

Brussels Royal Canadian Legion

Location: Turnberry St., Brussels, Ontario

Year begun: 1931

BRUSSELS LEGION BRANCH 218 was organized on August 31, 1931, receiving its Charter in November of that year. It is one of the many Branches of the Royal Canadian Legion in Huron County. The Royal Canadian Legion evolved out of The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Services League begun in 1926. It is a support organization for war veterans and their families. Most Branches have a Ladies Auxiliary.

Initially, meetings of the Brussels Legion were held in members' homes, in the American Hotel, or in the Town Hall. In 1946, the Legion purchased a main street building where meetings were held until a new building was erected in 1964 on the original site of the Town Hall.

The Ladies Auxiliary to Brussels Legion Branch 218 was formed in 1946 with 21 members. Their regular meetings were held the first Thursday of the month. The Ladies Auxiliary has been active in charitable fundraising for many years. They assist the Branch financially as well as in its service activities.



The Town Hall was built in 1872, the village's founding year.



The Brussels Legion Pipe Band formed in 1952 with 12 veterans of WWII. They took pipe and drum lessons and each member bought his own instrument and kilt. The band took part in parades throughout the area and began Band Tattoos, inviting other pipe bands to play in Brussels on an exchange basis. Robbie

Burns dances and Ceildidhs were held annually. Eventually the band came to include non-veterans among its members.
