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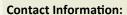




Get ready for April showers with these "Deluxe Puddlers"!

These ladies' rain boots from our collection are size 7. Puddlers were made of "exclusive long wearing polylastic", which was a very stretchy, waterproof rubber.

Polylastic was originally produced by Concord Rubber Limited in Lachine, Quebec. These boots are indeed, very light and the rubber is quite soft and stretchy.



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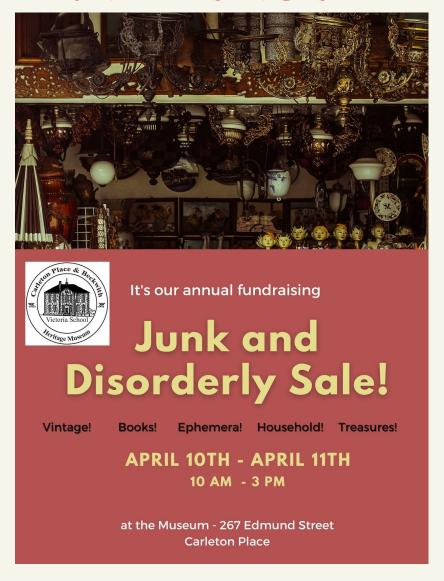






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FUNDRAISING SALE



Members!

We're opening the sale early FOR MEMBERS ONLY!!

Members can shop Friday, April 9th 10 am - 3 pm for first pick!

It's time for our annual "Junk and Disorderly" sale!!!

(We get so many smiles and compliments on this name - it was the brainwave of longtime supporter Wendy LeBlanc!)

These sales traditionally bring in close to \$1,000 for the museum. That's a BIG help, especially this year when our revenue is down. All items are generously donated by our members, and members of the community. We never know what will come in and are always surprised at the really neat things that appear and are available to buy!

Longtime volunteer Carol Miller is a whiz at sorting and organizing the donated goods into themed tables and has been busy polishing, fluffing and creating beautiful displays in our Foss Room.

Be sure to stop in and shop for all sorts of treasures including books, decor, household items and vintage! This sale will be held indoors with Covid safety measures in place. Limit of 8 shoppers at one time. Cash preferred. Masks mandatory.

HAPPY EASTER!



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HARRINGTON'S HEN HOUSE

Excerpts from the memoirs of Tony Percy (1918—2003)

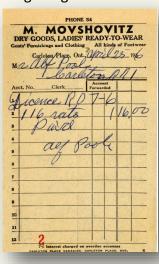
Our neighbours on the corner of Town Line and Lanark Street, Fred and Rae Harrington, used to keep hens in a house at the back of their lot, near our house. One afternoon returning home from shopping, Ella noticed a rat at the kitchen door. She mentioned this to me and we decided that it must have come from the hen house on the other side of the fence. Fred and I decided to look inside the hen house after dark with flashlights. You should have seen the rats on the floor and roosting with the hens! On closer inspection there were holes in the floor

where the chicken feed was getting through onto the straw below. There was no problem seeing this as the hen house sat on eight inch cement blocks.

Belonging to the pistol club at that time, I decided to have some target practice one evening! I loaded the pistol, a supermatic, high standard, 22 calibre target pistol and got out a bushel basket. Fred poked a stick under the hen house and I started shooting the rats as they scurried out. Before I was finished I had the basket nearly full. George MacDonald, one of the town policemen, lived a block away and I asked him the next night if he had heard any shooting in

hadn't, so we tried it another night and half filled a metal garbage can!

the neighbourhood. He





Max Movshovitz paid good money for furs brought into his store.

This receipt to Alf Poole, dated April 25, 1956, was for 116 rats! Alf was paid \$1 a head, for a total of \$16.00 on the deal.



HOUSE HISTORIES!

Almost every week the Museum gets a call or email asking "Can you tell me about the history of my house?" With so many people moving to town and purchasing older homes, there seems to be a new level of curiosity about the houses and the people that lived there previously.

We do often have vintage photos, or images from various maps in our collection, and are happy to share them. If we know who lived in the home we can search our database by the family name and sometimes even have entire photo albums or diaries!

Sometimes, our resources reach a wider audience. Early in March, Curator Jennifer got a call from her friend Noelle. Noelle volunteers for the London branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, researching the history of homes in that city. Her current project was a house that was purchased by a family from Carleton Place in the 1940s! Did we have any information?

We did! Thanks to a sizable donation of items from the Dolan family by Betty McLeod in 2012, we know that **John Henry Dolan** and his family moved from Carleton Place to London in 1943 and purchased a home at 1020 Waterloo Street. John (1875 - 1955) graduated from Queen's University in 1897 and was a teacher of Latin and History. He and his wife Laura moved to London when John accepted a position of Principal at Sir Adam Beck Collegiate.

Isn't it a small world!?!

John Henry's father was also named John. He and wife Letitia emigrated from England to Almonte in 1873. John eventually found work as Superintendent with the Bates and Innes Woolen Mill in Carleton Place. On the day of the family's move, 9 year old John Jr. and his 10 year old sister Lil were sent to Carleton Place on the morning train with a broom, a mop, and a pail with the task of cleaning the log house where the family was to live! The rest of the family made their way to town later in the day by horse and wagon, with all their furniture and possessions piled high.



Be sure to check out our "Then and Now" photo album on our facebook page. We're constantly adding new sets of photos featuring Carleton Place homes of the past and present day.



Dolan Family
Carleton Place, 1895
Back row: William Franklin, George Robert,
Sarah Jane, John Henry
Middle: James Samuel, Letitia, Caroline
Frances, John Sr., Eliza
Front: Annie Maria, Edith Eleanor









