

The Burlington Historical Society
GAZETTE


The Rich Mosaic of Halton

We are honoured to welcome **Keda Edwards Pierre** as our speaker for February. Bringing 35+ years of diversified experience, Keda is a 27-year police vet, socialpreneur, impact producer and ordained minister.

Keda's work includes mental wellness and trauma recovery, JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion) activism, strategic partnership, business and program development, and sustainable community development.

Keda has worked as a frontline and community officer with Toronto Police, former Board President of Women's Health in Women's Hands and Women's Multicultural Resource and Counselling Centre, Founding Member of Immigrant Women in Business, CEO of True2Soul Network (committed to the eradication of gender-based violence), Facilitator and Trainer with Toronto Police Service and TELUS Health (formerly Lifeworks/Morneau Shepell) and CEO of Broken Whole Media Group (amplifying underrepresented voices through Film, TV and Web).



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President's Message *Don Thorpe*

Welcome to my first President's message. I would again like to thank Jane Ann Newson for her service to the BHS.

The Executive Team is looking forward to an active 2024 and will be looking for your support. We are as strong as our membership.

What a great way to start off the year having our Town Crier (David Vollick) as our January guest speaker. We all know how the saying "Don't shoot the messenger" originated along with many other interesting facts.

February.....it is the month of Valentine's Day and Family Day, and it's when we honour Black History Month too. This year, Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) and Ash Wednesday also fall in February.

This year we have an extra day (Leap Year). A leap year is a calendar year that contains an additional day compared to a common year. The 366th day is added to keep the calendar year synchronized with the astronomical year or seasonal year.

February babies are blessed with a wealth of creativity. They like intellectual discussions but abhor shallow people. They are free in spirit. They love travelling and adventures and feel at home with nature.

To celebrate Black History Month, we have invited Keda Edwards Pierre to be our guest speaker. Hope to see you on the 12th.

Trivia Question: Who was Burlington's first mayor?



Vintage valentine card donated by Mark Mclelland

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Social Media Report *Jennifer Kemp*



Do your friends know what a great Facebook page we have? Do you “follow” us?

This month's numbers - Facebook - 1320
Instagram - 452
Twitter-X - 55

Membership Report *Pat Taylor*

Thank you to the 41 people who have renewed their membership for 2024. And welcome again to the 7 new members. I hope all of you enjoy your association with us this year.

If you are one of the 44 from 2022 and 2023 who have not renewed - it's not too late. The membership form is the last page of this newsletter.

Hope to see you soon at one of our monthly meetings.



Archives Report *Joan Downey*

We've received some interesting donations in 2023:

One donation was a large box full of the results of 2 persons' genealogy research. Many of the records are about Burlington's Peart family.

Also we have received a watercolour of 278 Hart Avenue in Roseland. The artist is Burlington's own Anna Pulley. The house isn't there any more and we had no information in the Archives so the additional information that the donor was able to provide was most welcome.



Another interesting addition – Canadian meat ration tokens. Funny but when I think of rationing during wartime I think of England, not Canada.

Donations of this kind are always most welcome. They give us some insight into times past and are much more personal than a newspaper or online article.


Thank you to the donors.

As spring cleaning season fast approaches, have a look for those old photos and documents and think of donating them to your Archives to be enjoyed by everyone. Do you have a photo of you and your friends in front of a favourite Burlington spot? Or maybe a team you were on? Why not share it?

You can just lend it to us to scan and we'll return it to you in good condition.

Our collection grows with input from the citizens of Burlington and their families.

Burlington 1948 from Parke and Parke Canada , Hamilton Ltd. 1948 Almanac

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<i>At our Perfume and Cosmetic Bar</i>				
Exquisite Perfumes Toilet Waters Colognes	Luxuriant Bath Requisites	Protective Creams and Lotions	Smart Make-up for every occasion	Nail Polishes and Accessories
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Pinaud Lilianelle Perfumes, etc. Lilac Vegetal Lotion	Revlon Nail Polishes— Newest and most becoming shades			
PARKE'S GLYCEROID — prevents skin roughness, relieves chapped hands, keeps them soft and smooth.....25c, 50c, \$1.00				
Max Factor Hollywood Make-up	Early American Old Spice By Shulton	Roger and Gallet Sachet Perfumes Fine Soaps		
Parke's Marlborough Cold Cream..... 55c, 85c	Parke's (Borated) Violet Talcum An excellent Dusting Powder.....25c			
Coty — Muguet L'Émeraude — L'Aimaut	Chanel Perfumes and Colognes		Lucien Le Long Sorocco — Carefree	

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<i>- Burlington -</i>		
Often referred to as "Beautiful Burlington."		
The Lakeside Town of Lovely Homes and Gardens		
<p>Burlington enjoys a prominent place in early Canadian history, and particularly in the last generation or so has made most remarkable progress. Modern stores, spacious parks, the historic Anglican Church and grounds, Burlington is surrounded by fertile lands where much of Ontario's produce is grown. The people are friendly, home loving and proud of Burlington.</p>		
BURLINGTON STATISTICS		
INCORPORATED 1914		
Population — 4,731	Now estimated at 5,000	
	Surrounding District — 5,000	
	Total Assessment — \$3,935,971	
Altitude Maximum.....329'	Minimum.....271.7	
Mileage of Streets..... 16	Paved..... 8	
Improved Streets..... 6	Miles Unimproved..... 2	
Miles Streets Lighted..... 16	Miles Paved Walks..... 25	
Miles of Sewer..... 16	Miles Watermains..... 16	
Number Public Parks..... 3	Acreage Public Parks..... 13	
Number of Houses, Apts., etc.....1300	Number of Industries..... 9	
Number of Industries (employing 15 or over)..... 9	Number of Employees in above industries.....631	
Amount of Salaries and Wages paid in industry.....\$955,000.00		
Steam Railways..... 2	Churches..... 7	
Banks..... 2	Public Libraries..... 1	
Public Schools..... 2	Enrolment Public Schools.....750	
High School..... 1	Enrolment High School.....500	
Police Officers..... 4	Firemen..... 30	
Theatres..... 1	Hotels..... 4	
	Chain Stores..... 2	

Canadian Flag Etiquette

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The National Flag of Canada may be flown day and night and does not need to be illuminated when it is flown after sundown.

When flown horizontally, the flag is flown with the maple leaf pointing upwards. When hung vertically, the flag should be placed so that the upper part of the leaf points to the left, from the point of view of the observer facing the flag.

The flag should always be flown on its own flagpole, with the sleeve nearest to the pole. It is improper to fly the national flag with another flag of any type on the same flagpole.

Half-masting is a symbol of loss that is shared by all citizens. The Government of Canada adopted the Rules for Half-masting the National Flag of Canada to ensure a consistent approach for all federal buildings and installations.

The flag should never be used as a tablecloth or seat cover, nor should it be worn as apparel.

The National Flag of Canada should never be dipped or lowered to the ground in salute or to compliment any person or thing.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Flag day is 15th February. In 2024 our flag is 59 years old. (And so is my eldest daughter - Oh no! That can't be!)

A Visit to Little Canada

Alan Harrington

Little Canada is a tourist attraction in Toronto at Dundas & Yonge that features miniature displays of: Canada's East Coast, Quebec, Ottawa and the Golden Horseshoe.

Calling themselves Ontario's #1 attraction, this BHS investigative reporter grabbed his smartphone, hit the trail and went to check it out. Are they what they say? - and more importantly is Burlington well represented?

Took the GO train from Burlington to Union and the subway up to Dundas. I entered the facility and the first tiny model presented is a wee dock with passengers boarding the Maid of the Mist for a tour under the falls.

Wait a second ??... that's the American side. Is this whole experience going to be a lie? Well, no - the tiny boat sails itself over to the Canadian side where we can witness Niagara and all her kitschy glamour on Clifton Hill. Moving along, Niagara-on-the-Lake is next with the Prince of Wales Hotel.

The model lighting changes; from 9 minutes of daylight, to six minutes of night time as the street lights come on. Cars, trucks, subways and trains run over the landscape among little animated fishes and even chickens (which are only about one millimeter high). According to Wikipedia - the set cost over \$20 million, and thousands of hours of modelling. There are sounds and bells, moving waters and barking dogs. The organizers also pay respect to First Nations, Veterans and other social groups in their displays.



Next up is the huge Golden Horseshoe diorama and the moment of truth... is Burlington represented? First sight is the "Around the Bay Road Race" which has run through Hamilton and Burlington almost every year for a century. Then spanning the Burlington Canal, the Skyway Bridge proudly stands along with the orange lift bridge

Among all the other displays: CN Tower, Toronto City Hall(s), the roof-retracting Skydome, Union Station, AGO etc., it can be confirmed that Burlington is well represented.

Except those three local items share their time with Hamilton. Is there anything that is just Burlington's own? Look no further than Easterbrooks' Foot-Long Hotdog stand holding its own. Doing the math (@1/87 scale), a foot long hot dog is 3.5 millimeters in this undersized world. The level of detail is incredible - down to the linoleum tile floor inside Easterbrooks.

It costs about \$35 and I gave Little Canada a ten out of



ten. I will go back later in 2024 when they open their NEW West Coast section.

Photos by Alan Harrington

Here is the website [Little Canada: Home | Toronto \(little-canada.ca\)](http://Little Canada: Home | Toronto (little-canada.ca))

When I got home I completed the survey they send to visiting "Giants" and I suggested they add our WWII Lancaster Bomber flying over mini-Hamilton.

AH

Joseph Brant at AGO

Alan Harrington

One of the models in Little Canada was the Art Gallery of Ontario building - for which I had already bought a ticket to visit - right afterwards. So many art galleries I've been to in the past year: Halifax, New York, Ottawa, Saskatoon, Hamilton and St John's Nfld, so AGO was a natural next stop.

I love Canadian art which has its own style - and I wandered among the Group of Seven, Tom Thompson, Gagnon, Milne, Carr, Colville - and more where they don't put names of the work, nor the artists beside the display.

As I walked along the portraits I recognized a friendly face. Is it????

I had not seen this particular depiction before.... so I had to check the official AGO record and sure enough - it was our beloved Joseph Brant - painted by William Berczy the Elder in 1808.

The AGO does not mention "**Thayendanegea**" - which is odd because when I saw him in the New York museum, he was named Thayendanegea - and they didn't mention Joseph Brant.



Photo by Alan Harrington

William Berczy did the painting we have on our banner with the yellow background which I saw in Ottawa.

Joseph Brant died in 1807 - and I think the poor guy needs a public relations specialist.



How To Make Salt Pork

Contributed by Pat Taylor

Salting was the method most often used to keep meat from going bad.

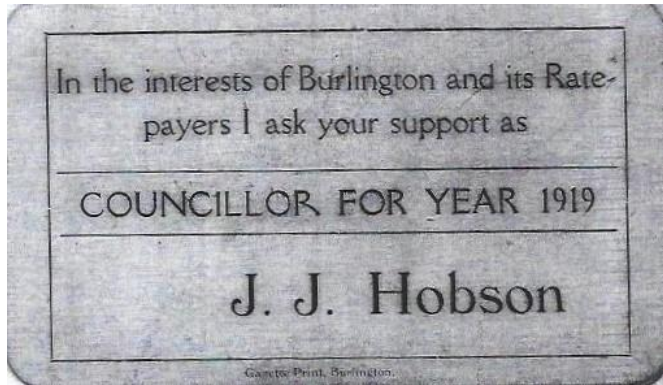
To pickle 100 kg of meat: take 7 kg of salt, 250 g of saltpeter, 2 kg of coarse brown sugar or 2 L of molasses, 500 ml of beer or vinegar and enough water to dissolve the salt. Mix all together and bring to a boil. Remove scum that rises to the top of the liquid. Cool. Pour over the pork. Leave for six to eight weeks, turning and basting every two to three days. From: 'Pioneer Times' BHS reference 2023.18



<https://practicalselfreliance.com/>

Burlington Mayors – Part VI *by Joan Downey*

**John James Hobson (ca. 1861 – 1935)
Mayor of Burlington 1921 & 1922**



John James Hobson served on the town council in 1919. In 1920 he ran for mayor but was defeated by Ellis Hughes Cleaver. In 1921 he tried again. This time he was voted in as mayor with a large majority.

He served in this position for 2 years – 1921 & 1922. Prior to 1921, the mayor's term had been 1 year.

J.J. as he was known, was born in Ireland and came to Canada as a young man. For many years he was in the marble business in Brampton, Whitby & Alliston. This was likely the business of producing headstones and grave markers.

Sometime before 1906 he moved to Hamilton where he met his future wife.



Water Street, ca 1910 – note it is unpaved

J.J. and Thomasina Lester Rutherford were married in Hamilton in October of 1906. At that time his occupation was recorded as Real Estate Agent.

The couple lived in a house at 197 Water Street (Lakeshore Road) in Burlington where they raised four children, John, Sarah, Richard & Thomas.

At some point he was involved in operating the Ideal Stock and Poultry Feed Company, a position which he held until 1930, at which time he was appointed Burlington's Town Clerk and Treasurer, positions which he held until his death.

J.J. died at his home on Water Street on 7th June 1935. He was 69 years of age. The cause of death was carcinoma of the liver. The Town flag flew at half-mast on the day of J.J.'s funeral out of respect.



www.findagrave.org

Thomasina lived until 1968 and died at the age of 90. Both J.J. Hobson & his wife, Thomasina are buried in Hamilton Cemetery.



Trivia Answer – Maxwell Chamberlain Smith was the first Burlington Mayor, serving in 1915 & 1916.



The Burlington Historical Society
Preserving Burlington's History for Today and Tomorrow

Membership - 2024

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

Membership Dues

New Member

Renewal

Family \$40.00

Adult: \$30.00

Senior \$25.00

Yes, as a **new** BHS member I wish to receive the Gazette newsletter and other e-communications and understand I can unsubscribe at any time.

Volunteer

Are you interested in volunteering with the Society? Would you like to help us in preserving the history of our City? Tell us a bit about your talents and interests – info@burlingtonhistorical.ca

Donation

I wish to make a separate donation to the society in the sum of _____
A Tax Receipt will be issued for all donations totalling \$25.00 or more
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