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## President's Message

In my farewell message as President of the O.H.S., it is a pleasure to be able to report a highly successful Annual Meeting at Orillia. Our registration was one hundred and seventy-two, one of the highest numbers on record; obviously the membership of the Society is happy to pay a little more in order to visit a resort area and in the future we hope to be able to give you a variety of locations instead of concentrating our meeting in cities. Next year we plan to go to Ottawa and then, in 1981, to Niagara-on-the-Lake.

At Orillia the Sundial Motor Inn was a most convenient spot, with comfortable rooms, excellent food and convenient pool. The tours around Lake Couchiching, to the Stephen Leacock House and finally, to Penetanguishene and Ste. Marie Among the Hurons proved to be very popular while the papers delivered at the meeting delved into a variety of topics on Ontario history. Even the book display had a new wrinkle with the Orillia Public Library setting up a table for the sale of some excellent discards at \$1.00 per volume.

There are so many people to thank for this success that it would be impossible to list them all, however, special thanks are due to Mrs. Lorna Irwin for all of her organizing work and to the member of our Executive Committee who was responsible for local liaison in Orillia, Allan Ironside, who was so ably assisted by his wife, Elsie, despite the fact that they were on the verge of moving to a new home.

The growing activity of the Society is also to be seen in the volume of correspondence which is gradually threatening to bury our secretary. Success breeds more requests for assistance and keeps your secretary and president, increasingly busy. In June we both visited the Woodstock Historical Society to attend one of their pleasant meetings. Later, I went to give some further comments developed from my president's luncheon address of last year's Annual Meeting to the Bayfield Historical Society at their Annual Meeting. This was held at a magnificent rural retreat beside Lake Huron. Involvement in a rapidly increasing number of regional meetings is another aspect of the O.H.S. In April, both Ernie Buchner and I went to the Niagara Regional Conference at St. Catharines, which was highlighted by the banquet address of one of our senior past presidents, James J. Talman.

Again, coordination with our sister provincial heritage societies is becoming increasingly important. In May, the Ontario Genealogical Society met here in London and I brought the greetings of our Society to their annual banquet. Also, the Heritage Coordination Committee, set up last Fall to discuss the parallel problems of the provincial heritage societies and associations, met again this Spring and we are

all gradually getting a clearer picture of the scope of our varied activities.

Our request for information on your preservation activities has brought some interesting responses. Excerpts from the first of these are printed below. Let us know what your society is doing and we will be glad to include your activities in our preservation column.

During the last few years we have had a busy time and many changes; there are still many problems ahead. I would particularly like to thank the Executive Committee, and above all those who are members of the Administration and Finance Committee; Elizabeth Arthur for her advice, Gerry Killan for his work on local societies affairs, Jim Clemens for his outstanding job as Treasurer and Ernie Buchner for keeping the machinery working. Let me say thanks as well to you all for your support over the last two years. I know that you join with me in best wishes for Elizabeth Arthur, our new president.

Fred. H. Armstrong,  
London, Ontario  
Past President



*Photo courtesy of The Arnprior Historical Society.*



## From the Secretary's Desk

I thought I would spend the few lines of this column to explain to our members and to others who will be reading this newsletter just who and what the Society is and what it does.

First, we are a private organization comprised of individual members and institutional members (such as schools, libraries and local historical societies or heritage groups); and we have an executive which is nominated and elected by the membership in attendance at the Annual Meeting. In other words, we are a group very similar to the one hundred and sixty to one hundred and seventy local historical societies in Ontario. But, of course there are some differences. Our geographic area covers the entire province and one must admit that this is a very large community to get around. Our interests are many and varied; they are, generally speaking, all aspects of Ontario's heritage including the written word, the artifact in the museums, the oral tradition, and the architectural heritage. We publish a journal *Ontario History*; a rich source of articles on Ontario's past. And, we do have one other very important function. Under the terms of our act of incorporation, The Ontario Historical Society is charged with the duty of being the central organization for all of the local historical societies in the province.

This means that the Society must carry on the very important function of assisting and advising the local groups with their efforts **when we are invited to do so**. Many hours of my time are spent answering inquiries from local societies on how to approach certain types of problems or projects. While the O.H.S. is not a grant giving institution, and thus not a source of funds for the local groups, we can advise on where money is available from the provincial or federal government or from private sources and where expertise can be found to help with the problem or project if required.

The O.H.S. is also charged with the task of encouraging the formation of new historical societies and heritage groups in the communities of Ontario. The formation of a new group can be a formidable undertaking for the novice and I am certain it is reassuring to know that there is another organization which is prepared to give advice both by letter and in person to help them get through the initial stages of founding a local historical society.

This is not to say that the Society's Secretary does it all. Nothing could be further from the facts. With approximately 2,200 members, including 1,500 individuals, the O.H.S. has a sizeable pool of talent on which to draw to help local groups, as well as contribute to the programmes of the Society and from which to find future members of our executive. At the same time, the Society is actively trying to encourage more of our membership to become involved in the activities of the Society on all levels through our fledgling volunteer programme.

But how does the Society pay for all of the programmes and services which we manage to supply? A significant portion of income is provided by the fees from the members. The \$10.00 membership fee almost covers all of the costs of publishing the *Ontario History* and the *Bulletin*; but this does not leave anything for the other costs of the Society. The balance of the income is provided by an annual government grant, the sales of our publications and the donations which are received in the office from individuals who agree that what the Society is doing for the heritage movement in Ontario justifies an extra measure of support. It is on these donations that the Society depends to be able to develop new programmes and to obtain those little extras which make our current programmes run as efficiently as possible. From the donations which we received last year, the Society has been able to purchase a new typewriter. I can vouch for the fact that this simple purchase has considerably quickened the work going through the office. We also have obtained a new photo copying machine allowing the Society to improve the

level of service and reduce the expenditure for outside printing.

With all that The Ontario Historical Society is doing for the heritage movement in Ontario, I think that it is easy to see that we are fulfilling a vital need in the community. I further think that it is an organization of which its members can be proud. Yet, with all of its interests and duties, it is easy to see where the confusion that such an organization could not possibly be privately run could arise.

The other part of my column for this issue is going to deal with what the Society has been doing lately.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will see a long list of names. These are all of our new members from January 1, 1979 to June 1, 1979. It makes for quite an impressive list. To all of them we extend a sincere welcome and wish them many enjoyable years in the Society. To the many members who sponsored new members, we give our sincere thanks for this very real indication of their support for the work of the Society. This is the true measure of our success; the constant growth which our membership rolls must have if our society is to continue to be a healthy, vibrant, dynamic force in the heritage movement in Ontario. We would like to double our membership and it can be done quite easily. If every current member simply encourages a friend or relative to become a member of the Society, then we have reached our goal. There must be someone you would like to sponsor and have them join in the excitement of the heritage movement.

Our Local Societies Committee and its Chairman, Gerry Killan continue their successful ways with the Society's training programme. This spring the Committee has presented three workshops; two on the "Basics of Researching" and one entitled "Public Relations and Writing News Releases and Newsletters". The Research workshops were presented at St. Catharines and Sudbury, Ontario and both were well attended with forty-five registrants for the former and twenty-five for the latter. The Sudbury workshop marked a milestone for the O.H.S. since it was the first time that the Society has given a presentation of this type in the other official language. Both the English and the French sessions were presented simultaneously at **Laurentian University**. However, the preparation of two separate, though similar, workshops in the two languages does add to the costs of preparation and presentation and while the Society wants to make the effort, it is unclear whether or not we can continue to absorb the higher costs.

The Public Relations Workshop attracted the representatives of nine local heritage groups to the **Region of Peel Museum and Art Gallery** in Brampton, Ontario, where they were instructed by Vrenia Ivonoffski of the Heritage Administration Branch of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation, Francoise Parent of Heritage Canada and myself. From the comments of the participants, I think it would be fair to suggest that they found this workshop to be very helpful. In fact, one of the groups attending the workshop has launched a very attractive newsletter since the workshop.

If you think that your group and the others in your area would benefit from one of these workshops, please contact the Society's office so that arrangements can be made. Our time-table is already full to the Spring of 1980, so please let us hear from you soon.

A list of the current titles of O.H.S. publications available from this office is given elsewhere in this issue. Some of the titles are in very short supply, so if you want to add to your library, please order from the list in the near future. Remember that the prices shown are a 40% saving for the members of the Society and we pay the postage on all prepaid orders.

— E. Buchner  
Secretary



## On Memberships

The Ontario Historical is out to recruit more members- and you can help! Already with over 2100 persons and institutions, we have the largest membership in our history, but we want to double that by year's end. We can best achieve this goal if each of you sign up one other person as a member of the Society.

You are also invited to send in any ideas you may have on increasing our membership to Society headquarters in Toronto. Address your letter to the attention of the Membership Committee. This committee consists of Ashley Thomson (Sudbury) and Bob Bowes (Toronto).

Already, the committee has decided to write to special interest groups, such as Ontario's legislators inviting them to join. It has also written to likeminded organizations proposing cooperative membership drives. And it has distributed membership forms to libraries and museums across the province. Can it do more? Write and tell us!

Ashley Thomson,  
Chairman, Membership Committee

## New members to the society - January to June, 1979

Your society continues to grow through the addition of new members. Because of the number of new members, the list may not be complete. If your name and address has not been included, and you have joined the Society before June 1, 1979, please notify the office and you will be included in the next issue of the **Bulletin**.

Mr. Christopher Andreae  
Parkhill, Ontario

Mrs. Jean Baxter  
Sudbury, Ontario

Mr. Jan Bos  
Odessa, Ontario

Byron Memorial Branch Library  
London, Ontario

Bruce Mines and Plummer Add.  
Union Public Library  
Bruce Mines, Ontario

Berner Trail Public School  
Agincourt, Ontario

Mr. John S. Buck  
Toronto, Ontario

Mr. Rainer Baehre  
Toronto, Ontario

Ms. Avril C. M. Brass  
St. Catharines, Ontario

Mrs. Ruth E. Bowes  
Owen Sound, Ontario

Mrs. Doris J. Baker  
Woodstock, Ontario

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Carter  
Bradford, Ontario

Mr. Robert Choquette  
Ottawa, Ontario

Canterbury High School  
Ottawa, Ontario

Carney Hill Elementary School  
Prince George, British Columbia

Cundles Heights Public School  
Barrie, Ontario

Mrs. Bernard Brooks  
Cherry Valley, Ontario

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Buchner  
London, Ontario

Dr. Joyce B. Boylen  
Wilmington, Delaware, U.S.A.

Bruce Mines Central Public  
Schools  
Bruce Mines, Ontario

Mrs. Catherine Bankier  
Dundas, Ontario

Ruth Burritt  
Weston, Ontario

Michael John Boorman  
Thornhill, Ontario

Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. P.S. Barr  
Orangeville, Ontario

Mr. Gary Bagley  
Ottawa, Ontario

Ms. Patricia F.M. Blackwell  
London, Ontario

Marty Brent  
Toronto, Ontario

Ms. L. Cuculic  
Sudbury, Ontario

Carleton University Library  
Ottawa, Ontario

Carleton Place High School  
Carleton Place, Ontario

Mr. Wayne Crockett  
Toronto, Ontario

Ms. Barbara Lazenby Craig  
Don Mills, Ontario

Mrs. Paddy Chitty  
Fonthill, Ontario

Dr. H.B. DeGroot  
Trenton, Ontario

East Gwillimbury Public  
Library  
Holland Landing, Ontario

Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Eldridge  
London, Ontario

Mrs. Mary M. Evans  
Burford, Ontario

Mrs. Mona Enzensberger  
Seaforth, Ontario

Don Bosco Secondary School  
Weston, Ontario

Mrs. A. J. Davidson  
Downsview, Ontario

Miss Eleanor S. D. Farmer  
Ancaster, Ontario

Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Fletcher  
Toronto, Ontario

Margaret Farnell  
Orangeville, Ontario

Major J.C. Finlayson  
Newtonville, Mass., U.S.A.

Mrs. Elaine Grant  
Sombra, Ontario

Mr. J.O. Goodman  
Toronto, Ontario

Miss Judy Hodgins  
London, Ontario

Mr. Terry Henry  
Windsor, Ontario

Mrs. Gail Harrison  
Aurora, Ontario

Hon. Earl Rowe Public School  
Bradford, Ontario

Allan Howse  
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

Ms. Catherine J. Hemmerick  
Willowdale, Ontario

Alan T. Holden  
St. Catharines, Ontario

Mrs. C.C. Inderwick  
Perth, Ontario

Jacques Gravel  
Willowdale, Ontario

Mrs. E.N. Kalnay  
Belleville, Ontario

Mrs. Allan Kennedy  
Waterdown, Ontario

Lakeland Public Library  
Lakeland, Ontario

Lawrence Park Collegiate  
Institute  
Toronto, Ontario

Mrs. W.W. Langford  
Burlington, Ontario

Linda Coutts  
Grimsby, Ontario

Eganville Public Library  
Eganville, Ontario

Elgin Historical Society  
St. Thomas, Ontario

Mr. and Mrs. Glen W. Ellis  
Ottawa, Ontario

Effingham Heritage  
Association  
Fonthill, Ontario

Dover Mills Heritage  
Association  
Port Dover, Ontario

Dawes Road Branch Library  
Toronto, Ontario

Front of Escott Public Library  
Mallorytown, Ontario

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Downsview, Ontario

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Mississauga, Ontario

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Ottawa, Ontario

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Mississauga, Ontario

Dr. A.C. Greenaway  
Seaforth, Ontario

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Essex, Ontario

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Toronto, Ontario

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Milliken, Ontario

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Sudbury, Ontario

Mr. J. Michael Kirk  
Chatham, Ontario

Kingston Public Library  
Kingston, Ontario

Le College Universitaire  
de Hearst  
Hearst, Ontario

Mr. Glenn J. Lockwood  
Toledo, Ontario

Mr. Ken Lewis  
Scarborough, Ontario



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Miss J. Morison Deep River, Ontario	Mr. Bert Morrison Timmins, Ontario	David J. Scott Toronto, Ontario	Mr. David Smith Richmond Hill, Ontario
Mrs. D. Mason Osdrift, Ontario	Meadowvale Public School Mississauga, Ontario	Mr. Earle Thomas Kingston, Ontario	Thessalon Public Library Thessalon, Ontario
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Norman O. Rouse Goulais River, Ontario	Dr. Peter Ramsden Hamilton, Ontario		
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Mr. Harry Snell Hornchurch, Essex, England	Seaway Valley Libraries Lancaster, Ontario		
South Lincoln High School Smithville, Ontario	Sioux Narrows Public Library Sioux Narrows, Ontario		
Sheridan College Oakville, Ontario	Streetsville Secondary School Mississauga, Ontario		
Mrs. Dorothy Stephan Stoney Creek, Ontario	Mrs. N.H. Smith Toronto, Ontario		

## Publications available to members of the Ontario Historical Society

**Profiles of a Province:** ed. Edith Firth -- \$5.25

**Index to the Publications of the O.H.S.** 1899-1972: Bates and  
Sherman -- \$3.25

**Preserving Ontario's Heritage; The Story of the O.H.S.:** Gerald  
Killan -- \$2.25

**Research Publications**

**Ethnic Groups in Upper Canada:** Burnet -- \$2.25

**Prohibition in Ontario:** Hallowell -- \$2.25

**The Canada Land Company:** Karr -- \$2.25

**Bishop Alexander Macdonell & the Politics of Upper Canada:** Rea  
-- \$2.25

**The History of the Saugeen Indians** \$2.25

Back copies of **Ontario History:** Vol. 50-70 (1958-1978) -- \$3.00  
(The office has most issues in stock. Copies of earlier  
volumes are available - details can be obtained from the  
Society's office.)





*Courtesy of H. Hutchison, Lennox and Addington Historical Society.*

## Preservation Column - Local Societies' Preservation Activities

In the last Bulletin I asked the member societies to let us know their preservation activities. As a result we have received several interesting letters, which may later be made into a report if we get enough information. For the moment we have decided to print excerpts from the letters to let you all know what your sister societies are doing. Let us have a report on your society and we will be glad to devote a regular column to the subject.

### Kathryn Lamb for the WATERLOO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It was through the long-term efforts of the Waterloo Historical Society that the Joseph Schneider House, built in 1820 by the man considered to be the founder of Kitchener, has been preserved and will be restored. Mrs. Lorna Bergey, past president of W.H.S., presented a brief to the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation (which is funded on a per capita basis by the region) in April, 1975 asking that the home be preserved and become a living museum.

The W.H.S. was asked to set up a committee to prepare a feasibility study and hired John Rempel of Toronto as restoration architect. The Society sponsored its first antique show to pay Mr. Rempel's fee.

The Schneider House was purchased by the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation for \$46,758 and with the assistance of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, the work of restoration should start this year.

If your interest in preservation goes beyond buildings I should mention that the W.H.S. has a long and proud record of the acquisition of artifacts and archival material. The W.H.S. collection became the nucleus of the Doon Pioneer Village collection, which I understand is considered one of the finest in Ontario by Dorothy Duncan and members of the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation Heritage Administration Branch. The archives of the society are housed

by the Kitchener Public Library, and include an outstanding map collection, the best (we are told) outside of university collections.

Our main activity since 1912 when the society was formed has been the publication of an annual volume, with which I am sure you are familiar. We started a plaque program in 1927 (for those sites not considered of provincial importance) and last year erected one at Trinity Anglican Church, Cambridge, and this year will put one in Bridgeport as the village has lost its separate identity since regional government came in.

### Isabel Walker for the LUNDY'S LANE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Advises that they have preserved the Stamford Township Hall, erected in 1874, as the Lundy's Lane Historical Museum and are interested in the preservation of the Ball residence at Ball's Falls.

### Christine M. Judge for the MERRICKVILLE AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Merrickville and District Historical Society is very interested in the preservation of important buildings. Their museum is housed in Merrickville's historic Blockhouse and the museum annex is the old railway depot building renovated for this purpose. An old school house has been restored and is on display in the Blockhouse Museum. The McGuigan Cemetery, the oldest cemetery in the area, is being restored. The Society has been instrumental in getting the brush cleared and the cemetery fenced. Probing has produced 14 buried stones bringing the number of stones to 63. Information has been recorded from all the stones. The Society co-operates with the Merrickville LACAC committee in their work endeavouring to have heritage houses in the village designated as historic property. The LACAC summer students who have received financial help from the Society have done sufficient research to date so that 5 Merrickville houses have been designated. Records have been made on 120 other buildings.

Heritage Canada held a meeting in the Aaron Merrick house in Merrickville in June 1977.

Letters were written to government officials stating that the society felt that the historic mill and island property in the Rideau River at Merrickville should be secured for historic purposes. An illustrated lecture on rehabilitation and restoration of old houses was sponsored by the society and a copy of a film made of Merrickville around 1939 has been purchased by the Society. Society members gave liberally of their time to help Parks Canada employees do research which resulted in an excellent slide/tape presentation on the history of Merrickville and a walking tour of the area and also co-operated with Parks Canada staff in producing museum brochures and interpretative pamphlets of the area. Contact has been made with the Ontario Weekly Newspaper Association about the microfilming of old editions of the Merrickville *Chronicle*.

The activities of the Historical Society has been written up regularly in the Merrickville *Chronicle*, the Kempville *Advance* and the Smiths Falls *Record* and on special occasions, such as the annual opening of the Blockhouse Museum, articles have appeared in the Ottawa newspapers.

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## Ministry of Culture and Recreation Notes

The Ministry wishes to inform you that some 70 historical societies received operating grants under the 1978 historical society grant programme. We were encouraged by the response to the programme and by the diversity of projects which societies are undertaking throughout the province. Applications for the 1979 programme, based on the previous year's expenditures, will be mailed out in May of this year. Please return them as soon as possible.

The Ministry's Historical Planning and Research Branch has recently published a report by Marilyn G. Miller entitled *Straight Lines in Curved Space: Colonization Roads in Eastern Ontario*. The report locates and describes historic built features of the colonization road landscapes stretching from Renfrew to Barrys Bay to Madoc in Hastings County, and relates these to the broad context of regional and provincial history. It also outlines programmes and suggests initiatives which would assist in the conservation and interpretation of the colonization road historical resources. The Ministry is currently working with other Ontario government ministries, municipalities, local groups and individuals to encourage the implementation of the report's recommendations. Historical societies in the study area have been sent copies. The report is available from the Ontario Government Bookstore, 880 Bay Street, Toronto.

A new film produced by the Heritage Administration Branch is now available for circulation to the public through the Ministry field offices. The film, some twenty minutes in duration, employs 19th century photographs and paintings to illustrate the lumbering heritage of the Upper Ottawa Valley. It describes the evolution of the industry from shanty to mill with emphasis on shanty life, the lumber barons, and the sawmills of Renfrew, Lanark and Russell Counties. Entitled "The Colourful Timber and Lumber Heritage of the Upper Ottawa Valley", it should be of special interest to historical societies and teachers and students at all levels. The film is accompanied by a booklet containing the script and a page of suggested activities for community groups which may wish to pursue the subject further.

You may be interested in learning that the Ontario Heritage Foundation is prepared to consider requests for assistance from organizations to stage regional heritage conferences which promote and publicize significant aspects of the province's heritage. The central purpose of offering this support is to encourage local heritage groups and other community associations to work together on a regional basis to stimulate the widest possible interest and participation throughout the area in the conservation and utilization of its heritage resources. Further information on this grant is available from the Heritage Administration Branch. Be sure to contact us at the beginning of the conference planning stage.

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## International Archives Week

Each one of us in the past few years has become acutely aware of the importance of our culture and its development over past decades to the present. Through the use of archival repositories historians, genealogists museum personnel and a multitude of interested researchers have been able to make use of the wealth of material in these repositories to provide us with a story of our past.

This increased awareness stretches around the world and at its annual meeting in Washington in 1976 the International Council on Archives resolved to hold "International Archives Weeks" to recognize the work being done at present

in the field of archives and to encourage participation in the activities by related organizations in such areas as open houses, symposia, displays and exhibitions, radio and television programmes to name a few.

Through the Bureau of Canadian Archivists and the Association of Canadian Archivists, archivists across the country will be celebrating International Archives Week from November 1 - 8. People in the regions will be encouraging other heritage groups to participate in the activities in the local regions through the museums, schools, libraries and historical societies to generate the maximum amount of interest.

The Association of Canadian Archivists' local Ontario planning committee is in the preparatory stages of co-ordinating the programme and will be sending out information on the projects which are being developed in the various regions once the details are available. It is hoped that posters will be made available listing local events.

Any organization interested in receiving further details or planning local activities, such as displays, open house etc. should contact Christine Arden, Co-ordinator, Southern Ontario Region, A.C.A. Archives Week Committee, c/o Toronto Harbour Commission, 60 Harbour Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 1B7. Tel: 863-2034.

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## New Publications

The office of Audio-visual Services, University of Guelph, has sent word of the publication of a new Audio-Visual catalogue entitled *Human Settlements*. The 100 page directory lists approximately 700 films, slide sets, audio cassettes and tapes which are available to the consumer. The materials are described briefly with information on their suitability and availability. They are also indexed under 54 separate headings including one on "heritage". Prepaid orders (\$6.95) should be sent to the Office for Educational Practices, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, N1G 2W1.

Volume 27 of *Historic Kingston* is now available. Dr. William Angus has again produced a work that deserves an award of merit. It is most attractive, filled with articles of real value and a number of well chosen pictures. Further information is available from The Kingston Historical Society, P.O. Box 54, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 4V6.

McGill-Queen's University Press has announced the publication of *Queen's University 1: 1841 - 1917, And Not to Yield*, by Hilda Neatby, edited by F.W. Gibson and Roger Graham. Copies can be ordered from University of Toronto Press, 5201 Dufferin St., Downsview, Ont., M3H 5T8. Copies are \$25.00.

The Royal Ontario Museum has published *The Confederation Generation* by Mary Ellis Jones. It is a light-hearted look at some of the people who lived in Canada one hundred years ago. The text consists almost entirely of excerpts from newspapers, journals, weeklies and private papers of the period. There are also numerous pictures and prints. Copies of the book cost \$12.50 in hardcover and \$5.95 in paperback. The book can be ordered from Publication services, The Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Park, Toronto, M5S 2C6.

The village of Paisley, Ontario, has two publications which might be of interest to our members. *An Historic Album*



of **Paisley** (\$6.00) has 130 pages of pictures and notations that record the impressions of the Village's life through a century of ups and downs. **Paths of Paisley** (\$2.00) focuses on the architectural heritage of one district in the Village. It may be of interest to communities involved in the designation of property under the Ontario Heritage Act. Copies of the two publications can be ordered from Mr. B. Eric Parker, Chairman, Paisley Heritage Advisory Committee, The Town Hall, Paisley, Ontario, NOG 2N0.

There is a new book available on King Township, York County. It is a hard cover edition called, **Album of Oldies** by Elizabeth McClure Gillham and contains dozens of pictures from old King Township. Copies are \$12.95 each and can be obtained through Tallyman Books, Aurora, Ontario.

A.E. MacKenzie has produced a very handsome book on the history of the Baldoon Settlement of Lord Selkirk. Called **Baldoon**, this paperback can be ordered from the Wallaceburg and District Historical Society, 171 Margaret Ave., Wallaceburg, N8A 2A3 at a price of \$4.50 (plus postage).

The Historical Society of Mecklenburg, U.C., Inc., has sent word that they have now published Volume IV of the **German-Canadian Yearbook**. It features reports written by Germans about Canadian pioneer life as well as literary works by German-Canadians. The price of each volume is \$16.00 including shipping and handling and can be ordered from the Society at P.O. Box 193, Station "K", Toronto, M4P 3G5.

The Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society has sent an impressive list of their publications which are currently available from the Branch at P.O. Box 8346, Ottawa, Ontario, K1G 3H8. Among the titles are

**Passenger Lists Resources at the Public Archives of Canada**, comp. G. Neville, 80c

**Searching French-Canadian Records**, by Anita and John Coderre, \$1.30

**Genealogical Sources in the Douglas Library, Kingston, Ontario** by Rose Mary Gibson, \$1.35

**List of Parish Registers Held at the Public Archives of Canada**, by John Coderre and Paul Lavoie, \$1.50

**Library Holdings** (Ottawa Branch, O.G.S.) by Barbara Griffith, \$1.40

**Surname Supplement**, by Dorothy McNaughton, \$2.50

Those interested in Ontario's past too frequently overlook the wide range of publications offered by the provincial government. In this regard we have recently received from the Ministry of Culture and Recreation's Heritage Administration branch a copy of **Historical Sketches of Ontario 1976**. H.A.B. comprises the people who busy themselves erecting historical plaques throughout the province, and their publication is really an off-shoot of the research required for their programmes. An earlier volume appeared covering their 1975 work and this most recent effort represents the same sort of potpourri. There are some notable improvements, however, that will be of use to members.

The organization of the publication has been simplified and clearer categories delineate the subjects. More illustrations have been used to better effect, and, most importantly basic sources are listed. The book is available from the Ontario Government Bookstore at a cost of \$2.00 but a letter or visit to the Heritage Administration Branch (77 Bloor Street West, Toronto M7A 2R9) will get you one free.

The Toronto Area Archivists Group (T.A.A.G.) has announced that the new, completely revised, **Guide to Archives in the Toronto Area**, and the fourth Bertha Bassam Lecture (published jointly by the Faculty of Library Science, U. of T. and T.A.A.G.) are now available. Details on these publications are available from Ms. Christine Mosser, Canadian History Department, Metropolitan Toronto Library, 789 Yonge Street, Toronto, M4W 2G8.

A new publication from the Canadian Museums Association entitled, **The Ethical Behavior of Museum Professionals** has been received in our office. Copies of the booklet can be ordered from the Canadian Museum Association, 331 Cooper Street, Suite 400, Ottawa, Ontario.

## Employment Opportunities

### Curator - Manager

The NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY requires a Curator-Manager with a combination of museum and management experience, also experience in working with a volunteer organization. Duties will include liaison and programs with schools, display planning, maintenance and care of historical artifacts and managing the daily operations of the Museum at 43 Castlereagh Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

Salary Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Please apply in writing with full details:

Mr. Charles Morris, Museum Chairman  
Niagara Historical Society

Box 208

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, LOS 1J0

### TRAINING CO-ORDINATOR

The Ontario Museum Association is seeking an experienced museum professional to assume the duties of Training Co-ordinator.

#### Duties/Responsibilities:

- co-ordination of the Association's training programmes
- development of new seminars
- development of reports and recommendations on the training needs of museum personnel in Ontario
- to act as secretary to the training committee
- promotion and communication of details of the programme to museum personnel and other interested parties.
- other related duties.

#### Qualifications:

- proven museum experience a must
- graduate in museum studies or equivalent
- familiarity with museum resources in Ontario an asset
- proven organizational ability
- ability to work well with others
- possession of a valid driver's licence
- bilingualism, an asset

This position involves extensive travel throughout the Province of Ontario as well as frequent work on weekends.

Salary Range: \$14,000. to \$17,400.

Location: Toronto

Applications should be made in writing, and should include a resume of education and experience, the names of three references, salary expectations, and career aspirations. All applications should be sent in confidence before July 20th to:

John G. McAvity, Executive Director  
**ONTARIO MUSEUM ASSOCIATION**  
38 Charles Street East  
Toronto, Ontario  
M4Y 1T1



## News of Interest

### The Society for Industrial Archeology

The Society for Industrial Archeology is a professional society dedicated to the study and preservation of the physical remains of industry, technology and engineering in North America. The Society's membership includes archeologists, architects, engineers, historians, and preservationists, thus encouraging a multi-disciplinary approach to this field of study. A Great Lakes Chapter of the Society was recently formed and anyone wishing further information or to become a member should contact John Bowditch, Curator, Power and Shop Machinery, Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, Michigan, 48121.

Local groups looking for a "different" programme which they could present for both their members and their community might like to consider contacting Ms. Pauline Carey. Ms. Carey is currently presenting two plays based on different aspects of Ontario's history. **Anna Jameson** is the name of a one-woman show presented by Ms. Carey. It is based on the Mrs. Jameson's diary which was published as **Winter Studies and Summer Rambles in Upper Canada**. Mrs. Jameson visited Toronto in 1836. She was highly critical of the city but found much to admire in the life of the native people around Lake Huron. Her observations on the position of women in Canada and the situation of the Indians were witty and to the point. Ms. Carey uses period costumes and props in recreating Mrs. Jameson's travels in Upper Canada.

Further information on this play and on another play entitled, **Pauline Johnson** can be obtained by writing to Ms. Pauline Carey, 56 Fernwood Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M4E 3G1

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## Request for Information

Dr. Charles Roland, of McMaster University, is preparing a bibliography of secondary sources in the history of Canadian medicine and health care. The scope is intended to be as broad as possible: included will be theses and published material of any kind -- journal articles, monographs, book chapters, pamphlets, etc. The bibliography is intended to encompass the entire time span of Canadian history, including references to aboriginal medicine; geographically, the present boundaries of Canada will circumscribe the boundaries of the project.

All of the common sources for references have been or will be consulted, including the complete runs of periodicals such as the **Canadian Historical Review**, **L'Union Medicale Du Canada**, the **Canadian Medical Association Journal**, the journals devoted to medical history, the various provincial historical journals, and similar periodicals. However, it is evident that much material has been published in less obvious sites; these would include articles in journals published outside Canada, contributions to the publications of local or regional historical societies, and journals, books, and book chapters for which the journal or book title is such as to make it unlikely to be examined for references for such a bibliography.

The purpose of this note is to request readers to submit full bibliographic details (and reprints or xerox copies of possible) of any items thought to be suitable. The aim of the project will be not only to provide a printed checklist, but also to store and cross-index all references so that pertinent information will be available to scholars on request. It is also intended that the project will be maintained and expanded continuously once the bulk of the data is on file.

Any items considered appropriate should be sent to:

Charles G. Roland, M.D.  
Hannah Professor of the History  
of Medicine  
3H56-HSC, McMaster University  
Hamilton, Ontario L8S 4J9

## Request for Assistance Hand Writing and History

Samples of handwriting with information about the people in your area that contributed to the growth and progress of your community is needed. Please contact:

Mr. J. E. Peckitt  
Handwriting Analyst  
Box 1135  
Stouffville, Ontario, L0H 1L0

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## Up-Coming Events

### Rochester Institute of Graphic Arts and Photography

Of interest to those people and groups working with an archival collection of photographs will be a programme entitled "Preservation and Restoration of Photographic Images" which the Rochester Institute of Technology's College of Graphic Arts and Photography is presenting September 5 - 7, 1979. The programme is designed to provide instruction in the preparation, processing, storage and restoration of photographs of archival importance. It will be presented at the College and at the International Museum of Photography in the George Eastman House, both of which are located in Rochester, New York.

The registration fee of \$195.00 (U.S.) includes tuition, supplies and special reference material. Programme inquiries should be addressed to Thomas T. Hill, while registration information requests and applications should be sent to Andrew V. Johnson, Seminar Coordinator. Both are at the College of Graphic Arts and Photography, Rochester Institute of Technology, One Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, N.Y. 14623.

### Ontario Historical Society Museums Section

The Section will be holding its Annual Workshop from October 11th to October 13th, in Niagara Falls. The local hosts will be the Lundy's Lane Historical Society and other regional historians. Further details will be released in future issues of the Section's **Newsletter**.

### Association for Preservation Technology

The Association's Annual Meeting will be held at the Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colorado, September 26th through 29th. The Meeting is being sponsored by The National Park Service (U.S.) and Historic Denver, Inc. Full details can be obtained by writing to A.P.T. '79, P.O. Box 2717, Denver, Colorado, 80201.

### Eastern Historical Geography Association/Ontario Historical Geographers

On October 18th - 20th, these two groups will be holding a joint meeting at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. The meeting will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel and should provide an interesting three days for the participants. Further details on the meeting can be obtained from Prof. L. Gentilcore, Department of Geography, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, L8S 4K1.



## Ontario Archaeological Society

On Saturday, October 20, 1979, the O.A.S. will be presenting its annual symposium at the Four Seasons Hotel, Toronto. The theme for this year's symposium is "Experimental Archaeology". Members of the Ontario Historical Society are cordially invited to attend. The fee at the door will be \$9.00 and there will be a student discount. Further details can be obtained from Mr. Charles Garrad, Administrator, The Ontario Archaeological Society, 103 Ann-dale Drive, Willowdale, Ontario.

The Society is also planning a one-week trip to Mexico (Nov. 25 - Dec. 2). Plans call for tours of some of the outstanding archaeological treasures of that beautiful country. Members of the O.H.S. are invited to join in the fun. Prices and other details are available from Mr. Charles Garrad at the address given above.

## The Ontario Museum Association

The Association's annual meeting will be held November 1 - 4 at the Holiday Inn in Barrie, Ontario. Look for more details in a forthcoming issue of the *Bulletin*.

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## News from across the Province

### Brampton L.A.C.A.C.

Of interest to a number of communities is the news that the Brampton Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee has changed its name to the Brampton Heritage Board. The name change was occasioned by the unwieldy nature of the former name. Even though the name Local Architectural Advisory Committee was suggested in the Ontario Heritage Act of 1974, there is nothing to compel a municipality to use the name. Other L.A.C.A.C.s may wish to follow suit.

The Brampton Heritage Board has been notified that it will receive \$4,550 from Wintario to prepare and publish a book of sketches of local buildings. The book will be titled "*Heritage Brampton*".

### Collingwood & District Historical Society

In response to the appeal for information on the preservation efforts of local historical societies and heritage groups in the last issue of the *Bulletin*, the C. & D. H.S. reports that two of their members are representatives on the Collingwood L.A.C.A.C. and indeed, were instrumental in the formation of the L.A.C.A.C. A survey conducted by the L.A.C.A.C. has resulted in the compilation of an inventory of approximately 300 buildings, most of them built prior to the First War. An informational meeting about the inventory was held on February 28, 1979, by the society.

Alex Webster, formerly general manager of the Collingwood Shipyards, has written a fine series of articles on the history of the yard in the Collingwood *Enterprise-Bulletin*.

## Essex County Historical Association

On November 18, 1978, the Essex County Historical Association sponsored "Essex County Roots - A meeting of Associations". The symposium, designed to create closer cooperation between historical societies in Essex County, brought together twelve local groups to share ideas and information and to discuss future plans.

The daylong programme was co-ordinated by Mrs. Gladys Golden, Vice-President of the E.C.H.A., with assistance from Mrs. Alvira Wigle, the Kingsville-Gosfield Heritage Society and John Carter, Curator of the John R. Park Homestead. Over 80 registrants attended morning workshop sessions held at the Essex County Civic and Education Centre. Delegates were addressed by Lorne St. Croix from the Ministry of Culture and Recreation. He outlined the purpose of programmes administered by the Heritage Branch and provided information on government assistance to local historical societies. Representatives from each society briefly outlined the background and goals of their individual group.

The afternoon proceedings were chaired by Dr. Larry Kulisek, from the History Department, University of Windsor. He introduced keynote speaker Dr. David Glick, head of Adult Education at the Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn Michigan. Dr. Glick spoke on the importance of heritage preservation and restoration. After a question and answer period, exhibits of artifacts and documents relating to the history of Essex County were displayed. Over 200 local residents took the opportunity to view these exhibits and to talk to society representatives.

Because of the success of the programme, plans for another county-wide forum in conjunction with a symposium on the history of the Western District are now being formulated.

### Frontenac County History Committee

The fourth in a series of public meetings to plan a county history was held on January 29 in the Frontenac County Court House. Harold Walker, Chairman of the Executive Committee, reported the selection of the Rev. Allan Anderson as Chairman of the Editorial Board. Reports on the progress of the Editorial Board, finance, publicity and municipal liaison committees were received as well as comments and suggestions from those present. Mr. Walker introduced Mrs. Kathy MacRow, who provided a lively introduction to the perils and pitfalls of researching local history.

### Grimsby Historical Society

The proposed book by the society is taking shape. The book will have sixteen chapters and be about 300 pages in length. Further information, including price can be obtained from the Grimsby Historical Society, Grimsby, Ontario.

### Guelph Historical Society

The last issue of the O.H.S. *Bulletin* gave the wrong address for this society. The address should have been P.O. Box 1502, Guelph, Ontario. I apologize for any problems this mistake may have caused.



Sir Edgar and Lady Vaughan were the guests of the society for its May 3rd special meeting. Sir Edgar addressed the group on the LaGuayran Settlers, which is also the theme of Volume XVIII of **Historic Guelph - The Royal City**.

Ruth Pollard, President of the G.H.S. writes that the Society is concerned about the possible destruction of Goldie's Mill. It is a long-standing landmark on the banks of the river in Guelph and the society feels it should be retained as an integral part of the area's heritage.

## Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society

This society has inaugurated a regular newsletter for its membership. The first issue received in the O.H.S. office included an interesting feature on the Gardener's Cottage which has a direct connection with Sir Allan McNab of Dundurn Castle.

## Heritage Cambridge

Heritage Cambridge enlisted the assistance of many local merchants in their celebration of Heritage Day. Heritage window displays showing period costumes and other artifacts, including a reproduction of a historic map of Galt, were put together by members of the group and placed in the windows of the participating merchants. The displays focussed the community's attention on their heritage, gave the merchants some very attractive displays and, most importantly, gave Heritage Cambridge some very good publicity: showing that heritage work can indeed be creative, useful and fun. Perhaps some other societies could follow the lead of Heritage Cambridge. Everyone will benefit.

## Kingston Historical Society

The Kingston Historical Society is working with provincial authorities and the city to help commemorate the Canadian Locomotive Works when the new Marina City development rises on the waterfront site of the works. The society is looking for information on the local industry since the official records of the company have disappeared.

Right now plans are being formulated to hold a Research Symposium at Queen's University on October 27, 1979. Sponsored by the Kingston Historical Society with the co-operation of the Ontario Historical Society and the Ministry of Culture and Recreation, the Symposium will offer a varied programme where participants can learn about both the techniques and the sources necessary for good local history research.

## Innisfil Historical and Archaeological Society

The March meeting passed a motion asking the township council to consider forming a Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee. Since L.A.C.A.C.s are becoming essential to a regularized system of local preservation, the society is to be congratulated for their efforts.

The society's newsletter has initiated a series of anecdotes from old records dealing with the township. The latest issue had the costs of up-keep for the parsonage of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Stroud in 1911. Among the items listed was a furnace for \$128.74, another entry was "carpenter work, \$55.00".

## Lennox and Addington Historical Society

President Lou Somers and the members of the society are to be congratulated for their decision to take over the Macpherson House project. A great deal of hard work will be required before the project is "safely out of the woods", but if the society's past record is any indication, we can all breathe a little easier in the expectation that the Macpherson House will be available for the enjoyment of future generations of Canadians.

The society has held a successful Used Book Sale. Many of the members donated books which they no longer needed and the result was about \$278.00 for the Society's coffers.

## London and Middlesex Historical Society

The postal address is now Box 303, Station B, London, Ontario, M6A 4W1.

## National Museum of Man

In celebration of the International Year of the Child, the National Museum of Man has organized an exhibition for children of all ages. TOYS features contemporary and traditional toys such as the bass and cup game and the hoop, ever popular because of their play value.

The visitors to the exhibition will be able to view rooms full of toys in a life-size toy house setting: infants' playthings, dolls, trucks, airplanes, construction toys, puzzles, lead soldiers. All these marvellous toys will stir the imagination of children and remind adults of their childhood.

The exhibition also features a slide presentation of adults playing adult games.

TOYS, on view at the National Museum of Man, Metcalfe and McLeod Streets, in Ottawa, from March 9 to June 17, will be travelling across Canada after it closes in Ottawa.

For information on the exhibit or travel schedule contact: John Lomoro, APR, Media/Public Relations, National Museum of Man, (613) 993-0881.

## Norfolk Historical Society

A substantial charitable donation has been made to the Norfolk Historical Society from the Audrey S. Hellyer Charitable Foundation for use by the Simcoe Local Architectural Advisory Committee in the commissioning of designs for potential restoration of the Wilson-Landon Block on Peel Street in Simcoe. Most of the members of the Simcoe L.A.C.A.C. are also members of the Norfolk Historical Society. The Committee uses the Eva Brook Donly Museum in Simcoe as a meeting place and research library.

The library and archival collection continues to grow at the Eva Brook Donly Museum thereby making this institution one of the most important calling places for genealogists and local historians of the Haldimand-Norfolk area. If you are in the vicinity, why not pay them a call. Bill Yeager, the Curator of the Museum, will make you feel very welcome.

## North Lanark Historical Society

In February, this society recognized the efforts of two local historians, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Paul of R.R.2,



Almonte, for their contribution in the preservation of the rural heritage of Lanark County.

The society has also designed a bronze plaque for placement on designated historic buildings in the area.

## Orangeville and District Historical Society

Formed just one year ago, the Orangeville and District Historical Society is already hard at work. The society is co-operating with the Orangeville L.A.C.A.C. in preparing an inventory of buildings in the downtown area of the town. The inventory might reveal a structure suitable for use in an archives and museum, something which the Society believes is required in Orangeville.

## Oxford Historical Society

The Annual Report of Mrs. G.N. Chisholm, Recording Secretary for the society, listed another year of varied and fruitful activity. Members of the society manned the Woodstock Jail for the Open House on May 22nd; appeared with members of the Woodstock L.A.C.A.C. before the committee studying the Oxford County Official Plan and sponsored a Summer Young Canada Works Project for three students to prepare **The Oxford Archives Project Report and Inventory**.

Working under a Canada Works grant, Mrs. Susan Start and staff are updating the "bibliography of Oxford County and the City of Woodstock" which was originally prepared in 1974. In addition to uncovering new sources for addition to the Bibliography, the team is indexing the copies of the Woodstock **Sentinel-Reviews** which are on deposit in the Woodstock Public Library.

## Peterborough Historical Society

The society has received a \$2,500 donation towards the cost of furnishing the bedroom on the main floor of Hutchison House. The grant was made by The Peterborough Foundation.

## Peterborough L.A.C.A.C.

The second printing of **Peterborough's Architectural Heritage** is now available. The book is an extensive listing, compiled by Martha Ann Kidd, of structures constructed prior to 1890 in the area bounded by the Otonabee River, Parkhill Road, Park Street and Townsend Street in Peterborough. Copies can be ordered from 3 Engleburn Place, Peterborough, Ontario K9H 1C4 at a price of \$8.00 plus 75c postage in Canada, (\$1.75 elsewhere).

## Sarnia Historical Society

This relatively new member of the O.H.S. has been busy compiling a list of Sarnians who could be commemorated with a plaque. A number of individuals and corporations who made significant contributions to the local heritage have been included on the list which was prepared for the consideration of City Council.

## Sault Ste. Marie and 49th Field Regiment Historical Society

The society has been asked for input into management plans for the Sault Ship Canal by Parks Canada. John Abbott and Harry Graham have been appointed to represent the society on the committee.

## Scarborough Historical Society

Once again, this extremely active society has planned an interesting new schedule for the year. The society has planned tours for June and September, a popular feature when it began last year. The society is also continuing its extensive plaquing programme for sites of particular historical interest. To date, sixteen plaques have been erected with four more scheduled for this year. A special grant from Scarborough's municipal council finances the programme.

The **Society's Cornell House Museum** will start its summer programme on the Victoria Day week-end. School tours are an important facet to the museum's work in the community. Last year 5,636 students toured the building.

The society continues to publish its historical bulletin, **Scarborough Historical Notes and Comments**. The first issue of Volume III came out at the end of February. Further issues appear in May, September and November.

## Simcoe County Historical Association

The March, 1979, issue of the Association's **News and Views** included an account of Irene Perri's work on the newspapers of Simcoe County. Mrs. Perri, who is the Secretary of the S.C.H.A., has been delving into the history of the County's newspapers with particular emphasis on the many colourful editors she encountered during her research.

## Streetsville Historical Society

The City of Mississauga has asked the society to prepare an historical account of the Street House and family. I am sure that the editorial committee would appreciate any information our members are able to provide.

## Toronto Area Archivists Group

A recent issue of the Group's newsletter noted that the problem of Wintario grants, or the lack thereof, for archives and archival programmes was discussed at a meeting of the Group. Archives are not listed among the institutions eligible for grants and their position is unclear. This is a problem area which archives and those historical societies with archival programmes will have to face in the near future as the costs of operating or initiating such programmes continues to climb. If any society or heritage group has applied for a Wintario grant for their archival programme, please let the O.H.S. office know of it and your results. We need this information for the formulation of the Society's policy on the matter and to be able to seek some action on the problem.

## Governor Simcoe Branch - U.E.L. Association of Canada

The Branch were the hosts for the Annual Convention



of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada at Hart House, University of Toronto, on May 24th through 27th. Her Honour, Pauline M. McGibbon, Lieutenant - Governor of Ontario, attended an informal "college" dinner on the Friday evening in Strachan Hall. The dinner was followed by a reception in the College's quadrangle and a soiree in Seeley Hall. Mr. John Fisher of the John Graves Simcoe Memorial Foundation was the banquet speaker on the Saturday. Other speakers included Prof. Hereward Senior, Dr. Elinor Senior both of McGill University and John Aimers, Chairman of the Monarchist League of Canada. A church service and historical celebration were among the plans for the Sunday.

### Upper Canada Railway Society

On Saturday, June 2nd, the society sponsored the "Oats, Straw and Hay steam Excursion". The trip from Toronto to Stayner, Collingwood, Barrie, Orillia and back to Toronto commemorated the 125 years of the Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Railway - "the first line in Ontario".

### Waterloo Historical Society

The Waterloo Historical Society continued its plaque

programme, begun in 1927, with the unveiling of a plaque at Trinity Anglican Church, Cambridge (Galt) in November last year. The nave is that of the original 1844 building and is the oldest stone church in the Region of Waterloo.

Speakers at the society's annual meeting were Dr. John English, professor of history at the University of Waterloo and Dr. Kenneth McLaughlin, professor of history at St. Jerome's College, Waterloo. Topics dealt with the history of Kitchener which is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year.

The society is represented on the 125th anniversary committee and presented a mini-cinema at Victoria Park Pavilion in January as part of the celebrations.

### Wellington County Historical Research Society

Following upon the success of the "Vanishing Villages" theme of last year, the society has launched a new essay project. This spring the theme is entitled "Builders in Wellington County". The essays will hopefully answer the questions about who were the architects, contractors, framers, stone masons and brick layers of the mills, stores, churches and barns of the county.

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL FORM


Mr. U. Ernest Buchner, Executive Secretary,  
Ontario Historical Society  
1466 Bathurst St., Toronto, Canada, M5R 3J3

Please find enclosed ..... Dollars (Cash, cheque or money order) for payment of my membership for ..... year(s) (membership fees are ten dollars per year).

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