



# Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum

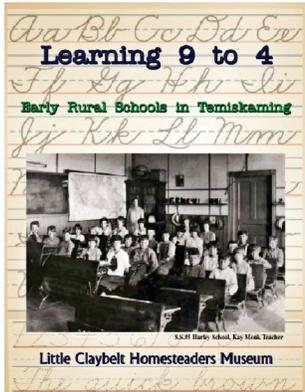
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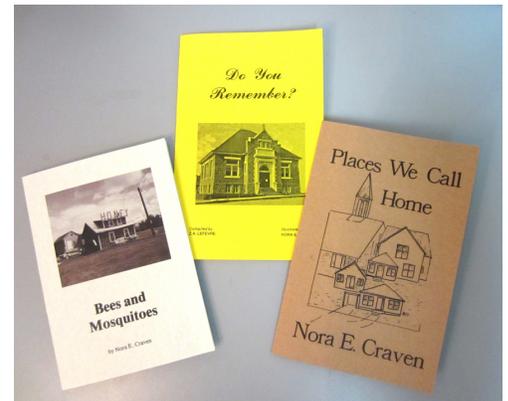
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Dear Friends:

Despite a late opening in June because we did not receive confirmation of summer students in a timely manner, we finally did receive three students and remained open until the Labour Day weekend. Sponsored by the Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum, one of our summer students entered the Harvest Queen Pageant at the New Liskeard Fall Fair and was named First Princess. The truck lent to us for the occasion was an eye-catching float in the Fall Fair parade, and our thanks goes to Bill Mathews. The Ontario Federation of Agriculture turned over the Graydon Bowman kiosk to the museum. We have utilized it for much needed storage space.



Also completed in 2017 was the publication of our latest book, *Learning 9 to 4*, a history of some 63 rural public schools in our area. Currently we have three small books with illustrations, written by Nora E. Craven, being reprinted. These will be for sale in our gift shop this coming summer season.



Two new exhibits were completed in 2017, one on logging and one celebrating Canada 150. The Canada 150 exhibit will be removed this year and replaced by a display celebrating that vanishing piece of clothing, The Apron. The large clothing display will also be taken down and replaced with an exhibit of articles of communication from the past such as radios and phonographs, etc. Be sure to stop by and see it next summer.

The Board of Directors held eleven meetings in 2017 and many Monday mornings were also work times for new exhibits, repairs and planning. The museum again this year participated in the Earlton Steam Show, New Liskeard Fall Fair and Culture Days. We held two successful yard sales and a bazaar and bake sale. The museum greatly appreciates the help of our volunteers at our events and with the gardens around the Museum.

We really need more Directors for our Board. Some new volunteers would certainly bring some more vitality and new ideas. Meetings are Monday mornings once a month for an average of ninety minutes. If you could spare that much time, your Museum would certainly benefit.

This year's annual meeting will be held on February 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the museum. Please try to attend and help us. Enclosed in this mailing are a membership renewal form and a list of our publications.

Margaret Villneff, President

*It's your Museum and we can't do it without your support.*