

## You're In Canada Now

*By George Underhill*

We're in the depths of winter now, and the cold has me cocooning. I'm in the house most days, not venturing outside at all. I was in New Brunswick at school when I was seventeen, and it was way colder there than in Boston where I grew up. I was walking to Chemistry class in the bitter cold when another student said to me, "Your ears are white. They're freezing. You better cover them up or get inside." I didn't really know what he was talking about so carried on. After a little while, in class, my ears started to thaw and I was subjected to really painful thawing ears. My first introduction to Canada.

I got a job that summer and took my first aircraft flight to the Soo. Walking through town on my first night there, I saw several signs, usually beside one another, saying "Men" and "Ladies and Escorts". I thought, can women not go to the bathroom by themselves?" That's how taverns were in Ontario in those days.

Later that year, I was working in the bush in Northern Ontario, around Nipigon, timber cruising, and was fishing from a canoe with my boss. I hooked a northern pike. I had never seen such an enormous fish in Boston, and called to my boss to net it. He said, "It's a pike for God's sake. A snake. I'm not bothering with it." I was frantic, yelling at my boss, "What the hell is wrong with you? Net it!" Hell Another introduction to Canada.

The bugs in Canada's woods were a thing apart. Mosquitos, blackflies sandflies, and deer flies. They were unbelievably thick. We bathed in bug repellent. I remember flying back to Logan Airport in Boston after a summer in the woods. My clothes were in a duffle bag. The customs guy asked me what the bag contained and I told him clothes. He couldn't see into it so dipped his hand into it and came out with a very ripe article of clothing. He dropped it like he had grabbed a dead rat, and I bet it smelled worse. My devoted mother did not wash the clothes. She threw them away.

My poor mother thought that Canada was an impoverished third world country. In those days margarine wasn't coloured. It was white, and came in a bag in which you squeezed yellow dye to make it look vaguely like butter. We never bothered to colour it up, and my mother was appalled when she visited as she thought we were spreading lard on our bread. Whenever I drove from Boston to school in New Brunswick, the car would be loaded down with old clothes. Mother apparently felt that our relatives in Canada could not afford new clothes. She was probably right come to think of it because my relatives who lived on the farm were hardly well-to-do.

These adaptations pale compared to immigrants from Syria, Turkey, or warm South American countries. There are many other differences in Canadian life that I've had to adapt to, but none are great, and there are many that are positive. In fact, it's a common thing that I'm really happy I emigrated here.



*It doesn't get more Canadian than this photo of sap buckets at Wilbur Miller's sugar bush (photo by Juanita McMahon)*

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(March 30)

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### Upcoming Milford Library Events:

**Every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**—Knit and Chat Club. All are welcome. Feel free to bring any textile arts (embroidery, quilting, etc.).

**Wednesday, March 7, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**—Stone Soup Guild Meeting. The theme is Fruit Trees, Grafting, and Rootstocks. Bring your questions and answers about this topic, as well as a bowl and spoon. We will make soup together, so bring a jar of something to add to the soup. You could cook some lentils or quinoa, or slice and boil some carrots, saute some celery or cabbage, or even bring some chopped kale which would cook in the soup... Or, bring something to go with soup (bread, crackers, dessert). If you can't bring anything, come anyway!

**Thursday, March 8, 11 a.m.**—Milford Free Book Club Meeting. The book of the month is Alice Munro's short story collection "Too Much Happiness," and we will discuss the following stories: Dimensions, Some Women, and perhaps more! It's not too late to join. Come by the branch to pick up a copy, or you could even read "Some Women" on the New York Times website (<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2008/12/22/some-women>)

**Tuesday, March 14, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**—Knit and Chat Club, March Break Edition: Kids are welcome to learn to knit, finger-knit, make a string for Cat's Cradle, and/or make yarn collages.

**Thursday, March 15, 11 am to 1 pm.**—March Break at the Library. The Tech Train comes to the library, bringing robotics, circuitry, coding and more.

**Saturday, March 31, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.**—Decorating Hats for the Easter Parade. Come by with your hat and some materials, and we can provide glue and ribbons!



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The Recreation Board would like to thank the following Volunteers for helping to make the 2018 Family Fun Day a successful event: Carol Branscombe and Sandra Emlaw for helping the children to make sock puppets; Candice Keays for cooking hot dogs and helping in the kitchen, and Dan Murphy for a wonderful job calling the Bingo; and Recreation Board members Janna McCarthy, Helen Ward, Sandie Blackford, Catherine Reilly, Karen Gyde, Jessie Parker, Leon McConnell and Bruce Dowdell for all their "behind the scenes" work.

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*The Annual Milford Easter Parade & Festivities*  
**Saturday, March 31st**  
*Pancake Breakfast*  
 8:30 -10:30 a.m. at the Town Hall  
 Adults \$8.00 Children (8 yrs and under) \$5.00

*Decorate Your Bonnet*  
 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the Ann Farwell (Milford) Library

*Milford Easter Parade*  
 Assemble by 10:45 a.m. at the Town Hall Parking Lot. At 11:00 a.m. the parade proceeds to the Fair Grounds

*Easter Egg Hunt*  
 Begins at 11:20 a.m.—ish immediately following the arrival of the Parade

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*Meetings, Events, Announcements*

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**Recreation Board Meeting**  
 Milford Town Hall  
 Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.

**The Annual Milford Easter Parade**  
 Saturday, March 31  
 Details in the March Mirror

*The Recreation Board is looking for ideas for programs that are **NOT** weather dependent. We also need volunteers to organize and run these programs. Please contact Bruce at the email below with your ideas and suggestions.*

*To reserve the Milford Town Hall or Mt. Tabor, please contact:  
 Bruce Dowdell at 613.476.8891  
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 Leon McConnell at 613.476.6606*

  
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**South Bay U.C.W. and Milford Friendship Circle**  
**Upcoming Meetings & Events**  
**Wednesday, March 14** – South Bay U.C.W. will meet at the church hall at 1:00 p.m. Devotional – Alice Miller; Roll call – wear green, a limerick or verse; Program – Brenda Minaker; Lunch – Maureen Rudd and Sandra Emlaw; Objective – donation of money to the food bank.

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## Municipal Council Update

By Steve Ferguson, Councillor for South Marysburgh

A varied month at council that included meetings with provincial government ministers, and important special council and Committee of the Whole meetings. In addition, I attended the Ontario Good Roads Association conference in Toronto.

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Quaiff welcomed the Honorable Daiene Vernile, Provincial Minister of Tourism Culture & Sport, at an informal roundtable discussion with the Minister that also included additional councillors and a group of 15-20 local leaders from the tourism, heritage, culture and sporting sectors. This was an opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback and build the Minister's awareness of Prince Edward County, its opportunities and its challenges, including the White Pines Wind Project.

Two days later, on February 7<sup>th</sup>, the mayor called a special council meeting to discuss development charges. Several deputations and comments were made by local developers and members of the public. An eventual decision was agreed to by council whereby DCs for residential and park model trailers will remain as they are until September 2019 at which time the new council can review their status.

February 12<sup>th</sup> saw the arrival of Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health, to Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital to announce his ministry's financial support toward planning initiatives for the new hospital. Dr. Hoskins announcement was warmly received by the capacity crowd that included fellow council members, dignitaries and numerous volunteers.

The Prince Edward County Chamber of Commerce – on whose board I sit as council representative – organized a breakfast on February 13<sup>th</sup> at Isaiah Tubbs for a presentation to its members by Eastlink concerning its Internet and other communications services. This served as a great opportunity to better understand the challenges faced by our business community concerning high-speed access and its impact on business growth and retention.

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, I attended the kickoff for the first Prince Edward County Heritage Week that included a declaration by Mayor Quaiff. Organized by the Heritage Advisory Committee, History Lives Here Inc., the museums of PEC and the historical society Heritage Week included displays, talks, presentations and dinners, including one at the Jackson's Falls B&B. We're looking forward to making plans for a similar event in 2019.

The special Committee of the Whole meeting to hear public comments concerning the farm tax ratio took place on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Picton Community Centre. Several deputations were made by members of the public and members of the farming community, most arguing in favour of a reduction of the FTR from .25% to .20% per John Thompson's request. The meeting was strictly organized to hear comments from the public and no decisions will be made until the March 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

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On February 25<sup>th</sup> I headed into Toronto to attend the Good Roads conference at the Royal York Hotel. My participation included attending presentations about transforming streetscapes and public transportation; how councils fail their communities and how to avoid certain pitfalls; a keynote address by Vic Fedeli concerning the PC party; a presentation about changing demographics and its effect on the urban landscape and housing in particular; a presentation by Kathleen Wynne; seminars about spring load restrictions and cannabis legalization and effects on municipalities; and a discussion between Ministers Bill Mauro and Kathryn McGarry. Along with some fellow councillors and Commissioner McAuley, I accompanied Mayor Quaiff to a deputation to Minister McGarry, Minister of Transportation, to present her with the engineering report concerning CR/Hwy. 49 for her ministry's deliberation and consideration.

In addition to, and in preparation for those activities I had meetings with members of the development community concerning their challenges; had conversations with many of the \$5000+ municipal grant applicants to better understand their needs and funding requirements prior to approving their requests at council, albeit not to their requested amounts; met or conversed with members of the farming community concerning the FTR; and met with representatives of the community making an effort to protect the south shore of PEC from development. There were also meetings with members of the hospital foundation, the Museum Advisory Committee and the Prince Edward Heritage Advisory Committee.

And while our own Wilbur Miller is busy in his sugar shack, have an enjoyable time at Maple In The County - occurring during the first week of spring.

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Personal Notices, Announcements  
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## The Dry Stone Wall Repair Project

Les Stanfield, along with a group of enthusiastic volunteers, has organized what looks to be a well put together event to repair the stone walls on Morrison Point Road. If you would like to receive his monthly progress updates that contain information about the specifics of the event, please contact him to get added to his mailing list at 613-476-5363 or Les.Stanfield@outlook.com and at <http://morrisonpointstonewall.ca/>

## And Speaking of Volunteers...

The annual Milford Fair has been a community and County tradition since 1946, and draws visitors from far and near. Although the 2018 edition of the fair will likely be no exception, the organizers could sure use the assistance of more volunteers to help. If you are of the belief that the Milford Fair exemplifies what is so special about South Marysburgh and Prince Edward County, please consider being added to the roster of people to be called upon to assist on fair day or during the setup and tear down. Incoming fair board president, Valencia Logan, would love to hear from you at 613.813.9977 or by email at [time@lad7.ca](mailto:time@lad7.ca).



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## Good Eats with Ruth Gangbar



With maple sap flowing and the warming ground promising us green, citrus is still a late winter go-to. I make these preserved lemons every year and love opening the fridge to see this easy, gorgeous preserve that packs so much flavor in a jar, yet requires no special equipment and little prep time.

This recipe for Quick Preserved Lemons (from *Real Food Made Easy* by Janice Mansfield) has been a part of my personal collection of “keepers” since I encountered it for a magazine shoot years ago. The recipe featured whole preserved lemon slices tucked underneath the skin of a chicken also sprinkled with olive oil and Zatar (a delicious Middle Eastern spice blend made with toasted sesame seed, dried sumac, thyme, oregano, marjoram and sea salt) before roasting it.

A mere teaspoonful of minced preserved lemon added to marinates, rice dishes, fish dishes or stews, is a unique and sparkling addition of flavor and texture. It's also a flawless introduction to experiment with fermenting food.

I've also used a finely chopped slice blended with softened cream cheese for bagels with smoked salmon and red onion. It makes a delicious “Gremolata” when minced with fresh parsley and added to tuna salad, sprinkled over pan-seared seafood or grilled meats, or added last as a seasoning to cooked spinach or asparagus. Just DO NOT SKIMP on using *smoked paprika*, easily found at several of our local supermarkets' spice sections. Look for it!

### Quick Preserved Lemons

- 3 medium sized lemons (like organic or Meyers lemons)
- 3 tbsp. sugar
- 1-1/2 tsp. sea salt
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 3/4 tsp. smoked paprika
- 1/2 tsp. ground cumin

1. Wash lemons thoroughly; remove any wax residue (if using conventional lemons). Slice them thinly, about 1/8 inch thick.
2. Place the lemons in a stainless steel bowl and add the sugar, salt, garlic, smoked paprika and cumin. Use your hands to massage all the ingredients into the lemons.
3. Let the lemons sit 1 hour on the counter. Mix again as the lemons begin to give off juices. Cover, and let sit overnight without refrigeration.
4. Remove lemons from the bowl and place them (with any accumulated juices) in a covered Mason jar. Press the lemons to submerge in their juices periodically. The lemon slices will keep in the fridge for up to 3 weeks.

### Bonus recipe: Maple Glazed Sweet Potatoes!

Peel a couple of small sweet potatoes; cut into large chunks. In a small pan, cover with equal parts water, maple syrup and apple cider. Add bay leaf, cinnamon stick and boil gently until potato is softened and glaze becomes thick. Add a knob of butter and serve after broiling for several minutes, if desired. Add a drizzle of the liquid from the preserved lemons to finish.

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## Milford Library Branch Check It Out

By Leah Garfield-Wright

The library has felt busier in the last few weeks than ever before, perhaps due to cold days that bring people in to get a film or novel to enjoy indoors. Our circulations statistics for 2017 reveal the habits of Milford Branch Library patrons. Fiction (43%) is more popular than non-fiction (13%), and children's materials comprise 12% of circulation, with DVD loans (24%), magazines (5%), and audio fiction (3%) being the rest. The Milford Branch Library usage is 4% of all the 6 branches. This may seem small, but is comparable to the other two branches with hours that are similar to ours (Ameliasburgh, 6% and Bloomfield 3%). It's important to remember that not all services provided by the library can be measured: sharing news among neighbors, getting your burn permit (or dog tag), learning the word of the day, etc.

Within a year or so, the ground will be broken for the expansion of the Picton Branch Library, which will be a great step forward for the Prince Edward County Library as a whole, with space for a larger collection, a makerspace hub, and much more. A walkway will be developed between Mary Street and Main Street, between the library and the Armoury. This Carnegie library has been a mainstay of main street for 110 years, and we look forward to the next 110 years! For more information, visit <http://peclibrary.org/expansion/>, keep an eye on this column and Literally (the monthly publication of the Prince Edward County Library), or ask a librarian.

March Break is soon upon us, and we are ready to welcome children during this week, as we are every week! On Tuesdays, the Knit & Chat club meets, and aspiring knitters, finger-knitters, Cat's Cradle players, and yarn collagers are welcome to join the experienced regulars. On Wednesday, all of the craft material will be available to make a book of your own, origami, collages, or a greeting card. We have books to inspire your creations. On Thursday, the Tech Train will be coming to the Milford Branch Library, bringing equipment to explore robotics, circuitry, coding, and more. All activities are appropriate for all ages, and no registration is required.



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# Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

*Gem for the month: Speak when you are angry and you will make the best speech you'll ever regret.*

## You might be a farmer if...

- ◆ You've ever driven off the road while examining your neighbours' crops;
- ◆ You've ever used a leaf from a velvetleaf plant as emergency toilet paper;
- ◆ You've ever buried a dog and cried;
- ◆ You've never thrown away an empty 20 gallon pail;
- ◆ You've used your castrating knife to slice and eat an apple.

February is the month of Valentine's Day – the month to show how important your wife is. To keep the romantic flame aglow, compliment her on the meals she provides, listen attentively to her daily activities and household problems, make her feel important, wanted and needed. Above all, show her love and attention. You will reap the benefits from these actions.

## This Irishman lacked finesse.

O'Malley proposed to his girl on St. Patrick's Day. He gave her a ring with a sympathetic diamond. The excited lass showed it to her father who was a jeweler. He took one look and saw it wasn't real. The young lass confronted her future husband and protested vehemently about his cheapness.

"It was in honour of St. Patrick's Day", he smiled. "I gave you a sham rock."

Men who don't understand women fall into two categories: bachelors and husbands.

A man was developing quite a reputation as a hypochondriac. Like the time he was convinced the pain on his left side was appendicitis. His wife explained that the appendix is on the right.

"So that's why it hurts so much," her husband said. "My appendix is on the wrong side."



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Every Saturday morning, Grandpa Wolf found himself babysitting his three grandchildren – all boys. The kids all wanted to play "war" and coaxed Grandpa into the game.

His daughter came to pick up the kids early one Saturday and witnessed Grandpa take a fake shot as Jason pointed the toy gun at him and yelled, "Bang".

Grandpa slumped to the floor and remained motionless. The daughter checked to see if he was all right. Grandpa opened one eye and whispered, "Sh-h-h, it's the only chance I get to rest."

Her husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, yet she stayed faithfully by his side every single day. When he came to, he motioned her to come closer. As she sat by him, he said, "You know, you have been with me through all the bad times. When I got fired, you were there to support me. When my business failed, you were there. When I got shot, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you gave me support. When my health started to fail, you were always there. When I think back, I think you bring me bad luck."

*Exit lines: When a man says he hasn't made up his mind, he means he hasn't had a chance to ask his wife.*

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## Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals  
March 1928

Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

**Thu. 1** - Royden and I went out and got a load of wood. And after dinner we went out and got a load of cedar.

**Fri. 2** - Kiddy was up to day. Mirt not feeling very good. Sick all last night I went down to Picton to see the Doctor and get some Medicine Floral and Geraldine came home with me.

**Sat. 3** - Jacob Hyatt Funeral Sermon preach at South Bay Church A very large crowd was out

**Sun. 4** - Colder to day snowed and drifted some. Lloyd Luise Katherine Murphy came down. Kathleen came out with them. Lloyd drove a Chandler car down.

**Mon. 5** - Royden Keith Rightmeyer and I went out up Geo Hudgins and got a load of cedar

**Tue. 6** - Royden and I went over to Picton took some little pig over I had sold. roads were fine.

**Wed. 7** - Royden went Hunting I fixed up some harness. not very nice day

**Thu. 8** - Royden Keith and I went out and got another load of cedar a very nice day.

**Fri. 9** - Stormed like fury all day one of the word storms we have had this winter Wind North East

**Sat. 10** - Rex Keith Rightmeyer and I went over to Picton after Floral. the roads were not very good in places. Keith took out Life Insurance. Visitors at night Stephen Dulmage. Wife Albert Welbanks and wife Donald and Burnard. Ray.

**Sun. 11** - Took Floral over to Picton at night and then Mirt and I went to church at Picton Kathleen sang.

**Mon. 12** - Mirt Royden Keith Rightmyer and I went over to Picton Mirt went to the Mother Daughter Banquet and I went to the Hocky game

**Fri. 16** - Went over after Floral Roads were good. Helen Wattam came home with Floral.

**Sat. 17** - Lloyd and Luis came down

**Sun. 18** - Went around to the Bay to Sunday School. Lloyd and Luis went out to Mr. Hudgins

**Mon. 19** - Took the Girls over to Town Collin Hudgins went over with me. Roads were quite slipry. Kenneth Johnson is leaving the Factory and the neighbours gave him a little surprise.

**Tue. 20** - Cherry Valley gave a little play at the Carman quite a nice crowd out.

**Wed. 21** - Mirt and I. were up to Donal Thompson. Visiting had a fine time.

**Thu. 22** - Mirt and I were unto Nelson Ostrander Visiting had a nice time.

**Fri. 23** - Took Veal calf over to Picton Floral came home with me

**Sat. 24** - I went up and got Clayton Ostrander Mill to clean up some sweet clover

**Sun. 25** - Floral and Royden went around to church. Kathleen not home went back to Lloyds Saturday

**Mon. 26** - Davis Duetta and I went back to Lloyds to move a piticion for him it was a very warm day.

**Tue. 27** - Quite a rough night wind blew a gale with Thunder and Lightning it cleared the Bay with Ice. Snowed some to day.

**Wed. 28** - We are having a cold spell freezing quite hard every night.

**Thu. 29** - Mirt and I went over to Picton at night to hear the Kings Quire sing it was fine

**Fri. 30** - Stormed most of the day. Royden went up to Milford to a play.

**Sat. 31** - Lloyd Luis and children came down. Kathleen came home with them. Floral came out with John Loney Visitors at night. Donal thompson and wife Harry Rose and wife. Lloyd has a new Chandler car down trying to deal with John Loney. Lloyd and George was down Thursday help me saw up the rest of my wood. fetch me down another Bull Calf I got from Morley Gilbert.

### Sarah's Research Notes Insight, Information & Anecdotes About Nelson Hicks' Journal Entries

*Lloyd's new Chandler was designed as a good quality car, priced for a middle class market, ranging from \$1495 to \$2375 (or \$21,195 to \$33,695 in today's dollars). This was actually a reduction in price for technology ahead of its time. In 1924, Chandler had introduced the "Traffic Transmission," a constant-mesh gearbox, ahead of anything similar in the market.*

*Chandlers were well received and in their peak year of 1927 they sold 20,000 cars. Hopes for continued growth of the market led to over-expansion by the company which finished 1928 over a half-million dollars in debt, after which it was sold.*

