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Happy New Year!

Friends, visitors and neighbours gathered at Jackson's Falls Old Schoolhouse on New Years Day to usher in 2017 with plentiful amounts of food, beverages and good cheer. The annual event, sponsored each year by the South Marysburgh Recreation Board, is always well attended with plenty of optimism about the year ahead. (Photos by Sacha Warunkiw)



Monica Alyea (L) and Candace Keays

The Annual Milford Winter Carnival



Friday, January 27th
Saturday, January 28th

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events and times



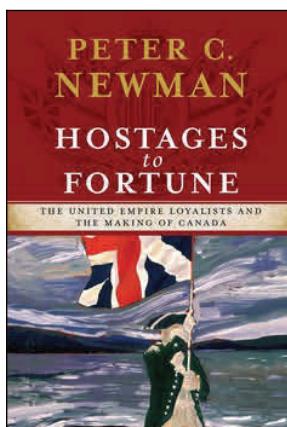
(L to R) Maeve Sanderson, Liam Ackerman and Kate Jones

Book Review

Hostages to Fortune

by Peter C. Newman

Reviewed by Sam Lanfranco PhD



For some reviews the challenge is to not be a spoiler and give the plot away. That is never the case with the writing of Peter C. Newman where the telling of the story is central to a plot with a known ending. After a dozen and a half books, Newman has written "Hostages to Fortune", a book about the Empire Loyalists, their migration to Canada, and, most importantly, their imprint on Canada. Here is a small "spoiler alert" for those living in the County: The County is a minor bit player in this story, turning up briefly about four-fifths of the way through the story. The bigger story is "How this be Canada", more as a condition than a nationality, and the role of the Loyalists in this becoming.

At the end of the book, in Newman's acknowledgements, he writes: "...what I've learned is that if it's absurd to feel you can change things, it is much more absurd not to try." I could not agree more. Resigned to optimism, I have always believed that "We can get there from here". "Here" is where we start, "There" will be revealed as we navigate along the babbling brooks of spring, and across the treacherous rivers of winter. At birth Loyalists had not a clue of the rivers they would cross in winter, where they would go, and who they would become or the Canada they would shape.

Newman draws on family stories, in particular the Jarvis family, to put flesh on the history of the Loyalist saga. One of the ironies of the American Revolution is that both the Patriots and the Loyalists shared Newman's imperative for action. Their notions of freedom and liberty found common ground in the wish for greater representation in their affairs of life. Those who became the Loyalists saw strength from change within the Monarchy and the Patriots saw the Monarchy as an obstacle to change. The resulting civil war, pitting neighbor against neighbor and splitting families, was as vicious and nasty as such conflicts always are. Native Americans were enlisted on both sides as opportunity presented itself. Victory by the Patriots was not followed by a "Truth and Reconciliation" process, and peace further fed retribution and Loyalist abuse. The departing Loyalists, bringing new ideas of liberty and freedom with them, thought less about "going home" to a Britain whose behavior had disappointed them, and thought more about survival and a new future. That future became Canada. (*Continued on page 8*)

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At Milford Town Hall
Family Bingo
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 28th

At Milford Town Hall
Pancake Breakfast
8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Ping Pong, Board Games, Wii Bowling
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

At Mt. Tabor & Bredin Hall

Crafts: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wagon Rides with Blaine Way:
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Movie: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Food Booth Open 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Moving

By George Underhill

Two years ago now, we moved from South Marysburgh to Picton. We didn't really want to, but our house was abundantly equipped with stairs and I could no longer handle them. I fell a couple of times and my wife had to call a neighbour to get me on my feet. Another reason is I never figured out whether Marysburgh had an "h" at the end or not.

We now live just outside of town, and it's a big difference in this location. I really miss strolling down to the dock and going fishing or duck hunting, and I miss the birds, the wildlife, and the quiet. We lived in the last house on a dead end road, so it was really quiet. Now we live on a major road and gravel trucks and snow plows are passing constantly. But then again we can go to downtown in five minutes, and the house is all on one storey. What a difference!

I guess I had no baggage when I went to college because I lived in at least two places every year. I was a horrible tenant, I admit, but then again I lived in some horrible places with some horrible roommates and horrible landlords. I lived in one place where the landlady dressed mostly in a black slip. We lived in her basement apartment, and her boyfriend drove his car into the upstairs kitchen. It was a brick house, and he drove right through the exterior brick wall and knocked the cupboards off the interior wall and the car was left sitting on the kitchen floor. It was left there for about a week. She said she was quarrelling with the insurance company and wouldn't move the car till her claim was settled. A parade of rubber-neckers passed by all week to survey the wreckage, and many of them thought I did it.

In another place, friends trekked through the snow for a party. When we awoke in the morning the snow had not melted from the floor. We gave no notice when we moved out of that ice box. We just moved.

As a student, I worked in a different province most summers, and when I worked in the same province I worked for different companies. My mother once showed me the address book for me and it spanned a couple of pages. This, of course, was before computers made letter writing obsolete.

When you have a house, things are different. You have a basement and a garage where all kinds of things get put away because you might need them one day, and then you forget them. In the house there are things on all the window ledges and things on the floor. I feel real sympathy for farmers or people who live in a farmhouse where there is a barn. With all that storage space nothing gets thrown out.

Look around you; you will see piles of things you don't need. Maybe we should do what I used to do. Move twice a year, that would cut down on the unnecessary possessions.

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South Bay U.C.W.



The ladies of the U.C.W. met at South Bay United Church hall at 12:00 noon for an exceptional pot luck lunch.

Our meeting opened with our theme hymn, purpose and the Lord's Prayer.

Minister Janelle's devotional was a reflective time with quiet music and bible readings that reminded us "To be still and know that I am God."

She finished with a reading, "The Night Before Santa" which enhanced the meaning of the season.

Ten members answered roll call by sending Christmas cards to members of the community, and nineteen sick calls were made.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Our treasurer reported a fairly healthy balance after donations and expenses were attended.

It was decided to forego the January meeting as we don't have any pressing issues to determine, and also we won't have to challenge old man winter.

Our meeting closed with Carol leading us on the piano while we sang our favourite Christmas carols.

South Bay U.C.W. and Milford Friendship Circle Upcoming Events

South Bay U.C.W. please note there will be **NO** January meeting in 2017. Our February meeting will be on the 8th with a pot luck lunch at noon.

Milford Friendship Circle ladies will have **NO** January or February meetings. Our March meeting will be on the 2nd at Mary Crouse's home.

"11 Down, 27 to Go"

APPEC Report on the Remedy Hearing for the White Pines Wind Project—January 1, 2017

By Paula Peel

December was fairly quiet at the ERT but we did receive one piece of bad news on December 23, with the Tribunal overturning our most recent motion calling Dr. Scott Reynolds (wpd's witness on bats) to return for further questioning. Among other things we wanted to question Dr. Reynolds on evidence that he gave at the Ostrander Point ERT in 2013 where he appeared as a witness for Gilead Power. Specifically, Dr. Reynolds had presented evidence at that hearing of studies testing the effectiveness of curtailing turbine blades when wind speeds are below 5.5 m/sec. One study at a wind project in Alberta documented a 52% decline in bat mortality after implementing a 5.5 m/sec curtailment with subsequent research showing mortality reduction from 50% - 70%. This is concerning as it means that 30 - 50% of bats at the project site are still being fatally injured even where this mitigation is used. Dr. Reynolds also noted curtailment experiments at the Wolfe Island wind project in 2011 that resulted in a 60% reduction in bat mortality at turbines maintained at 5.5 m/sec. The results are not impressive to say the least. We can only conclude that even if this mitigation is used that the White Pines wind project will cause serious and irreversible harm to Little brown bats.

The Tribunal declined to give reasons so we do not know as yet what led to the motion's dismissal. It could be days, weeks or even longer before the Tribunal issues its reasons.

The next major event of the ERT is **FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017** when the ERT will convene in Prince Edward County to hear closing arguments. This will be our last opportunity to present our case to the Tribunal before it adjourns to make a final decision on the White Pines wind project. This is also the last and ONLY day in over a year that the Tribunal has deemed to hold a public hearing, with the past ten months of this ERT taking place entirely behind closed doors. This is your opportunity to let the Tribunal know that County residents did not appreciate being left out of the appeal process. In order to make that point – and to make clear where you stand on the White Pines wind project – you will need to be there! Please mark this date on your calendar!

The time and location has not yet been announced. As soon as this information becomes available we will post it on our website www.appec.ca.



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Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals
January 1927

Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

Sat. 1 - Kathleen some better came from Eddies house Lloyd was here and a very nice day Lloyd Mirt Luise and I were up to Archie for the evening Lloyd drove his car up roads were good. Don Cole and Mureal were here.

Sun. 2 - Lloyd and Luise went home. Floral went over to Picton with them. She going back to School Kathleen not feeling very good yet and is not going over.

Mon. 3 - I drew in the rest of my corn from the Flats nice day now

Tue. 4 - Not so nice to day colder with some snow. All most rain

Wed. 5 - Collin Alice Mirt and I went over to Picton to Hilton Wattam. We had a very nice time went with the car.

Thur. 6 - I went around to the Factory and got a load of silage. Change in the weather colder

Fri. 7 - I went over to Picton with the sleigh fetched home 20.00lbs of Brand Floral came home roads were good

Sat. 8 - A very nice day and good roads for the car. Collin Hudgins came up and help me kill a cow for Beef

Sun. 9 - Mirt Floral Wrex and I went around the Bay to Church. After Dinner I took Floral and Kathleen over to Picton Kathleen is better the roads were just fine for cars and good for sleighs.

Mon. 10 - Mirt washed quite cold. Lloyd and Mr. White came down went out to Mr. Hudgins on Rado Business

Tue. 11 - We are having very nice weather roads are fine for cars. Mirt and I went around to Dan Palmateer's. Dan is sick. Mary Ellen and Emmet were there.

Wed. 12 - Still the weather is fine Earl and Edrith came here Collin Alice Lucy Saidy were up for the evening.

Thu. 13 - I did some under brushing down along the shore Royden not feeling very good.

Fri. 14 - I took some grain up to get ground along about Four O'clock Lloyd came down looking after cars. Party at Elmer Collier's Mirt Royden and I were up. had a fine time

Sat. 15 - Change in the weather very cold. Royden went up to Don Coles Floral Kathleen stayed over this week

Sun. 16 - Some milder to day Mirt Wrex and I were alone all day Royden came home about Four O'clock

Mon. 17 - I went down and helped Collin kill a cow for his beef Then I went around and got a load of saliage of corn Husks. I had 49 00 lbs. Lloyd and Jack White were down looking after Rados.

Tue. 18 - A very nice day I tinkered around the Barn most of the day They are driving cars yet and the roads are good for either sleighs or cars.

Wed. 19 - Rained most all day Poultry Show days. Mirt and I didn't go over.

Thu. 20 - Nice this morning Mirt and I went over to Picton Poultry Show went with the car. roads were good but slipry driving

Fri. 21 - I drew out some manure and drew up some stone for cement work Floral came home with Elmer Collier.

Sat. 22 - A very nice day Mirt is making Floral a new dress. Royden Wrex and I drew up some more stone from the Flats. Weldon Hineman went across the Ice to the Creek to day.

Sun. 23 - Quite cold to day Snowed a little. No body went to church to day. Kathleen stayed over this week

Mon. 24 - I took Floral over to Picton with the sleigh threw to the Creek Ice was fine. fetch home some coal cold.

Tue. 25 - Drew up some more stone from the Flats. After Dinner went down to the cheese meeting

Wed. 26 - Quite cold to day. to cold for working out much.

Thu. 27 - We are having very nice weather now. Royden and I went over to Picton went with the sleigh across the Ice. Sleighting just fine fetch some coal home.

Fri. 28 - Stormed some Mirt and I went over to Earls Hicks stayed all night.

Sat. 29 - Went from Earls to Jake's and stayed till after Dinner the we went down to Picton weather was warm big crowd in Town. Streets filled with cars. Floral came home with us.

Sun. 30 - New milk cow this morning. went around to church with the car. rain some last night Don Cole Mural Helen Welch were here for the evening.

Mon. 31 - Took Floral over to Picton went with the car roads were fine.

Sarah's Research Notes

Historical Information & Anecdotes
About Nelson Hicks' Journal Entries.

On Thursday 20th, Mirt and Nelson go over to the poultry show in Picton. There was "...increasing interest in poultry on the farm due to the fact that poultry has been profitable..." (Scientific Agriculture, May 1927). Nelson's own account books showed eggs, along with milk, to be a consistent cash provider. The poultry shows started out as an educational way to improve the quality of poultry. Each exhibitor had to provide "a written account of breeding, feeding and all management connected with the exhibit."

Here's a photograph of a rural poultry show in the early 20th century. Common breeds were: Barred Rock, Black Minorca, Leghorns and White Wyandotte.



Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: Sometimes you have to be silent to be heard.

Here are some paraprosdokians to enjoy.

- ◆ I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
- ◆ To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
- ◆ Change is inevitable except from a vending machine.
- ◆ Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a mechanic.
- ◆ Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
- ◆ Where there's a will, there are relatives.
- ◆ Money can't buy happiness but it sure makes it easier to live with.
- ◆ I'm supposed to respect my elders but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

Every December it was the same excruciating tradition. A family would get up at the crack of dawn, go to a Christmas tree farm and tramp across acres of snow in search of the perfect tree. Hours later their feet would be freezing but mom would press on, convinced the tree of her dreams was "just up ahead."

One year the teenage daughter snapped, "Mom, face it. The perfect tree doesn't exist. It's like looking for a man. Just be satisfied if you can find one that isn't dead, doesn't have too many bald spots and is straight."

A man is madly in love with a princess and wants to propose, but an evil witch has cast a spell on him, and now he can say only one word a year.

So he waits 14 agonizing years – accumulating all his words – before approaching his beloved.

Finally the big day arrives. When he sees her, his heart skips a beat. He gathers his nerve, drops to his knees and intones, "My darling, I have waited many years to say this. Will you marry me?"

The princess turns around, smiles, and says, "Pardon?"

A mom was telling her sons the story of the Nativity and how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the baby Jesus. The six-year-old, giving much thought, observed, "Mom, a Wise Woman would have brought diapers."

An Irishman goes into the confessional box after years of being away from the church.

He finds there's a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On the other wall is a dazzling array of the finest cigars and chocolates.

Then the priest comes in.

"Father, forgive me, for it's been a long time since I've been to confession, but I must say that the confessional box is much more inviting than it used to be."

The priest replies, "Get out! You're on my side."

A new minister was talking to the oldest member of his congregation. "I am 90 years old, sir, and I haven't an enemy in the world," said the aged one.

"That's a beautiful thought," said the clergyman approvingly.

"Yes sir," was the answer. "I'm thankful to say that I've outlived them all."

Exit Line:

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous 2017, and hope you continue to enjoy The South Marysburgh Mirror.

- Druella Acantha Malvina



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(“Hostages...” continued from page 2)

Today, when civil war has displaced tens of millions of persons, it is worth reflecting on Massachusetts Loyalist refugee Edward Winslow’s words (p. 116) where he observed that the Loyalists were not an assembly of dissolute peoples as commonly make the first efforts to settle new countries, but gentlemen (sic) of education, independent farmers, and reputable merchants, who by fortune of war had been deprived of their property and, one might add, their country of residence. The world faces a similar challenge today, at a time where there are few new lands to settle, and where urban migrants are ill-equipped for rural habitats. As history shows, where they go they will help shape a new tomorrow.

The book’s opening chapters recount the war in terms of its significant Colonial battles and through the lives of Loyalists and Patriots. Next the story turns to the beginning of the exodus to the Atlantic territories, including Black Loyalist emigrants who arrived to face a long history of discrimination. By the 1790s a number had left or migrated to Sierra Leone. Chapter 6: “Claiming the Kingdoms of the Atlantic” focuses on the travails of settling in Canada and segues into the role of John Graves Simcoe, “The Self-Made Governor who Worshipped his Creator” in the making of Canada. Here one also finds a bit part for Prince Edward County, with some detail to how Loyalists allocated land and survived/foraged in those early years.

Newman then turns to the War of 1812, the last armed confrontation between the United States and the territories of the as-yet-unborn Canada. By all accounts it was an odd war, hardly recognized by Britain, both sides aided by Native Americans, and ending with neither side admitting defeat. Also, as Newman notes, Native (First Nations) allies were “rewarded” by having most of their best lands stolen. But, it was a war that helped to shape the Canada that was to come, a nation populated by Canadians, and not Americans.

The post-1812 war period was one of consolidation in Upper Canada and Newman follows the Jarvis family story in the development of York (Toronto) and beyond. By 1817 the seeds of Canada, as a county, have been planted. The following half century to independence was less a period of gestation and more a period of Canadian adolescence, taming the wilderness and growing into “...doing one’s duty, enjoying one’s sense of place, and trumping the unfair advantages of assumed privilege.”

The joy of the read in Newman’s book is how, with parsimony and insight, he tells the story of how these lands became Canadian. There are lessons here. The story is timely given the risks at hand. Marshall McLuhan’s “Global Village” is becoming a reality, but consumerism and social media risk transforming what it is to be Canadian, without necessarily giving birth to a better tomorrow. It is again a time to combine Loyalist values of self with Peter’s dictum, “..if it is absurd to feel you can change things, it much more absurd not to try.” As for the lessons learned from the Loyalist saga...read the book.

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Application Forms will be received by the undersigned no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.**

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