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It was almost one hundred years ago, in the year 1879, that a map was printed that indicated the owner of every lot in Osgoode Township. This map, included in Belden's Carleton Atlas, was made available to the public in 1967 through the efforts of the Metcalfe Lions Club. The demand for a reprint has been expressed and we are happy to inform you that the map is now available at the Museum at the reasonable price of \$1.00 a copy.

We still have a few copies of the Atlas mentioned above that was reprinted in 1971 through the initiative of Ross Cumming of Port Elgin. The first 1500 copies were soon sold out and a second edition came out at a cost of \$15.00. But now, since printing costs have increased 76%, Mr. Cumming has discontinued his operations.

We have for sale, too, copies of the small 40-page booklet -

EMIGRATION TO CANADA
NARRATIVE
OF A
VOYAGE TO QUEBEC

And journey from thence to New Lanark in Upper Canada

This remarkable story has been made available to us through the efforts of one of our members, Dr. George Neville, President of the Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society. The book sells for \$3.00, approximately the same cost as having the pages zeroxed at the Public Archives. I am sure that we who studied or taught Canadian History wish that we had known this story many years ago. Many alive to-day could have listened and recorded similar tales told by some who came to our Province during those years of early settlement.

Below is an account of the trip up the St. Lawrence, from Lachine to Prescott, beginning on July 2, 1821, of 366 persons in 15 flat bottomed boats.

"Here a very difficult part of our journey commenced, namely, the passage of the rapids of the St. Lawrence. Some of these have a very strong current, and as the stream is very shallow and stoney, the boats sometimes grounded. Then all the men who were able were necessitated to jump into the river to haul the boats, wading up to the middle of their bodies, and sometimes deeper. At these rapids the women and children were obliged to come out and walk; and in several places, the rapids run with such force, that we were compelled to get 2 horses to haul every boat ... Many of our unhappy countrymen suffered extremely from these hardships on account of the intense heat of the season, and drinking too freely of the river water. In addition to these difficulties, being destitute of dry clothes, we were obliged to continue in this uncomfortable situation night and day. Many took badly on the road and were obliged to remain behind their families many days. When night came, sometimes we got access to farm houses ... Others lay in the woods all night, where, having kindled a fire, they would have cooked their supper in the best way they could, and spread such clothes as they had under them for a bed. In which situation I have found in the morning, my night-cap, blankets, and mat, so soaked with dew, that they might have been wrung ... Most of the passengers lodged out in the fields for six nights, in which space of time we made our journey from La Chine to Prescott, which is 120 miles. There we had to pitch our tent in the open field - wretched dwellings indeed! ... We were under the necessity, many of us, of spending the whole night in laving the water with dishes from under our very beds ... Many were afflicted with the bloody flux, some took fevers, and many died of a few days illness. Our situation became very serious. I continued here three weeks. This was the end of our water conveyance. The cause of our delay here arose from the great multitude that were lying at this place before our arrival. Here we found one half of the passengers of the Earl of Buckinghamshire, and all those of the ship Commerce and

including us, the passengers of the ship London, the whole exceeded 1000 people; and it took a long time to carry their baggage along a road of 74 miles to New Lanark."

We shall tell a little of the 74-mile trip through the dense bush at a later date.

In the Upper Canada House of Assembly Report for the year 1835, we find that in Osgoode Township there were 101 rateable inhabitants - property holders - and that they had 852 acres cultivated, and 13,442 acres uncultivated. There were only 4 homes that had squared or hewed timber on 2 sides and they were one-story. Russell had only 74 acres of cultivated land but had 3 mills - 1 with water-power and 1 pair of horses; and 2 sawmills. Russell had 1 framed house.

There were 14 horses in Osgoode (3 years and up); 82 oxen (4 years and up); 153 milk cows.

We have a copy of: RULES AND REGULATIONS

For the government of Innkeepers and Keepers of Houses for the sale of Ale, Beer, Cider, and other Liquors not Spirituous by retail, in the District of Johnstown, made in open Sessions the 20th day of December, 1842.

1. That every Innkeeper shall provide himself or herself with a good and convenient yard stable and a sufficient quantity of Hay and Grain to answer the requisitions of Travellers and others.
2. That every Innkeeper shall upon all occasions when required furnish a clean bed or beds, and good and palatable victuals to Travellers and others.
3. That no profane swearing, and playing, or gambling of any kind, not licensed, drunkenness or any other disorder shall be suffered in the house, or any part of the premises of any Innkeeper, or keeper of a house or the sale of Ale, etc.
4. That every Innkeeper ... shall upon all occasions deport himself or herself with sobriety and honesty and as a good subject of Her Majesty Queen Victoria ...
5. That no Innkeeper shall sell any spirituous liquors on the Sabbath ...
6. nor upon any other day between the hours of ten of the Clock in the evening and five of the Clock in the morning.
7. That no Innkeeper ... shall at any time ... suffer any unnecessary noise in his or her house to the disturbance or annoyance of any peaceable lodger or others in the neighbourhood of the said house.
8. That no Grocery shall ... be kept in any part of the same house in which an Inn is kept.
11. That every Innkeeper in said District, shall be possessed of a dwelling house in which such Inn shall be kept as his or her own property, or as tenant from year to year, in which there shall be, if situate in any Town or Village, at least four rooms and six good beds, and if in the Country, three rooms and three good beds, over and above those for the use of the family, besides a good Stable attached to premises capable of Stabling at least two pair of horses.
14. That every Innkeeper ... is required to have a copy of these Rules and Regulations, which he or she shall fix up and keep in some conspicuous place in his or her house for the information of the public.

(Signed) Geo. Malloch, Chairman

Clerk of the Peace - Dist. of Johnstown

By 1842, Osgoode had become part of the recently formed Ottawa District, with headquarters at L'Orignal; but the same regulations would apply to our two Tavern Keepers - Rossister and Bailey. They must have had property spacious enough to comply with the needs of the time.

In the last Newsletter, we mentioned that Major Daniel S. C. Mackay of the Ottawa Regimental Museum was interested in obtaining any information concerning the old 43rd Regiment. Many of us are familiar with the old "Drill Hall" on the Kennedy property. The roof of the building collapsed during the recent winter of the record snowfall. The building was constructed about the time of Confederation when there was Fenian Raid activity into Canada from across the Border.

Major Mackay gives the following information:

1. 43rd Carleton Battalion of Infantry
No. 3 Company (Metcalfe) formed 1866
No. 9 Company (Vernon) formed 1866

These two companies became detached from the 43rd Battalion in 1875 and became independent companies known respectively as the Metcalfe and Vernon Infantry Companies. The Uniform of the 43rd Battalion was scarlet coat, dark pants and shako.

2. The Ottawa and Carleton Rifles were formed in 1881. The Vernon Infantry Company became No. 4 Company with Captain Robert Grant and Second Lieutenant Peter Crerar as Officers. This Company was disbanded in 1888. The uniform of the Ottawa and Carleton Rifles was dark forest green with red collar and cuffs, busby and black belts.

Of particular interest to the museum are any original photographs, uniforms, badges, etc. ..

Any assistance in this project would be sincerely appreciated.

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The Osgoode Museum has been given a Uniform of the 42nd Highlanders. The "Black Watch" was formed as early as 1667 to keep peace in the Highlands. 'The Watch' wore dark tartan and were enrolled in May 1740 as the 42nd Regiment of the Line. The Marquis of Breadalbane unveiled a monument at Aberfeldy in the year 1887. The Black Watch has had a long and honourable history.

SALT LAKE CITY

The Mormon Church realized early that records were worth preserving. Hence the Genealogical Library of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is a great storehouse of information gathered from all over the world. There are 7 million family group records, alphabetized and arranged by date. For example, I found the family of my g-g-g-grandparents, Donald Steuart and Janet McGregor, in Blair Atholl Parish-farther north than I had expected- at Trenefaur:

John	born 20 Feb.	1776
*Alexander	born 15 Sept.	1778
Patrick	born 15 Sept.	1779
Margaret	born 30 June	1782

From the Irish records that include many cemetery recordings there was from the Kilmore Graveyard:

Here lyeth the body of Elizabeth Cleeland who dept this life June ye 1746 age 52.

Anno Domini 1747. Hans Cleland of Crivey, his stone.

Erected in memory of James Cleland late of Killinchy Woods who died 14 Octr 1828.

...? his wife Agnes Cleland who died 1st March 1828 aged 88.

Erected by William Cleland in memory of his father Hugh Cleland of Kilinchy Woods, who departed this life 3rd June 1831 aged 81 years.

Erected to the memory of the late Hugh Cleland, Killinchy Woods who departed this life on the 15th March 1856 aged 68 years.

William, Hugh, and James were familiar Cleland names in Osgoode.

There is a fine collection of rare library books to help in the search for various types of information. And there are 40 million names stored on microfiche.

There are familiar names from the Maxville Cemetery and St. Raphael's, and many of the Land Records from Ontario, including the Surrogate Court records for Carleton County. Since the Mormon Library will neither lend to us nor sell us any microfilm which they have filmed, both they and we are handicapped. More information would be obtained through joint efforts. We hope this policy will be changed.

There were Marriage Records of Notre Dame, St. Anne, and Notre Dame du Bon Conseil:

Moses Doyle born Killmeskin Co. Wexford
married 5 May, 1834
Bridget Brady born Killishan Co. Cavan (?)

James Doyle of Gloucester
 m 10 July 1831
 Anastatia Finley

Catherine Blanchfield d/o John Blanchfield and Helen Hickey
 m 31 July 1849
 Owen Mooney s/o Patrick Mooney & Mary McHeigh

Duncan McDonell s/o Archibald McDonell & Catherine McDonell
 m 16 Feb 1847
 Isabelle Bayley d/o Thomas Bayley and Margaret Scrivens

Theresa McDonell d/o Duncan McDonell and Isabel
 m 20 April 1880
 Henri Menard s/o Gabriel Menard and Justine Curry

It would be a delight to have in our Historical Society files Family sheets for even 1000 families. Strange to say, it is becoming easier year by year to trace ancestors.

The list of paid-up members of our Society for the year 1978 will be available at the Museum.

On May 25 last, a meeting was called at the Museum to make preliminary plans for another celebration in Vernon. Archie Sayant, who contributed so much to the successful parade of last year, chaired the meeting, and a committee was formed to make plans for another PIONEER DAYS celebration. This year the events will take place the last weekend in July, Saturday, July 29, and Sunday, July 30. We urge you to make it known to your friends in order that we might enjoy a real Re-Union.