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ECHO LAKE.

Oct. 1.—The heavy frost has destroyed all garden stuff. The hum of the threshing machine is again heard in the neighborhood. A baby girl has come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Secord McCullough. Mrs. C. Cox is home from the fair at Kingston; also visiting other places. School is progressing nicely under the management of Miss B. Erwin, Sharbot Lake.

COLE LAKE.

Oct. 5.—Potato digging is the order of the day. The farmers report a very poor crop this season. Mrs. John Both, Northbrook, who was visiting at R. Jackson's, was taken seriously ill and had to be removed to the General Hospital, Kingston. She is reported to be doing nicely. Mrs. M. McKnight, Big River, Sask., has returned home after spending a few days at Thomas Butterill's. Mr. and Mrs. C. Both, S. G. Both and Mrs. Albert Both, Northbrook, spent Sunday at R. Jackson's. G. Spooner, Smith's Falls, at Silas Martin's.

McLEAN.

Oct. 1.—Rally day was held yesterday; a nice crowd attended service. Quite a few went to Mountain Grove school fair and all report a good time. Our school children did not go in the parade as our teacher, Mr. Davidson, had not been here long enough to practice the children. Some from here are intending to go to Arden fair on Tuesday and also Mr. and Mrs. John Smith's kitchen shower on Wednesday night. Miss Madeline Kleinsteuber is visiting at John Raycroft's. John Embury has returned home after spending the past seven weeks in the U. S. A. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Embury came home on Wednesday from Mountain Grove. Mr. Embury is not any better. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Smith and family were visiting at Fred Simpson's. Rev. Mr. Findell and William Smith and Ethel at William Cousin's on Sunday. Mrs. H. Babcock and son Fred, Watertown, N.Y., motored over and spent one day last week with Mrs. A. Foster. Mr. Hearns, Wagarville, came with them. William and Thomas Raycroft and Emerson Snider at John Raycroft's on Sunday. Kay Cousins spent Sunday with Andrew Hare.

WESTBROOKE.

Oct. 6.—Rally day service was held in the Methodist church, on Sunday. Special music was given and the church was prettily decorated. Filling silos and digging potatoes is the occupation of the farmers at present. D. Sheehan and Leo Kenny are enjoying a motor trip to Toronto and Buffalo. Joseph Welch's hen house was entered on Thursday night last and seventeen fine fowl were stolen. Mr. Welch is leaving no stone unturned to locate the guilty party. James Rundell, Bloomfield, after spending the past week with his nephew, W. L. Grass, returned home on Tuesday. Robert Smith and sister, Nellie, are visiting friends in Michigan. Mrs. Switzer, Napanee, was a recent visitor with Mrs. P. Rose. Mrs. Morgan and family have retired from farming and have taken an apartment in the city. Mrs. J. Morley and family have returned home after a pleasant motor trip to Syracuse, N.Y. Carpenters are engaged shingling the hall in the village. M. Redden is shingling L. Hyland's residence.

Leeds

PORTLAND.

Oct. 3.—The farmers have started to dig their potatoes and are a very good crop much better than expected. Mrs. Lillian Donevan, Brockville, who has been visiting the Misses Donevan for the last week has returned home. Mrs. Clate Sly, on the sick list, is not improving very fast. Dr. Dunn and family, Elgin, were in the village on Monday. E. Donevan and family, Toronto, were calling on Friends in the village on Monday on their way to Perth. Frederick Thomson, Montreal, is visiting Mrs. E. Morrison. Mrs. George Lyons, Newboro, and daughter were calling on friends in the village last week.

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BETHEL.

Oct. 5.—The threshing machine is through here threshing grain and filling silos. Mrs. C. Histed, Camden East, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. King, Toronto, spent Thursday at the home of Garnet Jeffrey. Miss H. Martin spent the week-end at her home near Newburgh. Mr. and Mrs. R. Jackson from our neighborhood. They are moving to their new home in Yarker. Mrs. Edith Alkenbrack and Miss Laura attended the Wolfe Island fair last week. Miss Isabella Jeffrey spent a few days with Mrs. Perry Alkenbrack. Mrs. John Moore is spending two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Myrtle McWilliams. Mrs. L. Hamilton, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Jackson, Yarker.

Historical Relics
of Canada

The movement now on foot to preserve Fort George, and Fort Missisauga, battlefields in the neighborhood of Niagara-on-the-Lake, is another evidence of the spirit which inspired the effort of the Niagara Historical Society in collecting historical relics of value and displaying them to great advantage in Memorial Hall. The collection, which had its inception in May, 1896, now includes more than 6,000 relics, the historical building having been built under the auspices of the Historical Society in 1906. A teacher in the Public School of Niagara for many years, Miss Janet Carnochan whose love of country, deep-seated interest in historic lore and unflagging zeal have been the most important factors in building up the collection sympathetically, exhibits and explains the story of relics to the boys and girls.

Tridly the war of 1812-1814 is recalled to the mind of the visitor looking upon the military articles hoarded in the museum. The cocked hat of Gen. Brock, which arrived in Canada soon after his death, but used at services in connection with his interment in 1854 and 1855, is of peculiar interest as also the flag, supposed to have figured in the war of 1812 and discovered under the roof of the house of Henry Woodruff, St. David's. The scarlet coats of the militia of more than 100 years ago include one worn by Col. D. MacDougal, then an ensign at the battle of Lundy's Lane, July 25, 1814, when he was severely wounded; also the coat worn by Major Shaw 1812-1814. Reminiscent of these years of warfare in the Niagara district are the treasured water bottle of wood used in 1812, and marked with the broad arrow; belt and bayonet of 1812; stirrup, sash and epaulettes of Col. W. D. Miller, ensign in 1812; buttons, found in a grave at St. Mark's, of a United States officer and of Canadian volunteers, 1813; fragment of Froeman's Battery, 1813; standing order for York Regiment, 1813; fragment of shell fired during the war of 1812; piece of sycamore tree, pierced by bullet in 1812; pocket book of Captain Marten McClellan, killed at the capture of Fort George, May 27, 1813; a collection of cannon balls which came over to Niagara from the enemy and the military strong box used for money and documents previous to 1812.

The visitor to the historical building has a thrill as he touches the sword delivered to Gen. Murray at the capture of Fort Niagara, Dec. 19, 1812. Many other interesting weapons of warfare are found in the arsenal, swords, pistols, dress swords and an old flint-lock gun. Buttons, buckles and badges tell stories of heroes who wore them into fiery conflict, while engravings, photos, oil paintings and etchings adorning the walls picture officers and military commissions signed by Gen. Brock and various governors, with water color sketches of the old forts painted over 100 years ago.

Memorials of Laura Secord are cherished in the sketch of the course she covered in her perilous journey from Queenston to Beaver Dam, June 23, 1813, made by Mrs. Curson; the copper kettle in which was hidden the gold during time of danger, and the bead bag used by Laura Secord in her Niagara home. The history of the country's home life during the war of 1812-14 is depicted in the cases displaying beautiful antique clothing, including the white linen dress coat and knee breeches of George Ball. Specimens of linen woven from flax grown, hackled, spun and woven near Welland, and specimens of wool, carded, spun and woven in the same district, give a picture of the busy housewives of the olden days.

Old, old china, Wedgwood, Derby and Willow pattern, add their charm. One small plate of Willow pattern is extremely interesting and belonging to Capt. Van Clive, R.N., who buried the bit of china for safety during the war of 1812. Lustre ware, brass and pewter gleam among the antiques, while the fireplace is an entrancing corner, with crane, tinder box, waste irons, foot-warmers, baking oven and irons, long-handled frying pans, roaster for small game, fire bellows, old oak bucket and candle molds. From the gallery of the historical building there beckons an ancient four-poster bed, curtained. Neighboring with the bed are wooden cradles, in which slept over a century ago, such as the cradle, as used by Rev. R. Addison, 1792-1839; a round table in two parts once belonging to the Secord family, and a number of chairs, which helped to furnish the homes of Niagara in the early years of the century.

Reminiscent of the early history of Niagara are the issues of the Upper Canada Gazette or American Oracle, July 3, August 14, December 10, 1794, which is alleged to be the first newspaper published in Upper Canada. Being the meeting-place of the first Parliament of Upper Canada, in 1792, Niagara enjoys the distinction of having given birth to the first Agricultural Society, 1793; two of the first churches, 1794 and 1804; the first law society, in 1797, and the first library of Upper Canada, in 1800. Among the excellent collection of rare books in this museum is found Matthew Henry's Communicant's Companion, 1799, belonging to the first library established in Niagara. Unique among these books and pamphlets, many yelowed with age, are the "St. Ursula's Convent," by Julia C. Beckwith, the first novel published in Upper Canada, which is dated Kingston, 1834, and a copy of the first poem published in Upper Canada, dated York, 1825. This work is entitled "Splendors of the West, or a Day at Niagara Falls," by J. L. Alexander.—Blanche G. Robbins in the Toronto Globe.

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