

# **Class Newspaper- The Provincial Freeman**

## **Historical Note of Interest**

The Provincial Freeman is of historical importance as an anti-slavery newspaper published first in Windsor, moving to Toronto, and finally located in Chatham. The Provincial Freeman had an international readership, published by Mary Ann Shadd, who has been designated as a Person of National Historical Significance in both Canada and the United States. Mary Ann Shadd was the daughter of Abraham Shadd who lived just outside the Buxton Settlement and was instrumental in the establishment of Buxton School - S.S. #13. The main road of Buxton is named to honour his many contributions to the community.

## **Creating a Class Newspaper**

You will be surprised at how much work you have already accomplished toward creating an interesting and informative class newspaper! Review the assignments you have already completed during your study of the *Voice of Freedom* for items you may wish to submit. Naturally, you may choose to write an article specifically for your class version of the Provincial Freeman! Each student should contribute at least one item for this publication.

For inspiration to get started—view the *Provincial Freeman*.

You will work in groups with the responsibility to decide on the formats, articles, cartoons, or cross word puzzles to be used in the final publication. Your teacher will assign you a position on the editorial or publishing staff, where your talents can best be used.

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