

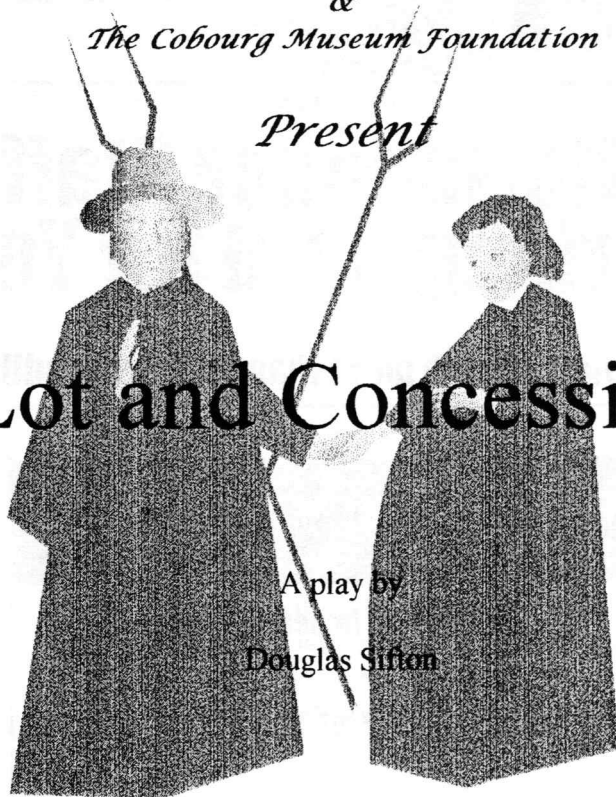
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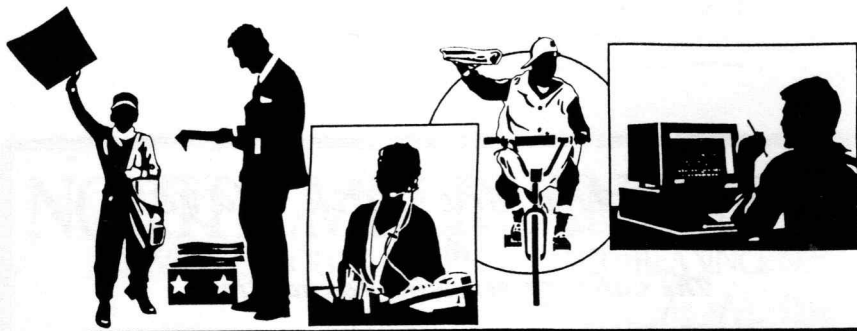
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Act I is set in the kitchen of Joseph Stanton, a farmer of London Township, in Western Ontario in October, 1899.

Scene 2 - Evening, the same day.

Scene 3 - The next day.

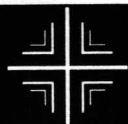
There will be a fifteen minute interval between acts.

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Scene 2 - The next day.

Scene 3 & 4 - The same.

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Jeff Stanton *Matt Boden*
Lucy Holmes *Bonnie Cleary*
Joseph Stanton *Darren Strongman*
Mary Quinn *Tara Macaro*
Katy Quinn *Mary Schmieder*
Wilf Holmes *Mark Rice*
Walter Hodgson *Mark Rice*
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About the Author



Douglas Sifton

As teacher and educational administrator, Doug nourished an interest in stage and theatre-going which grew from early experience as actor and director while a student at university to more recent roles with the Howe Sound Drama Club, Northumberland Players and Village

Theatre. "Lot and Concession" was born of the rich historical background of London Township where the Sifton family ancestors settled in 1818.

Numerous heritage matters have also occupied Doug's retirement years. He served, along with his wife Dorothy, on the Board of Directors of Barnum House, on the Cobourg Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (Cobourg Branch), and now on the Cobourg Museum Foundation. As a member of council for the Town of Cobourg, Doug was a champion of various heritage issues in that forum.

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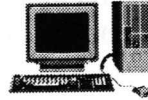
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About the Director

Ron Templer

A charter member and one of the initial organizers of the Northumberland Players, Ron has served as president for two terms.

He has been acting and directing shows for the past twenty-six years although he now leans more toward the directing side of theatre. He was last seen on stage in the War Show.

He has directed such works as *Music Man*, *Brigadoon*, *Camelot*, *My Fair Lady* and *Mame*. He has also done numerous dinner theatre shows held at the Cobourg Motor Inn.

About the Producer & Assist. Director ***Roisin Devlin***

Starting with the Players while helping with costumes for a Youtheatre production, Roisin extended her efforts backstage beginning with *South Pacific*. During the past eleven years she has worked in props, stage management and directing for more than twenty shows.

Roisin lives in Cobourg where she has raised her three sons who have all performed with Northumberland Players. She is a member of the Board of Directors. Working with Doug Sifton on *Lot and Concession* represents her third world premier.

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Our remaining productions for the 2000 - 2001 season:

A Partridge in a Pear Tree, our Christmas play which will be staged in the Firehall Theatre on Friday, December 8 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, December 9 at 2:00 pm. and 7:00 pm.

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About the Players (in order of appearance)

Chris Pelletier has worked with the Nipissing University Drama Club, the local Youth Theatre and has performed in Northumberland Players productions of *42nd Street*, *Music Man* and *Cabaret*. His engagement prescribes a new role.

Matt Boden By acting, taking music lessons and writing plays, Matt is laying the foundation for university theatre study. Formerly Barney Benson (*Kiss or Make-up*) and Dusty Clarke in the *War Show*, he appears as the idealistic but peevish Jeff Stanton. Matt is in his OAC year at CDCI East.

Bonnie Cleary Recently seen as a Kit Kat Girl in *Cabaret*, Bonnie has played in the *War Show*, *South Pacific* and *Oliver*. Studies in voice and stage work underly her passion for theatre but her artistic bent also shows as owner of BBG Interiors.

Darren Strongman A police officer, married with two children who plays drums in a swing band, Darren has had roles in such notable musicals as *Mame*, *Music Man*, *Hello Dolly* and *Godspell*. He also plays squash and golf.

Tara Macaro Interested in cultural studies and now a student at Trent University, Tara participated in school productions, children's projects organizing theatre workshops. She appeared as a farm woman/dance hall girl in the *War Show*.

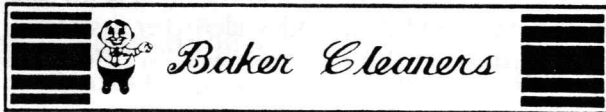
Mary Schmieder brings a broad arts background to the role of Katy. She is a member of the Oriana Singers and the proprietor of The Paint Box. *Brigadoon*, *Mame*, , *Curious Savage* and *Don't Dress for Dinner* by the Players and the Victorian Operetta Society have showcased her talent.

Mark Rice Presently attending Fleming College Business

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... *About the Players* (in order of appearance)

Programme, Mark plays bass guitar and drums in his band, "Haskal". During the past summer, he portrayed Mackenzie King in the *War Show*.

Shannon Oliver From high school productions of *Annie* and *Fame*, Shannon graduated to *Into the Woods*, *42nd Street* and the *War Show*. Ever a student, she is studying piano and musical theatre while completing her final year of nursing.

Mario Albert Known throughout Ontario for *Mario and the Magic Coat*, the "Lot and Concession" prosecutor lives in Castleton with wife Roberta and children. Mario was a cast member of WGN TV's (Chicago) *Bozo's Circus* children's show and has also worked in South American television.

Betsey Stanley More than two dozen productions of the Northumberland Players have seen Betsey on stage in major roles in such plays as *On Golden Pond*, *My Darling Judith* and *Wally's Café*. Transplanted from Montreal, she loves Cobourg, cats and downhill skiing.

George Prlja George has appeared in supporting roles in TV and motion picture productions in Toronto. Now living in Cobourg, he is an active playwright; watch for *The Brothers and the Sisters*, *Company Time* and *A God for the Damned*.



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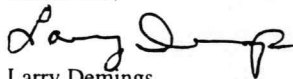
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