



ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

To R. J. Rowan, C.E., are the citizens indebted for a compilation of Kingston's records, by which we are enabled to reproduce a plan of the hamlet in 1780. It is an uncommonly compact town, containing then in extent no more than one-half of a mile, and number of inhabitants less than one hundred. For some old Fort Frontenac is faithfully plied. The familiar names of old residents are recalled, as the

homes of the Forsythes, Cartwrights, Johnstons, Harris, Grasses appear. St. George's church stood on the spot occupied by the Whig, and the block between Clarence and Johnson streets was reserved for public buildings, to be afterwards occupied by the court house and jail, which in their old age disappeared to give place to those models of neat architecture, the customs house and post office. The market square occupies the seat of

Gen. Braddock's batteries. Kingston then had governmental associations for several lots were reserved for government houses. A study of the map will lead to recognition of many buildings, the antiquity of which is scarcely suspected, at a loss to them of a vast deal of veneration due to age. The wigwams of Capt. Joseph Brant's family, the loyal friend of Britain, were located in the cotton mill locality.

FAMILIAR SONGS.

The Sexton.

Park Benjamin was born in Denville, British Guiana, S.A., August 14th, 1806, where his father, a native of Connecticut, was in business. On account of illness Park was sent to his father's old home for medical treatment. Park studied at Harvard and began the profession of the law, but left it for literary pursuits. He became a well-known contributor of several different magazines. His lyrics attained wide popularity, but they were never collected into book form. He died in New York, September 12th, 1854. The "Old Sexton" was written expressly for Henry Russell, who composed the air to which it is popularly sung. The words are as follows:

Nick to a grave that was newly made
Leaving sexton old on his earth-born
spade;
His work was done and he paused to
wait
The funeral train at the open gate.

A relic of by-gone days was he,
And his locks were gray as the foamy
And these words came from his lips so
"I gather them in—I gather them in—
I gather them in—for man and boy,
Year after year of grief and joy.
I've built the houses that lie around
me, every nook of this burial ground,
Mother and daughter, wife and son,
Come to my solitude one by one;
But come they stranger, or come they
I gather them in—I gather them in.

"Many are we yet I'm alone,
I'm king of the dead, and I make my
throne
On a monumental slab of marble cold,
No secret of you is the spouse I hold.
Come they from cottage, or come they
from hall,
Many are my subjects, all, all true,
May they loiter in pleasure, or toilfully
spin,
I gather them in—I gather them in.

"I gather them in, and their final rest
Is here, down here, in the earth's dark
And the sexton ceased as the funeral
train
Would mutely over that solemn plain;
And I said to myself: When time is
old.

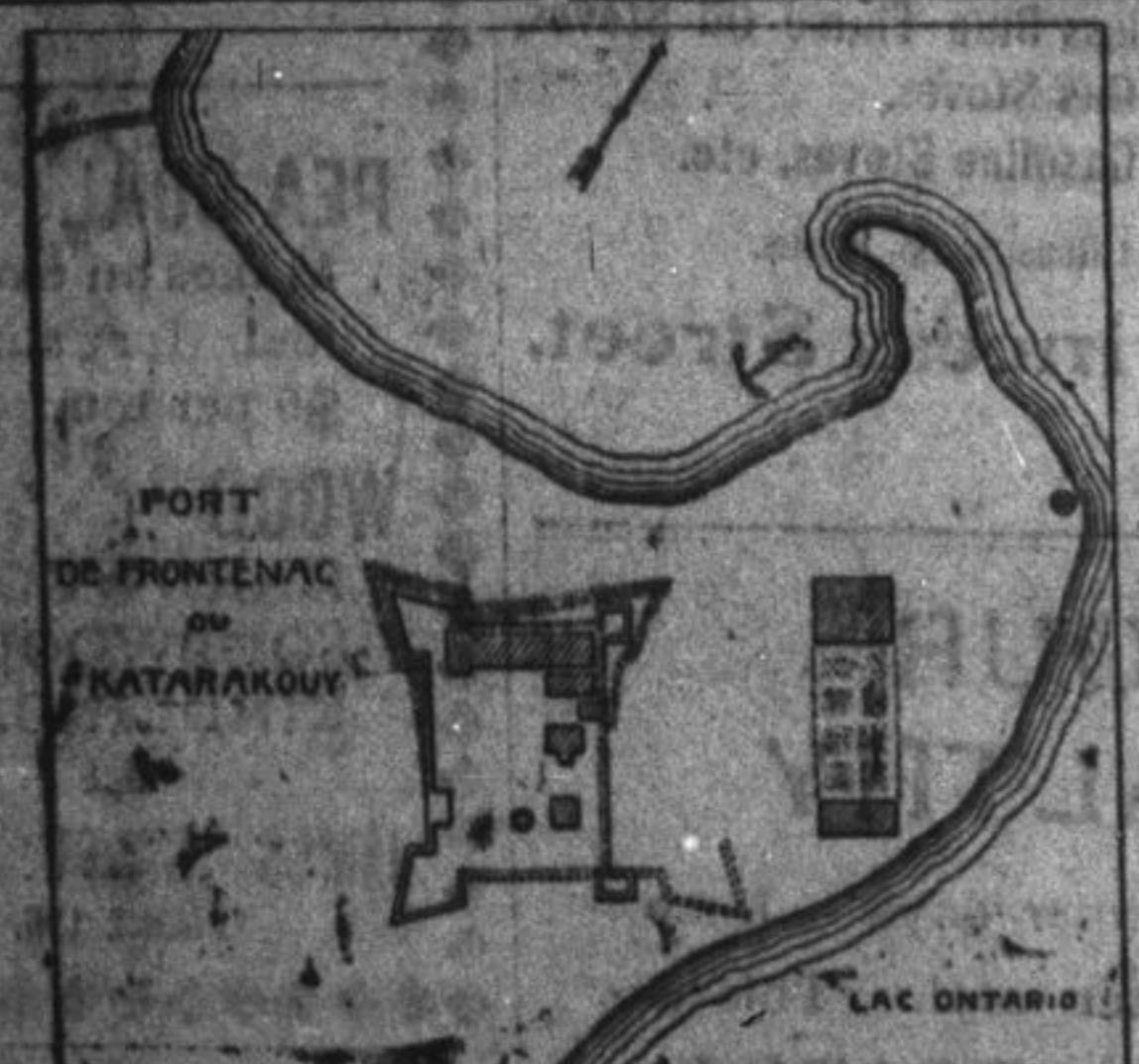
A milder voice than that sexton's old,
Will be heard o'er the last trump,
"I gather them in—I gather them in—
Gather—gather—gather them in."

Never laugh at a girl with a pug
nose; you can't tell what may turn
up.
Some men take what is in sight and
hustle for more.



BLOWING UP OF FORT FRONTENAC.

This is a beautiful sketch from Tutt's Encyclopedia of the destruction of Fort Frontenac upon the attack of Gen. Braddock and his British forces in 1755, during the French and Indian War in Upper Canada. The expedition of the attacking party from Oswego were cleverly carried out, leading to a complete surprise of the garrison, which numbered only one hundred men. Under British occupation settlement began and ever long the place was known as the trading town of Kingston.



AN ANCIENT PLAN INDEED.

Here is a plan of Fort Frontenac in 1755, taken from Abbe Poillon's history of Ville Marie (Montreal). The fort building, and the stone houses, stable and gardens in front, were the only significant habitation of the place, save the Recollet church, a small wooden structure, standing two hundred yards west, between the present Princess and Queen streets, about the location of Andrew MacLean's store. The fort here shown was evacuated and destroyed by Gov. Denonville in 1689, and restored by Count de Frontenac on his return in 1695. By the way, here we are landed in a bicentennial year.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

The Guide To The Sports, Receptions, Etc.
"Come home!"
Would we could send our spirits o'er the
deep.
Would we could win them like the
To commune with thy thoughts, to fill
thy sleep.
With those unwavering words of
mirth.
Brother come home!"

Saturday, 25th.

Reception of visitors; special train from Ottawa will arrive early in the afternoon; that from Toronto expected in the evening. The 47th band will attend the reception committee.

The ladies of Kingston will to "At Ease" from 8 till 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., in the City Hall, to all Home Comers and their friends.

Stores and residences will be illuminated at night. The bands of the 14th and 47th Regiments will be on duty all evening.

"I knew by the smoke that so graceful
A curlew
Always comes dim, that a cottage
was near.
And I said, 'If there's peace to be
found in the world,
A found that was humble might hope
for it here.'"
Written by the poet Moore at Murray Point, Kingston.

Sunday, 26th.

All church services will be at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., except in St. Mary's Cathedral, where masses are sung at 7:30, 9 and 10:30, vespers 7:30.

Sacred concerts by the band of the 14th Regiment in Macdonald Park from 4 till 6 p.m., and from 8 till 10 p.m. Of merry car wheels, whirr along the narrow, shining track.

For fun, all the day, at the land ye
carry thousands back
To homesteads where fathers wait and
in trembling joy, to greet their own
Oh, wheels, speed on with rush and
And bear the children home once
more!

Monday, 27th.

This day has been proclaimed the annual civic holiday, and all may join in the reception.

Mounted sports—Cricket field, by members of "A" and "B" batteries, permanent artillery 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Heads and posts, riding and jumping, Victoria cross, tug-of-war, mace, smoking race mounted, jumping, lead horse, midnight alarm, cutting lemons.

The 14th P.W.O. Rifles' band and the 47th Regimental band will be in attendance.

Kirkpatrick fountain—Presentation to the county council of Frontenac of the Kirkpatrick memorial fountain. Hon. Senator Sullivan, Hon. William Hart, Hon. Abram A. Gowan, M.P., Robert Bickerdike, M.P., H. Avery, M.P., Andrew Pattullo, J. P. P. and Edw. J. B. Pense, M.P.P., will take part. From 12 till 1 o'clock.

Sword feasts and exercises—By Sergt. Major Morgan, champion all-round sportsman of America; cutting sheets of writing paper and newspaper; cutting handkerchiefs and ribbons; cutting potatoes on the hand and neck; cutting potato suspended by a thread by first cutting the thread and afterwards the potato before it touches the ground; repeat item four with arm and sword under the leg; cutting sticks of wood resting on two glass bottles with one spindle; the water cutting sticks of wood resting on two loops of paper held on the edge of two razors without cutting the paper; cutting potato in a linen handkerchief without cutting the linen; cutting triangular bar of lead measuring two inches, with one cut; cutting carcass of one or two sheep with one cut.

Fencing with swords, toils, bayonets

and quarterstaves, between Sergt. Major Morgan and Sergt. E. F. Morgan, 43rd Batt., Ottawa. They are open to challenge from all comers.

Foil vs. foil. 2. Sword vs. sword. 3. Bayonet vs. bayonet. 4. Sword vs. bayonet. 5. Quarterstaff vs. quarterstaff.

A souvenir will be awarded to the oldest visitor on the ground, and another to the home-comer from most distant point.

Field sports, 3 p.m.—Tug-of-war between teams of ten men, open to all but permanent batteries; race 100 yards flat, open to Toronto and Ottawa visitors, the winner to meet those from the place obstacle race, to all; bicycle races, open to residents of city and county; suitable prizes for all contests.

Baseball match—4 p.m. between those keen rivals, the Ponies and Orientals, of Kingston. All sports to be held on the cricket field.

Evening events—6 p.m., band of 14th Regiment in Macdonald park. Illuminated parade in the harbor by the Kingston Yacht club.

"World wide apart and yet akin,
As showing that the human heart
Beats on forever as of old."

Registration.

Home Comers will confer a favor on the committee by registering with the assistant secretary. Not only the committee, but the citizens generally, want the opportunity of better acquaintance with Kingston's old friends, and the privilege of overlooking no one in the humble condition they can find.

The sexton's office will be open to all, the main floor of the city building, under the reception hall. He will countersign railway certificates and have messengers at his disposal for visitors' services.

Places Of Interest.

The buildings of Queen's College, the Mining and Dairy Schools, the Collegiate Institute, Rockwood Asylum, the armoury, churches and public

schools will be opened for visitors during the days of reception.

An Unfortunate Offspring.

New York Sun.

The case of the "Shamrock baby" shows that we ought to be very careful about selecting our parents. A proud father and mother of Staten Island have had their late offspring christened, by permission, "Sir Thomas Lipton Bergner," and the unfortunate boy grows up through life with a handle to his name, unless he reaches years of discretion. But why didn't they get it right, and call him Sir Thomas Lipton Bart., K.C.V.O. Bergner? Then there is another difficulty. If in the course of human events the genial Sir Thomas is made a peer to console his for not lifting the cup, will the baby be promoted too, and be styled Lord Lipton Bergner? And if not why not?

There are some persons who are willing to spend large sums of money, at times amounting to millions of dollars, on titles for their daughters, a husband being an unavoidable part of the bargain. How much easier it would be to follow the example of the Bergners? A baby girl could be called after some distinguished titled person, thus, the "Duchess of Marlborough Smith" or the "Countess de Castellane Jones". It would do just as well and look just as imposing on a visiting card as if it had been very expensive. Besides, the matrimonial difficulty would be avoided.

Welcome.

The following from Longfellow's Hiawatha's departure, is very applicable in the present instance, and is a counterpart of the welcome Kingston to day gives to her boys:

"Then the joyous Hiawatha
Cried to the smoke: 'Friends, be wise;
Beautiful is the land you strange;
When you come so far to see us,
All our towns and houses await you;
You shall enter all our wigwams,
For the heart's right hand we give you.
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As to-day they shine and blossom;
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A PLAN 140 YEARS OLD.

posed to be Capt. Vanquelin, of the navy of France. The plan was evidently made from memory by a poor draughtsman, as representation is far from perfect, as to ground lines. But

it is quite interesting as showing the character of the fort and buildings. It will be noticed that the Cataracoui originally bore the name of the River Frontenac.

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