

St. Mary's Recognizes the 150th anniversary of British Home Children Migration

From 1869 right up to 1948, over 100,000 children of all ages were emigrated across Canada, from the United Kingdom. These children were believed by Canadians to be orphans but only two percent truly were. These children, known as the British Home Children and Child Migrants, were sent to Canada by over 50 organizations. British Home Children are an integral part of the fabric of our nation - often, rightfully, called Canada's Nation Builders. Their vast contributions to our country should never be forgotten. Descendants of BHC, number in the millions in Canada alone.

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's would like to acknowledge the 150th anniversary of the first day a British Home Child was relocated to Canada. Some British Home Children were adopted by families in our Municipality, including Thomas (Waterhouse) Suttis, who came to live with Mr. and Mrs. Suttis at their home at Indian Harbour Lake. He later enlisted in the First World War and was killed in action. Many British Home Children enlisted for the possible opportunity to return to England to see their parent(s) and unfortunately, many died fighting for Canada.

The Municipality would like to join the British Home Children Advocacy and Research Association along with many other communities accross Canada in recognizing September 28th as British Home Children Day.

