



365 Historical Facts

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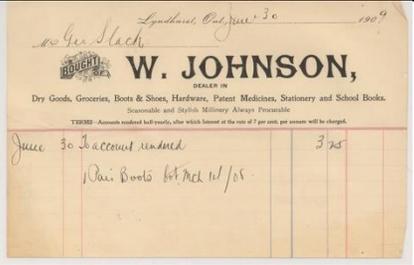


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1	<p>Did you know? In 1846, the village of Furnace Falls was renamed to Lyndhurst in honour of John Singleton Copley, 1st Baron Lyndhurst, who was a British lawyer and politician. He served three times as the Lord Chancellor of Great Britain between 1827 and 1846.</p> <p>(Information collected from lthistoricalsociety.org and wikipedia.org)</p>	
2	<p>Here is a photograph of Lansdowne Station as crowds await the Royal Train. In 1939, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth toured Canada by train. The royal couple visited every Canadian province as well as the Dominion of Newfoundland. The 1939 Royal Tour of Canada was one of the first visits of a reigning monarch to Canada and attracted large crowds at each stop.</p> <p>(Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives. Information collected from lthistoricalsociety.org and wikipedia.org)</p>	
3	<p>This photograph shows a local driveway being snowplowed in February of 1963.</p> <p>(Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
4	<p>This photograph shows students in front of Escott School S.S. #17 in 1904. The school was built in 1875 and closed in 1965.</p> <p>(Information collected from lthistoricalsociety.org. Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
5	<p>Did you know? By the end of 1856, the Grand Trunk Railway system had become the longest railroad in the world. During the 1890's, almost all the Grand Trunk Railway system was double-tracked and by the end of the</p>	

	<p>nineteenth century, there was only one small section of single-track left. On January 30, 1923, the Grand Trunk Railway system was incorporated into the new Canadian National Railway system and became the longest railway system in the world with 4776 miles of track.</p> <p>(Information collected from tithistoricalsociety.org)</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>All of the posts from January for our Canada 150 historical project have been uploaded onto our website! Check them out at: http://www.leeds1000islands.ca/.../TLTI-Canada-150-Historical...</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>This photograph shows local farmers cultivating potatoes with a one-horse drawn walking plow in July of 1960. (Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>This postcard from 1906 shows Prince Street (looking south) in Lansdowne. (Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>Did you know? Elizabeth Rabb Beatty (1856-1939) was one of the earliest Canadian medical missionaries. In 1884, after graduating from Queen's University, Elizabeth was sent to Indore, Central India. With the help of another medical missionary, they opened a women's hospital in 1891. Next time you are in Lansdowne, take a moment to stop and read the historical plaque erected by the Ontario Heritage Foundation.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>This photograph shows the Rockfield School S.S. #20 in 1967. The school was built around 1866 on the north side of Rockfield Road and closed in 1965. (Information collected from tithistoricalsociety.org. Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	

<p>11</p>	<p>Here is a receipt from W. Johnson's store in Lyndhurst in June of 1909. (Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>This photograph shows a 1940 International Pumper that was purchased in 1959 from the Leaside Fire Department for \$2,000 by the Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Department. (Information collected from tithistoricalsociety.org. Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>13</p>	<p>In 1901, the Seeley's Bay cheese factory, owned by Robert Gardiner and where William Flood was the cheesemaker, took in 998,026 pounds of milk from farmers in the Seeley's Bay area. The cheese factory made 94,235 pounds of cheese which sold for \$8,594 at the time. Once the \$942 cost of manufacturing was deducted, this left \$7,651 to be divided among the factory patrons. (Information collected from The Rear of Leeds & Lansdowne by Glenn J Lockwood)</p>	
<p>14</p>	<p>Here is a photograph of the Vanorman's in front of the Cheeseborough Cheese Factory. Pictured from left to right is Pearl, Lois, Nathan, Emma, and John Vanorman. Nathan was hired as the cheesemaker in the 1940's. (Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>15</p>	<p>This photograph, circa 1946, shows Glen Bean's hardware store in Lansdowne. (Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	

<p>16</p>	<p>This photograph, taken by John Buick Harvey in 1905, shows the view looking south down across the upper mill-pond toward the Lyndhurst bridge, built in 1857. (Information collected from <i>The Rear of Leeds & Lansdowne</i> by Glenn J Lockwood. Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>17</p>	<p>Here is a photograph of the Warburton senior boy's hockey team from the 1961-1962 season. (Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>18</p>	<p>This photograph shows students in front of the Wilstead School S.S. #5 in 1900. The school was built in 1887 at a cost of around \$500. Throughout the years, the school was a community landmark, serving also for church services, Sunday School, meetings, concerts and dances. The school closed in June of 1960 and the students moved to William Hiscocks School. The building was sold and converted into a home until an explosion followed by a fire destroyed the building in 1965. (Information collected from tithistoricalsociety.org. Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>19</p>	<p>This photograph shows Wilmer Tye in front of a load of logs being pulled by his two-horse-drawn sleigh. During the winter, logs were cut and hauled to local mills to be sawn into lumber for use or sale. (Information collected from and image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>20</p>	<p>This photograph from 1993 shows the Lansdowne Freshmart on King Street in Lansdowne. Also in the photograph is the old town hall, built in 1891, which also served as the local fire hall. (Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	

<p>21</p>	<p>This photograph, taken by Donna Robinson in February of 1957, shows ice being cut on the bay at Seeley's Bay. Before rural electricity and the introduction of refrigeration, ice was used in homes, stores and cheese factories to keep perishables cold. Every winter, once the ice was set in the lakes, large blocks of ice were cut and hauled to ice houses where they were packed in sawdust for use in the hot summer months.</p> <p>(Information collected from and image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>22</p>	<p>This photograph shows a barn raising on County Road #2 in July of 1924. The barn is still standing today and was built by Daniel Vanorman, son of William Vanorman who came to Lansdowne in the late 1860's.</p> <p>(Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>23</p>	<p>Here is a photograph of the Gold Medal Cheese Factory at Sweets Corners, built in 1936 by George Roantree after an earlier factory was destroyed by fire. The building was made as fireproof as possible with a metal roof and rendered (mortar) walls. This is the only factory building in the township that has not been altered or repurposed.</p> <p>(Information collected from and image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>24</p>	<p>This photograph, taken in 1900, shows St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Kidd Road North, RR#4, just outside of Lansdowne.</p> <p>(Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>25</p>	<p>This photograph shows Elmy's Mill on the west side of the Gananoque River at Lyndhurst. The mill was originally owned by the Roddick family and was the site of a water powered electricity generator.</p> <p>(Information collected from and image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	

<p>26</p>	<p>Here is a photograph from 1949 that shows George Daly's drugstore in Lansdowne. (Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>27</p>	<p>This is a photograph of students from the Ebenezer School S.S. #6 in September of 1931. Ebenezer school first stood near the present Lansdowne Cemetery although it was moved to its present location on land purchased from William Day in 1886. The school closed in 1957 and the students were moved to Lansdowne. The building was sold in 1960 and converted into a house. (Information collected from tithistoricalsociety.org. Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>28</p>	<p>Fires were an ever-present danger, particularly in the villages where an errant spark could start a blaze that could destroy several dwellings. Bucket brigades were no match for a raging fire. After major fires in 1939, 1949 and 1950, the residents of Seeley's Bay came together to form a local fire department and purchased this 1923 American LaFrance fire truck. (Information collected from and image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	