



Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum

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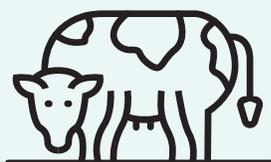
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Preserving the history of the southern Little Claybelt Region 1880s to 1950s.



The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum is dedicated to preserving the cultural heritage of South Temiskaming through the collection of artifacts and documentation that focuses on the settlement history of the Little Claybelt.

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Spring is almost here.

We are hopeful for some sort of summer opening this year. We have applied for funding to employ summer students and hope to hear back from Service Canada on this before too long. If all goes according to plan, we will receive funding to purchase a plexiglass barrier for our front entrance desk. This barrier, along with the required mask protection, will protect both the visitors to the museum and employees of the museum.

The COVID-19 pandemic prevented the museum from holding our annual yard sale both in the spring and fall of 2020. In order to do some fund-raising, a virtual online yard sale was set up on our Facebook page in early February. Thank you everyone who purchased items and supported the museum.



As a follow-up to our last newsletter story of the New Liskeard Public Library, in this newsletter we are including a short history on the life of Dr. J. D. McNaughton.

Dr. John Duncan McNaughton



BORN 1866 – DIED APRIL 17, 1921

Dr. McNaughton came to New Liskeard in 1906, although he had visited the area in 1901. He brought with him his horse called Togo.

Togo was Dr. McNaughton's driver of the buggy and the sleigh. He travelled countless miles with Dr. McNaughton sometimes fast asleep. The horse never got into any serious trouble, most generally taking Dr. McNaughton back home safely.

According to the Hanbury Tweedsmuir History, Dr. McNaughton had farm property nearby but lived in New Liskeard. No days were ever too cold or no hour too late for him to answer a call. Sometimes the only sleep he got was on the road behind his faithful and trustworthy horse Togo.

Some of the doctor's calls would take him as far west as Kenabeek and Osseo, or five or six miles west of Earlton. He made calls to homes of sick people in town and in the country. He did his office work and hospital work. His days were full up, twenty-four hours a day.

Dr. McNaughton died of bronchial pneumonia, an illness he always said he dreaded, on April 17, 1921. He is buried in the Valleyview Cemetery in New Liskeard.

In 1925, in memory of Dr. McNaughton, a public drinking fountain and bronze likeness of him was erected at the (former) New Liskeard Public Library. The memorial was generously subscribed for by all who knew him to express their heartfelt thanks for his life of strenuous willing service.



DRINKING FOUNTAIN

Death of Dr. McNaughton

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The death of Dr. John Duncan McNaughton which occurred Sunday night cast a gloom over the town and throughout the surrounding country. The Doctor never refused to attend a patient no matter the distance, how bad the roads, nor how inclement the weather. Dr. McNaughton's name truly is a household word in many a home in New Liskeard and in all parts of the district within thirty miles and more of the town. Death was due to bronchial-pneumonia.

Dr. A. C. Farlinger, the late Doctor's assistant, was away when the Doctor became ill but promptly returned when acquainted with the fact and was with the deceased at the time of death.

The late Dr. McNaughton was born in Kingsville, Essex County, and came to New Liskeard in 1906. The deceased was a graduate of Toronto and Victoria Universities and practiced at Glenallan before coming North. Here he established an exceedingly large practice, and there is little doubt but that he over-taxed his physical energies in his endeavor to relieve and help those who suffered.

The early part of the week of the Doctor's death he had an exceedingly difficult drive north to a patient in a serious condition. He drove many miles through the night of cold and rain, the exposure being longer owing to a bridge washed out. He was some 18 hours driving. When he arrived home to go to bed, he himself was in a serious condition with a high temperature.

The deceased was but fifty-five years of age. In addition to the medical practice, the deceased was greatly interested in farming and carried on this branch quite extensively. For many years the late Doctor was Chairman of the local School Board.

The town flag is flying at half-mast in honor of the departed one, and all business places are closing from two to three o'clock Thursday afternoon during the funeral. The funeral will take place from the family residence today (Thursday), where services will be held at 2 o'clock. Interment to take place at New Liskeard Valleyview Cemetery.

Of the immediate family there are left the widow and one daughter and one son. The sorrowing family have the sincerest sympathy of many friends throughout Temiskaming.

Grocery stores from the early years of New Liskeard

As pioneers settled in our area, enterprising entrepreneurs open various types of businesses including grocery stores.

Our newest display features the history and photographs of some of the grocery stores from the early years of New Liskeard. On display is advertising, artifacts, and calendars from some of these businesses.

Below is a photo of the store which belonged to John Wilson who purchased it in 1896 from a Mr. Monaghan.

The store was located at the corner of May and Murray Streets on the north side of the Wabi River. Mr. Wilson owned this store for several years before it was sold in 1903.



Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum Fund

The Temiskaming Foundation

The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum Fund is a fund administered by the Temiskaming Foundation. Income from the fund is used to support the programs and operations of the museum. If you care about and want to help sustain the work of the Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum, consider planned giving as an option. A bequest in your Will can provide your estate with tax benefits while continuing to support this museum. Please contact The Temiskaming Foundation at 705-647-1055.



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Catch the Ace 4 History

Catch the Ace 4 History is a local lottery benefiting four local museums, with the municipal license obtained by The Bunker Military Museum of Cobalt. In an agreement with the Haileybury Heritage Museum, Latchford House of Memories and the Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum in New Liskeard, all four museums share the responsibility of selling tickets and also equally share the proceeds. As well as the museums, multiple businesses in our local municipalities generously sell our tickets and we appreciate and thank them

for their support. Also, a big "Thank You" goes out to all who purchase our tickets.

