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Long-time OHS Bulletin Volunteers Pass the Torch

On June 12, 2010, The Ontario Historical Society presented to volunteers Chris and Pat Raible the Cruikshank Gold Medal, which honours individuals "who have performed with distinction on behalf of the OHS." After receiving the prestigious award, Chris Raible thanked the Society and spoke briefly on the importance of the written word and why publishing is fundamental to the preservation and interpretation of Ontario's history.

The Raibles know a few things about the written word.

Both of the Creemore residents have worked in careers devoted to the dissemination of information through published works: Chris as an author and historian, Pat as a librarian. Together, the duo has made a significant impact on the historiography of the province's past.

In the spring of 1993, the husband and wife team volunteered as the review editors of the *OHS Bulletin's* 'From the Bookshelf' page. Continuing the work of previous editor Jim Clemens, the Raibles have been regular contributors ever since, reviewing almost 1,400 books from over 500 different publishers (see page 8).

In the March 1993 issue of the *Bulletin*, the Raibles were first introduced to the Soci-

ety's membership. At the time, Dennis Carter-Edwards was President of the Society and Dorothy Duncan its Executive Director. Bob Rae was Premier of Ontario and Anne Swarbrick was Minister of Culture. By March 1993, the OHS had not yet moved into the historic John McKenzie House as its headquarters.

Over the years, Chris has also significantly contributed to the book review pages of *Ontario History*. In addition to his article about William Lyon McKenzie (Spring 2000, Vol. C, No. 1), Chris has, since 1989, reviewed 23 books for the scholarly journal.

In its 2011 Audited Financial Statements, the Society reported that volunteers contributed some 8,563 hours of expert service last year. Simply put, the OHS could neither thrive nor exist without the unflagging contributions of its volunteers. Pat and Chris Raible, in their long-standing service to OHS, have epitomized the importance of volunteerism to a non-profit organization, and they have done so with poise, grace and an unrelenting zeal to promote and preserve Ontario's history. They have, unquestionably, performed with distinction on behalf of the Society.

Ontario Historical Society Launches Bicentennial Webpage

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The OHS is excited to announce an expansion to its current online offerings that celebrates the bicentennial of the War of 1812. Available at ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/1812, the new service includes a number of valuable features.

The War of 1812 Bicentennial News and Events Portal will act as a hub for Ontarians to learn more about the war's 200th anniversary celebrations. It features events, news releases and editorial articles from the province's heritage and tourism community. By selecting the Add News or Event icon, institutions and community organizations may design and submit their own postings to appear on the page! The portal utilizes a "tagging" system, which allows users to search and find other posts of similar interest (e.g. "Fort York" or "museum exhibit").

The website also features an Educational Resources page, which includes an extensive bibliography on the time period and short book reviews on many recently published titles related to the war. In addition, the website now has

an enhanced Members Section, exclusive to members of the OHS and subscribers of its scholarly journal, *Ontario History*. Over 70 articles and 24 book reviews have appeared among the pages of the periodical focusing on the War of 1812 (published since 1899).

In the Members Section, subscribers to *Ontario History* can access, for the first time, digital copies of this scholarship. Non-subscribing members of the Society have access to digital copies of scholarship previously published by the Women's Canadian Historical Society.

The Society is pleased to launch this new online expansion to its website, an important tool in keeping Ontario's heritage community informed and connected.

The OHS has also worked to commemorate the bicentennial by publishing a special double issue of *Ontario History* focusing on the War of 1812. In 2011, the Society also launched its popular Ontario Heritage Directory Online. OHS acknowledges the support of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport through its Museum and Technology Fund.

To subscribe to *Ontario History*, visit ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/ subscribe or call 1.866.955.2755.

Looking forward, the OHS is very pleased to announce that a new volunteer editor of 'From the Bookshelf' has offered to carry the Raibles' torch. OHS members will recognize the name of Dr. Cynthia Comacchio; she is not a "new" volunteer for the OHS! Cynthia has served as Secretary of the OHS Board and on the Editorial Advisory Committee of *Ontario History*. She continues to serve on the OHS Honours and Awards Committee and was instrumental in the planning of the joint OHS-Guelph Historical Society Conference in 2008.

A Professor of History at Wilfrid Laurier University, her research focuses on Canadian social and cultural history, centred on Ontario, more specifically the history of childhood, youth and family. She has published three books, most

recently, *The Dominion of Youth: Adolescence and the Making of Modern Canada, 1920-1950*.

"I am honoured to be following in the path of From the Bookshelf's esteemed long-time editors, Chris and Pat Raible," said Dr. Comacchio, "and I pledge to uphold their high standards and dedication to the OHS and to Ontario's history."

Gratitude is owed to both the Raibles and to Dr. Comacchio for continuing the important work of promoting that which has been published on Ontario's history and supporting historians and authors across Canada.

If you'd like to submit a book to be reviewed in a future issue, please send a copy to Dr. Cynthia Comacchio, 41 Periwinkle Way, Guelph, ON N1L 1H9. Cynthia can also be reached at ccomacch@wlu.ca.

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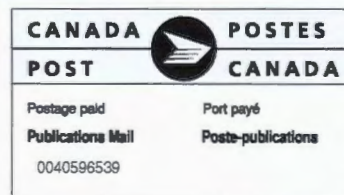
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President's Report

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*Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And auld lang syne?*

As humans, we are historical beings. We exist in time. We organize our lives in time. Many of our thought processes centre around time – past, present and future. For all intents and purposes, our conscious being is wrapped up in times present and past. We are very much the sum of all our past actions, thoughts and experiences.

That is why, for all of us, to lose our memories would constitute a debilitating blow. We often joke about the increasing incidence of “senior moments.” But sadly and more seriously, who among us remains untouched by the acquaintance of someone who has or is dealing with the ravages of Alzheimer’s disease or dementia?

Memory resides at the very core of our very human-ness. Its loss is at once devastating and immobilizing. In determining how we might respond to a situation in the present or future, we invariably turn to our past. How did we do that last time or the time before that?

Just as individuals rely on memory, so too do institutions, organizations, communities, societies and nations. Much recent excellent historical scholarship has been de-

voted to “memory,” “remembering,” and “commemoration.”

Certainly, how we in Ontario and Canada are “remembering” the bicentennial of the War of 1812 is both topical and controversial. There is no one way to remember. Who do we remember? What do we remember? When do we remember? Where do we remember? Why do we remember? How do we remember? These are tough and open-ended questions.

There are no definitive answers. As Prof. Jerry Tulchinsky used to drill into his undergraduates at Queen’s, “It depends on whose ox is getting gored.” Yet, while historians, politicians, and bureaucrats may disagree on the “who, what, when, where, why, and how,” none are prepared to advance the position that memory and history do not matter.

The same can be said for organizations. It is vitally important that “institutional memory” be preserved. How did we get to be the way we are? That is the fundamental historical question. And it is good for organizations to be aware of what came before. Action does not take place in an historical vacuum. Character and circumstance count for much.

This past June we held an extremely successful

AGM and conference “2012 – A Year of History” in partnership with The Waterloo Historical Society and Waterloo Regional Museum. It was my privilege to extend greetings on behalf of the OHS to The Waterloo Historical Society on the milestone of its 100th anniversary. Two weeks later, on 23 June, I was deeply honoured to be the guest speaker at the 125th anniversary of the Lundy’s Lane Historical Society in Niagara Falls.

It is important to mark these milestones. To bring to mind those who have gone before and who have worked to make our organizations and societies what they are. We truly do stand on the shoulders of our predecessors.

Next year, in 2013, your Society will have its own 125th anniversary. How will we remember, commemorate, celebrate? Plans are in the works, but nothing is written in stone. Do you have any ideas on how we can make the year a very special one? If you do, please share them with us. My email address is: president@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca. I look forward to hearing from you.

Let’s work together to make our 125th anniversary something special – something to be remembered in the years to come.



On June 23, 2012, OHS President Brad Rudachyk spoke at the 125th Anniversary of the Lundy’s Lane Historical Society (LLHS). Pictured left is Dr. Rudachyk presenting a framed certificate to Bill Houston, President, LLHS.

Lundy’s Lane Historical Society Celebrates 125th Anniversary

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On June 23, 1887, ten worthy citizens (all men) gathered at the Mechanics’ Institute in the Village of Niagara Falls (which, in 1904, with the Town of Niagara Falls was incorporated as the City of Niagara Falls). Their purpose of meeting was “to organize themselves into an association known as the ‘Lundy’s Lane Historical Society’” and their “objects” were: “to collect and preserve all information available, pertaining to early history of the locality and especially to the period of 1812–14; to keep a record of the names of men and women who then served their country ... and to recommend the erection of a worthy memorial of them.” And, for 125 years, the Society has fulfilled faithfully the vision and mandate of its founders, while adapting and expanding its activities and good works over the years.

The Society has been especially well served by its presidents and officers, in fact some holding office for ten and fifteen and more years, beginning with the first president, Rev. George A. Bull (1887–1905), Ernest Cruikshank (1906–1908),

Robert W. Geary (1909–1932), Rev. Percival Mayes (1933–1950), Jesse T. Ruley (1951–1957), Mrs. Eva Tolan (1958–1959), Mrs. Mabel Warner (1959–1961), Francis J. Petrie (1961–1963), Mrs. M.A. Corfield (1964), and Miss Frances Didemus (1965–1967). Since Canada’s Centennial Year, the Society has had just four presidents, Newton Misener, John Burtiak, Sherman Zavitz, and the current president, William Houston. Several Society members have served as president of the Ontario Historical Society: Rev. George A. Bull (1894–1897), Ernest Cruikshank (1920–1922), Ernest Green (1930–1931) and Rev. Percival Mayes (1940–1942). The Society has hosted several OHS Annual Meetings: 1905 (with the Niagara Historical Society), 1936, 1941 and 1956.

In its very earliest years, the Society launched a spirited publishing programme under the leadership of Ernest Cruikshank, the prominent military historian. Cruikshank himself produced an amazing amount of historical material, including his monumental 9-volume compilation of documents relating to the War of 1812

on the Niagara frontier, a series of pamphlets on local 1812 battles and a monograph on the settlement of the Butler’s Rangers. Other works have been published and continue today, with the popular *It Happened at Niagara* series by Sherman Zavitz. As well, members such as Ernest Green and Francis Petrie regularly contributed historical articles for local newspapers, a tradition continued today by Zavitz with his weekly column for the *Niagara Falls Review*. Over the years, members have also provided articles for OHS’s scholarly journal *Ontario History*.

In its earlier years, LLHS was especially active in placing markers and plaques, several in the typical stone cairn or obelisk style of the day, at significant historic sites in the area, such as Sir Peregrine Maitland’s summer home and the “Indian Ossuary” in St. David’s, the Old Red (Methodist) Meeting House, the Erie and Ontario Rail Road (the first railway in Upper Canada), and others. Its greatest achievement was the successful lobbying of the federal government to designate the battle site

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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of Lundy’s Lane (June 25, 1814), at Drummond Hill Cemetery, as a national historic site and to erect thereon the imposing monument in 1895. Today, the Society holds an impressive memorial service annually to commemorate the battle. LLHS has also served as the local sponsor for the “blue and gold”

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Executive Director's Report

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I want to first of all salute the Waterloo Historical Society (WHS) and the Waterloo Region Museum (WRM) for making our joint 2012 – A Year of History Conference such a great success. A very special thank you to the conference organizing committee, including Rych Mills, Marion Roes, Warren Stauch (WHS); Tom Reitz, Keri Solomon, Jamie Perham (WRM), and Sharon Jaeger, Andrea Izzo, and Heather Anderson (OHS) for their outstanding hard work in planning and preparing this special event in celebration of WHS's 100th Anniversary. OHS deeply appreciates the incredible contributions of all the conference speakers and workshop leaders, the assistance of WHS volunteers throughout the weekend, and the support of our sponsors, which included Dundurn, OurDigitalWorld, Home Hardware, Budds, Four Points Sheridan, and SunLife Financial.

At the conference, the OHS also held its 124th AGM. I would like to welcome Dr. Alison Norman, who was newly elected to the OHS Board of Directors at the AGM. Alison's history with the Society began in 2000 when she was hired as a summer student to research and write a booklet on heritage fundraising. She has continued to remain involved with the OHS ever since. Alison recently began a post-doctoral fellowship at Trent University; her new project is a history of Aboriginal teachers in southern Ontario between 1800

and 1970. Dr. Norman also teaches Aboriginal history of the Great Lakes region at the University of Toronto and at Ryerson University. The Waterloo conference concluded with the Society's 2011-12 Honours and Awards Ceremony. Congratulations and thanks to the award recipients, and to everyone who was nominated for an award for their contributions towards preserving and promoting Ontario's history. Thanks also to Dr. Ian Radforth, Chair, OHS Honours and Awards Committee and all the judges for their deliberations and countless hours of volunteer service.

At the June 8th OHS Board of Directors meeting at the Waterloo Region Museum, OHS incorporated two more historical organizations in the Province of Ontario. They are the New Sudbury Historical Society/Historique du Nouveau Sudbury and the Society for the Preservation of Paris Architectural Heritage. Congratulations to all the volunteers who worked very hard to incorporate both organizations. Over the past 18 months, the OHS has incorporated 18 not-for-profits dedicated to preserving and promoting some aspect of Ontario's history and natural heritage. The OHS insurance programme remains very popular; the Society has already approved 23 new applications from member organizations this year. There are now 66 member organizations that have Directors and Officers Liability Insurance policies underwritten at a limit of \$2 million each. There are 71 organizations that have General Liability Insurance

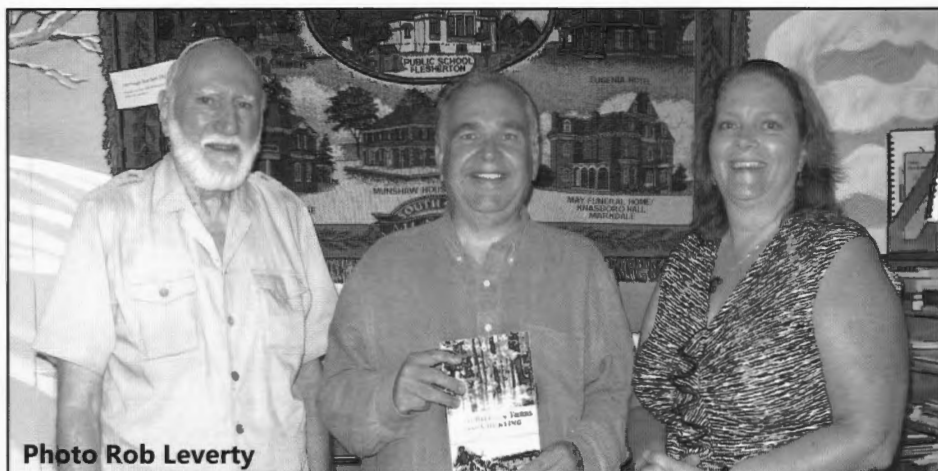


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Dr. John Bacher, OHS member, environmentalist and author of *Two Billion Trees and Counting: The Legacy of Edmund Zavitz* (Dundurn), recently gave a presentation entitled "Edmund Zavitz Rescues Ontario: His Impact on Grey County" at the South Grey Museum in Flesherton. Seen here (left to right) are Barry Penhale, Publisher Emeritus, Dundurn; John Bacher; and Kate Russell, Curator/Manager, South Grey Museum. This book has been so popular that it has already had a second printing.

policies with liability limits of at least \$2 million, and 31 that have purchased coverage for contents and property.

The OHS participated in the 13th Annual Doors Open Toronto in May. During the weekend, OHS staff and volunteers welcomed and gave tours to over 750 visitors to the John McKenzie House. Tourists came from many countries, and as far away as Japan.

I am very sad to report the unexpected loss of Hugh P MacMillan, former field officer of the Archives of Ontario and OHS member, who died July 21st, 2012, in Ottawa. Just recently, I had an engaging and enjoyable telephone conversation with Hugh and ended up buying another copy of his splendid 2004 biography *Adventures of a Paper Sleuth*. His interests were centred on the fur trade of the North West Company and as founding president of the Glengarry Historical Society (celebrating its

50th anniversary), he oversaw the creation of the Glengarry Pioneer Museum in Dunvegan as well as the Nor'Westers and Loyalist Museum in Williamstown. With Dr. Rae Fleming as editor, he produced *The Lochaber Emigrants to Glengarry*. As a board member of the Scottish Studies Foundation, he was active in endowing the chair of Scottish Studies at the University of Guelph and was given an honorary doctorate by Laurentian University. Dedicated to the history of Canada, Hugh was indeed a colourful figure, well-known across Ontario and beyond in museum, archival, literary, canoeing, Scottish, genealogical, and antiquarian circles. Our deepest sympathies and condolences to Hugh's entire family.



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OHS Welcomes New Affiliate: Ramara Historical Society

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The OHS first met with the Ramara Historical Society (RHS) in September 2004, and since then, RHS has grown greatly in numbers and influence. Its mandate is to "research, document, collect, classify, preserve and edit material illustrating the founding, settlement and development of the former townships of Rama and Mara," which are now known as the Township of Ramara and the Chippewas of Rama First Nation. RHS incorporated through affiliation with The Ontario Historical Society in June 2011.

A partnership was struck between the RHS and the Ramara Township, which has provided a display area and meeting room within the new township offices. The displays are used, on an ongoing basis, to showcase artifacts loaned to RHS by Ramara residents' collections for historically themed displays.

The Ramara Historical Society meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Udney Community Centre in Ramara and speakers

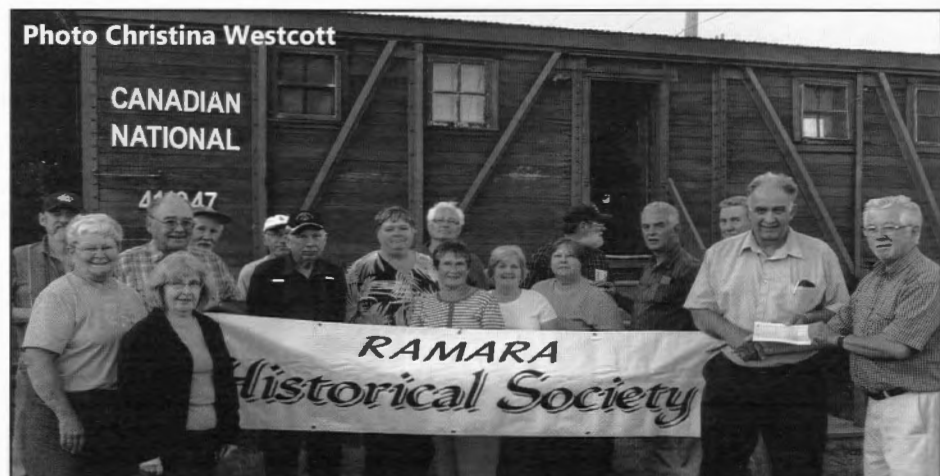
are invited to present on particular topics to members and the general public. Meetings are also a forum in which members can share information and stories. Many members share extensive collections of artifacts, photographs and memorabilia, ranging from musical instruments and funeral pipes to full-size train locomotives and cars.

At meetings, RHS has also been compiling a timeline of local events significant to the community.

The talents of RHS members have kept the Society vibrant and visible within and outside Ramara. Several members have developed a website that houses photos, family albums and a genealogy section and garners heavy traffic.

Volunteer members worked on refurbishing a 1946 Massey Harris tractor that was subsequently raffled to raise funds for the society's purposes. As well, RHS members have completed restoration of a century farm wagon, which has just won first prize honours in the Washago Canada Day Parade.

Trains hold a fascination for many people, and the RHS is no exception! Several lines once ran



Members of the Ramara Historical Society (RHS) held a Box Car Meeting in June 2011 at Cecil Byers' historic railway site in Ramara Township.

through the area; photographs of the stations make up one of the albums shared at public events.

Another way RHS stays visible is by attending events and providing presentations and hands-on experience on the daily life of our forebears. A rope-making machine is a popular feature, as is a working windmill. Albums of collected and reproduced photographs specific to schools, train stations, etc. are pored over wherever they are displayed.

Hidden within Ramara Township are assets that are available to the public by appointment, but largely unadvertised and unknown. Through RHS member connections, the Society has been able to visit the aforementioned full-size train collection, a waterski

museum, a fully preserved general store and a museum documenting the ancient fishing weirs off local shores. There are other historical riches that are still visible but largely unnoticed by those who pass them every day; RHS would like to make them more evident and appreciated.

With incorporation through affiliation with The Ontario Historical Society, RHS has validated itself, and recent activities reflect its growing importance to the local community. RHS looks forward to providing keys to the past as well as the ongoing cultural development of the community in the future. RHS welcomes you to become a member and learn more about the Society at www.ramarahistoricalociety.net.

OurDigitalWorld: Changing Archival Access and Research

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Community History, Global Discovery

Last year, a woman in British Columbia "Googled" her father's name. Just clicks later and she was listening to his voice for the first time since he had passed away. The 20-year-old audio recording had been digitized and put online by Petawawa Public Library, bridging the gap between father and daughter thanks to some dedicated staff with the right tools for answering an increasing demand for digital history.

Primary sources are often the backbone of any research, and digital access to content can open pathways to new understandings of our past and our communities. Perhaps the most prolific initiative in Ontario to digitize and deliver primary sources from the community level is OurDigitalWorld (ODW). As the successor to the Our Ontario project, ODW inherits a proud legacy of providing grassroots solutions for organizations of all types and sizes, including public and academic libraries, archives, museums, historical societies, cultural heritage associations, women's institutes, newspaper publishers and other community organizations.

Community Content

Digital collections are built from the ground up, private collections mix with community archives and, once online, enhance or even fill voids in larger, institutional holdings. Local historical and genealogical societies, despite financial constraints, recognize the value of such efforts and are very often the catalyst for building these collections. With the VITA digital toolkit and other services, ODW enables the creation and sharing of community content and recognizes the benefits of volunteer interests and efforts.

Access and Discovery

ODW works to provide democratic access to collections and content of all kinds by providing one-search portals across hundreds of organizational materials including scrapbooks, photos, statistical documents, newspapers, audio and video recordings to name a few. The OurOntario.ca portal points to more than 4 million objects ranging over more than 200 years of Ontario history, with showcase collections about the War of 1812, Agnes Macphail, Lucy Maud Montgomery and more. The Ontario GovDocs portal (<http://govdocs.ourontario.ca>) provides more than 35,000 full-text searchable documents from the Legisla-

tive Library of Ontario and Ministry of the Environment, with a massive collection of Hansard on the verge of publication.

Digital Newspapers

Increasingly, researchers go online to discover personal or community history that is most often captured in community newspapers. Those original documents can be quite fragile and when lost or damaged, tracts of information can be lost forever. In one case, *The Essex Free Press* has no entries for 1923 because the paper copies have literally disappeared for that year. Another, *The Provincial Freeman*, was assumed to be lost to history. Both titles, however, are available through the Ontario News Portal (<http://news2.ourontario.ca>), a resource that brings together more than 300,000 pages of Ontario newspapers with over 1,000,000 pages in the pipeline.

Knowing the value of local newspapers, many communities started indexing news content or Birth, Marriage and Death Records by hand in local card catalogues or databases but these local solutions remain frustrating to use and access. With the advent of digital discovery, many small organizations are now collaborating within their town or county or with institutional repositories to bring together the best primary sources of their local newspapers for digitization. By pooling resources like volunteers, funds, expertise, space and time, these partnerships are gath-

ering complete runs of physical or microfilmed newspapers then working with us to digitize those materials. Using ODW's specialized newspaper management tools, community organizations can provide local news indexes and page images online for discovery in any community or home computer in the world.

Local Projects

Starting a digitization project of any size can be a daunting task. Whether your organization has a small archive of community material: newsletters, photographs, postcards, interviews from a summer student's project or decades of local newspapers, there are always lots of questions. Our legacy includes the Community Digitization Project (<http://ourdigitalworld.org/portfolio/cdp>), during which we facilitated collaboration amongst the various participant organizations, supporting projects of all sizes by providing basic project planning advice and the VITA digital toolkit to enable long-term project plans.

Ready to get started? ODW can help. One shoebox or file folder at a time, you can produce results that are sustainable, attractive and, most importantly, will reach across all distances to touch people by illuminating history. Or, in the words of Fay Clouthier from British Columbia, "I had known about these interviews but my mom thought they had been lost, so I am thrilled to see these available... THANK YOU for doing this!"



Honours and Awards 2011

In 1967, the OHS established an awards programme to honour individuals and organizations who have contributed significantly to the preservation and promotion of Ontario's heritage.

Dr. Ian Radforth, Chair of the OHS Honours and Awards Committee, is pleased to announce the recipients for 2011:

The Scadding Award of Excellence, awarded to a historical society or heritage group that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of history, is awarded to York Pioneer and Historical Society, Ontario's oldest historical society.

The Dorothy Duncan Award, awarded to a non-profit organization nominated by a First Nations Council or a Municipal Council for outstanding service to its region, is awarded to the Beaverton Thorah Eldon Historical Society.

The President's Award, honouring a corporation, business, or executive that has contributed to heritage conservation in the recent past, is awarded to Kirk Howard, President and Publisher, Dundurn.

The Cruikshank Medal, presented on rare occasions to individuals who have performed with distinction on behalf of The Ontario Historical Society, is awarded

to James Fortin, Curator, Greater City of Sudbury (pictured right).

The Carnochan Award, presented to an individual who has contributed many years of service to the heritage community, is awarded to Wayne LeBelle.

The Joseph Brant Award, honouring the best book on multicultural history in Ontario published in the past three years, is awarded to Dr. Jack Lipinsky for *Imposing their Will: An Organizational History of Jewish Toronto 1933-1948*, McGill-Queen's University Press.

The Fred Landon Award, honouring the best book on regional history in Ontario published in the past three years, is awarded to Dr. Royce MacGillivray for *Dictionary of Glengarry Biography*, Glengarry Historical Society.

The Alison Prentice Award, honouring the best book on women's history in the past three years, is awarded to Maria Meindl for *Outside the Box: The Life and Legacy of Writer Mona Gould*, *The Grandmother I Thought I Knew*, McGill-Queen's University Press.

The J. J. Talman Award, honouring the best book on Ontario's social, economic, political or cultural history published in the past three years, is awarded to Dr. Ged Martin for *Favourite Son? John*



OHS Museums Committee Chair Serge Ducharme (left) and OHS Honours and Awards Committee Chair Dr. Ian Radforth (centre) present the 2011 OHS Cruikshank Medal to James Fortin, Curator of Greater Sudbury Heritage Museums. Mr. Fortin has, for many years, served as a tireless volunteer and ambassador for The Ontario Historical Society.

A. Macdonald and the Voters of Kingston 1841-1891, Kingston Historical Society.

The Riddell Award, honouring the best article on Ontario's history published during the Award year, is awarded to Gregory Wigmore for "Before the Railroad: From Slavery to Freedom in the Canadian-American Borderland," *The Journal of American History* (Vol. 98 No. 2), September 2011.

The Donald Grant Creighton Award, honouring the best book of biography or autobiography highlighting life in Ontario, past or present, published within the past three years, is awarded to Dr. Wesley B. Turner for *The Astonishing General: The Life and Legacy of Sir Isaac Brock*, Dundurn.

The Huguenot Society of Canada Award, honouring the best book or substantial article published in Ontario in the past three years which has brought public awareness to the principles of freedom of conscience and freedom of thought, is awarded to Chris Alexander for *The Long Way Back: Afghanistan's Quest for Peace*, HarperCollins Publishing.

This year's awards were presented at the Society's Honours and Awards Ceremony on June 9th, 2012, at the Waterloo Region Museum as part of the joint OHS-Waterloo Historical Society-Waterloo Region Museum 2012 - A Year of History Conference.

Congratulations to all the award recipients!

Cemetery News

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Registered and Unregistered Cemeteries

During the month of June, the volunteer OHS/OGS Unregistered Cemeteries Committee attended both the OHS (Kitchener) and OGS (Kingston) conferences, where it assembled a photographic display of some of the 1,500 known unregistered cemeteries in Ontario. There, many questions were raised that we hope to answer below.

All burial sites should be registered with the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Business Services, Cemetery Regulation Unit. Active cemeteries have requirements under the *Funeral, Burial & Cremation Act*, which provides protection for the deceased, the bereaved and the operators of cemeteries. Inactive cemeteries that do less than twelve burials in a year have no protection unless registered.

First, many are unaware that "closed" means moved in Government parlance. This is quite different from "closed to further burials," which the administrators of a cemetery may order. In that case the cemetery will not accept further burials but the cemetery remains *in situ*.

If there is a request to close and move a registered cemetery, the Regulations under the Act define the closure process: there must be signage at the cemetery, notices in the newspapers and the *Ontario Gazette*; and there is a list of organizations that need to be notified, including the OGS and OHS. Furthermore, there is a 45-day period in which to object. If the Registrar of Cemeteries declares that it is in the public interest to close and move the cemetery, there is the right of appeal to a Government Tribunal.

In the case of an unregistered cemetery, a notice appears twice in a local newspaper, and three weeks later the Registrar of Cemeteries can declare the cemetery officially closed and his or her decision on the relocation of the burials is

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE OHS CEMETERY DEFENCE FUND!

The resources of the OHS are constantly challenged as we try to defend threatened cemeteries across the province. We can't do it alone. All donations receive a tax receipt.

final, with no chance of appeal.

Many asked how to register a cemetery. First, the owner of the cemetery must be the one to register it. If you know the owner you may be able to assist them or at least make them aware of the need to register for protection. If the cemetery does more than twelve burials per year there is a fee and various requirements. In the case of an inactive cemetery there is no fee to register. There are associated costs to prove ownership of the cemetery, such as copies of deeds, wills and possibly a survey.

Many told us that some unregistered cemeteries had no tombstones. The deceased had to be buried but there was no law that said there must be a tombstone! Often there were wooden crosses or field stones which have long since disappeared. An unmarked burial ground is still a cemetery and is deserving of respect.

To register a cemetery: Contact the Registrar of Cemeteries, Ministry of Consumer and Business Services, Cemetery Regulation Unit, Place Nouveau, Suite 1500, 5775 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON M7A 2E5. Telephone toll free 1.800.889.9768.

If there is uncertainty about a burial location e-mail marjstuart@sympatico.ca. A list of known unregistered cemeteries also appears on the OGS Website at www.ogs.on.ca. A new, more comprehensive list is currently under development, and is being posted on both the OHS and OGS websites, county by county.

Cemetery News

Summer is the perfect time to transcribe a cemetery. These are pleasant days spent in the company of others. First timers quickly

learn how-to tricks and have an enjoyable time. Various historical societies often have special recording bees. The OGS has groups working in cemeteries across the province; to learn about a group near you contact provoffice@ogs.on.ca. In addition, the Jewish Genealogical Society has photographed all the Jewish headstones in the Toronto area, and is now transcribing the information. They also have groups photographing Jewish cemeteries in southern Ontario. Contact cemetery@jgstoronto.ca.

The restoration committee for Old St Peter's Lutheran Cemetery in Zurich has reported on the extensive work done to restore their cemetery, which will be rededicated in August. A granite monument has been installed, listing 135 names of those interred in the burial ground. Quoting from the report "These lost souls who only resided in church records have now become a part of the community and are being given the recognition they deserve." The site honours the early pioneers, is accessible to people of all ages and abilities, and connects the community to its local heritage.

Janis McCahill spent years researching the pioneer cemeteries of Forest. She also spent time convincing the municipality that these were the final resting places of the town's first citizens. Forest was incorporated in 1859; the municipality, now known as Lambton Shores, has placed these cemeteries on their official plan, recognizing the following burial grounds: The Old Burial Ground, the Anglican Church Cemetery, the Bradley Cemetery and a Roman Catholic Burial Ground on Main Street.

Kim Koswan of the London-Middlesex Branch of the OGS notified the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc in 2009 that Campbell Cemetery was in a state of disrepair. The municipality has put up a new entrance with signage, cleared the thick brush and restored tombstones.



Photo Rob Leverty

The OHS recently joined the SilverShoe Historical Society (SSHS) for the 15th Anniversary Memorial Candlelight Service in New Lowell. Seen here are Deborah Bronée, Councillor, Ward 6, Clearview Township (left) with Janie Cooper-Wilson, President, SSHS. Deborah is the daughter of former Clearview Township Administrator Ted Hannan, who held office in 1997 when the SSHS first began restoration work at Bethel-Union Pioneer Cemetery. At that time the SSHS was known as The Bethel-Union Pioneer Cemetery Committee, prior to its incorporation through affiliation with the OHS in 2007.

The Lake Scugog Historical Society will hold its annual tour of Pine Grove Cemetery at the south end of Port Perry on Wednesday August 22, 2012, at 7 p.m. Admission is free; donations welcome.

Pape Avenue Cemetery, established in 1849, belongs to Holy Blossom Temple and is Toronto's oldest Jewish cemetery. A walking tour will take place on August 26 at 11 a.m. To register, visit ontario.jewisharchives.org/pape.html. The cemetery is not open to the public, so this is a rare opportunity to learn the rich history and stories of some of the most prominent residents of Toronto in the time period. Burial customs and the artistic imagery on gravestones will also be discussed.

The Mount Pleasant Group has opened a natural burial site at Meadowvale Cemetery in Brampton. A casket may be used but it must

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Across the Province

Congratulations to Olive Lee, Secretary of the Essa Historical Society, on being chosen as the latest honouree on the Wall of Honour at the Museum on the Boyne in Alliston. For information about these two organizations: Essa Historical Society: 705.458.9971 and the Museum on the Boyne: 705.435.0167.

Among many receiving the Queen Elizabeth II medal recently were Donald Booth, U.E. and Paul Denter, U.E. Congratulations!

Adrian Bowles is the 2012 winner of the Andrew Hunter Award, presented by the Simcoe County Historical Association.

Adrian will be the speaker at the September 18 meeting of the Association on his essay topic "The Paths of George McLean and Leslie Frost: Two Soldiers from Orillia and the First World War." For details of the meeting and the 2013 awards: www.simcoecountyhistory.ca.

Further congratulations are in order; as of July 1st, 2012, the Town of Markham has been officially changed to the City of Markham.

With regret we report the passing of several members of the heritage community including Hugh MacMillan of Ottawa, who en-

joyed a long career at the Archives of Ontario, researching fur trade history, the Scots in Canada and all things Glengarry. We also mourn Hugh McKellar, founding member and life member of the Toronto Branch of the Jane Austen Society, a treasured volunteer with the Anglican Church of Canada, the Children's Aid Society, Lambton County Music Festival and St. Michael's Cathedral Church Choir. Many organizations mourn the loss of Joan Rumgay of Port Hope, who, with her husband Donald, founded and published for over 20 years the very successful *Canada Century Home* magazine. MPP Leonard Braithwaite, veteran of the RCAF, lawyer, Queen's Counsel, and strong supporter of the Ontario Black History Society and

all things heritage, will be sorely missed as well. Our sympathy is extended to all these families and their friends.

The Lennox and Addington Historical Society reminds us that, with the phasing out of the Canadian penny, it will be happy to receive a donation of your penny collections for Macpherson House! Volunteers will roll the pennies for you. Contact 613.354.5982.

Toronto Public Libraries celebrates the legacy of James Bain, TPL's first Chief Librarian, at the TD Gallery at the Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge Street. "James Bain and His Collections," an exhibition of

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maps, prints and books, is a collection of rare Canadiana that will be on display until September 1st.

The United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada (UELAC) hopes to produce Ontario graphic licence plates with the UELAC badge and needs your support! Email plates@uelac.org.

As always, the coming weeks and months are filled with a host of activities that focus on the rich history of Ontario and beyond. Here is just a sampling for your consideration:

August 19: Coldwater Canadiana Museum hosts Heritage Day beginning at 11 a.m. with an interdenominational church service, lunch, music, displays, demonstrations and more: Call 705.955.1930 to inquire about this event and the special Devon Teas served every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

August 25: The Sheddon Area Historical Society presents the 10th Annual "Evening of Local History" at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 519, Cobocok: 705.454.1878.

August 26: Kirkfield & District Historical Society hosts a Variety Show "John Denver Tribute" at 2 p.m. at the Church Museum: 905.426.7022.

September 6: Join The Friends of the OPP Museum in Orillia as they "Pedal for the Past" to raise funds for the museum, beginning at 11 a.m.: 705.330.4178.

September 15: Black Creek Pioneer Village will host its 56th annual Pioneer Festival featuring the celebration of Mennonite and Pennsylvania German history and culture. If you can attend you may want to sample the newest

product from the Black Creek Brewery: Raspberry Beer! For further information: 416.736.1733.

September 15, 16: Celebrate Doors Open in the Algonquin Highlands, Saturday 9-4, Sunday 9-1. Information: 705.754.0427. To view a listing of all the communities celebrating Doors Open this autumn, visit www.doorsopenontario.on.ca.

September 22: Grand Opening of the Morgan Horse Heritage Centre, 971 Scugog Line 12, Uxbridge. Ribbon cutting, lunch, tours and Morgan demonstrations. Email djwilson@powergate.ca or call 905.852.9850.

September 22, 23: Experience a War of 1812 Bicentennial Re-enactment weekend at the Glengarry Pioneer Museum. Includes musket demonstrations, battle re-enactments, an 1812-era fashion show and, of course, lots of food! More info: www.glengarrypioneermuseum.ca.

October 20: Innisfil Historical Society hosts Terry Boyle speaking on "Ontario Haunted Sites" at the Knock Community Centre at 2 p.m.

October 25: Haliburton County Historical Society hosts Tom Ballantyne speaking on "Archaeology in Haliburton County": 705.754.0427.

November 4: Rebel Tour! Bus tour commemorating the 175th anniversary of the Rebellion of Upper Canada. This informative 6-hour bus trip follows the route of the rebels from Lloydtown down Yonge Street to Toronto. Includes a variety of speakers and a number of fascinating stops. Contact King Township Museum at 905.833.2331 or kingmuseum@king.ca for more information and to register.

Environmentalist Receives Lifetime Achievement Award



Lyn MacMillan is surrounded by family after receiving the Niagara Escarpment Commission's (NEC) Lifetime Achievement Award at a ceremony held at Massey College, University of Toronto.

In 1978, Lyn founded the Coalition on the Niagara Escarpment (CONE), formed to hold the Ontario Government accountable to its promise to conserve the Escarpment, made five years earlier. Under her leadership, CONE lobbied to open NEC meetings to the public, and defended a draft version of the Niagara Escarpment Plan through two years of intensive public hearings. In 1985, Lyn was appointed member of the NEC after the Ontario Government formally adopted the Niagara Escarpment Plan, Canada's first environmental land-use plan, which led to the area's recognition as a UNESCO World Biosphere

Reserve (1990), and served as a step towards the establishment of Ontario's Greenbelt.

In his remarks, Rob Levery stated that "The Ontario Historical Society strongly believes that the natural and cultural heritage of Ontario is more diverse and bountiful as a result of Lyn's lifetime of conservation achievements. This award is a just and deserving honour for someone who has worked tirelessly and courageously as a volunteer for the conservation and protection of the Niagara Escarpment, on behalf of all Ontarians. Lyn's humour lifted the spirits of countless environmentalists and her leadership inspired so many of our fellow citizens to never give up defending our natural heritage. Her work and dedication is a fundamental part of the environmental history of Ontario. Our province is a more decent and civilized society because of Lyn MacMillan."



The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) would like to thank the Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport for meeting recently with the OHS to discuss the Society's ongoing work. Pictured (from left) are: Rob Levery, OHS Executive Director; Caroline Di Cocco, OHS Second Vice President; Minister Chan, holding a copy of the Spring 2012 special double issue of *Ontario History* on the War of 1812; and Dr. B.E.S. Rudachyk, President, OHS.

SEND US YOUR SUBMISSIONS!

Do you have an exhibit, event, or story that you would like to publicize in the *OHS Bulletin*? Send submissions to:

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WANT MORE EVENT INFO?

The OHS now has a member-editable online events calendar at

www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca

Please bookmark the site and check for heritage events in your area!

Photo Rob Levery



The Voyageur Heritage Network, along with the OHS and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, hosted their Spring Workshop at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah on Manitoulin Island in commemoration of the bicentennial of the War of 1812. Pictured (from left) are workshop speakers: Dorothy Duncan, author, historian and OHS volunteer; Steven George, Wikwemikong First Nation historian; Dr. Patrick Julig, Department of Anthropology, Laurentian University; and Jeanette Allen, Curator, Assinick Museum, Manitowaning.

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plaques, the programme conducted now by the Ontario Heritage Trust marking local historic sites throughout the province.

The Society collected artifacts and other historical materials in its early years, but did not have a permanent location to store and display them. When the Lundy's Lane Historical Museum was established in 1970, the collection was transferred to form the nucleus of that museum, now the Niagara Falls History Museum.

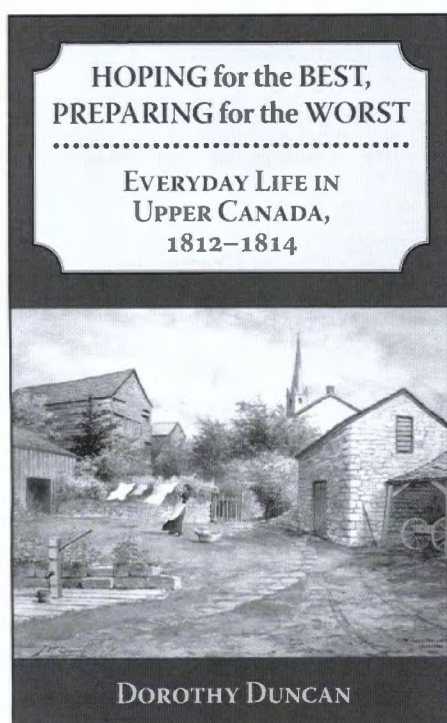
The Society holds regular monthly meetings, with presentations covering a wide range of historical topics, and closes each year with an annual dinner in an attractive venue featuring a speaker and programme. Other activities include

an annual picnic at a historic site in the area, while, on occasion, bus trips to historic sites and museums have been arranged, in addition to walking tours of city districts and local cemeteries. For the past dozen years, the Society has presented an annual Heritage Award, during Heritage Month, recognizing a local organization, company or individual that has made a major contribution in preserving and promoting the historical, architectural and natural heritage of the City and region.

The Lundy's Lane Historical Society, an affiliated society of the OHS, is proud of its efforts in furthering our knowledge and appreciation of the history of the City of Niagara Falls and area during the past 125 years.

From The Bookshelf

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UPPER CANADA IN TIME OF WAR

***Hoping for the Best, Preparing for the Worst: Everyday Life in Upper Canada, 1812-1814.* Dorothy Duncan. Dundurn. 248 pages. \$22 softbound. E-book available.**

Duncan sets the scene by looking back to the end of the American Revolution and the Treaty of Versailles in 1783. Among those who considered the treaty a disaster were the tens of thousands who streamed north to the remaining British colonies. Upper Canada was a land in transition, says Duncan, as Loyalists joined those already there: "First Nations, explorers, fishermen, fur traders, entrepreneurs, missionaries, military, government officials, merchants, and settlers." She draws extensively on contemporary accounts, letters and journals to describe for us this frontier society, as the newcomers settled down to their "everyday life," building homes and roads, planting crops, erecting mills, opening shops and other businesses, and learning skills from their Native neighbours. As she points out, "Life in the settlements was not for the faint-hearted. To survive and prosper took a combination of experience, skill and knowledge" – and, no doubt, dogged perseverance. All was threatened by the declaration of war in June 1812. Upper Canadians responded with bravery, perseverance, and loyalty.

Dorothy Duncan, for many years Executive Director of the OHS, here presents an engaging view of life on the "home front."

***Laura Secord: Heroine of the War of 1812.* Peggy Dymond Leavey. Dundurn – A Quest Biography. 224 pages.**

Illustration. \$20 softbound.

Leavey, an award-winning author of young adult fiction, has used her considerable skills to interweave two strands of history. One is Laura Secord herself, whose walk of many miles warned a British outpost commanded by Lieutenant James Fitzgibbon of an impending American attack. We are told not only this tale of courage, which became the stuff of Canadian legend, but also the story of her whole life. The other is the drama of the War of 1812, especially as played out in southern Ontario – British troops, American invaders, Canadian militia, Native allies. The history did not end with the end of hostilities – Laura Secord was eventually to receive recognition and reward, and to become, even in our time, a figure of controversy. Similarly, perhaps, as we mark the bicentennial of the War of 1812, its significance continues to be the subject of both celebration and debate. Plaudits to Dundurn Press for this addition to its fine Quest series of Canadian biography.

UP AND AWAY

***The Avro Arrow: A Picture History.* Lawrence Miller. Amazing Stories. James Lorimer. 125 pages.**

Illustrations. \$10 softbound.

More than fifty years ago, a new jet fighter took to the skies over Malton, Ontario. But politics and economics doomed an aircraft project that was uniquely Canadian. In simple form, with dozens of images, here is related a familiar tale of hope and disappointment that will not go away.

ONE YEAR REMEMBERED

***Canada on the Doorstep: 1939.* William Rayner. Dundurn. 248 pages. Illustrations. \$25 softbound.**

The author says 1939 "was not your typical year" – true enough. The Great Depression was ending, World War Two was beginning. By the end of the year Canada had re-affirmed its British identity, yet also forged its American connections. This brightly written

chronicle of birth, death, storm, intrigue, celebration, and, of course, politics is more than just an interesting read. It is a reminder that one year – perhaps any year if examined carefully, but certainly this one – does make a difference. The year 1939 was much more than a chain of specific events. There was a cumulative impact and the world was not the same again.

HERE AND THERE

***Researching Your Irish Ancestors at Home and Abroad.* David R. Elliott. Dundurn. 224 pages. Illustrations and maps. \$20 softbound. E-book available.**

In this useful volume, Parkhill, Ontario, professional genealogist David Elliott shares his extensive knowledge of both internet research sites and Irish archival locations. His clear advice to those digging for their Irish roots is: do your homework. Learn all you can *before* you go to Ireland. But then go, knowing there is much more to be learned by touring Ireland, visiting ancestral homelands, and consulting written records. Another Dundurn publication that will be welcomed by family historians.

CULTURAL HISTORY

***Scratchings: Across Cultures: A Memoir of Denial and Discovery.* Stephen Heeney. Published by the author. 138 pages. Illustrations, Maps. \$15 softbound.**

"This is a memoir of a certain part of my life," says Stephen Heeney, "which leads into the story of one Brant County, Ontario, family's involvement in settler-aboriginal interaction over several centuries." In his well-researched and attractively presented book, Heeney (retired Foreign Service Officer and Canadian Ambassador to the Philippines) combines the historical, the genealogical and the very personal. He starts with childhood memories of visits to his grandparents at Brooklea, located on the Grand River. At this time, his aboriginal ancestry was not openly spoken of. Through careful research, Heeney has traced his Mohawk roots through his great-grandmother back to Peter the Runner and the Mohawk Settlement at Grand River. A fascinating and inspiring journey.

COMMERCIAL CANADA

***Canada's Entrepreneurs: From the Fur Trade to the 1929 Stock Market Crash.* J. Andrew Ross & Andrew D. Smith, editors. University of Toronto Press. 528 pages. Illustrations. \$95**

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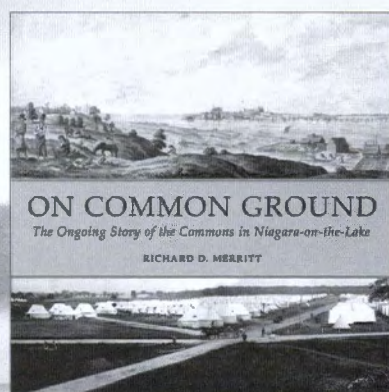
The Dictionary of Canadian Biography is an extraordinarily valuable research tool, but its volumes are not usually read for their collective information. This anthology, as it were, assembles more than sixty biographic profiles

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Please Note: More extensive reviews of a number of books relating to the history of our province are found in each issue of Ontario History, published by the OHS.

The prices of books referred to on this page may or may not include shipping or taxes. All prices are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

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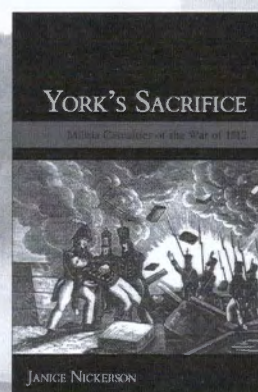
ON COMMON GROUND

***The Ongoing Story of the Commons in Niagara-on-the-Lake* by Richard D. Merritt**

320 pages | \$40 TP | 189 colour illustrations, 23 maps, notes, bibliography, index

This tract of land in Niagara-on-the-Lake has witnessed an amazing cavalcade of Canadian history. It was the site of the first parliament in Upper Canada, saw numerous negotiations between First Nations and early settlers, and was the location of a strategic battle in the War of 1812.

Available from your favourite bookseller and as ebooks.



YORK'S SACRIFICE

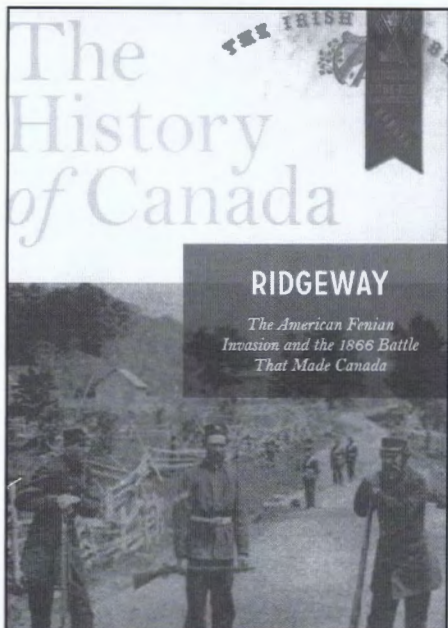
***Militia Casualties of the War of 1812* by Janice Nickerson**

224 pages | \$19.99 TP | 8 b&w illustrations, notes, bibliography, index

York's Sacrifice profiles 39 men who lost their lives during the War of 1812. The militia's contribution to the War of 1812 is not well understood. Even now, 200 years later, we don't know how many Upper Canadian militia men died defending their home.

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into a single study of Canadian entrepreneurialism. Many – Labatt, Massey, Eaton, Beck, etc. – are familiar Ontario names. Others are less well known, but played important roles in this province's commercial development of railways, of manufacturing, of publishing, of banking, and of the timber industry. Two previous DCB collections dealt with Upper Canadian provincial justice, and with Canadian premiers. This book focuses on commerce more than politics, and appropriately marks the 50th anniversary of the DCB. Long may it continue.



FENIANS NOT FORGOTTEN

Ridgeway: The American Fenian Invasion and the 1866 Battle That Made Canada. Peter Vronsky. Penguin Group Canada. 394 pages. Illustrations and maps. \$35 hardbound.

Most Canadians – perhaps most Ontarians – have no knowledge of Ridgeway. Nor have they much understanding of the import of a major invasion by an experienced and passionate army of Irish-Americans calling themselves “Fenians,” whose goal was the independence of Ireland from British rule. The occupation of part of Canada, Fenians believed, would pressure the British govern-

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ment to liberate the Emerald Isle. When in 1866 the Fenian invasion of the Niagara region took place, volunteer Canadian militia forces rallied to repel the invaders. Ill-prepared, ill-informed, ill-trained, ill-armed, ill-led, these Canadian raw recruits barely escaped total disaster at a major battle at Ridgeway. But the Fenians withdrew and the Canadians were hailed as heroes (despite the cowardice and incompetence of several officers). This carefully researched, clearly related account – the first truly thorough history of the causes, the conflicts and the consequences – is a welcome volume in the new Penguin History of Canada series. One consequence of the Fenian crisis was Canadian Confederation. Another was a demonstration that Canada was anything but ready for complete sovereignty.

LITERARY HISTORY

The Literary Legacy of the Macmillan Company of Canada: Making Books and Mapping Culture. Ruth Panofsky. University of Toronto Press. 389 pages. Illustrations. \$45 hardbound.

When Macmillan Canada began in 1905 as a branch of the company's London office, the Macmillan imprint was highly respected worldwide, associated with the work of renowned authors such as Tennyson, Christina Rossetti, Lewis Carroll, Rudyard Kipling and H. G. Wells. But, thanks to the outstanding vision of its presidents and editors, Macmillan Canada soon became much more than a “branch plant.” It embarked on a vigorously diverse Canadian publishing program (works of fiction, poetry, folklore, history and literary criticism), supported in large measure by profits from textbook sales. Robertson Davies' *Fifth Business* and Dennis Lee's *Alligator Pie* were among those nurtured by Macmillan Canada. Its authors included Stephen Leacock, Mazo

de la Roche, E. J. Pratt, W. O. Mitchell, Hugh MacLennan, and Morley Callaghan. Sadly, Mac-

millan Canada no longer exists as an imprint or publishing house. Panofsky pays a well-deserved tribute to the role this great Canadian publisher played in our country's cultural and literary tradition.

TRUTH BE TOLD

Legend of the Paymaster's Gold. Joe Shawyer. Dundurn. 130 pages. Maps. \$13 softbound.

A lively tale involving an old legend of lost gold and a modern cluster of young people searching for a treasure. The gold coins were allegedly hidden by a British paymaster as War of 1812 troops retreated through Upper Canada's Middlesex County. The eager and inventive youngsters use modern metal detectors, internet searches, cemetery inscriptions, logical deduction, and plain perseverance as they attempt to find the facts behind the fanciful. In the process, they make some surprising discoveries. Neatly constructed and artfully related, this novel should appeal to any young person who likes both mystery and history.

GUIDE TO THE NORTHEAST

Come On Over! Northeastern Ontario A to Z. Diether K. Buse & Graeme S. Mount. Scrivener Press. Illustrations and maps. \$23 softbound.

Retired Laurentian University professors Buse and Mount have created a unique guidebook, with geography, history, and culture intertwined. Some forty-two separate articles describe cities and towns, natural and social features, native peoples and European settlers. The authors' enthusiasms shine through every page.

been part of the process for nearly two decades has been for us both an educational and an inspirational enterprise. We leave it offering a special salute to the OHS staff, to all the authors, editors, organizations, and publishers, and, not least, to all our readers.

A Note to Our Readers

Chris and Pat Raible

This issue of “From the Bookshelf” is the one hundred and first – and the last – under our editorship. It is with nostalgic pride that we now pass on the torch to others.

In the course of more than nineteen years we have helped to publicize some 1,393 works related to the history of this province. The titles we reviewed were put out by 505 different publishers.

Established publishers – both academic and trade – printed about a third of the titles. Their books make publicly available the substantial historical research that continues to be engaged in. Especial mention must be given to both Dundurn (including Natural Heritage) and the University of Toronto Press for their continuing efforts through these many years.

Works published by local organizations – historical societies, museums, genealogical societies and others – constitute another third of the books we noted. By our count, 111 different groups produced one or more titles; several societies clearly recognize their special mission to promote their purposes through regular publishing.

The remaining third were volumes written by individuals who, having researched a particular history – community, family, military, industrial, cultural – then “self-published” a book to make their research more widely available. Such works are rightly called “amateur” for they are indeed labours of love.

There is no doubt that the study and promotion of Ontario history continues to be both widespread and vigorous! For us to have

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institutions and non-member individuals for \$31.50; and to non-member organizations and institutions for \$42. Membership inquiries should be directed to Christina Perfetto at members@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca.

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be made of biodegradable material and not treated with varnish. Embalming will be allowed provided it is done without formaldehyde or other non-biodegradable chemicals. There will be no tombstones. In their place there will be a small numbered marker and four granite obelisks within the cemetery will have the names of those buried inscribed on them. Natural grasses and indigenous flowers have been planted and will not be cut. There is also a natural burial site at Cobourg Union Cemetery.

Concern has been raised over the proposed widening of Gore Road in Peel. The City of Brampton, which administers Hilltop-Gore Cemetery, has prepared plans for the preservation of the cemetery. It is believed this is the only cemetery that will be disturbed by the proposed road widening. This registered cemetery was established c. 1832.

Concern has also been raised over the proposed telecommunications tower to be erected along the fence line of Spring Creek Cemetery in Mississauga. This registered cemetery was established c. 1812.