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A Fun for All Weekend

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ON A

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O.N.A.
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 PROGRAM
 OTTAWA, ONTARIO

MAY 23 to MAY 25

Fri 11:00 A.M. Opening

Fri 2:30 P.M. Royal CDN Mint tour

Fri 2:00 & 4:00 P.M. Bank of Canada Museum

Fri 4:15 P.M. Rideau Hall Tour

Fri 9:00 P.M. Wine & Cheese Party

Sat. 9:00 A.M. Opening

Sat 10:30 A.M. General Membership Meeting

Sat. 3:00 P.M. Bus Tour of Ottawa.

Sat 4:00 P.M. Wooden Money Collectors Get To
Gether

Sat 7:00 P.M. Banquet

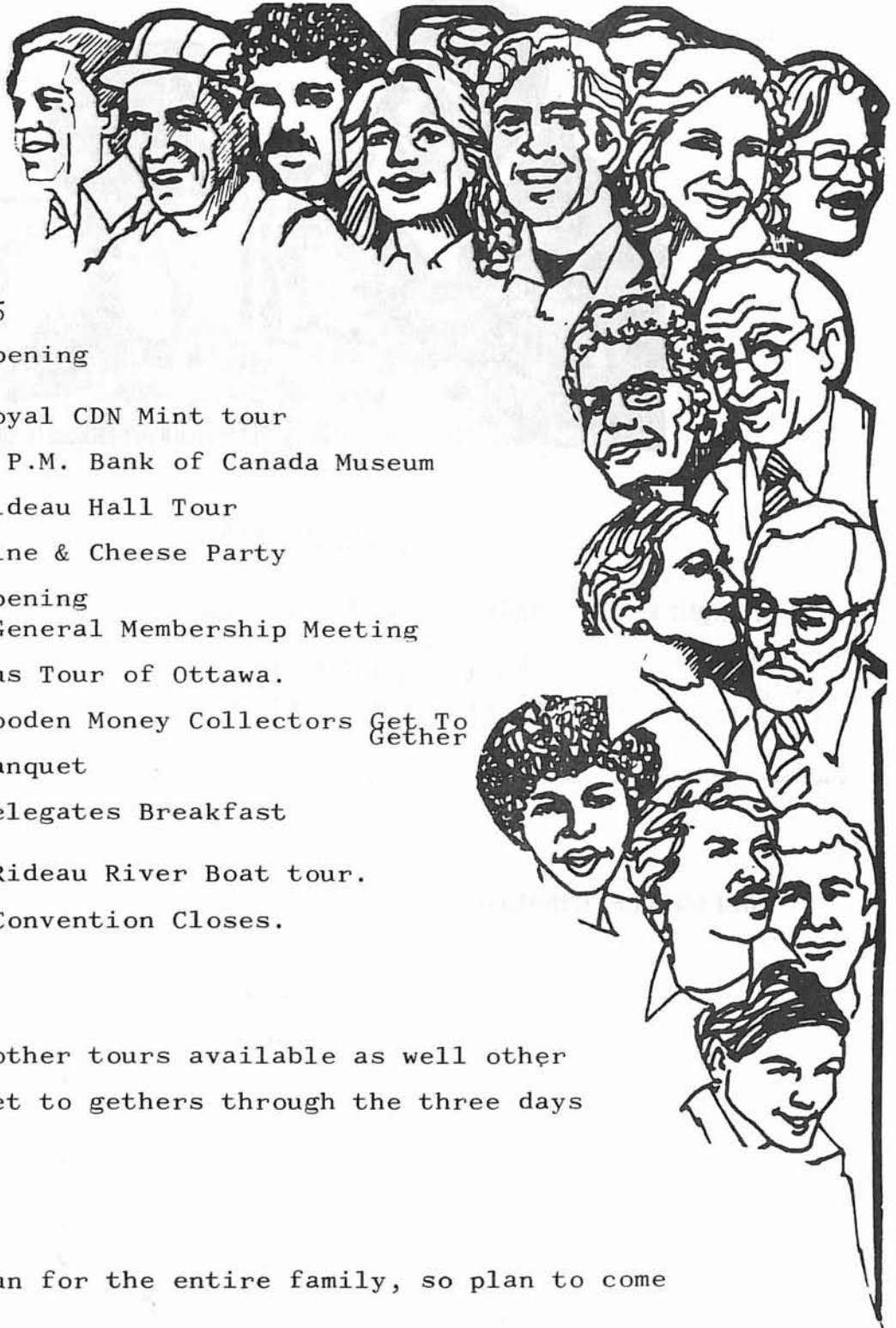
Sun 9:00 A.M. Delegates Breakfast

Sun:11:00 A.M. Rideau River Boat tour.

Sun. 5:00 P.M. Convention Closes.

There will be other tours available as well other meetings and get to gethers through the three days

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Tour - Ladies - Rideau Hall Fri. 4:15 PM - Trans'n \$ 1.00

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Barbados	Dollar	.61	Netherlands	Guilder	.6195
Belgium	Franc	.0430		T/C	.6135
Bermuda	Dollar	1.19	New Zealand R	Dollar	1.21
Brazil	Cruzeiro	.0285	Norway R	Krone	.2495
Colombia R	Peso	.0320	Portugal R	Escudo	.0280
Denmark	Kroner	.2185		T/C	.0270
East Caribbean	Dollar	.46	South Africa	Rand	1.47
France	Franc	.2935	Spain R	Peseta	.0184
	T/C	.2910		T/C	.0182
Germany	Mark	.6835	Sweden R	Krona	.2905
	T/C	.6770	Switzerland	Franc	.7385
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Hong Kong	Dollar	.2565	United Kingdom	Pound	2.7250
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB C74

On March 25th; was the 223rd; meeting of the North York Coin Club. The feature of this meeting was C.N.A. Night, Jack Veffer, President of the C.N.A. was one of the guest speakers. Jack explained in capsule form some of the activities of the C.N.A.

There was a film quiz presented by the C.N.A. 1st Vice President, John Regitko. The questions seemed simple, but it was a surprise how many that were not answered.

Paul Johnson, the 2nd; Vice President of the C.N.A. & Chairman of the Toronto District Coin Week of Canada Committee gave a report on the progress of the activities of the project.

Mrs Beatty served the refreshments at the end of the very interesting evening.

The lucky draw winners were: Dan Bowyer, Henry Burke, Frank Dennis, Jim Donaldson & Fred Jewett.

A Coin Auction was conducted by Glen Williams assisted by Basil Latham.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY C1

On March 18th; 1980 the Waterloo Coin Society met at the Waterloo Public Library, lower floor, 35 Albert Street, Waterloo, with 36 members and guest present. This was their biggest turnout in many months.

Prize winners for the evening were as follows:

(a) 8 o'clock Draw - Paul Miller, \$1.00 for being on time.

(b) Feature Draw:

1st prize	Bert Dortmans
2nd prize	Joan Gordon
3rd prize	Wilf Erb

Bill Gordon, O.N.A. and Club Director of the O.N.A. upcoming convention in Ottawa on May 23-25. He asked the members to prepare a display for the convention, and also reminded the members to sell the O.N.A. Draw Tickets. For every book sold the club will receive \$2.00.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB C21

The March meeting was held at 6th; of March, at St. David's Anglican Church, Orillia, at 8:00 P.M. There were 23 members present, who enjoyed a presentation of slides and a display on Historical Tokens by Ray Gregory.

The 50-50 draw was won by Mrs Hilkens, the Old Coin Box won by Ray Rutherford and Bryon Booth was the lucky member to guess the closest number of coins in a jar.

THISTLETOWN COIN & STAMP CLUB C39

The monthly meeting of the Thistletown Coin & Stamp Club was held on April 8th; 1980, at the Etobicoke Public Library at 8:00 P.M.

This meeting was a birthday party. a special cake was served and Al Kasman and his helpers made the coffee and refreshments to make it a successful party. Ken Pepper chaired the meeting for Bob Rook who was ill.

Bruce R. Watt President of the Ontario Numismatic Association was presented a Permanent Honorary Member by Ken Pepper.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION of WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS C83

The Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors will present an award shaped of the Orovince' of Ontario to the top exhibitor in the wooden money category at the Ontario Numismatic Association Convention in Ottawa.

FORT McMURRAY COIN & STAMP CLUB

Thr Fort McMurray Coin & Stamp Club was founded in 1978 Ed "Tony" gordon with 14 other coin and stamp collectors present. After one full year of operation the grew to 46 members.

At the present time the club is taping 13 shows on one half hour bases, for a local cable T.V. The members act as their own camera men, floor director, lighting and audio technicians as well stars of the show. They design their own back drop and studio set.

At the present time the membership is raising money to purchase their own tapes, once this is done they hope to make them available to other clubs, who wish to use them in their educational program.

Should anyone like to visit the club this summer, they meet 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Kinsmen Centre, south Franklin Ave, which is the main street of Fort McMurry.

The mailing address:

Fort McMurray Coin & Stamp Club
Box 8175,
Clearwater Postal Station,
Fort McMurray, Alberta,
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CITY of OTTAWA COIN CLUB C19

The 143rd meeting of the City of Ottawa Coin Club was held at the War Museum on February 25, 1980, with 36 members and 6 guests in attendance.

The meetin was called to order by the President, Al Cockrem who advise the members of the passing of Charles W. Downie on February 24th; 1980. In recongnition of the late Mr. Downie's service to the club over a number of years, the President introduced Mr Ken Hooles, President of the Pembroke Centennial Coin Club, who was given a hearty welcome by the members. A cordial welcome was also extended to the Ottawa members to attend the Pembroke club meeting.

The door prize was won by Mark Wylee and the 50-50 Draw by Ray Kelly.

No Monkey business Here!



HISTORY OF MT. ALBION

PART TWO

Continued from the April issue of the O.N.A. Numismatist.

By Bruce R. Watt, O.N.A. President.

THE GAS

Possibly the first natural gas in the Hamilton area, was at Mount Albion, when the mill was built. Two Irishmen were quarrying rock for the wheel pit, when one stopped in a corner to light his pipe. The match ignited the gas which flared up, singeing his hair, whiskers and clothing. He was terribly frightened and shouted, " Mike, we've broke through to the infernal regions, and the devil is after us for sure. May all the saints preserve us!"

The gas was used for lighting the Mill for 100 years. A flame, 16 inches long burned night and day from the end of an iron pipe. It came from the base of the wheel pit 30 feet below. The odor was unpleasant and wherever it was used, it took the colour out of the sale bills or the wall paper in a short time. It is sulphur gas, only found in this region in small quantities and of no commercial value. At low water, it is seen in the creek bed bubbling up through the water, and can be lit with a match.

There was little or no natural or manufactured gas in Canada at this time. Half a mile down the creek was a spring, a flame of two feet high was burning on a pool of water. It attracted many people at this time. A near by hotel supplied their wants for food, drink and shelter. The stone foundation was there in my childhood days. Close to the spring group of oil and gas men, from Bradford, Penn. in 1884 drilled an eight inch hole 1700 feet deep, but all Messer. Emerson and Haymakers got for their money was experience, a smell of gas, and a taste of salt. Where the adjacent creek crossed Barton Street three miles east of the city there was a salt works farm. Here salt was found in early days, but the quantity was small and the work was given up.

THE STOREHOUSE

This building, well constructed in the distant past, has had a variety of uses. In my childhood days it was a nice dwelling and restaurant, owned and operated by a Mr. Oliver Carpenter and his capable wife and daughter. The property includes the house, the mill dam, the creek and the hill fields beyond, in all, 15 acres.

This storehouse, as it was long called, was built and used for hop kiln. Hops were grown where the city Parks Board now have a fine grove of Scotch Pine trees. The hops were dried on the lattice and jute covered floor of the second story, over wood fires in a big iron stove below. They were then pressed into bales and sold to the brewers for the making of beer.

A mile down the valley was the Ine Vale Farm, part of which is now the Glendale Golf Club course, where hops were produced on a large scale. The vines were grown in hills and grew up cedar poles twelve feet high, where they formed large fluffy clusters of hops. Picking was done every year in late August, by a band of forty or more Indians, men, women and children in picturesque garb from the Six Nation Reserve on the Grand river near Caledonia. They camped on the farm for nearly a month. Their earnings for the time were fifty cents to one dollar a day. Each year the braves gave a tribal dance and every night dancing was held on the floor of the hop house. Young white men would come and dance with the dusky maidens. Thus, for the pickers, it was hops night and day.

In a big law suit over the failure of a brewing company in Hamilton, one lawyer said "we had hopes", when a rival lawyer shouted "What you needed was hops".

THE FALLS

Albion Falls is an interesting and moving sight in March or April when it is in flood or "Spare" as the Scots would say.

The stream has its source in a fine spring at Rymal Station, not far distant. A branch of this creek comes from near Barton Stone Church. The area drained is around a thousand acres. The waterfall is not vertical nor so high as the adjacent Ingles or Buttermilk Falls, that receives its water from the Mt. Hamilton district. The thick ledge of rock on which the water falls is Niagara Lime Stone and underlies the whole country. It is over this ledge that Niagara pours its torrent of water.

Rumours says that lightning struck and shattered this table rock, and hugh pieces of it many feet thick are scattered in the channel below. Doubtless the elements, heat and cold, frost and water have contributed to this end.

In the mill dam above, now partially filled with silt, ice was cut in the winter, and the summer brought boating and bathing. Each spring, when the water is high, river fish or suckers, in large numbers come up from the bay to the foot of the falls, to spawn. When the water recedes, men and boys catch them with dip nets, spears and even with their hands. These fish are from twelve to sixteen inches long. The flesh is white, very soft and filled with bones. However they have been cleaned, smoked and stored for use by the settlers. The traveller who knew this region in its early days and visits it now, sees many changes in all the babbling brook. To him the words of Tennyson ring true:

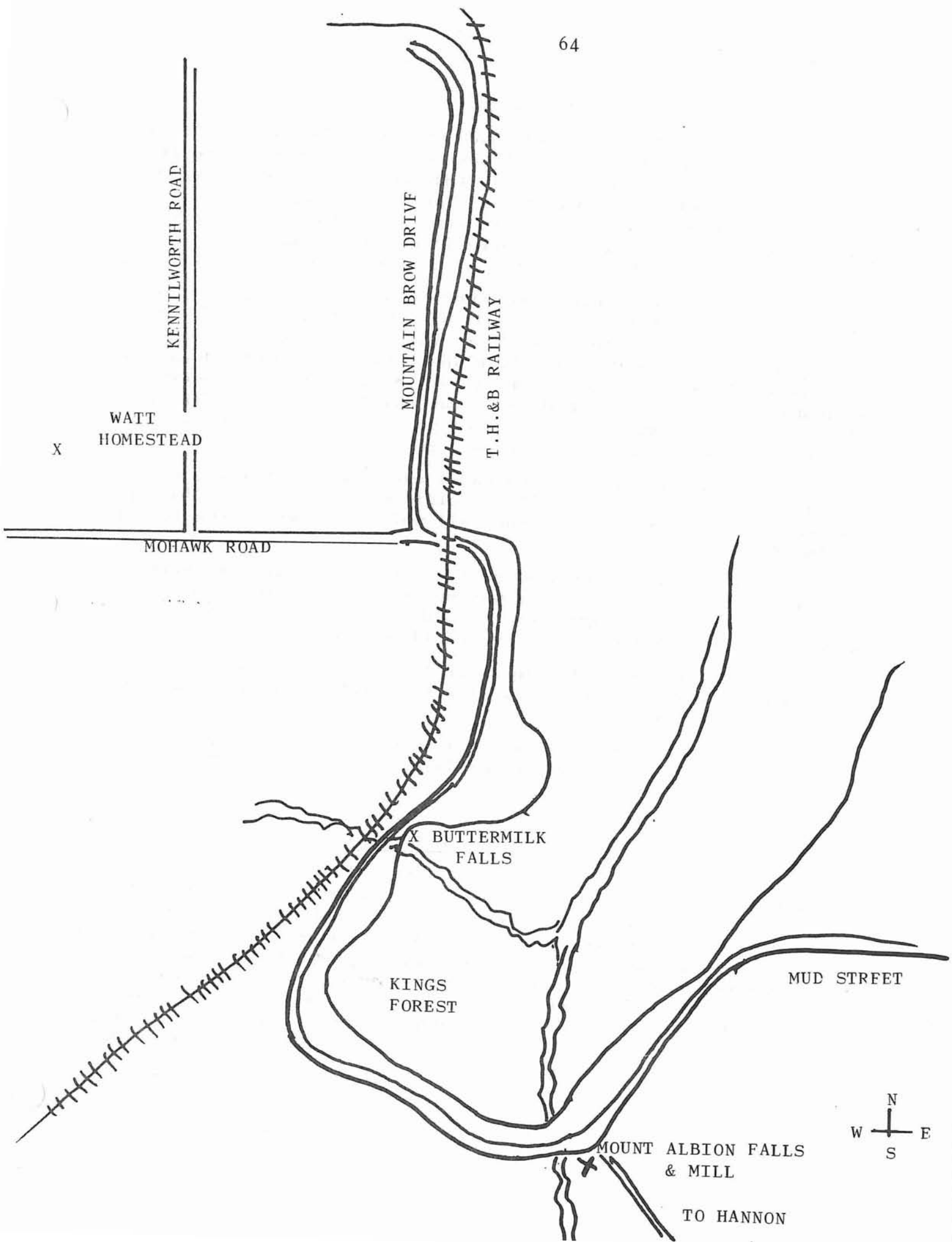
"Men may come and men may go
But I go on forever".

THE LOVER'S LEAP

Opposite the falls, only a very short distance, there is a perpendicular wall of rock one hundred feet high. this is now partially obscured by tall trees that have grown up from the bottom of the gorge. It was from this high point that Jane Reilly, disappointed in love with Joseph Rousseau, flung herself. Hence the name " LOVERS LEAP ". The time was probably the first of the last century. this story has been accepted as true by residents for three generations.

In recent years there was a fatal accident to a young girl when a pick-up truck left the road, went through the fence, and plunged into the valley below. This tragedy was only a few yards from Lover's Leap.

Earlier, in 1907, the miller, Mr. Robert Grassie, my great uncle, a very fine man in character and conduct, met his death by a fall in the wheel pit of the mill, with his passing, the milling business came to an end for all time.



KENNILLWORTH ROAD

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HOMESTEAD

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MOHAWK ROAD

MOUNTAIN BROW DRIVE

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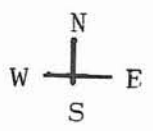
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FALLS

KINGS
FOREST

MUD STREET

MOUNT ALBION FALLS
& MILL

TO HANNON



THE CASTLE

On the hill above and south of the falls, Mr. Wm. Cook a Scotsman and the Welland Canal contractor, about 1840, built a five story stone castle that had fourteen fire places. Ten acres of park lands surrounded the house. There were walls, arbours, pergolas and many kinds of shrubs, fruit and ornamented trees. Two small lakes, each about an acre in extent, connected by a channel and fringed by willow trees, were constructed for boating.

The estate covered four hundred acres of virgin forest and was situated at the cross-roads of four townships; Saltfleet, Barton, Binbrook and Glanford. There was a stream of fine spring water, a lime kiln and a salt-lick where wild deer came. Huge barns were erected for farming on a large scale. The home was supplied with domestic water by a hydraulic ran pumping from a spring on the side of the ravine three hundred yards distance. This spring has never failed and is used by many persons today.

On this property, at an early date, probably 1817, there was a large house used by British soldiers as a barracks. The spot was marked for many years by the tall white chimney of the former building.

This castle commanded a wide range of vision in every direction of rolling hills and waving trees. It stood high above the ravine, now the King's Forest, and gave a wonderful view of a widening valley, Lake Ontario and Burlington Bay.

Time changes all things. In the 1870's the owner died, fire destroyed the barns, the castle was pulled down and the estate lost to the family.

Today, in 1980, all that remains on this show place, are the two little lakes already described.

THE GHOST STORIES

Half a mile down the valley from Albion Falls, two streams join, one from Buttermilk Falls and the other from the Mill Falls, as it was called. Below this point, in days far distant, there was a dam and primitive saw-mill. In a quarrel among the workmen, a man was killed; for fifty years thereafter, his home near-by was said to be haunted. The ghost was frequently reported as seen roaming around the house, flitting through the woods, hovering over the stream, and travelling the roads. years later a wood cutter living in this house spent the day drinking at the Black Horse Tavern at Mt. Albion.

In his absence other men killed a pig for home use, to dress it, they hung it in a tree near their dwelling. This custom is followed to this day. When the tipsy man returned at midnight he saw the ghost, so often heard of, standing under a tree; he was well fortified with spirit and feared not dogs or demons, spooks or banshees. Marching right up to the ghost, he struck it a heavy blow with his fist and broke his right arm.

So endeth the first lesson in ghost stories, of the good old days.

THE PHANTOM TRAIN

At Hannon, a village not far west and south of the Falls, in St. Georges Anglican Cementery, a man named Thomas English was buried in 1876. He was a trackman and while walking on the railway at night, was killed by a passing train. For half a century afterw on summer nights, the lights of the ghost or phantom train that killed Tom English, could be seen moving along the railway line. The residents were quite accustomed to these lights, it was simply the ghost train. My father stated, he dad seen these lights many times in his boyhood.

Now for the cause of this phenomenon. Where this tragedy occurred the railway crossed a depression in the terrain and a large swamp along the twenty mile creek. This bog filled with decaying vegetable matter and rotting timbers gave rise to a gas, known as jack-o-lantern or willow-the-wisp. This marsh gas in balls or globulos, not unlike toy balloons, became luminous in the warm summer night air and was blown by the prevailing south-west winds along the railway line, giving the appearance, at a distance, of the head light of a locomotive and other lights of a train. The deception was remarkable. Today there is no swamp, no woods, no decaying vegetation, no ghosts and no phantom train.

So endeth the second lesson in things that are not what they appear to be. Ma you all sleep in peace this night and wake in joy.

THE END

SHOW AND BOURSE

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