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Important changes have taken place in the archival profession across Canada over the past few months. In this issue, we have highlighted these developments as they have implications for Trent University Archives and for all archival repositories in the country. You will be interested to know about our recent participation in the Internet Archive project. We also extend congratulations to playwright Dave Carley on winning a Playwrights Guild of Canada award, and remember a friend of the Archives, Joyce C. Lewis, who died in April of this year.

New Digitization Endeavour

Trent University Archives and Special Collections recently participated in the Internet Archive open access digitization initiative for public domain material. As with many libraries associated with Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL), we were invited to contribute items from our collection towards this initiative. Situated at the Robarts Library, University of Toronto, Internet Archive has digitized seven items from our collection.

One of the seven items, an unlikely holding for Trent University Archives, is a seventeenth-century, 117-page handwritten journal of the British Parliament. Of international interest, the manuscript is comprised of the proceedings of the British Parliament during the reign of James I.

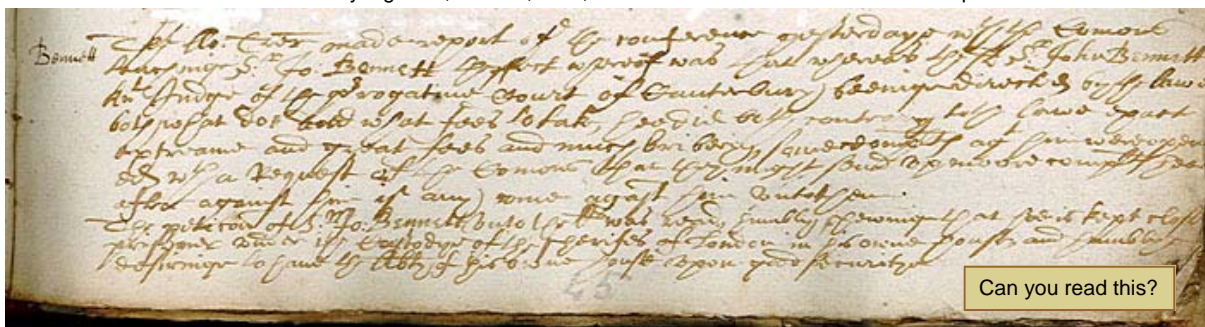


An inscription on the inside cover of the British Journal of Parliament (1620-1621).

Find out more about the original manuscript:
<http://www.trentu.ca/admin/library/archives/02-1004.htm>

Access the digital copy:
<http://archive.org/details/journalofbritish00unse>

While beautifully digitized, the text, itself, will be difficult for some readers to decipher!



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Our Digital Repository—Update

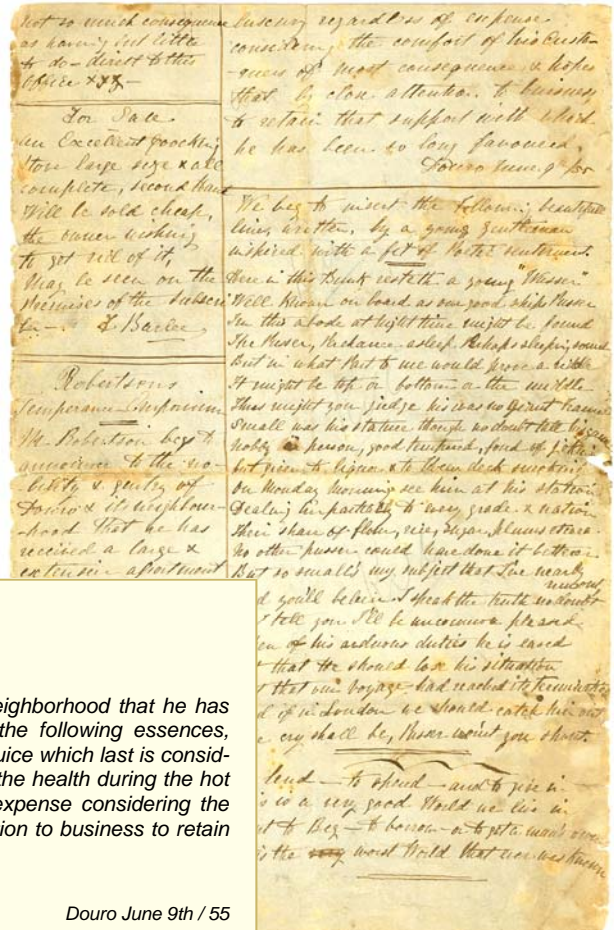
Many readers will know that our holdings include original issues of the *Katchewanooka Herald*. As with the British Parliamentary journal, this handwritten mid nineteenth-century newspaper was recently digitized by Internet Archive. Produced in Lakefield, Ontario by the English-born agricultural students of Samuel Strickland, a brother of authors Catharine Parr Traill and Susanna Moodie, the *Herald* has been available for research in the Archives since 1983. While access to transcriptions of all the issues has been available for several years through the Trent University Archives web site, the newly digitized facsimile copies are a valuable enhancement, especially for researchers who are unable to visit our Reading Room in person.

Access the online transcriptions:

<http://www.trentu.ca/admin/library/archives/83-004.htm>.

Access the digital facsimiles:

<http://archive.org/details/katchewanooka00agri>.



Robertsons Temperance Emporium

Mr. Robertson begs to announce to the nobility & gentry of Douro & its neighborhood that he has received a large & extensive assortment of summer drinks, comprising the following essences, lemon, ginger, peppermint, etc. He has also soda water, lemon Kali, & lime juice which last is considered by the faculty, especially beneficial in purifying the blood & preserving the health during the hot summer. Mr. R. has fitted up his saloon with every luxury regardless of expense considering the comfort of his customers of most consequence & hopes that by close attention to business to retain that support with which he has been long favoured.

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An excerpt and page from the June 11, 1855 issue of the *Katchewanooka Herald*

Five additional items which were digitized by Internet Archive include:

An Autobiographical Sketch / by Captain Charles Rubidge. 1870.

See: <http://archive.org/details/autobiographical00capt>.

The consolidated by-laws of the Municipal Council of the County of Peterborough / compiled by order of Council by a Special Committee composed of Mr. J.B. Pearce, Chairman, and Messrs. W.H. Casement... [et al.]. Peterborough (Ont. : County) Municipal Council. 1900.

See: <http://archive.org/details/consolidatedbyla00unse>.

Prize list of the Central Exhibition under the auspices of the riding societies of east and west Peterborough, South Victoria, East Durham and West Northumberland, and of the Peterborough Horticultural Society, and of the Dummer, Smith, &c., Manvers, Hope and Hamilton Branch Agricultural Societies to be held in the town of Peterborough on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, September 29th and 30th and October 1st. 1875.

See: <http://archive.org/details/prizelistofcent00unse>.

Prize list of the central exhibition 1876, under the auspices of the riding societies of East and West Peterborough, South Victoria, East and West Durham and West Northumberland, and of the Peterborough and Port Hope horticultural societies and of the Smith, & Co., Manvers, Hope, and Hamilton branch agricultural societies. To be held in the Town of Port Hope on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 26th, 27th and 28th... [1876?].

See: <http://archive.org/details/prizelistofcentr00unse>.

Debenture prospectus of the Peterborough Real Estate Investment Company (Limited) Canada... Peterborough Real Estate Investment Company (Limited) Canada. [1879?].

See: <http://archive.org/details/peterboroughreal00robe>.

Important Changes Announced for Archives in Canada

Archives have been in the news in an unprecedented way over the past few months. Federal Government cutbacks, announced on April 30, mean that some of the supporting structures in the profession have been reduced or eliminated. Among the repercussions are reductions or eliminations in staffing and services within the Canadian Council of Archives and provincial and territorial Archival associations, reductions at Library and Archives Canada affecting staff and access to archival holdings, and the elimination of the National Archival Development Program (NADP).

Throughout its history, Trent University Archives has benefited immensely from the support of our province's Archives Advisor, Preservation Consultant, and the ARCHEION Coordinator, all positions within the Archives Association of Ontario, and has been the grateful recipient of grants from a variety of agencies including the Canadian Council of Archives, the Symons Trust Fund for Canadian Studies, and the Academic Innovations Fund. These grants have facilitated the processing of major collections of archival

materials and the purchasing of preservation equipment and supplies, and have been fundamental in providing the financial means to develop and produce online finding aids, subject guides, and exhibits. One of the web exhibits, supported in part through the Canadian Council of Archives, pertains to the life and times of Richard Birdsall Rogers, designer of the Peterborough Lift Lock. Created in 2001-2002, this exhibit was launched as part of the community's celebratory activities surrounding the 100th anniversary of the building of the hydraulic lock. Completed in 1904, the lock has received international acclaim. The web exhibit includes photographs, transcriptions of letters and diaries, and historical context for the papers.

Faced with new challenges in an uncertain financial climate, the archives profession is examining ways in which to continue to set leadership standards throughout the world. The support and interest of the researcher community is an essential ingredient for the future development of the profession.

Supported through the generosity of the Canadian Council on Archives and other funding organizations, Trent University Archives has created several contextualized web exhibits. One of these is dedicated to the life and times of Richard Birdsall Rogers, designer of the Peterborough Lift Lock. Others examples include:

Nursing Sister Helen L. Fowlds (see: <http://www.trentu.ca/admin/library/archives/ffowldswelcome.htm>)

John Beverley Robinson: New Discoveries (see: <http://www.trentu.ca/admin/library/archives/zr2hmpag.htm>)

Women Pioneers in Peterborough County (see: <http://www.trentu.ca/admin/library/archives/zwomhome.htm>)

Richard Birdsall Rogers: Life and Times of a Canadian Engineer

Visit our online exhibit, located at the following URL:

<http://www.trentu.ca/library/archives/zrhomepg.htm>

This web exhibit includes complete transcriptions of all Rogers' diaries and letters; also included are photographs and a textual representation of the life and times of Rogers, husband, father, friend, and engineer. Of additional interest is a sound file of Rogers' daughter, Leah Geale, commenting in an interview in 1964 about opening day. Leah, who was 11 years old at the time of the opening, recalls the pouring rain of that day and the dye from the ribbons of the women's bonnets running down their dresses.

For more information about Rogers, see our online Finding Aid to the Rogers papers:

<http://www.trentu.ca/admin/library/archives/82-022.htm>

Also, a special issue of *Archives News*, published in 2004 in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the building of the world-known hydraulic lock:

<http://www.trentu.ca/admin/library/archives/newsletterindex.htm>

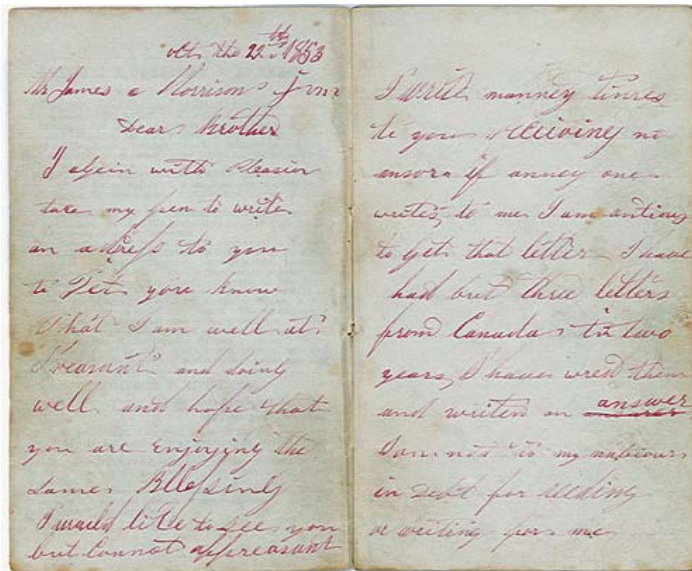
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In Memoriam: Joyce C. Lewis

We were sad to learn of the death of a long-time friend of the Archives, **Joyce C. Lewis**, who died April 29, 2012. Joyce was an expert on the 19th-century Irish immigrant, Frances Stewart, and instrumental in arranging for a significant collection of original Stewart letters to be donated to the Archives by Stewart family members with whom she had met while conducting her research in the 1970s. Joyce was the author of "From Douro to Dublin: the letters of Frances Stewart", an occasional paper published by the Peterborough Historical Society in 1994.

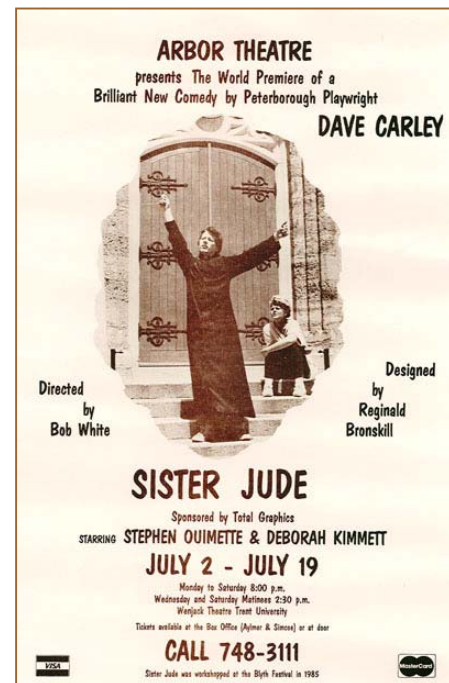
Other donations were made by Joyce in the years that followed; one was a letter written in 1853 by a gold miner living in California (see image below). William Morrison wrote the letter inside a black-covered booklet with the title "Gregory's Express Pocket Letter Book" and sent it to his brother, James Morrison, in Dummer Township. The letter begins: "Dear Brother: I [] with pleasior take my pen to write an adress to you to let you know that I am well at preasant and doing well and hope that you are enjoying the same. Bllessinly I would like to see you but cannot at present. I write manney times to you receiving no ansors if anney one writes to me I am antious to get that letter I have had but three letters from Canada in two years..."

The first two pages of the multi-page letter



Special Notice: Congratulations Dave Carley!

We congratulate Peterborough playwright Dave Carley on receiving the Maggie Bassett Award from the Playwrights Guild of Canada. Carley's papers are located in the Archives and are open for research. They include correspondence and drafts and manuscripts of numerous plays.



Sister Jude, a play by Dave Carley, was performed at Arbor Theatre in Peterborough, Ontario in 1986. The *Sister Jude* poster is one of many included in the papers.

All our newsletters are online:

<http://www.trentu.ca/admin/library/archives/newsletterindex.htm>.

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