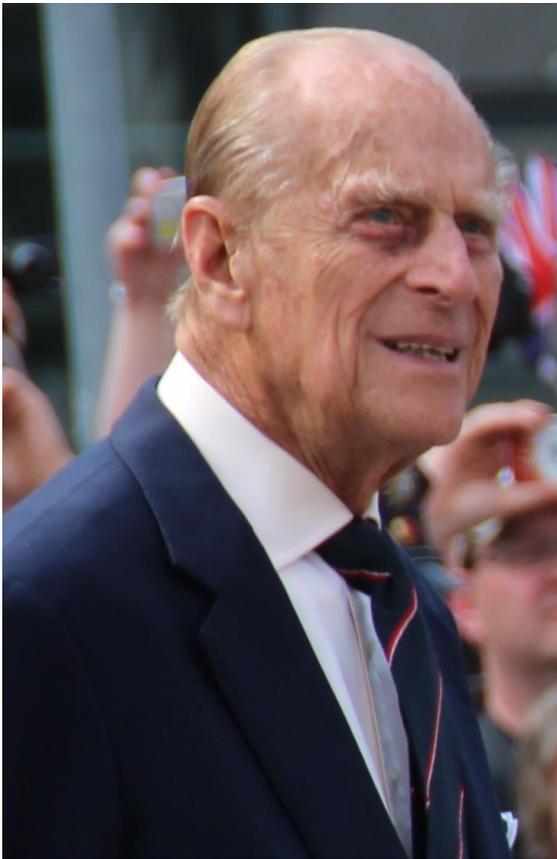


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Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II, dies aged 99

By Star wire services, Fri., April 9, 2021

THE DEATH OF PRINCE ALBERT

-*York Herald*, 3 January 1862

By the *Niagara* we received a brief announcement that Prince Albert was dead. The melancholy event took place about 11 o'clock, on the night of the 14th December, and caused a most profound sensation throughout England. ..

PRINCE ALBERT'S DEATHBED

HIS LAST MOMENTS AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS DISEASE

(From the *London Times* Dec. 16)

The news of the serious illness of the late Prince Consort alarmed and amazed all England on Saturday. To the attentive readers of the *Court Circular*, it was only known that his Royal Highness was slightly indisposed, and the royal bulletin which on Saturday announced that his illness had taken an unfavourable turn spread dismay and astonishment throughout the country. Then, all at once, the fearful affliction which threatened her Majesty was seen, and on every side information as to the state of his Royal Highness health was sought for with intense eagerness....

-*Durham Standard*, Canada West, 10 January 1862 p.1



For A Leisurely Drive Take This Fifth Line

By Harvey Carrell, *The Telegram*, Toronto, 6 October 1965, p77

Ontario is crisscrossed with a close network of gravel township roads. They were laid out to give access to farm homes but can also provide some interesting leisurely driving for the motorist who'll leave the highways and take the trouble to seek them out. Some of them ramble on and on for many miles through beautiful and varied country.

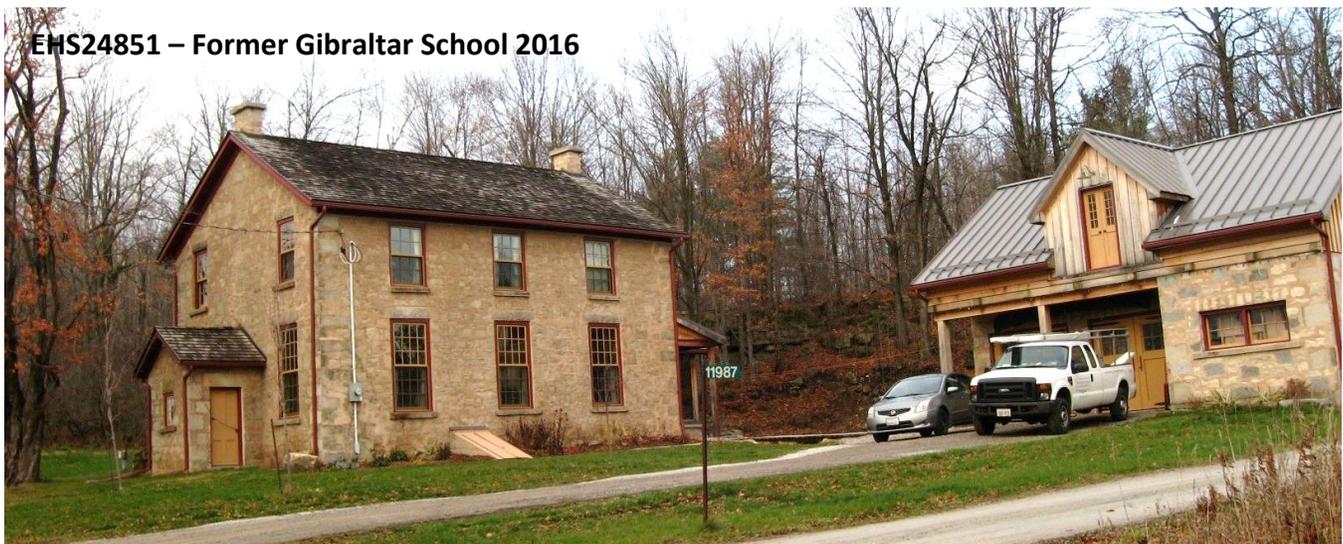
I'm thinking of one road in particular. It starts out near **Hornby**, about 15 miles west of Metro Toronto, as the Fifth Line of Esquesing township and runs northwestward for 32 miles. Eventually it runs into Highway 9 not far from the village of Grand Valley, west of Orangeville.

AUTUMN DRIVE

If you're looking for a Thanksgiving weekend drive that will take you into the hills where autumn colour flourishes, you might try this Fifth Line road... Drive it at a gentle pace. It's not a high-speed road. Stop now and then in small communities and ask about the country you're travelling through. Perhaps you'll some day want to become a full or part-time resident in it...

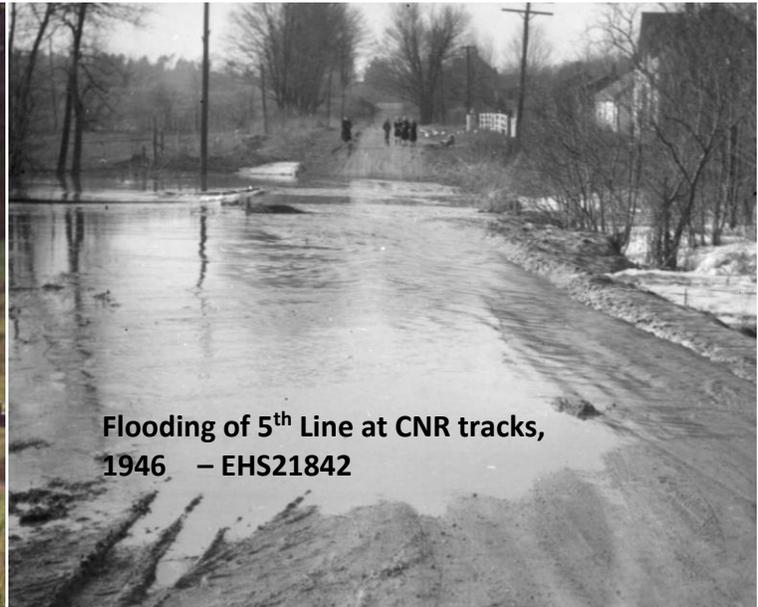
COUNTRY ROAD

Turn left on the crossroad at Hornby and go west just under two miles to the third road on your right. On the way you'll pass the Hornby Community Park. Look for a sign at the third road identifying it as the Fifth Line of Esquesing...





11212 5th Line, 1996.
EHS10326



Flooding of 5th Line at CNR tracks,
1946 – EHS21842

At first, you'll find the country fairly flat. This is because you're on the Peel plain, a great clay bed laid down beneath glacial meltwaters which were ponded between the Niagara escarpment and the retreating ice to the east at the end of the last glacial age. As you drive north, you'll see the limestone face of the Niagara escarpment to your left.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Here are some other points of interest in a mileage table...from the point where you turned up the Fifth Line.

Stump Fence 6th Line, 1995. EHS11180

Three Miles – Stump fences on both sides of the road.



Five miles – Cross CNR Toronto bypass line, hills begin north of here and soil becomes red.

Eight miles – Village of Limehouse: jog to the right over iron bridge and then to the left to continue north.

Nine miles – Note white paint blazes of Bruce Trail along road; it follows road for half a mile here.

**Lot 12 Con. 5, 1991.
EHS12147**



10 miles – Cross Highway 7; stop at pioneer graveyard. Oldest stone is that of Jonathan Worden, died 1836.



Lot 16, Con. 6, 1990. EHS10511



Former Limehouse Manse, 1917. EHS20982



Limehouse Memorial Hall, 1988. EHS11192



Iron Bridge, 1988. EHS11191



5th Line & Highway #7, 1988. EHS10717

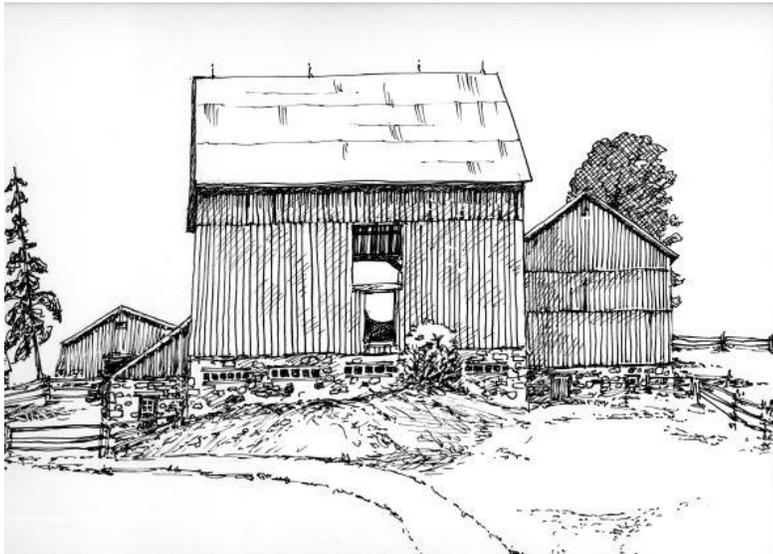
Worden Cemetery, Highway #7 & 5th Line, 1988. EHS10718

11 miles – Restored log house on left.
14 miles – Beautiful hill country. Just north of here enter Erin township. Watch for boulder fences, beautiful views across the hills.

Kirkpatrick Lane, c.1912 EHS16596

18 miles – Cross Highway 24.
19 miles – Coningsby: school house; turn left.
22 miles – Cedar Valley with roadside ponds.
25 miles – Jog left at townline road then north again. Our road has become 12th line of





Barn, 5th Line, north of Wellington Road #124, Erin Township, 1992. EHS26032

East Grafraxa.

30 miles – Cross Grand River

31 miles – Stop sign; continue north on a main gravel road.

32 miles – Highway 9;

Here I suggest you turn right, go along No. 9 five or six miles and then turn right down one of the back roads and work your way

south and east to Highway 10, or you might follow No. 9 eastward through Orangeville to Highway 50 or 27 and then south.



Thirty of Harvey Currell's favourite trips, selected from the 381 Town and country Trips he has written for *The Telegram*, have now been included in a

book, *Thirty Trips Around Ontario*, published by *The Telegram*.

Detail of barn north of Wellington Road #124 on 5th Line, Erin Township 1992. EHS26035



Coningsby School, Erin Township, 7 October 1975. Photographer, Gordon Couling. Wellington County Museum and Archives, slide 2580, photographer Gordon Couling



ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

EHS meetings for 2021 have been cancelled for the winter and spring.
We will try to re-book our speakers as soon as feasible.

Your EHS Executive:

Stephen Blake	905	877-8251	President
Steve McNamara	519	856-1242	Treasurer
Karen Hunter	905	877-7363	Secretary
J. Mark Rowe	905	877-9510	Archivist
Jan Raymond	905	877-9172	Social
David Borrett	905	702-0737	Membership
Ray Denny	905	877-3890	Publications
Dawn Livingstone	905	877-6506	Consultant

All inquiries can be sent to:

esquesinghs@gmail.com

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBOUR TO BECOME A MEMBER!

EHS ARCHIVES – Repositories of local history

Our Archives have existed since 1982, thanks to support from Halton Hills Library. Many families have deposited family photos and papers with us and we now get inquiries from far and wide. One family donated albums belonging to great-grandparents and now great-grandchildren have been able to get copies. Since we are well-established other institutions send us relevant items, just like we pass on items to more suitable institutions. Here are a few samples of World War I photos from this area that were donated to the Courtney Museum in British Columbia. We would appreciate any information you might have.



Thanks for supporting the Esquesing Historical Society!



Society Notes

INTERNET CONNECTIONS

<http://esquesinghistoricalsociety.com/> Note the new website address. Send your e-mail to esquesinghs@gmail.com

EHS NEWSLETTER

John Mark Rowe prepared this newsletter with a submission from Rob Burnett. Please consider an electronic newsletter sent to your e-mail address. Not only will you save the Society postage, you get to see the colour pictures!

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 68 members for 2020 and 46 paid 2021 members. Our membership year runs from February. Your membership for 2021 is past due and this will be **your last newsletter**. The individual membership rate is \$20. The family or institution rate is \$25. The EHS is still very happy to accept personal cheques from our members. Please note that all cheques must be made payable to "Esquesing Historical Society", fully spelled out. Membership fees can be mailed to our post box or dropped off at the home of any executive member (see previous page).

CANADIANA ON-LINE

<http://online.canadiana.ca/search>

ARCHIVES OF ONTARIO

www.archives.gov.on.ca

EHS ARCHIVES

The Halton Hills Public Library are closed for the third lockdown, shutting access to the EHS Archives. We will still attempt to help people with e-mail inquiries.

Mohawk College has once again made use of the EHS to help students in their Library Technician Diploma placements. Adding photographs from the EHS photo collection to Halton Images has been the remote task assigned to three students. Sarah Hughes, Krista Harkins and Kate Sims have all been adding photos and their descriptions to the on-line resource, starting on 1 April. Have a search for new photos and let Mark Rowe know of any areas needing attention.

EHS HISTORY PRIZE

The EHS will once again offer a \$200 prize for

outstanding history results to graduates of Georgetown High School, Christ the King Secondary School and Acton High School. Archivist Mark Rowe completed an interview with consultants in April for the Halton Heritage Services at Kelso (Halton Museum). They will make recommendations to Regional Council on the new five-year plan for the HHS.

Jan Raymond, our faithful refreshment coordinator is looking for an assistant next season. Let her know if you're available.

HERITAGE HALTON HILLS

Heritage Halton Hills is currently working towards the designation of the Kirkpatrick house and blacksmith shop in Limehouse. The EHS is pleased to continue our partnership in providing images for use in the *Independent Free Press*.

HALTON-PEEL OGS

<https://haltonpeel.ogs.on.ca/>

All winter 2021 meetings will be virtual.

DEVEREAUX HOUSE

Ann Lawlor at ann@devereauxhouse.ca

HALTON HILLS SPORTS MUSEUM

<http://haltonhillssportsmuseum.blogspot.ca/>

The Museum is currently closed. The Museum has cancelled the 2021 Hall of Fame Awards and Gala.

L.M. MONTGOMERY MUSEUM

The L.M. Montgomery Museum & Literary Centre, Norval, has a consultant preparing a feasibility study on constructing a visitors' centre next to Manse in Norval.

STREETSVILLE HIST. SOCIETY

The Leslie Log Cabin at 4415 Mississauga Road is closed until further notice and all meetings for 2020 were cancelled.

BRAMPTON HIST. SOCIETY

Heart Lake Presbyterian Church at 7:15.

All meetings are postponed.

MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society meets in the Waldie Blacksmith Shop at 16 James Street at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

OAKVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

<https://www.oakvillehistory.org/>

All activities are suspended.

NASAGIWEYA HIST. SOCIETY

info@nasagiweyahistoricalsociety.com

All meetings are postponed.

TRAFALGAR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

All events at former Palermo Schoolhouse, 2431 Dundas Street West, Oakville are cancelled.

TERRA COTTA HALL

Terra Cotta Community Hall rentals: Contact Kathy Atkinson at

terracottaeventbooking@gmail.com

LOCAL DIGITAL RESOURCES

Our Digital World, host of Halton Hills newspapers, Halton Images and Halton News hosts newspapers from across Ontario. You can start searching at:

<https://ourdigitalworld.net/>

OSCAR PETERSON HERITAGE MINUTE

The *Heritage Minutes* collection is a bilingual Canadian legacy project comprised of 60-second short films, each depicting a significant person, event or story in Canadian history.

They are produced by [Historica Canada](#), a not-for-profit organization. First released in 1991, the *Heritage Minutes* have been shown on television, in cinemas and online, and have become a part of Canadian culture. Today, the collection includes 90 episodes. The Oscar Peterson Minute was released in February 2021.

REQUEST FOR ARBOR DAY INFO

By the 1920s, Arbor Days seemed to be a common action for Ontario Public Schools each April. Although the details of what happened at each school are no longer available, a small bit of the impact of those activities may still remain. If any of the EHS members can recall spending an April school day involving Arbor Day, we would like to hear about that. We are mainly interested in the local schools of Esquesing and Chinguacousy but recollections from anywhere are welcome. We would like to know what places were involved and the year(s) if possible. Please contact Bill McIlveen at wmcilveen@sympatico.ca if you can add any information.

SIX WAYS TO ‘REBOOT YOUR BRAIN’ AFTER A HARD YEAR OF COVID-19 – ACCORDING TO SCIENCE

by Barbara J. Sahakian, Christelle Langley & Jianfeng Feng, 31 December 2020

1. Be kind and helpful

Kindness, altruism and empathy can affect the brain. One study showed that making a charitable donation activated the brain’s reward system in a similar way to actually receiving money. This also applies to helping others who have been wronged.

Volunteering can also give a sense of meaning in life, promoting happiness, health and wellbeing. Older adults who volunteer regularly also exhibit greater life satisfaction and reduced depression and anxiety. In short, making others happy is a great way to make yourself happy.

2. Exercise

Exercise has been linked with both better physical and mental health, including improved cardiovascular health and reduced depression...

3. Eat well

Nutrition can substantially influence the development and health of brain structure and function.

4. Keep socially connected

In 2021, be sure to keep up with family and friends, but also expand your horizons and make some new connections.

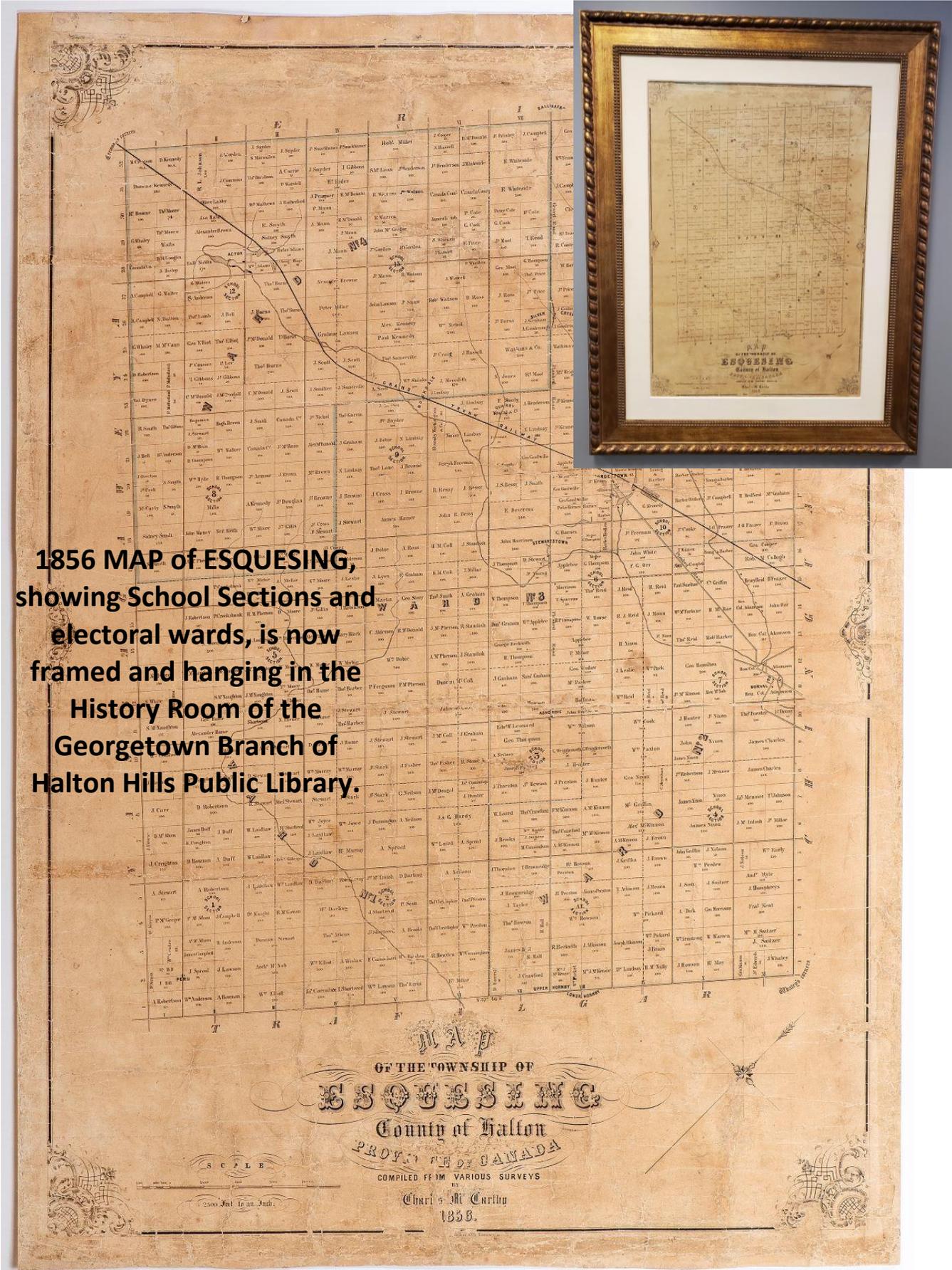
5. Learn something new

The brain changes during critical periods of development, but is also a lifelong process... A large review of the literature suggested that mentally stimulating leisure activities increase brain-reserve, which can instil resilience and be protective of cognitive decline...

6. Sleep properly

If you have the optimal quantity and quality of sleep, you will find that you have more energy, better wellbeing and are able to develop creativity and thinking.

Excerpts from [theconversation.com](#) 14 Jan. 2020



1856 MAP of ESQUESING, showing School Sections and electoral wards, is now framed and hanging in the History Room of the Georgetown Branch of Halton Hills Public Library.

“To collect, preserve and publicize the history of Esquesing”

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

READ T. C. Watkin's advertisement.

MR. NARRAWAY'S school will re-open on Monday next.

MASONIC.—R. C. of St. Clair Lodge. Milton, next Thursday evening, 1st June.

THE GLEN.—The new Hall in Glenwilliams, was opened last evening with a concert.

IMPROVEMENTS.—The Town Fathers in Georgetown are laying down new sidewalks and otherwise mending their ways.

READINGS.—The five cent readings in Georgetown are very well patronized. The "aristocrats" pay ten cents for reserved seats.

possible satisfaction. His qualifications for the office are undoubted and his private character is irreproachable. The appointment of Rev. Francis Tremayne, M.A. and Nelson Burns, M.A. to the office of Examiners will also give satisfaction. Both the gentlemen have every qualification for the office and no doubt the teachers of the County will be pleased with the selection made by Council.

GEORGETOWN FAIR – The monthly cattle fair at Georgetown was held last Friday, and attracted a large crowd to the town. Fair prices, we are told, were given and considerable stock changed hands.

PIC-NIC – A pic-nic is to be held in the grove on lot No. 5, 7th line Esquesing, on Friday, 23rd inst., commencing at 2 p.m. The Norval Brass Band will be present, and a choice selection of recitations, vocal and instrumental music and speeches will be given. A cordial invitation is given to all.

(*Canadian Champion*, 15 June, 1871)

150 YEARS AGO - 1871

ROBBERY IN ACTON - Last Friday, in absence of Mr. John Ahern, of the Royal Exchange Hotel, Acton, his house was entered and about \$900 taken. (*Canadian Champion*, 25 May, 1871 – Also see excerpt at left.)

THE INSPECTOR AND EXAMINERS

At the last meeting of the County Council Mr. Robert Little, of Acton, was unanimously appointed to the office of Inspector of Public Schools for this County with the liberal allowance of about \$1200 per annum. While we heartily congratulate Mr. Little on his appointment to this honourable position, and wish him a long and honourable tenure of the office, we also desire to felicitate the Council on the excellent appointment they have made. Mr. Little has been successfully engaged in teaching in this County for the last twenty years and has always given the greatest



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