

POP-QUIZ ANSWER SHEET



A) A two-ended garden tool: The spade end is slightly sharpened and there is a spot to attach a wooden handle on the flip-side.



C) A tool for constructing vertical walls: Called a plumb bob, when hung from the ceiling by a string, it creates a perfectly vertical line. Carpenters use it to make sure that the walls they are building are straight up and down.



A) A butter cutter: Slice a whole pound of butter in to even slices in one go!



C) A gas mask: These masks were issued by the Dominion Government in 1942 to protect citizens from air raid gas attacks during WWII. The masks were custom fit for each person.



B) A ballot box: This item was donated to the museum by the Independent Order of Oddfellows. It was used when Order members would vote on bringing in new members. The black cubes were a rejection vote and the white marbles were an acceptance vote.



C) A pill dispenser for large farm animals: The medication was put in the loops on one end and by pressing the centre of the handle, it pushed the medication into the animal's mouth. This saved vets and farmers from a lot of nasty bites!





B) A button hook: Before Velcro and zippers were invented, some items of women's clothing and footwear were done up with a line of buttons. Sometimes they were too small to be done up with your fingers and you would need a hook like this one to accomplish the task.



A) A set of railroad order hoops: Before communication by radio transmission, these hoops were used to relay messages to the conductor and engineer of trains without having to stop the train. Messages would be written on paper and attached to a string between the two prongs. Someone stood with the long stick where the engineer would pass (front of train) and the short stick where the conductor would pass (back of train). As the train slowed down, the operators grabbed the messages off the hoops.



B) Maple tree sap taps: These maple tree sap taps belonged to Irene and Donald Jackson. To tap a sugar maple tree, you drill a hole, insert the tap and hang a bucket on the hook underneath on to catch the sap. It takes about 40 litres of sap to make 1 L of syrup.



A) A trinket box: There is a piece that lifts out and it is hollow inside. This item was one of the hundreds of items that were donated by St. Peter's College when the Museum was just starting up in 1983.



C) A horsehair singer: This device was used to groom horses by singeing their hair in the spring when their coats were too thick.



A) A light socket converter, c. 1905: When screwed into a light socket, this little device could convert it into 2 plug ins, or 2 lights or a combination of 1 light and 1 plug in.