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A Short History of US-Canada Relations

Canada-USA relations have been compared to living next to an elephant. “Good relations or not, the elephant can roll over and crush you.” A short history of North America can be useful to understanding the relationship. Canada began as a French Colony (Champlain in 1609). The future of the USA began with the English colony of Virginia (also 1609). The French’s primary focus economically was the Fur Trade. The English implemented farming and a more complete economy. Historically, France and England were enemies. It was not surprising that by the 1700s the two nations began to collide along the Great Lakes. By the 1750s, this collision bloomed into full-scale war. The British wanted the French gone so its settlers could expand north and west. In fact, the British decided to seize New France to protect their thirteen colonies. The British went to a more determined effort to kick the French out of North America and won the 7 Years War by winning the Battle of Quebec in 1759. Under the peace treaty in 1763, all of North America became British (except for the Spanish on the West Coast). For 12 years Canada and the USA were British Colonies with no

border.

In 1775, the 13 Colonies rebelled and formed their own, independent country: The United States of America. The concept of “Manifest Destiny” developed whereby the new USA was destined to rule all of North America. This included the colonies of Quebec, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. (We won’t talk about the Spanish Colonies, yet.) The colony of Quebec was mostly left-over French settlers from before 1759. The new “Americans” promptly invaded “Quebec” to conquer it and incorporate the new colony into the new USA (14th state). They were unsuccessful and were defeated at the Battle of Quebec and forced out of the colony. Mother Britain sent reinforcements and pushed the Americans back south. Military actions also took place at Niagara and Detroit. The British won. At the end of the American Revolution, the British Army withdrew from the 13 colonies, but held on to colonies not part of the Original 13 colonies. The rough border that still exists today was agreed on at this time.

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Following the American Revolution, the future Canada was called "British North America. Thousands of people from the 13 colonies did not want to rebel and moved to Canada to stay with the British Empire. These "Americans" were called Loyalists and most moved north to the future Canada. The partings were mostly nasty and the Loyalists became very anti-American or pro-British. These Loyalists had a huge effect on later Canadian culture. Over the years, thousands of Americans moved to Canada for various reasons. They were called "late Loyalists". But the idea of Manifest Destiny did not go away and the Americans just waited their chance for another attempted "take-over" of Canada. The next tussle happened in 1812. Mother Britain was locked in a life-death struggle in Europe with Napoleon Bonaparte. President Madison saw an opportunity to do another Manifest Destiny and attacked British North America thinking the colonies were in weak shape. Former President Jefferson said conquering Canada was a "mere matter of marching". Wrong. The Canadians fought back and the War of 1812 lasted three years with no success for the Americans. They lost more battles than they won. By 1814 the war was at a stalemate. Then in 1814 the war in Europe ended and the British Army was freed to "help out" in North America. It was an "uh-oh" moment for the Americans. The British Army was now free to "deal" with the Americans. Buffalo, Detroit and Chicago were in British hands. But even more frightening, the British captured Washington and burnt down the White House! That hurt American pride: the war had moved to American soil. The Americans agreed to an end and the borders were left unchanged. But Manifest Destiny was still around. The only thing that stopped another invasion of Canada was a fear of Mother Britain. The British Empire was the most powerful empire in the world and attacking her colonies was not a good idea. (Remember Washington?) But that was not the end of bad relations. In 1837 Canada experienced an internal "rebellion". An anti-British troublemaker named William Lyon MacKenzie tried to seize power in Ontario and join the colony to the USA. (I cannot remember what number of state we would be?) The Rebellion of 1837 was suppressed by loyal Canadians and Mackenzie fled to the USA and tried to stir things up. While Americans did not join the Rebellion, they aided and abetted Mackenzie. (And they cheered him on!) But the British Empire sent a subtle warn-

ing and Mackenzie's aid disappeared. The whole issue blew over and Mackenzie became Mayor of Toronto. A second rebellion was staged in Quebec. A group of "Patriotes" rose in Rebellion against the British Government of the Colony of Quebec. They were in coordination with Mackenzie, but did not push the idea of joining the USA. The rebellion broke out in November 1837 and was much more violent than Mackenzie's little incident. The British garrisons in Ontario rushed to Quebec and Mackenzie started his march on Toronto when the soldiers were busy. But that didn't matter and those loyal to the British Government quickly dispersed the rebels at the Battle of Montgomery's Tavern and surviving rebels fled to the USA. Elsewhere many Americans who favoured Manifest Destiny formed "Hunter Lodges" to lead invasions of Canada. Very little became of their efforts, but several invasions of Canada took place at Windsor, Niagara, Pelee Island and Buffalo. These amounted to nothing, but they did frighten Canadians. The biggest incident was the Battle of the Windmill at Prescott. Over 200 Americans and a few Canadians crossed the St Lawrence River and holed up in a windmill. The British garrison at Fort Henry brought up artillery and the battle ended poorly for the invaders. 80 were killed and 137 captured. The American army actually assisted the Canadians, showing a rare effort to help their neighbours. When it was all over 93 rebels were deported to Australia. Another incident broke out in 1844 over the southern boundary of British Columbia. The Americans claimed all of BC south of 54-40, about the Alaskan Panhandle. President Polk's election motto was "54-40 or Fight". Brave motto, but the USA was still scared of Mother Britain showing up at Washington, so the current boundary stayed the same. The last "incident" between Canada and the USA was the Fenian Invasions 1866-1870. Relations had been tense between Canada & the USA during the Civil War (1861-1865), but it never broke out in violence. Many Canadian volunteers had fought for the North and Canada had supplied a lot of supplies for the war effort. But one group of Americans were looking for trouble. The Fenians were a group of Irish terrorists to that were looking for trouble. They were trying to force England out of Ireland. Many Fenians had fled Ireland and gone to the USA where they fought in the Civil War. In 1865 they were armed and unemployed: a bad combination. Some leaders came up with the hare-brained idea these Fenians could attack and conquer

Canada, which they would withdraw from if Britain would withdraw from Ireland. The feelings of Canadians were not part of the deal: in fact the Fenians believed many Irish-Canadians would join them! (In fact, it was the opposite!) While the American Government did not join the invasion, they looked the other way, allowing armed insurgents to use the USA to invade Canada. This was a big "no no" in the world of foreign affairs.

The Fenians did cross the border in 1866 in Quebec and Fort Erie. Fenian forces assembled in many places along the border. These invasions were taken seriously. In the absence of the British Army, the Canadian Militia rushed to the border. Thousands of Canadians responded to the defense of Canada. George Swinson from Kinmount was working in a lumber camp in Haliburton when word came the Fenians had attacked at Niagara. He "ran" all the way to Brooklin to join the Rifle Regiment, get his gun and uniform and go to Niagara. His rage was palatable: "How dare they invade my country!" he later told his family. He missed the "battles", but he got a medal, his most prized possession. Canada was growing up! And later the next year (1867), Sir John A Macdonald led the scattered colonies of British North America into Confederation. Thanks Fenians!

The American Government was embarrassed by the Fenian Raids. The US Army was sent to the border to arrest the Fenian leaders and disarm the whole lot. It was made clear invading Canada was not an American policy. But one of the unknown sidebars of this border issue was a bill drawn up by an American Congressman about the annexation of Canada in 1867. The bill appeared in a book written by Sir John A Macdonald (no, not our first Prime Minister) in 1873 called "Troublous Times in Canada". He copied the US bill in its entirety. I will not report the whole bill, but here is a summary of the American "take over" plans for British North America.

On July 2, 1866 Representative Banks introduced into Congress a bill entitled "The admission of the States of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Canada East (Quebec), Canada West (Ontario), and for the organization of the Territories of Selkirk (Manitoba), Saskatchewan and Columbia (BC) into the USA."

The USA would assume all public debt of the above as follows: Canada West -

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\$36,000,000, Canada East - \$29,000,000, Nova Scotia-\$8,000,000, New Brunswick \$7,000,000, Newfoundland - \$3,2000,000, Prince Edward Island- \$2,000,000. A further annual grant was also given to each province. The colony of Newfoundland was amalgamated with Quebec and PEI with Nova Scotia.

The Hudson Bay Company Territories (Rupert's Land) were to be purchased by the USA for \$10,000,000 and divided as such" all lands north of Canada East (Quebec) south of Hudson's Bay amalgamated with the Quebec State and those south of Hudson's Bay given to Canada West. Selkirk Territory was the future Manitoba. Saskatchewan Territory included the future provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta. (British) Columbia was its own territory, but a door was left open for a merger with American Columbia (Washington & Oregon states). The division of "Columbia" had almost led to war between Britain and the USA in 1844. As settlement increased, these territories could be carved into states: a common US policy.

The new states were given the following seats in the US House of Representatives (the equivalent of our House of Commons).
 Canada West – 12 members
 Canada East – 11 members
 New Brunswick - 2 members
 Nova Scotia – 4 members
 Territories did not get seats until they became States. All current Canadian "states" could keep their current names (nice of them!). "State" legislatures could make their own laws as long as they did not violate US laws.

The Americans would fund a (transcontinental) railway. A new canal would be financed to the Great Lakes. There was no mention about the Monarchy or the Governor-Generals. I would guess they would be gone.
 Capt Macdonald finished the chapter as thus:

" The "generosity" of the proposal was very kind of our neighbours, but it had no avail. The abrogation of the Reciprocity Treaty and the encouragement of the Fenian Raids had put the Canadians on their mettle and stiffened their backbone. So neither retaliatory threats had any effects in changing Canadian minds fromsssss carving out their own destiny under the broad folds of the union jack." In summary, the Fenians and amalgamation were only a few reasons that inspired Canadians to form their own country. Sir John A Macdonald was a master of using these issues to form the new Dominion of Canada. It was a brilliant move

by a masterful politician. I hope Canadians feel the same way in today's threats. After Confederation, Canada-USA tensions declined. Yes, there were minor issues such as Whiskey Traders in Alberta, but good feelings prevailed. In WW I, we found ourselves on the same side. Many Americans joined the Canadian army before the USA entered the War in 1917. I guess they found Canadians not so bad after all! And when WW II broke out, even more Americans found ourselves on the same page. Furthermore, American President Franklin Roosevelt Guaranteed Canadian independence. He guaranteed if Canada was attacked, the USA would come to our defence, no questions asked! This was the first time the Americans were 100% on our side. Both countries joined NATO and Norad together. In fact, NORAD was only Canada and the USA! We also ended up together in the "Five Eyes" spy agency. And then there was the Free Trade Deal. Sounds like best friends to me!

What will come of this 51st state issue? Who knows. But Canadians are registering their disapproval in many ways, just as in the Fenian/Confederation times. Time will tell.

Don't forget to have your voice heard—vote on April 28th.



The Fenian Raid Medal was awarded to Kinmount resident George Swinson.

He told his family it was his most prized possession.



George Swinson (X) of Brooklin Rifle Regiment Pre-Fenians



1812 invasion of Canada



Fenian Raid, Battle of Eccles Hill, Quebec. The first Fenian to cross the border into Canada lies on the road.



Manifest Destiny



The Whitehouse Burns as the British watch. 1814



Battle of the Windmill 1838 site



US Vote to attack Canada in War of 1812. Not all states thought it was a good idea.



Councillor's Corner by Pat Warren

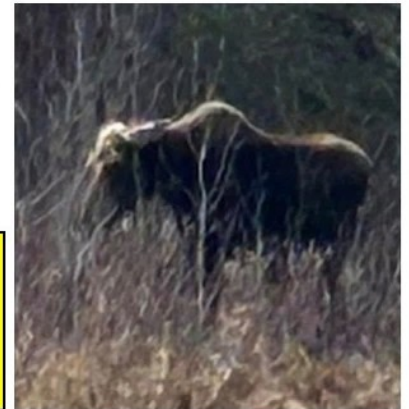


As I write this, the snow banks are getting smaller but they are still a concern as the rains come. I hope that we don't get any flooding on the Bumt River. The Fire Department has done a great job preparing for flooding. As spring approaches, I look forward to attending the fundraiser for the KDHSF April 5th at Kinmount Community Centre with Keith Kirkpatrick. I hope to see you there. If you know an Environmental Hero, please nominate a youth, an individual or a business. The website will open on Earth Day for nominations. Go to Jump In Kawartha Lakes.

As well, you can start planning your pollinator garden to win a prize. The Bee A Hero contest will start early in June so participate to help our pollinators. On April 26 Kawartha Conservation Foundation hosts an Earth Day event for the family at Ken Reid Conservation Area. There will be a scavenger hunt, bird feeding, story walk and other activities for the kiddies. It runs from 10-2. I hope everyone has a very Happy Easter and Spring! For issues register your complaint at issues@kawarthalakes.ca pwarren@kawarthalakes.ca patwarrenward2kawarthalakes.ca 705-324-9411, ext. 3802

Snapped!

Burnt River resident Laura Wallwork took this pic of a moose on Killarney Bay Road. Laura says it seemed like she was posing just for them!



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Royal Canadian Legion Br. 441 by J. Chynoweth

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- Cornhole** 7pm. Doors open 6pm
- Tuesday**
- Lunches 2nd Tuesday monthly 11 - 1pm starts April 29.
- Liver & Onions or alternative.
- Mixed Darts** 7:30pm
- Friday**
- Chair Yoga/Chair Dance** 10 - 11 \$5
- Bingo** 6:45pm Doors open 5pm
- Supper Special changes weekly.
- Saturday**
- Meat Draw** 5pm Doors open 3pm



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Reverend Joan Cavanagh Receives King's Coronation Medal

Congratulations to Reverend Joan Cavanagh who was recently honoured as a recipient of a King Charles III Coronation Medal by MP Jamie Schmale in recognition of her significant contribution and dedication to the area.

Reverend Joan (as she likes to be addressed) leads the Anglican Parish of Kinmount, Minden and Maple Lake. She helps oversee the thrift shop in Minden, with proceeds going to church operations, charities and community supports.

Reverend Joan is a problem solver who is wonderful in helping those in crisis with, health issues, physical or mental abuse, suicide, addiction, food shortage, financial or housing or other difficulties.

Kinmount is very proud of you, Reverend Joan!



Reverend Joan and MP Jamie Schmale

Recognizing Amin Assar's Contributions

I wish to express my heartfelt farewell to Amin Assar of Kinmount Downtown Pharmacy.

Amin is a Registered Pharmacist with 28 years of experience, including 20 years dedicated to Kinmount. He has been a strong supporter of many local organizations, including:

The Kinmount Bursary Committee,

The Kinmount Food Bank (where the pharmacy served as a drop-off location),

Kinmount District Health Services Foundation, and the Kinmount Baptist Church.

Amin's generosity extended far beyond his role as a pharmacist. Whenever I asked him to support a community cause whether it was putting up a poster, collecting donations, or spreading the word his answer was always "YES!"

Now, as Amin moves back to Toronto to be closer to his family, he looks forward to new adventures, reconnecting with loved ones, and traveling. While Kinmount will miss him, his contributions and kindness will always be remembered.

Wishing you all the best, Amin!

Yvette Brauer, Kinmount

The Kinmount District Health Services Foundation recognizes and appreciates all that Amin (Kinmount Downtown Pharmacy) did for the health and wellness of our community. We wish him all the best!

KDHSF

We have so appreciated Amin Assar (Kinmount Downtown Pharmacy) and the service he provided in Kinmount through the years. His professionalism and his personal care for us as individuals made him very special. In addition to being our trusted pharmacist, Amin has partnered with us at Kinmount Baptist, to help two churches that we support in Cuba. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

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Amin Assar





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In the Lions Den by J.C. LaGrange



The Easter Bunny gets ready!
It has been called Easter Fest, Easter Bop, and now, forever I hope, it shall be called the Easter Hop. A much more appropriate name that refers to the Easter Bunny's favorite way to get around town . . . hopping. Speaking of the Easter Bunny, the Kinmount Lions once again invited the master of all things eggs and chocolate to come to Kinmount to meet all the kids in town. We are glad to announce that this year's

Easter Hop will be on April 19, 2025, at the Kinmount Legion from 8:30 to 11:00 am. The Easter Bunny will be there with goodies, pancakes and lots of fun times. For mom and dad, and friends, there will be opportunities to take nice pictures and have a chance to win prizes being raffled off. In an update to last month's column, the funds raised by our first annual Euchre Tournament was added to money donated from the Club to the Peterborough Regional Health Centre Foundation for the renovation of the Pediatric Cancer wing. A cheque presentation from the Kinmount Lions for \$3,200 was made at our Joint Zone Meeting and a further \$2,000 was donated by other Clubs in the District. The Club is also getting ready for this year's Summer Draw and soon we will be visiting Walter at the Carving Gallery in Moore's Falls to see what magical carving he has created for our draw.

dinner meetings and participate in one of our activities to determine if we are a good fit.

Please feel free to contact Lion Linda Boulton at 705-879-5701 for more details. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm with our dinner meetings usually held on the 3rd Tuesday. We would love to meet you and work together to help our community. Follow the Kinmount & District Lions Facebook page for information on events.

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The Happy Gardener by Lee Ann Hobson



Dollars and Sense
Last year the March column was about planting seeds and planning your garden. I hope it gave readers ideas on how to start their own plots without being intimidated or investing too much money. I recently read a great article in Mother Earth News, April/May 2025. The author was Patrice Lewis who is an advocate of simple living and self-sufficiency. The article was titled "Is gardening worth it financially". A copy of this magazine is available in the Kinmount Library. The article had many excellent ideas and suggestions. One was to not aim too high trying to duplicate the excellent pictures of the mounds of produce in gardening magazines or seed catalogs. Another point was to grow something you enjoy eating and start with small plots that are easily maintained. Also grow something that has a high yield and could perhaps be harvested and replanted several times a season. Ms. Lewis's suggestions included lettuce or other greens, radishes, spinach or beets. Other options were peas or beans. She called these "almost comically productive". In truth, peas and beans can give you produce at the beginning, middle and end of the growing

season. Herbs are also easily grown and provide large quantities for very little effort. If you compare your harvest to the price of the limited availability and quality in the grocery store you will be in for a pleasant surprise. Basil, parsley, coriander, sage and thyme are only a few of the herbs that will grow here in our short season. Also some of these herbs are perennials, which means they will grow back next year with a little TLC.

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Buckhorn's Adam & Eve Rocks

In Buckhorn, just a few hundred meters above the community's lock and dam, are the Adam and Eve Rocks. They are a special place for couples to come, because "if two lovers hold hands and touch one of the rocks, their lives will be blessed." Over the years, countless couples have made the pilgrimage to these rocks, named for the original Biblical family, hoping that their own family might live a blessed life. There is a small forested park beside the rocks, that makes a nice romantic outing—a place to take a picture and enjoy a picnic—hence their other nickname, the Kissing Rocks. It is also a place to wonder: How did those rocks get there?

In the early nineteenth century, many observers were inclined to look for Biblical explanations of natural phenomena that they encountered. Are they evidence of the Great Flood? Are they a divine creation? As scientists were looking to interpret the world based on human observation and reason, rather than faith, massive, peculiarly placed boulders like Adam and Eve were difficult to explain. As the century wore on, geologists began to find more evidence that there once was an ice age. Rather than pondering the awesome power of God, they modelled the awesome power of glaciers.

Standing in the clearing at the Adam and Eve rocks, it's hard to imagine how an ice sheet could have deposited them there—but it is also hard to imagine what it was like to be in North America when Ontario was covered with ice—that at its maximum was about three kilometres thick. Though we tend to think of ice as being a solid, when it is that

thick it moves under its own weight—albeit at a 'glacial' pace. Though it moved very slowly, the glacier could exert incredible force, literally reshaping the landscape.

It is hard to know exactly how the Adam and Eve Rocks ended up being placed on this slope. One theory is that as the ice was moving alongside a rock face (like a cliff face) the force of the moving ice broke the Adam and Eve Rocks off, then as the ice continued to flow, they were carried many kilometres, then left behind as the glacier melted away. But where exactly they came from is anybody's guess—despite all of the work that geologists have done over the years.

Adam and Eve are conspicuously large boulders in a region where much of the landscape has grown on glacially deposited materials. But they are certainly not the only large boulders that are thought to be deposited by glaciers. On the other shore of the waterway, near Home Hardware, is the Balancing (or Council) Rock—which raises the same question of how such a large boulder came to rest on sloping ground above the waterway. In the late nineteenth century, the Buck-



horn Lodge/Inn was a favourite stop for lumberjacks, who were notorious for visiting the bar. After a few drinks, countless lumberjacks made their way outside to see if they could unbalance the Balancing Rock. The fact that no group of men, no matter how strong they were succeeded in tipping it down the hill to the waterway is a testament to just how heavy it is.

Buckhorn is a community whose rocks are of mythical proportions. Whether it is the chance to demonstrate superhuman strength by tipping the Balancing Rock, or beginning a new chapter in a blessed life, if you believe in magic, you may never forget the trip to Buckhorn's legendary rocks.

Source: Maryboro Lodge Museum, Fenelon Falls



Spring 2025 flooding of the Burnt River in Kinmount

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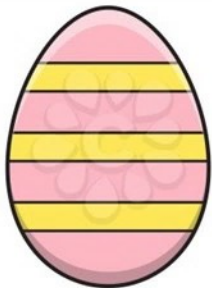
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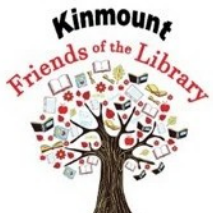
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Mossom Boyd, Lumber King of the Kawarthas - Part 1: Expansion to the North

Mossom Boyd was perhaps the most famous of the "Lumber Kings" in our area. He was based in Bobcaygeon, starting his business by purchasing the operations of Thomas Need in 1844. The original sawmill was in downtown Bobcaygeon close to where the current locks are now. In order to supply saw logs for his mill, he bought huge tracts of land in Verulam, Harvey and Somerville Townships in the 1850s. This area was close to Bobcaygeon and relatively unsettled. But land here was not free and it cost a bundle to acquire. By 1860, this area was running out of timber so Boyd started selling "cut-over" lots to incoming settlers. These lots were very popular with farmers because they were good land and the bigger trees were already removed making land clearing less intimidating. In one year (1861), Boyd sold 1,600 acres in Verulam, 2,300 acres in Harvey and 1,000 acres in Somerville. The money earned allowed the Boyd Company to expand northward. The biggest issue to both settlers and lumbermen in the lands of the Trent watershed was lack of roads. Boyd could use the rivers flowing into the Kawartha Lakes to float his lots into the lakes (and on to Bobcaygeon), but he needed roads to carry his supplies north to the lumber camps. Settlers also needed roads to access their farms. Settler/farmers had the government's ears in the 1800s. Upper Canada was a farm community, and the government catered to the farm community. By the 1850s, unsettled (and free) lands were full. Canadians and new settlers were moving to the United States for new/free farmland. To the loyal residents of Upper Canada this was horrible! Relations with the USA were tense and something must be done! The solution was to open up the unsettled areas of Upper Canada, in our case the massive Ottawa-Huron Tract: an area of

250 townships that lay north of Kawartha Lakes. The land was not really suitable for agricultural settlement, but what choice did the government have to expand and keep Canadians & new settlers in Canada? To promote growth, the Canadian Government decided to build a series of roads into the Tract. To further sweeten the pot, land along these "colonization roads", land fronting them was free. Nothing works as well as "free". Among the first roads (1856) was the Bobcaygeon Road which started from the village of the same name and headed north for a point near North Bay. (It never made it past Dorset, but so what: there was no farmland there anyways!). While the Bobcaygeon Road was meant for settlers, lumbermen like Boyd loved it. He could now ship his supply wagons by road to his camps north of Bobcaygeon. The Government also opened up the new territory for these lumbermen to "rent" or lease to cut logs. And the white pine was "big" on the Tract and worth the expense of harvesting. Boyd had to lease the property in large areas called "limits". As well as passing a toll for the limit, he paid a fee called "stumpage" or so much per sawlog. It could be small as 30 cents a log. There were a number of lumber companies in the same area and they often cut on someone else's limit and certainly used the same water-courses and roads. When the logs were floated down the rivers in the Spring drive, the logs could be easily mixed up so the companies developed their own brand. It was necessary to sort out the ownership of the logs by using a "sorting jack" in key places. Kinmount, on the Burnt River, had a sorting jack at the dam to sort the tens of thousands of logs that tumbled down the river each year. The first timber leases were issued in 1861. Boyd had to make up his mind: should he expand and become a big player? At the time he had a small mill

at the lock in Bobcaygeon. It was too small to saw a large quantity. He could put in a larger, newer sawmill in Bobcaygeon for \$40,000, but he would need more timber limits to make it pay. Boyd decided to "go big", buy more timber limits and build the new mill. He subsequently bought limits in Snowdon, Glamorgan and Monmouth Townships and ship his logs down the Burnt River to Bobcaygeon. The operations were fed through Kinmount and up the Monck Road. About the same time (1860s), a private company (English Land & Emigration Company) bought 9 townships in Haliburton County to sell lots for settlement. Bad choice for most of the land was not suitable for agriculture. But it did bristle with first class white pine trees which were valuable to lumbermen. Mossom Boyd was a great businessman and talked the company into selling him the rights to timber in the bloc. At a stroke of the pen Boyd won the limits for the townships of Dysart, Guilford, Havelock, Eyre, Harburn, Dudley, Harcourt, Bruton & Clyde. Combined with his earlier holdings in Snowdon, Glamorgan & Monmouth, he had a lot of trees! All his limits except for Havelock, were drained by the Burnt and Gull Rivers into Balsam Lake: just a few miles upriver from Bobcaygeon! But the timber leases were not the largest expense for the lumbermen. They had to hire men to cut the logs and drive them down the rivers. The lumbermen also had to build the log shanties to house the men and cadge in supplies to feed the workers and the horses. They also cut Cadge Roads to the shanties from the nearest government road. The shanties were only used for 2 to 5 years and were abandoned when the timber was gone. Both shanties and cadge roads were left to disappear into the forest, but some of these sites can still be found today. Boyd was able to use the colonization roads for free, but had to build the cadge roads at his expense.

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Boyd Lumber Co map of timber rights in Haliburton County. Logs were floated down the Bunt River (through Kinmount). The northern section watershed through Minden-Coby-Norland.



White Pine Trees in Haliburton. Lots of quality timber attracted the lumbermen to Haliburton County.



Raft of quality timber coming through the Bobcaygeon lock.

Plan of the Nine Townships in the County of Haliburton Province of Ontario from the Canadian Land and Emigration Company Map of the 1870s



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From the KDHSF by Sue Butts

Happy Spring Everyone!
I am sure everyone has a spring in their step now that the days are longer and the snow is disappearing.
Over the last year the KDHSF, the Foundation, met to develop a Strategic Plan to support the Foundation and the Health Centre. One of our goals was to promote, Support Services to meet the health and wellness in the community.
We are very fortunate to have two trained foot care nurses delivering services at the Health Centre and in our community.
The West Foot Care team gave an excellent presentation at our Lunch and Learn in February. They have put together information about our feet and the importance of good shoes. Please enjoy the article below from *Wendy West RPN*.

West Nursing Foot Care: Better Footwear, Better Foot Care
Advice from two nurses at KDHC In September 2023, West Nursing Foot Care established our practice at the Kinmount Medical Centre. Wendy and Mackenzie West recognized a gap in foot care services in the region in 2020 when we transitioned to advanced foot care nursing. When we assess a client's feet, we notice that footwear can often contribute to foot issues. Such as reddened skin, corns, and calluses. Wearing shoes that fit appropriately can alleviate these symptoms significantly. When you're out looking to transition to some new footwear this spring, here are some things to consider:

- Wider shoes offer more room for the feet and toes to spread naturally, especially for individuals with bunions, swelling or wider feet. Wider toe boxes can help to reduce these complications.

- A shoe that offers good support can prevent strain (on the feet and lower body). It can help reduce foot pain caused by plantar fasciitis. Look for shoes with firm inflexible sole or use custom orthotics to provide added stability.
- Deeper toe boxes offer extra height and can prevent pinching and pressure on the toes. This is helpful for people with hammer-toes, bunions. A deeper toe box also reduces the risk of developing blisters or calluses, and corns on the top of the toes.
- A heel height of less than one inch helps maintain proper posture and evenly distributes weight across the feet.
- Lace-up and well positioned Velcro shoes can provide a snug and secure fit, preventing your feet from sliding inside the shoe. This is especially important for individuals with plantar fasciitis or arthritis.
- Shoes with cushioned or shock-absorbing soles are crucial for reducing impact with every step. This can be particularly helpful for individuals with joint pain, such as those with arthritis or those who spend long hours on their feet.
- Footwear that is too tight can constrict blood flow and lead to discomfort, and long term change foot shape.
- Breathable, moisture-wicking materials: Footwear made from breathable fabrics mesh prevent sweat build-up, reducing the risk of fungal skin and nail infections. Keeping your feet dry and cool, wearing clean cotton socks can be key to maintaining healthy skin and toenails.

We are committed to helping our clients take better care of their feet and, by extension, their overall health. Proper footwear is an important part of foot health and can prevent many common foot problems.



KDHSF has come together with the Legion Branch 441 to bring 2 Health and Wellness programs to Kinmount.

Chair Yoga/Chair Dance Fridays 10 am - 11 am, Legion Upper Hall. \$5.00 per week. Wear comfy clothes.
Lunch and Learn at the Legion. 11:30 am - 1 pm 2nd Wednesday monthly. Light lunch (minimum, donation \$2) followed by informative presentations
March 12 Topic: Community Paramedic Program.
April 9 Topic: The Road Ahead, mobile mental health and addictions clinic. Speaker Jeff Candence
May 14 Topic: Community Outreach Services. Speaker Kassandra Laurin and team.

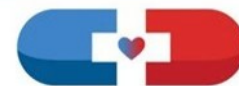
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All Aboard by Ron Claridge

I would like to call this edition of All Aboard, The Mystery of Kinmount Station!

As volunteers for the Kinmount Station Model Railway and a group who has been very interested in the history of the town but even more intrigued with the railway and the station itself, we have always been of the impression that the Kinmount Station is the original station built in 1876 until this article from the Evening Post published in Lindsay in October 1902 appeared, with a follow up article in November 1902 and transcribed as follows:

KINMOUNT STATION BURNED.

BIG BLAZE IN THE NORTHERN VILLAGE THIS MORNING.

Contents of Office, Baggage Room and Freight Shed Saved.

21 Oct 1902
The Evening Post

When the south-bound train from Haliburton reached Kinmount this morning the villagers had just made the discovery that the GTR station was on fire and were rallying from all points to lend aid in extinguishing the flames or rescuing contents. The building was frame and very old, and, the fire spread so rapidly, despite the efforts put forth, that Agent A. H. Brandon speedily came to the conclusion that it was beyond saving.

The papers and office fittings were quickly removed, and the men turned their attention to the adjoining baggage room and freight sired, which contained a miscellaneous assortment of goods of considerable value, including a ton and a half of anthracite. The roof fell in before the coal was reached.

The station was one of the oldest buildings in the village, and while our people regret the disappearance of a relic of former days, they will be pleased to have new building more in keeping with the importance of the place. A passenger coach and a couple of box cars were sent north to-day to serve as office and baggage rooms until the new building is completed by the company's carpenter."

This follow up article below was published in November and reads as follows:



Around the Fire Hall by Katie Dukelow

If you hear a little 'chirp chirp' in your home this spring, it might not be birds welcoming the season or it a sign from your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm!

Kawartha Lakes Fire Rescue has been receiving calls lately from residents reporting mysterious beeping, and there's a good reason why this might be happening.

In 2015, changes made to the Ontario Building Code require all new homes to have smoke alarms that are hardwired, interconnected, and equipped with a visual strobe component. These alarms need to be placed outside and inside all sleeping areas and on every level of the home.

In 2014, Ontario introduced the Hawkins-Gignac Act (Carbon Monoxide Safety),

making it the first year carbon monoxide alarms became mandatory in homes with a fuel-burning appliance, wood-burning fireplace, or an attached garage.

With all these changes now being a decade old, it's time to consider the lifespan of your alarms.

Most smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have a life expectancy of around 10 years.

If your alarm is nearing that age or has surpassed it, it's time for a replacement. Many alarms come with an end of life' alert, that annoying, chirp that may sound even if your alarm is hardwired or has fresh batteries.

To check if your alarms need replac-

Railway Notes.

The creation of a new station at Kinmount will be begun at once. We understand that when Supt. Tiffin and other officials were in the village the other day a piece of land was purchased from Mr. Hopkins. It is situated about one hundred yards north of where the old station stood. The new station will be built east of the track, and will be very convenient to the main street of that flourishing village.

Friday November 28 1902 The Evening Post

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This article adds to our mystery, is the station that still stands today the original or a replacement? If anyone can shed more light on this please email us at:

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ing, look at the side or back of each device. There should be a 'replace by' date or the date of manufacture. If it's been over 10 years, it's time for a new one!

While it might be tempting to ignore the beeping or remove the battery to silence it, doing so puts your household at serious risk. Alarms deteriorate over time, becoming less effective to detect smoke or carbon monoxide. Alarms are designed to give you the best chance to escape safely in an emergency. It's vital that they work properly.

As we enjoy the arrival of spring, take a moment to make sure your home is safe and your alarms are up to date.

If you have questions or need help reach out to Kawartha Lakes Fire Rescue Service.

We're always happy to help keep you safe!



The Galwegians by Bill Lee

Galway Hall continues to be the centre of our community. In addition to Tai Chi, Line Dancing, and Euchre in March and April the hall had a "Paint Party" on March 29. The event was filled and had a waiting list. There is a Canadian Firearms Safety Course April 5 and 6. This course filled very quickly. There are plans for more of these courses at the Galway Hall as interest in our area is keen. On Sunday, April 13 a Candle Making class is being offered. Search the Galway Hall Facebook Page for all the details. The Kinmount Community Volunteer Management Committee's Annual Dinner/Auction takes place Saturday, April 26. Doors open at 4 pm and the roast beef dinner is served at 6 pm. This is a major fundraiser for the KCVMC. This event also requires a solid, coordinated effort from the team of volunteers at Galway Hall to set-up the hall, prepare and serve the dinner, and then complete the clean-up. The first 'call-out' for hall volunteers was sent out on St. Patrick's Day morning. Within 24 hours, the sign-up list for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday was filling up quickly. What a positive response!

With all the uncertainties in our world today, and the seemingly endless barrage of political rhetoric being spewed, it is encouraging to see a surge in patriotism across Canada from coast to coast to coast. No doubt that Connor McDavid's OT winner in the Four Nation final game was huge. The 'Buy Canadian' movement has also sparked a lot of interest and discussion. According to CBC's Ontario Morning show, 66 cents from every Loonie spent at a Canadian-owned store stays in Canada. Some examples would be our grocery chains, Home Hardware, Canadian Tire, and Giant Tiger. If a Loonie was spent at a 'Big-Box' store in Canada (Costco, Wal-Mart), 11 cents would stay in Canada according to CBC. 9 cents of every Loonie stays in Canada when one shops on-line. Add Jeff Douglas' new rant, "We are Canadian" to the mix, and it appears that the Canadian flags are flying a little prouder these days. There is a new term that has entered our vocabulary recently. It is "tariffflation". An example of this came from Acer Computers. This company announced that their computers will increase in price by the same percentage as the tariff levied by a government. So, if a 25% tariff is placed on their products, Acer just adds 25% to their price.

Lucky for us, when we need to seek some sanity and consistency in our lives, we can just go outside and observe, by using our senses, our natural world. For me, it was hearing the return of a crow on February 25, geese, red-winged blackbirds and grackles on March 13. I heard and saw robins on March 18. It was seeing a chipmunk and a groundhog on March 14. It was walking by a low-lying area at the side of the road that had begun to melt and smelling the rotten-egg odour of methane being released into the air. It was taking the time to reach down and touch the ice-cold water as it bubbled up from a shore line spring. And finally, there was the taste of sap from a broken maple branch. Double-digit daytime temperatures, thunderstorms, and the melting snow banks are all harbingers that spring is very close, like Thursday, March 20 at 5:01 am. Did you catch the total lunar eclipse on March 14? For once, the skies in our area were cloudless for a special event and the "Blood Moon" lived up to its reddish-rusty hype. The Full Moon in April occurs on the 13. North American Original Peoples referred to it as the Pink Moon because it marked the arrival of wild ground phlox. It is also called the Sprouting Grass Moon, the Growing Moon and the Egg Moon. Coastal tribes called it the Fish Moon because that is when the shad swim upstream to spawn. Mercury is best seen on April 2 low in the eastern sky just before sunrise. The Lyrids Meteor Shower occurs on April 22/23. This is an average meteor shower with about 20 meteors per hour. However, these meteors can sometimes produce bright dust trails that last for several seconds.

Still looking upwards but also looking ahead to the month of May, the Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower happens on May 6/7, the Full Moon occurs on the 12th, and Venus is best viewed on May 31. This month's quote comes from the new, "We are Canadian" rant. "We are not the 51st anything!" (By the way, Jeff Douglas is from Truro, Nova Scotia and he starred in the "I am Canadian" commercial which aired 25 years ago).

The Toronto Star asked ten writers from around the world (Ethiopia, Finland, France/Thailand, Germany, India, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand, Sweden, and United Kingdom) to respond to this question: "How is Canada seen?" Since this is the 'Galwegians', I chose Michael Brophy's opening two lines to his



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response to the question. He works at the School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics at University College Dublin. "Unlike the U.S., Canada does not need to make itself great again. In its own modest way, it does have a sure sense of what it is and stands for."

Here are three bonus quotes about Canada that the Toronto Star used to begin their article. Voltaire called it "a few acres of snow." Homer Simpson called it "America Junior."

Al Capone said, "I don't even know what street Canada is on."



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The Library Link by Shannon Bain

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This event is organized and hosted by our very own Friends of the Kinmount Library and Kinmount Garden Group. All proceeds will go towards the Kinmount Library.

Friends of the Kinmount Library Book Sale takes place April 26 along with Seedy Saturday.
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Mossom Boyd Lumber King *continued from p. 11*

The lumbermen also had “depots”: base camps where the lumber supplies were stored for the season until the shanties were ready. These depots usually stored supplies for several shanties and were often in key villages or towns. Kinmount became a depot for the Boyd Lumber Company in the 1860s. The village is at a key location where 2 Colonization Roads (Bobcaygeon and Monck) met. Later 2 Railways (Victoria and IB&O) also passed through the village. Kinmount was 18 miles from Bobcaygeon and most of Boyd’s men had to walk up the Road. This trip took one whole day. As a bonus, Boyd built a crude “hotel” (actually a shanty) in the village for his men to stay the night (and avoid paying for a hotel room as most men did not have the price for a room). The shanty-men could also purchase some small items such as socks, tobacco, boots etc, but no liquor! Alcohol was not allowed in the camps!

From the Kinmount “hotel” (on the location of Bernice Owens house today), the men branched out. Some went up the Bobcaygeon Road to Minden while others went up the Monck Road towards Gooderham. The same deal applied to teamsters, for the rough state of the local roads meant horses could not move faster than walkers! Kinmount also had a livery for wagon repairs and a blacksmith. This system lasted until 1877 when the railway arrived. By 1879 the northern contingent could go on to Haliburton. But the eastern crew up the Monck Road still drew in supplies to Eastern Haliburton. The key to these Roads was the big bridge over the Bunt River on main street. The Boyd Depot was located on the Main Street on Lot 3, west of Main St. which was the store of Henry Graham (now the site of the old Credit Union). It had a rail siding out back which ran behind the rail station and up to the Graham Store. It was so much easier (and economical) to ship supplies by rail! A steady stream of wagons still lined the Main St to cadge supplies up the Monck Road. This depot system was finally cancelled in the 1880s when the Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa Railway was built east.

The Boyd Company soon found there were other issues to the waterway source than they realized. Water levels were erratic. The logs took several months to reach Bobcaygeon on the Spring run-off and many times it was not possible to reach Bobcaygeon before

low water arrived. To ration water, Boyd was forced to build dams at key points. Water could be stored and let go as needed. These dams were also built on lakes to provide an emergency rush of water. Rapids or waterfalls were popular sites to raise water levels at troublesome points. The dam at Kinmount was already in place from previous lumbermen, but he had to build dams in other places such as Scott’s Dam near Gelert to raise water levels. Dams often contained “log chutes” at rapids or falls to let the logs float down gently past rocks. Chutes were built at Norland, Elliot’s Falls and Minden on the Gull. At Kinmount the logs were simply shoved through sections of the dam. Much of the Bunt was too turbulent for dams and chutes.

Smaller dams and chutes were built on smaller tributaries such as Bark Lake, Salerno Lake White Lake on the Bunt and Hall’s Lake and Hawk Lake on the Gull River. It cost a lot of Boyd capital to build these structures and they would be abandoned when Boyd was done with lumbering! In fact these dams became so useful, when the lumbermen left, the government of Ontario was forced to step in and maintain or rebuild them to operate the Trent Canal! By the early 1900s, Boyd was finished but the government was not! Many of the concrete dams in use today started off as Lumbermen’s dams.

Boyd’s Company also needed many horse teams to haul supplies. Some the company owned, but many were hired from local farmers. The Company also employed lots of local men in the bush each winter.

These “shantymen” earned the following wages (per month + board): cutters: \$20-\$24, cooks - \$30-\$35, general hands- \$16-\$18, teamsters - \$18 and “hewers” for squaring logs- \$30. Local men could earn hard cash in the winter months when farm work was not as needed. In the Spring run-off log drive, about half the shantymen were employed on the drive. It was a much more dangerous job and only the best shanty-men were hired.

The timber limits Boyd was granted often had terms attached. The most common one was time limits. In the Canadian Land & Emigration Company deal (9 townships around Haliburton), the deal was for 10 years and he was to take out 100,000 logs a year for the first 3 years. The next 7 years his quota was reduced to 40,000 logs per year. He paid 35 cents per log, but he had to guarantee the Company a minimum of \$40,000 per year. Several years he missed the quota. One year the snow was

so deep, logging was suspended after December. Another year (1873) a recession lowered the market so bad, he could not sell his quota, so he asked for a lower log count. The Land Company refused saying they needed the cash to keep the Company going. (selling farm lots was not working so well and the shareholders would revolt with the timber money!) Rather than fight with the Land Company, Boyd “stored” the logs until the next year. Being a clever businessman, he got his money back when demand picked up a few years later! Boyd’s markets were in the New England States. He had a huge depot at Albany New York. It was said the Cities of Boston and New York were built with Haliburton pine! When the contract was about to expire, Boyd negotiated a 5 year extension. The timber berths in Snowdon, Glamorgan & Monmouth were under a different contract. Boyd paid a stumpage fee (so much a log). Some years he didn’t cut (or need) any timber. It was an open an open contract and Boyd continued to cut until 1919, in decreasing quantities. By then the timber berths were finished and remaining logs were sold to local mill owners. On examination it was discovered Havelock Township near Dorset drained into the Muskoka River and not the Gull River. Boyd leased a sawmill at Gravenhurst to saw the logs. This timber was sold in the Detroit market.



Raft of square logs on Lake Ontario took 4-6 months to get to Quebec City.



The Boyd Co was forced to clear out beaver dams and debris from the smaller streams to get the logs drives out. They built a series of dams to avoid waterfalls and rapids for a constant flow of water. They could not count on the spring runoff.

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Doctors in Kinmount Part 3: 1980s - Present

1981-1995 - Between 1981 and 1995, there were no permanent doctors in the village. Although, at one time, there was a doctor's office/clinic set up at 4973 Monck Road. There were also other part-time medical clinics available in the area.

Planning began in 1995 to recruit a doctor for Kinmount. A focused team began to advertise for the position, likely inspired by a similar campaign, fifty years earlier in 1946, which had also been successful in securing a professional caregiver, likely Dr. Malcolm Ranney who was in Kinmount from 1948-1953(?).

1995 - Enter the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation. Formed in 1995 and becoming a charity in 2000, the campaigning for new doctors seems endless. The KDHSF also maintains the building that now boasts 2 doctors, lab facilities, a physiotherapist, foot care and a dental hygiene office. A pharmacy is also onsite. The Foundation demonstrates the tenacity and focus of volunteers when they mobilize.

1998 - By 1998, changes in local government produced a surplus location that would become the Medical Centre we have now.

1999 – 2023 The first doctor hired was **Dr. Elena Mihi**. In her very first year in Kinmount, she was featured in a National Film Board video called 'A Country Doctor' available to view on YouTube.

Dr. Mihi retired in 2023 after setting the recruitment bar very high.

2005 – 2013 **Dr. Zsuzsanna Kaszas** joined Dr. Mihi in 2005 and for a time, Kinmount had 2 family doctors in the village. Not since the 1930s had this occurred, when Dr. Frost and Dr. White were both based in the village.

2022 – Again, the KDHSF was called into action to replace Dr. Mihi, who had plans to retire.

It had been a while since the last campaign

and was also made more difficult by the changing times following COVID.

The Foundation found it more efficient to collaborate with recruitment specialists to find the perfect match.

2023 – present **Dr. Lesslie Ponraja** set up his practice, seamlessly transitioning from Dr. Mihi when she retired. He brings years of family physician experience to the village. But the Foundation didn't stop there. With an ever-growing population to service, another doctor was needed.

2025 – Dr. Mimi Van Der Leden recently began practicing in the Medical Centre. She is a welcomed addition to the team of dedicated health professionals now in Kinmount. Again, Kinmount has two doctors, carrying on a tradition of care.

For more information and ways to support the Foundation, their website is: [kdhc.ca](https://www.kdhc.ca) (<https://www.kdhc.ca/about-us/our-staff/>)



The Journey for Health Event is one of the KDHSF's annual fundraisers and takes place along the Victoria Rail Trail and at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park each August; Right: Dr. Mimi Van Der Leden; below left Kinmount District Health Centre



Dr. Elena Mihi



Dr. Lesslie Ponraja



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Spot the Shot



Each edition we feature a photo from the Kinmount Area. We challenge you to identify the spot.

Submissions of photos welcome. Please submit to the editor via email with a detailed description of the spot you have captured.

Last month's Spot the Shot: Kendrick's Creek Trestle over the Burnt River.

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From the Editor's Desk

A federal election is happening. It will be over by April 28, so I cannot list candidates in this edition. But one new fact I can mention. The boundaries of our ridings have been changed since last (provincial) election in February. Galway & Harvey Townships are now back in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes. In other words, the Kinmount area is all in the one riding. I cannot give you a list of candidates before the election because the list is not closed yet.

I did manage to get some interesting information regarding the provincial polls in our area (please see the chart below). Another interesting figure for the riding: there were 213 rejected ballots, 74 unmarked ballots and 85 declined ballots. A declined ballot is a person who accepted ballot that was handed back without being marked. In other words, a protest ballot. That seems a lot of protests.

This edition features a brief history of Canada-USA relations. This story has its ups and downs. For many years we were "Bad Friends" thanks to Manifest Destiny. We thought we had disposed of this idea. But I guess not thanks to President Trump.

Another part of the story is how much relations

have changed over the years. For decades it was an issue. Then relations changed: we went from potential enemies to best friends. Not many countries could say that. Some examples of good friends in later years: after the Halifax Explosion (1917), Boston citizens sent a large medical train to assist Halifax. Every Christmas Halifax sends Boston a huge Christmas tree. When Iran seized Americans at their embassy (1980), Canada smuggled out six American diplomats posing as Canadian film makers. The USA was totally grateful. Greyhound Bus lines gave free travel to Canadians for a whole month. We cooperated in wars from NATO to Operation Desert Storm. That's what friends do, President Trump.

One other result that Canadians took from this latest incident over Free Trade: Canadians are coming together to show solidarity and national pride. We showed this during the War of 1812. And most of all, our country came into existence via Confederation as a result of the Fenians and other American threats in 1867. One thing we should learn from this our current situation with the USA:

Canadians need to study more of our history! GS

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Norland	256	80	75
Coboconk	258	115	67
Burnt River	187	89	41
Minden	550	360	429
Peterborough-Kawartha Riding (Galway Township)			
Smith PC	133	Hopkins Liberal 53	Deck NDP 24



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