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The Perth and District Historical Society March 20, 2025 Meeting: Canadian, eh?

Since the issues which generated the topic for our meeting originally planned for February 20 continue to plague Canada, our meeting for March 20, 2025, will carry on with the same theme. That is, we will take a brief look at our shared border and historic relationship with the United States of America.

This relationship along with settling the various border disputes over the centuries has been intertwined with periods of reciprocal trade and shared interests and goals. Along the way, communities like that of Perth and area were founded and prospered. And so, this March meeting will endeavour taking a brief look at the history of the some of those issues from which Our Canada evolved and our boundaries were established.

The present period is not the first time that the United States of America has coveted the northern part of the North American continent with a desire to own all. While not the only reason for US action against Britain in 1812 when American forces invaded the British colonies, it is the principal example of their intent of taking control of British North America. The result was the bloody conflict of the War of 1812 to 1814. At the end, British North America stayed intact and the Americans retreated to their own lands. That action produced settlements near the border with residents loyal to the Crown - “Military Settlements” which included the Town of Perth among other areas. In essence though, the history with United States actions against the northern British colonies go as far back as 1775 with some of the first acts of rebellion against the British Crown and then extend well past the era of the War of 1812. In fact, some border points are still unresolved.

For the evening and in honour of the topic, we suggest you show your Canadianism with pride.

The Perth and District Historical Society is dedicated to learning about and popularising our history and is a forum for discussion and celebration of our area’s rich culture and heritage. The meetings are held the third Thursday of the month and are open to the public, at 7:30 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion, Perth-Upon-Tay, Branch 244, home of the Hall of Remembrance, 26 Beckwith St. E. in Perth. The usual “Toonie Fee” applies for each meeting. For information, contact Ellen Dean at 613-264-8362. Our website at www.perthhs.org has additional information about us and items of interest related to Perth and district.

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