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COMMANDA GENERAL STORE MUSEUM

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# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD MEMBERS

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What a gorgeous, crisp October morning that I am writing this message. Hello again dear friends and neighbours. Speaking of neighbours, last month I mentioned our neighbours the Commanda Community Centre and this month I want to give a big shout out to our other neighbour, Forest and Farm. Oh my, have you tried their products? Game changing and delightful!

We recently held our monthly Board meeting. Let me work backwards; it was so much fun! We had a potluck supper - delish. Before that we had an in-depth 2 1/2 hour meeting - shortest ever. Interesting ideas bandied round the table regarding fundraisers! I won't reveal what they are but all of them are unique and specific to the sweetness of the Museum. Stay tuned .



**I made note of the fact that the streetlight across the road from the Museum is not working. I consider myself a very observant person however I was gently informed the light has been out for a year. I called Hydro One the instant I got home from the meeting 😊.**

**We discussed finances, improvements to the Church in addition to the new foundation, windows and doors - a nice new ramp with pickets to match the Museum, our ongoing association with Forgotten Trails, Loring Restoule Business Association, our heartfelt desire to host school children to enhance their experience with the richness of the past (many of these children are direct descendants of the first pioneers - how very cool!) and new strategies to acquire available grant money.**

**After the meeting, four members of the Board went to the Powassan History Night and it was very interesting! Thank you to 250 Clarke and organizers for thinking of us and inviting us to attend.**

**If you have any ideas that you would like to see implemented at our precious Museum we invite you to put them forward. We are so much more than a storage place for artifacts, genealogy records, books, milkshakes, indigenous displays, comfortable reading nooks, hot tea, cold ice cream brownies, tours, scintillating conversationalists, information and direction givers, stellar guest experiences and the warmest greeting in two Townships.**

**If anyone out there reading this feels that they are fun, clever, eager, industrious, and thinking about enriching their lives with community service - call one of the Board Members to join the Museum family (it also helps if you are really good looking 😊).**

**I hope everybody got to see the night sky recently and say a silent thank you that we all live in paradise.**

**Thank you for reading our newsletter. Stay safe and alert on the 522.**

**Yours in Community Service**

**Darlene Erskine, President**

**Commanda Museum**



# Tales from the Treasury

Welcome to the first installment of tales from the Commanda Museum treasury! As many of you know, the Commanda Museum was in its heyday an active general store. You could ride up on your horse, take the wagon into town or walk down the Nipissing Road to the store, saunter up the old brick steps and stock up on your goods for the week or the month if you were really back in the bush.

Imagine, just like many other small rural communities throughout Canada, getting a copy of the Eaton's catalogue, mailing your order in and the warehouse in Toronto (or Winnipeg) sending it out for you to pick up at the general store/post office a few weeks or months later...much like our modern Amazon orders, only slower. In fact, folks were still receiving orders from Eaton's up into the 1970's at the general store! Amazon's still not there yet but there was a time you could order a whole house from Eaton's for delivery (some assembly required).

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## MODERN HOME NO. 674

ELEVEN ROOMS—Parlor, Den, Dining Room, Kitchen, Pantry, Summer Kitchen, 7 Bedrooms and Bath Room.

This beautiful home is sure to find favor amongst the successful farmers and business men of the west. The outside appearance is that of a solid and substantial home.

The first story is finished with novelty siding, the second story and veranda with shingles. This makes an excellent combination and lends itself to very attractive and artistic color scheme in exterior decoration.

The front door opens into a very handsome vestibule which is cut off from the main hall by glass door and side lights. The whole arrangement of the entrance gives a very favorable impression. The first floor is exceptionally well arranged, the rooms are large and well lighted. The second floor is equally well laid out. You get four splendid bedrooms on this floor, all good square rooms and practically equal in size. Each room is equipped with good size clothes closet, also a large fur or linen closet is placed in the hall. The bath room is also of good convenient size. There is a clothes chute leading from the landing on this floor to the laundry in the basement. The third or attic floor is divided into 3 splendid bedrooms; although they are attic rooms they are quite as good as will be found in second floor of the average home.

Read about the construction of Our Houses on Page 26.



Size 34 feet by 30 feet; Studding 18 feet high  
See Our FREE PLAN OFFER on Page One

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### Price of Material

Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Mouldings, Doors and Windows, Freight	1501.65
Paid (see inside cover)	48.70
Paint, Shingle Stain and Putty, exterior only. F.O.B. Winnipeg	57.42
Hardware	52.29
Nails	43.18
Building Paper	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1703.24</b>

### Price of Hot Air Heating Plant

For the sum of 146.00 we will supply a complete Hot Air Heating Plant, consisting of furnace, registers and all necessary pipe and fittings, as shown on our heating plans for this house.

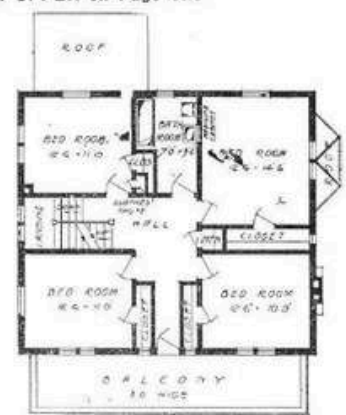
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### Price of Plumbing Material

For the sum of 180.00 we will supply a complete Plumbing Outfit, consisting of bath tub, lavatory, low down closet in bath room, sink and 30 gallon boiler in kitchen, and all necessary pipe and fittings for the installation of same, as shown on our plumbing plans for this house.



First Floor Plan.



Second Floor Plan.



# Tales from the Treasury

Tales from the Treasury will dig up some fiscal curiosities from the past such as this gem...1 lb. of coffee in 1920 cost 60 cents! Flash forward to today and a 1 lb. bag of Guatemalan ground coffee from Twigg's in North Bay is \$18.75...a 3025% increase! Oh, how grand it would be though to walk over to the Commanda Museum and pick up some coffee beans instead of driving to Powassan or North Bay. I guess milkshakes will have to do for now!

Writing from "downtown" Commanda (Forest & Farm),

Jonathan Harris, Treasurer  
Commanda Museum



# Happy Samhain/Halloween!

