Sir Isaac Brock is such

a hero in Canadian history, but are there any sites dedicated to him in Great Britain?

A. Brock, who died defending Canada at the Battle of Queenston Heights in the War of 1812, was a British career soldier for 26 years. He had commanded in Canada since 1802 and by 1811 was administrator of the government of Upper Canada.

But despite his heroics, Brock doesn't seem to have much of a presence in his homeland. He was born and raised in Guernsey, one of the Channel Islands. Despite those roots, there is little attention paid to him there.

In the Guernsey town of St. Peter Port, there are only two small indications that Brock

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was even from there. A plaque on High Street below a second storey window reads "Major-General Sir Isaac Brock, who saved Canada for the Empire, lived here." If you don't look up you'll miss it. The other tribute is an historical plaque like the ones you see in Ontario, erected there by our provincial government.

In contrast, there is a museum in St. Peter Port to Victor Hugo, the French novelist, who wasn't even from Guernsey but lived there for several years.

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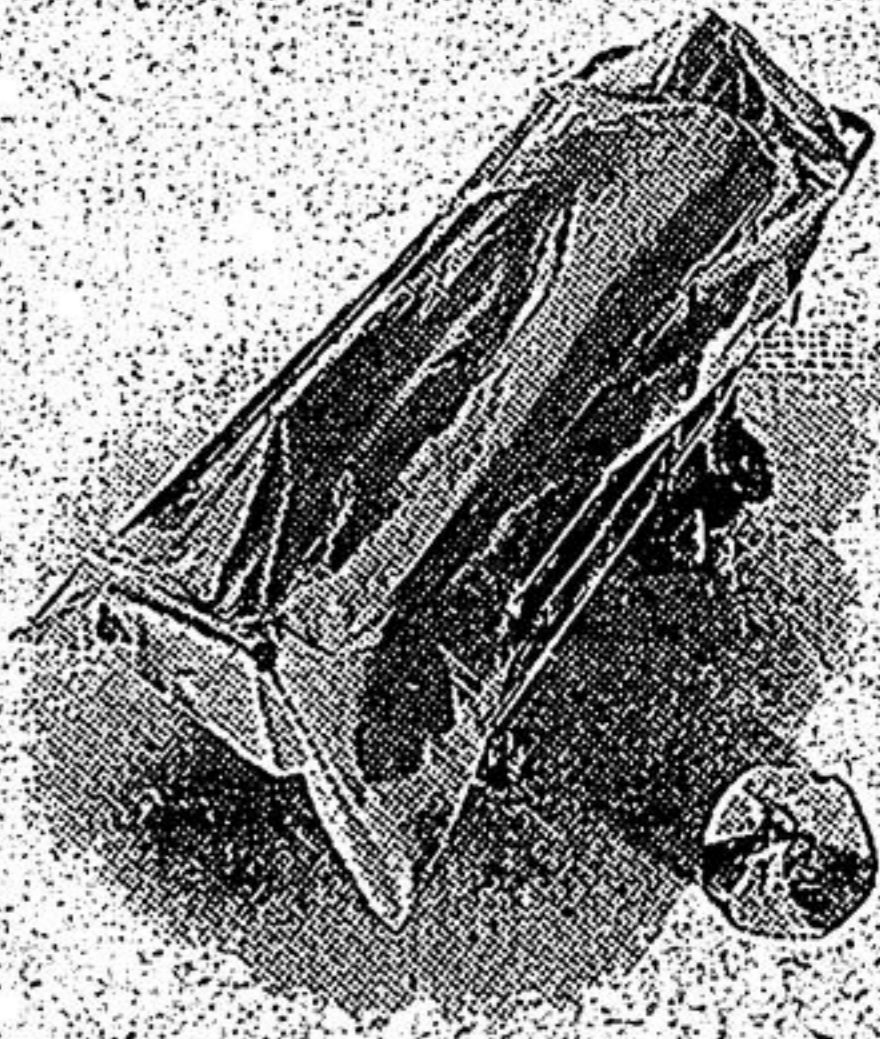
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