







# 365 Historical Facts

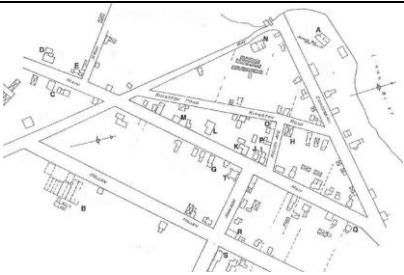


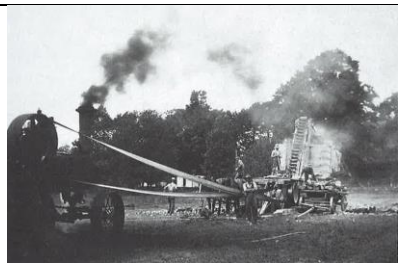
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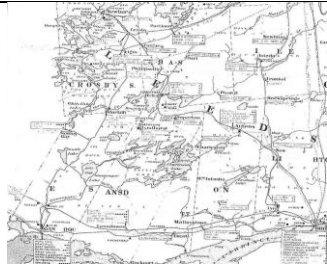






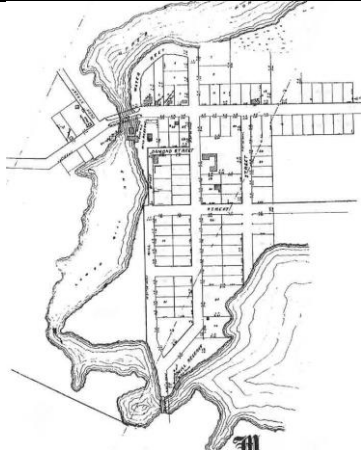

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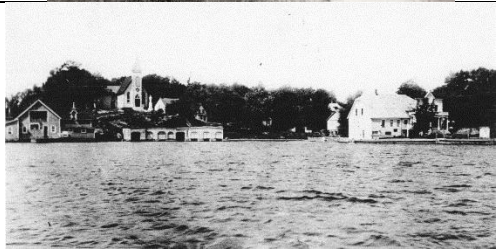



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DATE	FACT	IMAGE
1	<p>A westward view down Charles stree in Lyndhurst. This is the earliest known photograph of Lyndhurst (1880).</p> <p>Information and image from "The Rear of Leeds &amp; Lansdowne. The Making of Community on the Gananoque River Frontier. 1796-1996" by Glenn J Lockwood. 1996. The Corporation of the Township of Leeds and Lansdowne.</p>	
2	<p>It may be hard to see but note that JC Miller's original store was at Haskin's Point and the "New Store" was where the core of the village stands today. This map illustrates the move of the settlement from the point to the new core.</p> <p>Information and image from "The Rear of Leeds &amp; Lansdowne. The Making of Community on the Gananoque River Frontier. 1796-1996" by Glenn J Lockwood. 1996. The Corporation of the Township of Leeds and Lansdowne.</p>	
3	<p>The party on this yacht is primarily women. At this day in age, they were doing a lot of community work together including the banning of liquor sales in the township.</p> <p>Information and image from "The Rear of Leeds &amp; Lansdowne. The Making of Community on the Gananoque River Frontier. 1796-1996" by Glenn J Lockwood. 1996. The Corporation of the Township of Leeds and Lansdowne.</p>	
4	<p>Pictured is the Seeley's Bay and Morton hockey club who were county champs for the 1949-50 season. Baseball was also formally organized at this time.</p> <p>Information and image from "The Rear of Leeds &amp; Lansdowne. The Making of Community on the Gananoque River Frontier. 1796-1996" by</p>	




	<p>Glenn J Lockwood. 1996. The Corporation of the Township of Leeds and Lansdowne.</p>	
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p>Here is another map of Seeley's Bay. The two largest businesses at this time (1908) were: A Seeley's Bay Sawmill Co. and B Seeley's Bay Brick Co.</p> <p>Information and image from "The Rear of Leeds &amp; Lansdowne. The Making of Community on the Gananoque River Frontier. 1796-1996" by Glenn J Lockwood. 1996. The Corporation of the Township of Leeds and Lansdowne.</p>	
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p>On the left of this scene from Albert Neal and Son Brick and Tile Co. are the drying shed where clay was put into moulds and the kiln to right.</p> <p>Information and image from "The Rear of Leeds &amp; Lansdowne. The Making of Community on the Gananoque River Frontier. 1796-1996" by Glenn J Lockwood. 1996. The Corporation of the Township of Leeds and Lansdowne.</p>	
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p>Here is Steamboat Buena Vista taking on produce to be transported down the Rideau Canal. As mentioned in a previous post, it was thought railways would take over shipping but boats were a low cost, seasonal option for transporting goods.</p> <p>Information and image from "The Rear of Leeds &amp; Lansdowne. The Making of Community on the Gananoque River Frontier. 1796-1996" by Glenn J Lockwood. 1996. The Corporation of the Township of Leeds and Lansdowne.</p>	
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p>Steam engines were used to crush stone to create gravel for township roads. It took seven men to operate this particular machine.</p> <p>Information and image from "The Rear of Leeds &amp; Lansdowne. The Making of Community on the Gananoque River Frontier. 1796-1996" by Glenn J Lockwood. 1996. The Corporation of the Township of Leeds and Lansdowne.</p>	

<p><b>9</b></p>	<p>This scene depicts some men “mucking out” a blast in search of quartz crystal. The crystals would be washed in a tub and reserved while the other remains were put in a bucket on a pulley to be removed from the pit.</p> <p>Information and image from “The Rear of Leeds &amp; Lansdowne. The Making of Community on the Gananoque River Frontier. 1796-1996” by Glenn J Lockwood. 1996. The Corporation of the Township of Leeds and Lansdowne.</p>	
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p>This is a resource map indicating the different resources across the township at the time (1931). Did you know pike and bass were considered a resource just like sawmills, lead and dairy factories?</p> <p>Information and image from “The Rear of Leeds &amp; Lansdowne. The Making of Community on the Gananoque River Frontier. 1796-1996” by Glenn J Lockwood. 1996. The Corporation of the Township of Leeds and Lansdowne.</p>	
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p>Some of Seeley’s Bay early development was supported by providing fuel wood for steamboats. Picture here is Hartley’s steam sawmill in 1945.</p> <p>Information and image from “The Rear of Leeds &amp; Lansdowne. The Making of Community on the Gananoque River Frontier. 1796-1996” by Glenn J Lockwood. 1996. The Corporation of the Township of Leeds and Lansdowne.</p>	
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p>Here is an image from a paper of Lyndhurst villagers fighting to save their 130 year old bridge when the county planned to build a wider, concrete bridge in it’s place.</p> <p>Information and image from “The Rear of Leeds &amp; Lansdowne. The Making of Community on the Gananoque River Frontier. 1796-1996” by Glenn J Lockwood. 1996. The Corporation of the Township of Leeds and Lansdowne.</p>	

<p><b>13</b></p>	<p>Hockey, baseball and rugby were among the sports that were informal but also highly competitive between villages across the township. This is the Ellisville hockey team circa 1912. There were clubs for children and adults alike!</p> <p>Information and image from "The Rear of Leeds &amp; Lansdowne. The Making of Community on the Gananoque River Frontier. 1796-1996" by Glenn J Lockwood. 1996. The Corporation of the Township of Leeds and Lansdowne.</p>	
<p><b>14</b></p>	<p>Steam power didn't just move boats, it created cheese! Or at least it was responsible for moving the pulleys that were responsible for helping people make cheese in larger quantities.</p> <p>Information and image from "The Rear of Leeds &amp; Lansdowne. The Making of Community on the Gananoque River Frontier. 1796-1996" by Glenn J Lockwood. 1996. The Corporation of the Township of Leeds and Lansdowne.</p>	
<p><b>15</b></p>	<p>The streets Charles, Jonas, Ormond, Ford, Okill (Oakel) and Edward were named for the Jones family who monopolized the Lyndhurst area prior to 1869.</p> <p>Information and image from "The Rear of Leeds &amp; Lansdowne. The Making of Community on the Gananoque River Frontier. 1796-1996" by Glenn J Lockwood. 1996. The Corporation of the Township of Leeds and Lansdowne.</p>	
<p><b>16</b></p>	<p>About this time in 1946, around thirty box cars, mostly loaded with grain, went off the track after a train wrecked in Lansdowne. The Lansdowne station, which was to the north of the track, was not damaged; however, Fred McConnell's lumber yard to the south of the track was demolished. The wreck was caused by a hot box on a car just two or three behind the engine. Luckily, there were no fatalities or fires reported.</p>	

	<p>(Information collected from <a href="http://lthistoricalsociety.org">lthistoricalsociety.org</a> and image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p><b>17</b></p>	<p>Clifford Hunt was a talented Rockport gentleman, building several boats for many tour companies on both sides of the border! He would build them in his garage and then taken to the river to put on the super structure. Photo and information collected from Dianne Phillips</p>	
<p><b>18</b></p>	<p>Farmers from the area, including the islands, would bring their milk to the Rockport Cheese Factory (1857-1932). This cheese factory was located in present day Cheese Factory Bay. Photo and information collected from Dianne Phillips</p>	
<p><b>19</b></p>	<p>Pictured here are the Rockport River Rats circa 1903. They worked, lived, and played on the mighty St. Lawrence River getting to know every rock and channel shoal. Photo and information collected from Dianne Phillips</p>	
<p><b>20</b></p>	<p>Canada 150 in Review – January In January, we held a Canada 150 kickoff celebration in Lansdowne where there was skating, hot chocolate and music. There was also the Sesquicentennial Storyfest in Seeley’s Bay with James Raffan.</p>	
<p><b>21</b></p>	<p>Canada 150 in Review – February We were thrilled to once again have a presence at Frost Fest in Seeley’s Bay which is always fun for the whole family! The Rockport Winter Carnival brought five days of festivities to the township and next years is just around the corner!</p>	

<p><b>22</b></p>	<p>Canada 150 in Review – March The launch of the Paint Your Paddle Art Contest was a huge success. No paddles were left behind and we now have 150 paddles to make the proposed Canada 150 art installation!</p>	
<p><b>23</b></p>	<p>Canada 150 in Review – April Every year, community members pitch in for a township wide Community Clean-up! People from every village got garbage bags and gloves from the township to brighten their community!</p>	
<p><b>24</b></p>	<p>Canada 150 in Review – May We saw parks and the marina gearing up for the Spring/Summer seasons. Spring growth sprung and it rained. In fact, it continued to rain for what felt like 5 months straight!</p>	
<p><b>25</b></p>	<p>Canada 150 in Review – June June was a busy month with Red Canoe Fest, the 1000 Islands Parkway Challenge, our Seniors Expo, the School House Jam and the Textile Festival. There was something going on in every village, uniting our community. What was your favourite memory from our June events!?</p>	
<p><b>26</b></p>	<p>Canada 150 in Review – July It was the biggest birthday party of the year, of the decade, maybe even of the century! Canada celebrations happened across the township with the annual parade happening in Seeley’s Bay. The second biggest party of the year also happened in July. The infamous Lansdowne Fair that is known far beyond township borders had another successful year. Did we mention there was the Ice Cream Social in Lyndhurst? Who doesn’t love ice cream? July was great!</p>	
<p><b>27</b></p>	<p>Canada 150 in Review – August Rockport pulled together a beautiful heritage event. There were many activities to be done, facts to be shared, and friendships to rekindle</p>	

	<p>at the "Salute to Our River Heritage" festival. Did anyone else see those poodle skirts for the fashion show?</p>	
<p><b>28</b></p>	<p>Canada 150 in Review – September In September, the continued tradition of the Lyndhurst Turkey Fair brought helicopter rides, paddle displays, face painters, vendors and talented live music. We also had the re-scheduled Mayor's breakfast in Seeley's Bay which was well attended and the breakfast was delicious!</p>	
<p><b>29</b></p>	<p>Canada 150 in Review – October Aside from the usual Halloween events around the township, there was the first, ever Lansdowne Horse Festival. This event was a huge success and we hope they can pull it off again next year! Pictured is the Ontario Mounted Special Service Unit at the Horse Festival</p>	
<p><b>30</b></p>	<p>Canada 150 in Review – November Santa and his helpers were making rounds before the workload really peaked in December. Lansdowne and Lyndhurst had visits from Santa in their parades along with many other floats.</p>	
<p><b>31</b></p>	<p>Canada 150 in Review – December December was lit! Seeley's Bay LIT a tree, Lansdowne LIT a tree, Rockport had already LIT their gates and Lyndhurst had their Community Carol Singing. What an amazing year we've had! Time to count down into 2018!</p>	