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1837 Rebellion Remembered - Again

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In October, 1987 The Ontario Historical Society hosted an enormously successful conference and exhibit about the 1837 Rebellion in Upper Canada. Since then the Society has witnessed continuing interest in the events and personalities behind this fascinating aspect of Ontario's history. Therefore, the OHS once again will commemorate the 1837 Rebellion by presenting **1837 Rebellion Remembered**, an exhibit and two lectures, all to take place at the CHP Heritage Centre in Toronto (Cumberland Terrace, 2nd Level, Bay and Bloor Streets). The exhibit will run from November 29, 1989 to January 6, 1990 and the lectures will take place December 7 and 9, 1989.

The **1837 Rebellion Remembered** exhibit will provide a synopsis of how and why the Rebellion took place as well as give background on the personalities who were involved. A special reception to officially open the exhibit will be held on Sunday, December 3 from 1:00

p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Official Ceremonies at 2:00 p.m.). Everyone is invited to attend this gala event to see the exhibit, sample refreshments made from 1837 recipes, enjoy period music and mingle with friends. Admission to the exhibit and to the Official Opening is free.

The CHP Heritage Centre is open to the public Thursdays to Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. In addition to these hours the **1837 Rebellion Remembered** exhibit will be available for viewing on Wednesday November 29, 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m., during the special opening on December 3 and also when the **1837 Rebellion Remembered** lectures take place. The CHP Heritage Centre is run co-operatively by a group of Toronto area heritage organizations, of which the OHS is a member.

Those who want to learn more about the Rebellion should also be sure to attend the **1837 Rebellion Remembered** lectures at the CHP Heritage Centre. On Thursday, December 7 at 8:00 p.m., Professor Ronald J. Stagg will present "Women and Children First? How the Forgotten Members of Society

Reacted to the Rebellion." On Saturday, December 9 at 2:00 p.m., Professor Colin Read will discuss "Rape, Riot and Rebellion: the 1837 Rebellion in Historic Memory." Professor Stagg, of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Toronto and Professor Read, of Huron College, University of Western Ontario, London, are also co-authors of the book, *The Rebellion of 1837 in Upper Canada*. Admission to the talks is \$6.00 per person and includes both lectures. For seniors and those who are members of organizations which help support the CHP Heritage Centre, the cost is \$5.00 per person. Tickets are limited and must be ordered in advance.

For further information or to order tickets, contact The Ontario Historical Society, 5151 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 5P5 (416) 226-9011. Please make cheques payable to The Ontario Historical Society.

The Ontario Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the support of the Ministry of Culture and Communications, the Honourable Christine E. Hart, Minister.

1837 Rebellion



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Concern Expressed Over Proposed New Cemeteries Act

By Dorothy Duncan
Executive Director

In July of this year, The Ontario Historical Society learned, quite by accident, about Bill 31; An Act to Amend the Ontario Cemeteries Act. The Bill had already had second reading and was referred to the Standing Committee on Resources Development for review.

The proposed new Act contained many definitions that were incomplete or confusing and many clauses that reflect the lack of awareness of cemeteries as a vital asset to the heritage community. For instance, grave markers, if they are deemed to be unsafe to the public, may be tested, laid down or even removed altogether, thus limiting public access to this important source of information. Such action would spell disaster for anyone who depends on this information for historical and genealogical research or for educational purposes. In addition, the existing Cemeteries Act defines damages and van-

dalism as a criminal offence, while the new Act does not. Also, the new Cemeteries Act contains a clause stating that it prevails over The Ontario Heritage Act!

We contacted many heritage groups in Ontario and found that they, like us, were surprised and alarmed by the speed with which this new legislation was being developed. For example, the Ontario Archaeological Society had learned in August of 1988 that new legislation was proposed, however the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations assured them they would be consulted. However, the OAS never heard from that ministry again!

The Ontario Historical Society presented a brief to the Standing Committee on Resources Development at Queen's Park on September 28, 1989. The brief brought to the attention of the Committee that the issue of cemeteries as an historical resource, had not been addressed. The Committee took the Brief very seriously, and discuss-

ed the possibility of delaying the Bill so that consultation with the heritage community could be undertaken. However, the Committee finally decided to invite the Ministry of Culture and Communications to appear on October 2 to clarify the consultation that had gone on between the two ministries and with the heritage community. The Ministry of Culture and Communications confirmed that in-

deed there had been consultation, that they had no problems with the proposed Act and that, in their opinion, everything would be looked after in the Regulations.

With these assurances, the Committee proceeded to finalize their hearings and allowed the Bill to go to Third reading on October 16, 1989.

(See *Cemeteries* p. 2)

Plan Now To Attend
the Heritage Showcase Nearest You
Saturday, February 17, 1990
Contact the OHS for further details.

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Executive Director's Report

By Dorothy Duncan
Executive Director

Heritage Day and Heritage Week

Remember February is Black History Month, the third Monday in February is Heritage Day, and the third week in February is Heritage Week. If you haven't already made your plans for a special event or project, start now for the clock is ticking! If you need ideas or if your organization or institution hasn't been contacted about a local Heritage Showcase, call The Ontario Historical Society for details of the one closest to you. Canadians are always accused of being too modest about our history - let's start bragging a little and make our 1990 celebrations the best ever.

Consuming Passions

The publication of the papers presented at the conference sponsored by The Ontario Historical Society in May of this year, **Consuming Passions: Eating and Drinking Traditions in Ontario** is nearing completion. There will be a pre-publication sale of this book and a special launch in the New Year to which all our members will be invited. Watch your mail for details.

Plan Now to be in Sault Ste. Marie

Plans for a theme conference on the topic **Children and Perceptions of Childhood** to be held in Sault Ste Marie in May of 1990 are well underway. The 102nd Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet of The Ontario Historical Society will be held in Sault Ste. Marie the same week.

So plan now to join us, May 10, 11, 12, 1990 and be prepared for a busy three days of tours, visits to museums and galleries, lectures, group discussions, workshops and lots of reminiscing about your own childhood memories.

Haileybury Hosts Two Workshops

The School of Mines in Haileybury will be the site of two workshops on January 19 and 20. Friday, January 19 the workshop will highlight assistance for new societies and tips for strengthening existing ones, funding sources, getting young people involved in heritage programming and much, much more. Saturday, January 20 the topic **Mining Before Mines** will be explored with several presentations about attempts by the First Nations and early explorers before the establishment of mines as we know them today. The Temiskaming Abitibi Heritage Association will co-sponsor these workshops.

OHS Goes on the Air

Beginning in September, we responded to an invitation from John Crawley of Radio Station CHAY in Barrie, FM 93.1, on your dial, to present a segment of Ontario's history called **Turn Back the Clock** every Friday at 12:40 noon. These three-minute vignettes have been extremely popular and successful and we are grateful to Radio Station CHAY for giving us the opportunity to reach a larger audience, and to all of you, the membership, who have made a presentation on the show.

An Evening of Food, Fantasy and Fun Was Had By All

By Cathy Febraro
Co-ordinator,
History to Go

It was an evening to remember! The Ontario Historical Society's gala fundraising event, **Victuals and Values: An Evening of Food, Fantasy and Fun**, held on November 10 at Black Creek Pioneer Village, was a great success.

Over 200 people attended the event, which featured a dinner and auction. The evening began with dinner. Oyster soup, roast turkey, mashed and browned potatoes, plum pudding and lemon tarts were among the delicacies on the menu, which was taken from *The Early Canadian Galt Cookbook*, published in Toronto in 1898. Wine was included with the meal and was donated by Bright's Wines.

The other main event included in **Victuals and Values** was the auction of antiques and collectibles donated to the Society by several generous Ontario residents. Frank Bennett, renowned auctioneer from Markham, Ontario, performed his duties in a most effective and entertaining manner.

In keeping with the historical spirit of the evening, entertainment was provided by *Muddy York*, with Ian Bell and Anne Lederman, who presented traditional Canadian folk songs. Lucky draws and door prizes were an added highlight to a most enjoyable evening.

All proceeds from **Victuals and Values** will support the Society's *History to Go* programme. *History to Go* is an outreach programme designed to serve residents of nursing homes, hospital patients, seniors and others with special needs. A report on the total proceeds of **Victuals and Values**, and a list of the donors will appear in the Winter, 1990 issue of the *OHS Bulletin*.



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Winnie the Pooh is One of Us!



Patricia Wood and Meribeth Clow, of the OHS, and speakers, Ruth Keene and Daniel O'Brien, enjoy the parade which marked the beginning of The Festival of Teddy Bears, held in White River, Ontario, August 25 and 26.

It was on August 24, 1914, that a Winnipeg veterinarian stepping off a troop train to stretch his legs on the station platform in White River, Ontario, set in motion an incredible series of events. Lieutenant Harry Colebourn, who was on his way overseas, was approached by a hunter with a black bear cub.

He purchased the cub for \$20.00, named her Winnipeg and took her overseas with the Second Canadian Infantry Brigade. When Colebourn was

posted to France, he left Winnipeg with the London Zoo where the gentle black bear became a hit with the children.

It was only a matter of time until A.A. Milne visited the London Zoo with his son, Christopher Robin, and used Winnipeg as the prototype for one of the most famous bears in literary history. *Winnie the Pooh* and *The House at Pooh Corners* have become classics for children, old and young, around the world.

On August 25 and 26, the White River District Historical Society, the Municipality of White River and The Ontario Historical Society co-sponsored a 75th anniversary celebration called 'A Festival of Teddy Bears'.

The event began with Reeve Ollie Chapman and Fred Colebourn, Lieutenant Colebourn's son, unveiling a statue, depicting the first meeting with the bear, at the railway station near where the original meeting took place. A parade, involving the whole community then marched up to the local community centre where children got their pictures taken with their favourite bear, (special thanks to Polaroid Canada Inc. for their support). A teddy bear judging contest was held and everyone was treated to an excellent rendition of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.

On Saturday, August 26, two workshops were held. Marcella Pittana, a teddy-bear expert from Port Colborne, Ontario, examined the history of Winnie the Pooh and Daniel O'Brien, Ministry of Culture and Communications and Ruth Keene, The Grange, Toronto, gave a slide presentation on the history of bears in general. Everyone attending enjoyed the special exhibit of bears, generously provided by Marcella Pittana and Ruth Keene.

The celebration concluded with a birthday cake and the singing of Happy Birthday in honour of this 75th Anniversary. Lt. Harry Colebourn would have been proud of White River's salute to his 'silly old bear'.

Cemeteries (Continued from Page 1)

The Ontario Historical Society and many other national and provincial heritage groups are not reassured and have continued to lobby both the Minister of Culture and Communications, The Honourable Christine E. Hart, and the Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations, The Honourable Gregory Sorbara about this important piece of legislation.

In our opinion, grave sites and cemeteries are equivalent sources of information that can be accessed, analyzed and understood just like a library of books, an archives of original documents or a museum of historic artifacts. Grave sites and

cemeteries are physical manifestations of people who have lived a very rich life and through their life and death have contributed to Ontario's heritage. New legislation affecting such a priceless resource should have been developed with care, sympathy and understanding so that the peoples of Ontario may continue to benefit from this aspect of our common history.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of The Ontario Historical Society's brief or would like further information, please contact The Ontario Historical Society, 5151 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 5P5, (416) 226-9011.

Heritage Canada Gift Collection Catalogue Ready for 1989

For the past three years, Heritage Canada has produced the *Heritage Canada Gift Collection* as a part of its promotion of Canada's heritage. This 16 page colour catalogue is the only all-Canadian gift collection produced and it features more than 75 Canadian-made products. Many of these products are handcrafted by artisans from all regions of the country.

Some of the products include Christmas cards, stationery, gourmet gift baskets, kitchen accessories, calen-

dars, books, toys and clothing.

Christmas shopping from the catalogue is easy. Simply order by using the toll-free telephone number 1-800-267-6670, ext. 2 or write Heritage Canada, 306 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1S2.

Heritage Canada is a national, non-profit organization launched 15 years ago to promote and preserve Canada's heritage. Proceeds from the catalogue sales support the organization and its programmes.

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By Beth Hanna
Chairman, OHS
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President's Message

By Colin Read
OHS President

The other day I sent a student to the library to look at various issues of the *Globe* to examine accounts of the Gavazzi riots of 1853 in Montreal. He came back with the disconcerting news that the *Globe* microfilm for the issues he needed was useless. The various pages of the paper had been folded back upon themselves in the microfilming process and thus couldn't be read. This was a new one on me. I'm all-too-familiar with microfilm that is useless because reels are blank or because the documents copied were too faint to be captured on film. As any user of microfilm knows, such microfilm is far from rare. But "folded over" copies are. I can add this to my list of microfilm "horrors", which demonstrate the continuing necessity for researchers to have access to the originals. My poor student is off to Toronto to hunt up such originals.

Unfortunately, the trend seems to be for archivists and librarians, cramped for space, to toss out documents and to rely solely on copies, whether on microfilm or computer tape. The most celebrated case here involves the Province of Ontario's POLARIS project, which countenances the shredd-

ding of land records from 1868 to 1947. Fortunately, the heritage community, alerted to the implementation of the programme, has been able to secure its suspension pending review. The possibility of preserving the original documents (at least those which have escaped the shredder thus far) remains.

A less satisfactory outcome is assured in the dispute between the Metropolitan Toronto Library Board and the Community History Project. Library staff destroyed the survey sheets for the Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings (CIHB) compiled by 150 volunteers from the Annex Residents' Association, from 1970 to 1972. The library staff was aware that the architectural information was available through the CIHB online database but were unaware that the members of the Annex Residents' Association, feeling that there was information on their sheets unavailable from that database, would have liked them back. That is no longer possible. The ARA survey provided a local source of historical and architectural information on over 2000 buildings. This valuable source of information was utilized by the Community History Project.

Other proposals to put documents and data on microfilm or computer tape

which might well lead to the destruction of the originals are in the air. We in the historical community need to be very much aware of the tendency to discard or destroy. The price of preservation is eternal vigilance!

Clearly, archivists and librarians cannot keep every piece of paper generated by governments, organizations and such in this, the Information Age. The explosion of paper has been tremendous. But these guardians of our heritage do need to act with great care in deciding what to dispose of. In one case they might have to keep all of a large collection because of its historic value. In the case of a large and relatively mundane collection they might be justified in keeping just samples. But in establishing policies about what to keep or not to keep they should consult with others in the heritage community. And, ideally, in all cases of disposal they should make copies, having kept those documents which, because they are colour-coded or because they are too faint, resist copying.

As for the copies, whether the originals have been kept or not, all should be usable. It shouldn't be necessary for my student to trot off to Toronto to hunt up the *Globe* or for you or me to peer at blank microfilm!

OHS Office Closing

The office of The Ontario Historical Society will be closed for the holiday season from 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 22, 1989 to 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 2, 1990.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Charles Sauriol Conservation Reserve Dedicated In The Don Valley

One of Canada's leading conservationists, who has devoted his life to conserving the Don River and recording its history, was honoured with the dedication of the Charles Sauriol Conservation Reserve, on Wednesday, September 6, at 12 noon.

Among those taking part in the ceremony were Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander, Metro Toronto Chairman Alan Tonks, Minister of State for Housing Alan Redway, Mayor David Johnson of East York, and Acting Chairman John McGinnis of The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

The Charles Sauriol Conservation Reserve is 185 hectares in size. It runs along the East Valley of the Don River from the Forks of the Don, near Don Mills Road and the Don Valley Parkway, north to Lawrence Avenue. The tract is unique because it is reverting to a natural state, creating a wilderness area in the centre of Metro Toronto.

The Reserve honours Charles Sauriol, who lived in the Don Valley for many years, and led

the struggle to conserve greenspace in the Valley. Mr. Sauriol was a founding member of The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and is a former executive director of the Nature Conservancy of Canada. He has received numerous awards, and was appointed a member of the Order of Canada.

The Charles Sauriol Conservation Reserve will be managed by the Metro Toronto Parks and Property Department, which plans to make trail improvements and provide public access.

1990 Volunteer Awards

The Ministries of Citizenship and Culture and Communications are accepting nominations for **Volunteer Service Awards and Outstanding Achievement Awards** until December 15, 1989. These awards will be presented to the recipients in the Spring of 1990. For further information and application forms, contact the Ministry of Citizenship, 15th Floor, 77 Bloor Street West, Toronto, M7A 2R9, (416) 965-7505.

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Upcoming Events

November 4 - December 30: In celebration of the **150th Anniversary of the daguerreotype**, the Hiram Walker Historical Museum is sponsoring a photo exhibit of Windsor and the surrounding area. Local residents have been asked to submit photographs which they feel will be historically significant in the future. Contact the Museum at 254 Pitt Street West, Windsor, N9A 5L5, (519) 253-1812.

November 20 - December 31: **Toronto's Historic Houses** are decorated for the Christmas season. Mackenzie House, 82 Bond Street, is the setting for a Victorian Christmas; Colborne Lodge in High Park hosts a Dickens Christmas; and Spadina at 285 Spadina Road presents the festive season in Edwardian fashion. All sites are operated by the Toronto Historical Board. Contact the Board at the Marine Museum, Exhibition Place, Toronto, M6K 3C3, (416) 392-6827.

Christmas at Black Creek Pioneer Village

Black Creek Pioneer Village in Metro Toronto is celebrating **Christmas in the Village** from November 18 to December 24. Visitors can experience Christmas as it evolved throughout the 19th century on their tour through the Village. From December 26 to 31, leisure time activities are portrayed in **Past Times - Play Times**. Parlour games and amusements take place at each house. Contact Black Creek Pioneer Village, 1000 Murray Ross Parkway, Downsview, M3J 2P3, (416) 736-1733.

November 27 - December 23: **The Gibson House** is celebrating an 1851 Christmas. Mulled cider and shortbread cookies are available to sample. Also at The House, on December 30 and 31, Hogmanay is celebrated and the New Year welcomed in traditional Scottish fashion. Contact The Gibson House, 5172 Yonge Street, North York, M2N 5P6, (416) 225-0146.

December 1, 1989 - July 2, 1990: The Royal Ontario Museum opens its exhibit on **The Nature of Birds**. The exhibition showcases the remarkable ecological and physical diversity of bird life all over the world. Contact the Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Park, Toronto, M5S 2C6, (416) 586-5549.

December 3, 10 and 17: From 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m., the John R. Park Homestead is presenting **Christmas in the Country**. Traditional decorations, baking from the fireplace, roasted chestnuts and choirs contribute to the festive season. Contact Michael Turton, Essex Region Conservation Authority, 360 Fairview Avenue West, Essex, N8M 1Y6, (519) 776-5209.

December 9: Muskoka Pioneer Village invites everyone to experience an old-fashioned **Victorian Christmas** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Enjoy Christmas carolling, treats, a sleigh ride through the Village and a visit with Santa Claus. Contact the Village, Box 2802, Huntsville, P0B 1C0, (705) 789-7576.

January 11-12, 1990: **Private Stewardship of Heritage Resources** is a two-day professional development workshop sponsored by the Heritage Resources Centre of the University of Waterloo. Also on February 8 and 9, **Policy Development for Managing Parks and Protected Areas**

examines the question of policy development with specific reference to the Canadian Parks Service. Contact Environmental Studies Building 1, Room 345, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, N2L 3G1, (519) 885-1211, extension 2072 or 3066.

January 12, 1990: The **Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society** welcomes in the New Year by looking into Hamilton's past. John Best, Vice President of CHCH-TV's News and Public Affairs Department shows his archival film footage of Hamilton. The Society is also sponsoring a special historical dinner and address to mark Heritage Month on February 9. Contact the Society at Box 896, Station A, Hamilton, L8N 3P6.



The dining room at Mackenzie House decorated for a Victorian Christmas. (Photo courtesy of the Toronto Historical Board.)

Introduction to Management of Small Archives

The Ontario Association of Archivists is conducting a series of two-day workshops entitled "An Introduction to Management of Small Archives", during the Fall and Winter of 1989-1990 in selected locations throughout Ontario. Using *A Manual for Small Archives* prepared by the Association of British Columbia Archivists (1988) as the basic text, this two-day course is designed to introduce archival practices to those interested in starting or currently operating a small archives. As the OAA Needs Survey indicated, there is a great need for archival education in Ontario particularly at the introductory level. In response to this need, the two-day course was offered in Toronto, Stratford and Ottawa in the Fall of 1989. In the Spring, it will take place in North Bay and Thunder Bay.

Sessions to be offered include such topics as Getting Started:

Your archival organization; Acquiring, appraising, accessioning, organizing and describing textual and non-textual records; Conservation and security; Reference services and public relations; and Computers and Archives. Cost for the two-day course is \$50. A copy of *A Manual for Small Archives* will be provided to all registrants. Enrolment is limited so all those interested are encouraged to register early.

For further information contact the following Local Arrangements Co-ordinators: Paul McIlroy, North Bay, (705) 476-2323; Louise Wuorinen, Thunder Bay, (807) 343-8728; or the Programme Co-ordinator, Garron Wells (416) 965-4030.

This course has been financially assisted by a grant from the Professional Development and Training Co-operative Program of the Canadian Council of Archives.

Fund Raising Management Courses

The Canadian Centre for Philanthropy and Humber College are presenting four courses on **fund raising management** throughout the Winter and Spring of 1990. Each course is offered one evening a week for ten weeks beginning in January and April. Contact Julie Klinger, North Campus, Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology, Registration Department, Continuous Education, 205 Humber College Blvd., Etobicoke, M9W 5L7, (416) 675-3111, extension 4418.

February 3, 1990: The **Ontario Women's History Network** is hosting a founding conference in Toronto. For information on the conference and on membership in this new organization, contact the Network, c/o Centre for Women's Studies in Education, 252 Bloor Street West, Toronto, M5S 1V6.

November, 1990: The Ontario Archaeological Society is announcing a **two-week trip to Egypt**, with an optional further one week in Jordan. Contact the Ontario Archaeological Society, 126 Willowdale Avenue, Willowdale, M2N 4Y2, (416) 730-0797.

OHS Annual Conference 1990

May 10, 11, 12: The Ontario Historical Society is presenting its 102nd Annual Conference at the Holiday Inn, Sault Ste. Marie. The theme focuses on **Children and Perceptions of Childhood**. Contact The Ontario Historical Society, 5151 Yonge Street, Willowdale, M2N 5P5 (416) 226-9011.

January and February, 1990

The Toronto Historical Board presents the following special events at its historic sites:

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| January 11 - 21: | International Boat Show
Marine Museum |
| January 20, 21: | Robbie Burns Weekend
Mackenzie House |
| January 21: | Military Symposium
Historic Fort York |
| January 28: | The Restoration of the Spadina Gardens
Spadina |
| February 4 - 25: | Thaw-Out Tours
Colborne Lodge |
| February 4 - 25: | Historic Cooking Course
Historic Fort York |
| February 17, 18, 19: | Heritage Weekend
Free admission to all sites |
| February 24, 25: | Winter Cookery in a City Home
Mackenzie House |

Contact the Toronto Historical Board, Marine Museum, Exhibition Place, Toronto, M6K 3C3, (416) 392-6827.

Upcoming OHS Workshops

DATE	WORKSHOPS	LOCATION
December 2	Heritage Groups and LACAC workshop for Cochrane	Timmins
December 10	Serve It Forth!	Black Creek Pioneer Village Metro Toronto
January 19, 1990	Heritage Groups and LACAC workshop for Temiskaming	Haileybury
January 20	Mining Before Mines	Haileybury
February 1	LACAC workshop for Lennox and Addington; Frontenac; Hastings; Prince Edward	Napanee

For information on these workshops and others in the planning stages, please contact The Ontario Historical Society, 5151 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 5P5 (416) 226-9011.

Education, the Family and Military History

Ontario History - the December Issue

By Laurel Sefton
MacDowell
Editor, *Ontario History*

These are the days of chronic underfunding of universities, when standards are dropping as administrators cope with increased numbers of students and have no funds to hire faculty members to teach them. For those who remember the undergraduate educational experience of even 20 years ago, the present situation is a shock. But readers of *Ontario History* have an opportunity to reflect on university education of an earlier era by reading Patricia Jasen's article on the honour course system at the University of Toronto. She writes in the lead piece of the December issue of *Ontario History* that this programme survived for nearly a century "and during most of that

time it was recognized throughout North America as making a distinctive contribution to higher education on this continent."

For those interested in the history of the family, Professor James Snell of the University of Guelph has written a fascinating case study of "The International Border as a Factor in Marital Behaviour". Can-Am relations were never so romantic!

Carl Benn of the Toronto Historical Board has written an admirable article about the founding of Toronto. He argues that "a richer understanding of the birth of Canada's largest city requires an exploration of the broader military history of the Great Lakes area in the late eighteenth century." He accomplishes his task in an informative, readable manner.

Deadline for Nominations for 1989 OHS Awards

By David Keane
Chairman,
OHS Honours and
Awards Committee

Attention all individuals and organizations across the province working to preserve and promote Ontario's Past.

You know what is being done in your area of interest and in your community that is worthy of praise. Help us to formally recognize these endeavours and the responsible individuals or groups by submitting nominations for the Society's Honours and Awards for 1989. The categories and general criteria are as follows:

Carnochan Award, to an individual who has contributed many years of service to the heritage community;

Scadding Award of Excellence, to an historical society or heritage group that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of local history;

B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award of Merit, to a Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) in Ontario for special contributions to heritage conservation in its municipality in the recent past;

Riddell Award, for the best article on Ontario's history published anywhere in Canada during the award year (1989);

President's Award, to a corporation or business that has contributed to heritage conservation in the recent past;

Joseph Brant Award, for the best book on multicultural history in Ontario published in the past three years (1987-89);

Fred Landon Award, for the best book on regional history in Ontario published in the past three years (1987-89);

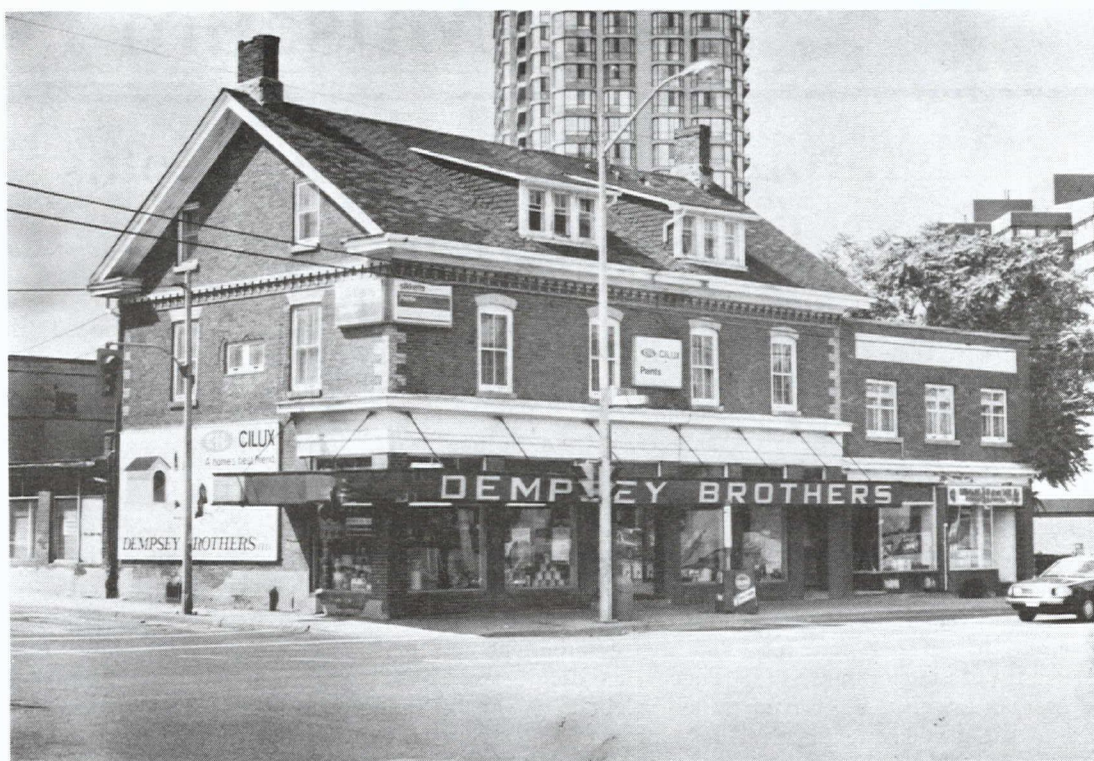
Cruikshank Gold Medal, presented on rare occasions to individuals who have performed with distinction on behalf of The Ontario Historical Society.

The 1989 Honours and Awards will be presented at the 1990 OHS Annual Conference. Nominations should be submitted by Wednesday, January 31, 1990, to the OHS Honours and Awards Committee, 5151 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 5P5. Nominations should include a statement explaining how the nominee meets the criteria for the given award or honour.

History of Ontario's Peoples Grant Programme

The next deadline for applications for the History of Ontario's Peoples Grant Programme is March 16, 1990. Applicants will be notified of the Advisory Committee's decision no later than May 15, 1990. For further infor-

mation and assistance, contact Robert Levery, Programme Co-ordinator, The Ontario Historical Society, 5151 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 5P5 (416) 226-9011.



The Dempsey Brother's Hardware Store. In operation since 1921, this North York business recently closed. The building was originally constructed as a combination general store and residence in 1860. (Photo courtesy of George Duncan.)

Landmark Business Closes

By George W.J. Duncan

On a Saturday afternoon in early August, I was in the Willowdale area, and needing something in the hardware line, I naturally thought of the Dempsey Brothers Hardware Store. For countless Torontonians, the Dempsey Store has been a landmark on the northwest corner of Yonge Street and Sheppard Avenue, enjoying a reputation for being the old-fashioned kind of hardware store where the clerks really knew their business. If Dempseys didn't have what you were looking for, nobody did.

When I arrived at the store, I was somewhat startled to find that the formerly well-stocked business, usually full of an array

of merchandise, was nearly stripped bare to the walls. The final close-out sale was well underway, thus ending a family business that goes back to 1921, when George and William Dempsey purchased the venerable old brick building that had been standing on the corner since 1860.

The store was originally built by Joseph Shepard Jr. on a corner of the old family farm, which still contains the Shepard homestead, built in the 1830's. The house saw action in the 1837 Rebellion in Upper Canada.

At various times, the Georgian-inspired, two-storey store, with its striking patterned brickwork, has served as a general store, post office and

hardware store, also providing living quarters for its proprietors.

The Dempsey property will be the site of a major new development that will transform this prominent streetcorner into a part of the emerging downtown North York. Canderel, the developers of the site, having recognized the historical and architectural significance of this heritage building, plan to relocate the store a short distance to the west of its current position, to face a courtyard in the proposed new complex.

For years, the distinctive Dempsey store canopy displayed a sign which proclaimed that it has been a place of business since 1860. May the tradition continue!

Across the Province

The Ukrainian Canadian Centennial Committee Inc., in cooperation with the Chair of Ukrainian Studies, University of Toronto, and The Multicultural History Society of Ontario presented the commemorative seminar series, *The Ukrainian Experience in Canada: The First One Hundred Years, 1891-1991*. The first of the four seminars was presented on September 28 while the remaining three were held November 2, 16, 30.

The Wellington County Museum and Archives, in cooperation with the Wellington County Historical Research Society, co-sponsored the exhibit *Radio Days* from September 16 to November 26. The artifacts for the exhibit were generously donated by local residents and institutions. The exhibit commemorated Reginald A. Fessenden who performed the first spoken wireless radio broadcast on Christmas Eve, 1906.

The Englehart and District Agricultural Society celebrated its 80th Anniversary at its Fall Fair, September 7, 8, and 9. A variety of events were held including a Fair Queen contest,

horse shows, candy making demonstration, a Fair Dance and a parade with the theme "Then and Now - 80 Years of Agriculture in Englehart".

Black Creek Pioneer Village in Metro Toronto invited bakers to enter its *Bake It with Apples* Contest on Sunday, October 15. The contest, co-sponsored by Canada Packers Inc., was part of a two-day celebration of the apple harvest. The contest was divided into four classes: junior, youth, adult and senior and Canada Packers donated all prizes for the categories.

In 1987, the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Metropolitan Toronto Zoo, Ontario Science Centre and the Royal Ontario Museum formed an *audience research consortium* to undertake a three year study. The purpose of the study is to investigate the attitudes, values, behaviours and expectations of each of the four sites' user and non-user groups. On October 26, the four groups, along with Woods Gordon Management Consultants, met at the McLaughlin Planetarium Lecture Room of the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto to discuss some of the interesting points which have arisen thus far in the research.

The Ontario Archaeological Society held its *Annual Symposium*, October 27, 28 and 29 at the Radisson Hotel in London. Conference registrants visited several area sites and attended seminars on Archaic, Early and Middle Woodland Studies in the Great Lakes; Native Peoples in Ontario Archaeology, Ethno-Osteology; Underwater Archaeology; Current Research in Northern Ontario and the Past, Present and Future for Avocational Archaeology.

Diversitas was the title of Heritage Canada's 16th National Conference, which took place October 26-28, in Vancouver, British Columbia. The conference focused on the increasing diversity of cultural groups in Canada and the impact this factor is having on our built environment.

The Ontario Black History Society presented its 11th *Annual General Meeting* on September 23 at the Education Centre of the Toronto Board of Education. The theme of the meeting was *Our African Heritage* with guest speaker Clement Marshall, Afrocentric Education and Race Relations Consultant.

Museum News

Manitoulin Island School Holds Precious Memories

By Verna Haggith
Chairperson,
Tehkummah Township's
Little Schoolhouse and
Museum

Tehkummah Township's Little Schoolhouse in South Baymouth on the southern shore of Manitoulin Island is now a Heritage Museum. The many children that at one time occupied the classroom, now gaze in wonder at the old carved desktops, out-of-date text books and treasured class pictures.

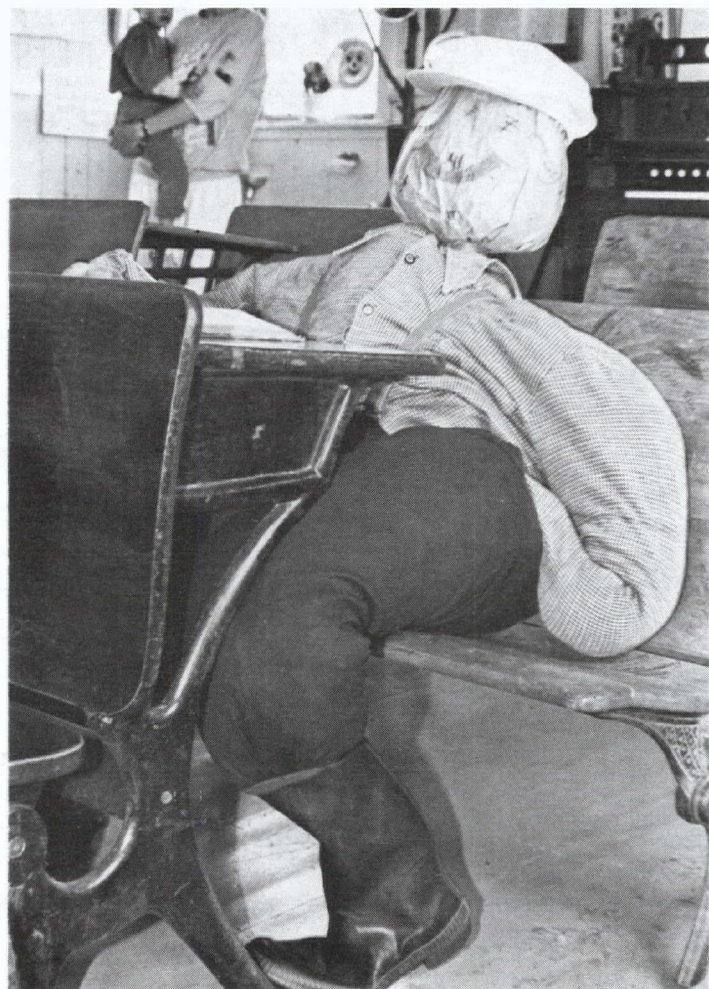
The Little Schoolhouse was erected originally in 1891 as a union church, with the understanding that the building would later serve as a school. The school officially opened in January, 1898 with only eleven pupils and one teacher, Miss

Florence Hammond from Killarney. Through the years, the schoolhouse was enlarged, acquiring the traditional belfrey and bell in 1938. In June, 1962, the last teacher, Mrs. Stella Bowerman, closed the doors and the children were bused to the Township's three-room school.

Twenty-seven years later on July 1, 1989, the schoolbell rang once again during the Canada Day celebrations which were held on the schoolgrounds. A retired former township teacher, Mrs. Catharine Paisley McQuarrie, conducted arithmetic and spelling sessions with area children — their parents, grandparents and even one great-grandmother participating. Keen competition and laughter echoed from open windows over the schoolyard, as the clever great-

grandmother challenged the younger generations.

Following in the footsteps of the Museum's successful Canada Day birthday party, residents and tourist visitors revelled in the end of the summer holiday with their first annual scarecrow festival, held August 26, 1989. Based on Heritage Canada's "Search For The Straws" scarecrow contest, the Little Schoolhouse and Museum Board brought together many of the contest's entries. As well, Island children made scarecrows which were displayed in the Little Schoolhouse. Their festival attracted a crowd of all ages, including a large number of children. The event, put on by the Board to raise funds for the heritage school's restoration, ended up on the right side of the ledger.



Scarecrow contest at Manitoulin's Little Schoolhouse and Museum.

Aylmer and District Museum Receives Grant for Computer

The Aylmer and District Museum received a grant of \$7,486.00 from the Ministry of Culture and Communications to purchase a computer system this past summer.

The new computer system will greatly improve efficiency at the museum which currently houses a permanent collection of 9,568 artifacts. Among other activities, the system will allow for

cataloguing of artifacts, the storing and retrieval of membership records and bookkeeping documents.

Selected for its compatibility with the Ontario Museum Association's Trillium Project, the new system will also provide access to information and allow for communication with other museums throughout the province.

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1990 Student Research Paper Competition

The Canadian Region of The Association for Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM) is pleased to announce its 1990 Student Research Paper Competition.

Since 1970, ALHFAM has been the central service organization for individuals and institutions involved in living historical farms, agricultural museums, and outdoor museums of history and folklife.

ALHFAM is seeking papers based on scholarly research related to the subject of living history, in its many facets, with particular emphasis on Canada. The competition is open to students in any academic discipline, registered at a Canadian university or community college. Papers should be approximately 2500 words in length, suitable for a twenty to thirty minute oral presentation. One typed copy of the paper must be submitted.

Papers will be judged on scholarly merit, relevance to the living history movement, and quality of writing.

The author of the prize winning paper will receive:

— Conference registration, accommodation, meals and

ground transportation from Toronto, to the 1990 Annual ALHFAM Conference, to be held at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island from June 16 to 21, 1990;

— An additional amount of up to \$300.00 may be available to assist with transportation costs;

— The successful student will present his or her paper at the 1990 Annual Conference as part of the scheduled conference programme. The paper will also be published in the *ALHFAM Annual*, a publication of the organization.

The prize will be awarded on the condition that the winner will attend the 1990 Annual Conference to present his or her paper. The prize will not be awarded as a cash equivalent. If the winning paper is written by more than one author, only one prize package will be awarded.

Deadline for submissions is January 15, 1990.

Forward submissions to: 1990 Student Research Paper Competition, Hutchison House Museum, 270 Brock Street, Peterborough, Ontario K9H 2P9.

Huron County Museum Redevelopment Project

The Huron County Museum reopened its doors September 30, 1989 at a special ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Museum's Relocation Project. Construction on the \$4 million project started in 1985, and included the restoration of the original 1856 school building, plus the addition of a new facility to house workshops, offices, collection storage areas, archives, research facilities, a conservation lab, and a theatre. The 40,000 square foot combined facility was funded by a \$1.15 million grant from the Economic and Regional Development Agreement of the Federal Government, a \$1.172 million C.F.I.P. grant from the Ministry of Culture and Communications, and a \$1.15 million grant from the County of Huron, as well as a public fund raising campaign. Nearly 400 people attended the opening. For further information contact Claus Breede, Huron County Museum, 110 North Street, Goderich, Ontario N7A 2T8.

Discovering Spadina

Spadina, the magnificent 1866 estate situated on the Davenport Hill in Toronto, invites visitors to view the remarkable archaeological and architectural remains discovered at this important historic site. *Discovering Spadina*, a new permanent exhibit which highlights these discoveries, opened on Wednesday, September 20, 1989.

The exhibit examines the ownership of Spadina by two distinguished families, the Baldwins and the Austins. Emphasis is placed on the Baldwin family's occupation of Spadina and the remnants of their early 19th century houses which have been incorporated into the present building. The changes which were made to the property by the Austin family since 1866 and their influence on Toronto's history also form part of this exhibit.

The exhibit includes a large variety of artifacts which were unearthed during excavation. These tell us about the lifestyle of the people who left them behind — a clay pipe suggests personal habits; a stone marble

suggests children's play; animal bones and oyster shell fragments reveal eating habits.

The unique archaeological and architectural discoveries in the basement of Spadina have been preserved to show visitors how archaeology is undertaken and how building conservation techniques have contributed to the retention of the site's historic features.

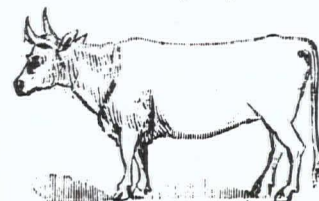
To compliment the opening of this exhibit, an illustrated lecture was given by Richard Stromberg of the Toronto Historical Board and Dena Doroszenko of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Sunday, September 24th at 2:00 p.m. They examined the archaeological excavations at Spadina, and how these excavations have helped us to further our understanding of this important historic site.

Spadina is located at 285 Spadina Road, next door to Casa Loma. Admission is \$4.00 for adults; \$2.00 for seniors and children; \$10.00 for a family. This price includes admission to the historic house and *Discovering Spadina* exhibit.

1990 ALHFAM Annual Conference

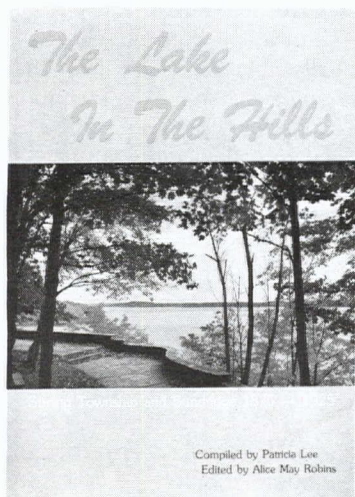
The 1990 Annual Meeting and Conference for the Association of Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums will be held June 16 to 21 at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. The Program Committee is seeking presentations and sessions that will

address the past, present and future of this vital aspect of the heritage field. If you wish to make a presentation, submit a one-page proposal and resume by December 15, 1989 to Bob Benz, Billings Farm and Museum, Box 489, Woodstock, Vermont 05091, (802) 457-2355.



From the Bookshelf

By Jim Clemens
Bookshelf Editor



The Lake in the Hills: Strong Township and Sundridge, 1875-1925, compiled by Patricia Lee and edited by Alice May Robins. Highway Book Shop, 1989. 295 pages, illustrations, ISBN 0-88954-327-5, hardcover. (Available from the Highway Book Shop, Colbalt, Ontario P0J 1C0 1-705-679-8375).

This illustrated history deals with the early settlement and development of the Township of Strong and the Village of Sundridge. It is arranged chronologically in order to show how the Free Grant Act of 1868, the arrival of the settlers, the building of the Grand Trunk Railway, and the geographical situation of Lake Bernard all contributed to the success of this community despite the exodus of many of the original settlers in the years 1892-1911.

Lady Ishbel

Ishbel and the Empire: A Biography of Lady Aberdeen, by Doris French. Dundurn Press, 1988. 346 pages, illustrations, hardcover ISBN 1-55002-036-6, softcover ISBN 1-55002-038-2. (Available from the publisher, 2181 Queen Street East, Suite 301, Toronto, Ontario M4E 1E5).

Lady Ishbel, the wife of Lord Aberdeen who was appointed Governor General of Canada in 1893, was a born leader of women and lent the weight of her position to a multitude of causes both political and social. This new biography was written by Doris French who has had an active career as a journalist, broadcaster and commentator in Ottawa. She is the author of a number of books including biographies of Agnes Macphail and Tommy Douglas.

The Travellers

The Travellers: Canada to 1900 - An Annotated Bibliography of Works Published in English from 1577, compiled by Elizabeth Waterston. University of Guelph, 1989. \$49.00 (Available from Media Distribution, Day Hall, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario N1G 2W1).

This book presents an annotated list of over 700 books on Canada, written by travellers, and published in English before 1900.

Conservation of Cemeteries

Conservation of Cemeteries: The Treatment, Repair and Maintenance of Cemetery Objects and their Environment, by A.K. Zielinski, Robert Seymour and Associates. Designer Professional Version \$58.50 plus \$6.50 shipping. Soft Bound Version \$31.70 plus \$5.00 shipping. (Available from the Associates, Suite 6, 6068 Netherhart Road, Mississauga, Ontario L5T 1M6).

This work forms a handbook for groups to preserve cemeteries and contains case studies of the do's and don'ts of conservation.

Ontario Trades Collection

The Ontario Drug Store and Druggist List 1851-1930 and The Ontario Dairy and Creamery List 1900-1950. Iron Gate Publishing Company, 1989. 300 and 200 pages respectively. Softcover \$28.00 each. (Available from the publisher, Box 2611, Sarnia, Ontario N7 T 7V8).

These two new reference books in *The Ontario Trades Collection* are necessary documentation aids for museum staff, bottle collectors, and archaeologists.

Ontario Association of Architects

Ontario Association of Architects: A Centennial History, 1889-1989, by Geoffrey Simmins. Ontario Association of Architects, 1988. 313 pages, illustrations, ISBN 0-9693613-0-0, hardcover. (Available from the Ontario Association of Architects, 50 Park Road, Toronto, Ontario M4W 2N5).

This centennial history is not just the story of an organization, but of the people who have cared enough about it to volunteer their time and effort to further the goals of both the association and the profession.

Bibliography of Ontario History

The Bibliography of Ontario History/La Bibliographie d'histoire ontarienne 1976-1986, edited by G. Gervais, G. Hallsworth, and A. Thomson. Dundurn Press, 1989. 605 pages, ISBN 1-55002-031-5, hardcover \$69.95. (Available from the publisher, 2181 Queen Street East, Suite 301, Toronto, Ontario M4E 1E5 1-416-698-0454).

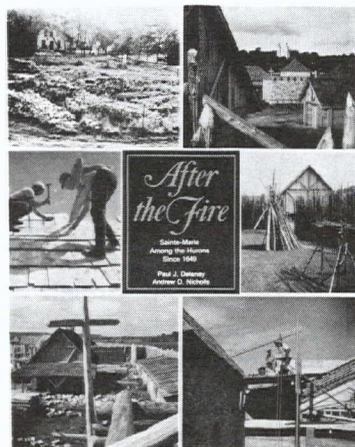
This list of popular and academic publications on the history of Ontario from 1976 to 1986 will be a most useful reference tool for everyone interested in studying and writing about the province.

A Life Before the Mast

Ned Myers; or a Life Before the Mast, by James Fenimore Cooper. Naval Institute Press, 1989. \$33.50. (Available from Christel Vanags, Secretary,

Hamilton and Scourge Society, 71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario L8N 3T4).

Ned Myers, the life story of a one-time shipmate of James Fenimore Cooper, as told to Cooper in the early 1840's, includes an eye-witness account of sailing in the Scourge from October, 1812 until and including the capsizing of the vessel on August 8, 1813. This book was one of two primary sources used by Dr. Dan Nelson during the search for the Hamilton and the Scourge in 1971-1973. Republished in 1989 for the first time since 1899. Contains Hamilton-Scourge project illustrations by Ian Morgan.



After the Fire: Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons since 1649, by P.J. Delaney and A.D. Nicholls. East Georgian Bay Historical Foundation, 1989. ISBN 0-9691812-3-X, hardcover and 0-9691812-2-1, softcover. \$19.95 (Available from the East Georgian Bay Historical Foundation, Box 518, Elmvalle, Ontario L0L 1P0).

The story of the reconstruction of Sainte-Marie is one of dedication and faith no less compelling than that of the Jesuits who first built Sainte-Marie. *After the Fire* traces the evolution of this unique historic site from abandoned ruins through to the completion of the carefully crafted reconstruction and museum in 1971. It also recounts the efforts of the doers and dreamers who made the reconstruction possible.

Heritage in Stone

Heritage in Stone: Yosef Drenters and the Rockwood Academy, by G. Brender a Brandis. \$275.00. (Available from the author, Carlisle, Ontario L0R 1H0 1-416-689-8891).

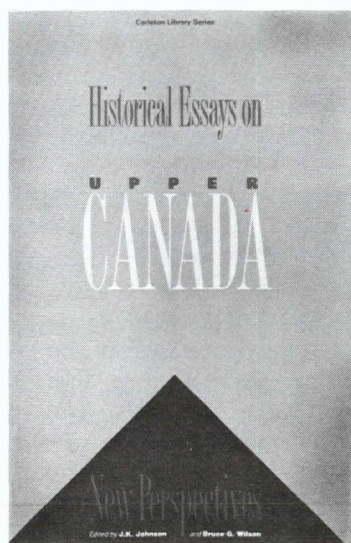
This book illuminates the wonderful relationship between

the artist, the sculptor Yosef Drenters, and the building. Using time-honoured methods of bookcraft, bookwright Gerald Brender a Brandis, has produced a limited edition of 160 numbered copies of what will be regarded a rare book from its inception.

Canadian Directories

Canadian Directories, 1790-1987: A Bibliography and Place Name Index, by Mary E. Bond. National Library of Canada, 1989. ISBN 0-660-5486-4, \$90.00 set. (Available from Canadian Government Publishing Centre, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0S9 1-819-994-1498, FAX 1-819-997-2560).

This new reference tool facilitates access to the contents of Canadian directories.



Historical Essays on Upper Canada: New Perspectives, edited by J.K. Johnson and Bruce G. Wilson. "Carleton Library Series No. 146". Carleton University Press, 1989. 604 pages, illustrations, hardcover ISBN 0-88629-095-3, softcover ISBN 0-88629-070-8. \$19.95 softcover. (Available from Oxford University Press Canada, 70 Wynford Drive, Don Mills, Ontario M3C 1J9).

This collection of recent writings on the history of Upper Canada before Confederation draws upon the work of both established and younger historians to present new perspectives on the early history of the Province of Ontario. In addition to fresh treatments of traditional themes in economic, social and political history, these essays reflect the concern of contemporary scholars with such topics as ethnicity, women's experience, working people, and with immigration and internal

migration. An updated bibliography provides a guide to further reading.

Editor's Notes

Tweedsmuir History Books Many of the Women's Institutes Tweedsmuir History Books have been published. For information about availability and price, please contact Geraldine I.W. Campbell, Public Relations Officer, Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, Box 103, Ridgeway, Ontario N0P 2C0.

Index To The 1871 Census Of Ontario

Indices for the following counties are available from The Ontario Genealogical Society, 40 Orchard View Blvd., Suite 253, Toronto, Ontario M4R 1B9: Brant, Haldimand-Norfolk, Halton-Peel, Hamilton-Wentworth, Huron, Kingston-Frontenac-Lennox-Addington, Lambton, Lincoln-Welland-Niagara, Ottawa-Carleton, Peterborough-Victoria, Simcoe, Stormont-Dundas-Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, Wellington, and Bruce.

Cemetery Transcriptions

Transcriptions for many cemeteries in and around Toronto are available from the Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society, Box 147, Station Z, Toronto, Ontario M5N 2Z3. Various Simcoe County Publications, published by the Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society, are also now available from the Toronto Branch of the OGS.

Ontario History Index

The County of Huron Museum has compiled a database, the *Ontario History Index*, containing some 14,000 bibliographic entries from *Ontario History* from the beginning of the publication to June, 1988. This database has been developed on an Apple Macintosh computer using Micro Soft File as the software. *It will not run on an IBM PC or one of its clones.* The Huron County Museum will make this index available to any heritage related organization for \$10.00 to recover the cost of the diskette and diskette mailer. The database will also be made available through the Trillium Network operated by the Ontario Museum Association. Inquiries should be addressed to: The Huron County Museum, 110 North Street, Goderich, Ontario N7A 2T8 (1-519-524-2686).

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New Heritage Centre is Big On Helping Small Groups

By Susan Funston

The newest heritage centre in Toronto is in an excellent location - the top floor of a shopping mall at Yonge and Bay Streets. The CHP Heritage Centre is the home of the Community History Project, City of Toronto.

As well, 11 other Toronto-area heritage groups have permanent displays in the Centre. These groups include the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, Toronto Region, Canadian Railroad Historical Association, Echo Research Institute, Fitchett Genealogical Project, La Société d'Histoire de Toronto, Long Branch Historical Society, Swansea Historical Society, The Multicultural History Society of Ontario, The Ontario Historical Society, Urban Heritage Toronto and the West Toronto Junction Historical Society. Other heritage groups, such as the Monarchist League and the Ontario Black History Society, are invited to set up visiting displays. The member groups

provide volunteers to staff the Centre during display hours.

The Community History Project began in 1983, as a City of Toronto Sesquicentennial project, to "collect and make public all available history of the former Ward 5 (the area bounded by Yonge Street, Bloor Street, Ossington Avenue and St. Clair Avenue)". It was incorporated in 1987 as an affiliate of the OHS and as the project committee took on more and more research projects, the need for permanent office space became apparent.

"We spent almost three years looking for an office," explained Jane Beecroft, the president of the Committee. "We knew about this space, but we really didn't expect to be offered it. I thought the owners might listen to a request because they (Hammerman Mississauga, the mall owners) knew about the cemetery on this location and put up a plaque at their own expense," she added.

The reply offering the space was back within a week. "It was

a lot of work to get this place ready," Jane said; "but the owners were a big help. We had to find furniture and filing cabinets and then get it all moved in here." The offices were ready in December, 1988. The display centre officially opened in February, 1989.

"I think the Centre accomplishes three really important things," Jane noted. "First, we offer smaller groups in Toronto a chance to show what they are doing. Many of these groups don't have a central location for their material, so the centre helps them.

As well, we are educating the public to a wide range of heritage interests. Between our permanent displays and the visiting ones, we are showing people that heritage is a concern to a wide range of people.

Finally, we've shown that all the heritage groups can work together and that is really encouraging."

She added, "the word is spreading about the centre and more people are coming in looking specifically for us. As well, more groups want to become involved and we have visiting displays booked until June, 1990."

Jane noted too that her group and the Centre are becoming a resource for smaller groups. "We are encouraging those groups to do more research. We can show them what to do and how to get started."

The Community History Project has several projects under way. "One of our major projects is a building inventory for every building that was or is standing in the Ward," Jane explained. "We have an early estimate of about 30,000 buildings, so we expect to be around for quite a while."

Although the former Ward 5 is not the oldest part of the City of Toronto, it does have the greatest number of historic buildings still standing. The area, which includes the Village of Yorkville, the Village of Seaton, the Annex and Christie Pits, is also under enormous pressure from developers. "We have had a lot of support from the Annex Residents' Association in particular in our efforts to save as many of these buildings as we can," Jane explained.

The CHP Heritage Centre is located on the upper floor of Cumberland Terrace, at Yonge and Bay Streets, and is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from noon to 4:00 p.m.

Information Wanted

The Smiths Falls Railway Museum Association, "Railway Valley Division", Canadian Railroad Historical Association, Box 962, Smiths Falls, Ontario K7A 5A5 is searching for railway station equipment, photos, furniture and miscellaneous items and information on all Canadian railways.

The North Erie Shore Historical Society has established a committee to carry on the work of the late Shirley Dosser and publish a history of Nanticoke, Ontario. If anyone has pictures or information on the village's past, please contact Cheryl MacDonald at (416) 776-2406.

Larry Noonan, amateur historian and author, MSSB, 80 Sheppard Avenue East, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 6E8, is interested in contacting historical societies, museums or anyone with information or photographs concerning the Fenian Raids of 1866, 1870 and 1871. The purpose is to add this information to a book on the subject.

First Town Meeting?

On May 15, 1990, Sidney Township will be celebrating an important anniversary - the 200th birthday of local government. On that day in 1790, residents of the township (located between the present-day cities of Belleville and Trenton on the north shore of the Bay of Quinte) met to elect a moderator (chairman), constable, pathmasters, fenceviewers and other officials for a one-year term.

This town meeting took place before Upper Canada (now Ontario) was created and when we were still governed from Quebec. In

fact, Sidney was officially referred to as a seigneurie rather than a township and the bay was known as "Baie de Quinte" in early land documents.

Was this town meeting on May 15, 1790, the first town meeting to be held in what is now Ontario? We want to know, so that our bicentennial literature will be accurate.

Please address any claims, comments, and evidence (pro or con) to Gerry Boyce, Historical Research Committee, Township of Sidney, Tucker's Corners, R.R. 5, Belleville, Ontario, K8N 4Z5.

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LACAC Workshops - A Forum for Information Exchange

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In June, 1989, The Ontario Historical Society, in co-operation with the Ministry of Culture and Communications, successfully launched a series of 24 workshops specifically designed for Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committees (LACACs) and heritage organizations. To date, 16 of these workshops have taken place throughout the province and have focussed on a LACAC's roles and responsibilities as well as the importance of networking. Each of the workshops has been well received with the average attendance approximating 35 registrants. The programmes have had a wide appeal with participants including municipal officials,

Regional Consultants with the Ministry of Culture and Communications, members of heritage organizations, as well as experienced and new LACAC members. Everyone has found that the workshops have provided a good opportunity for information exchange, and a chance to meet old friends and make new contacts.

Throughout the series, Mary Lou Evans, LACAC Advisor with the Ministry of Culture and Communications, has been presenting one of a set of five video tapes which have been recently produced by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. Each programme offers 10 minutes of introductory and advanced information for LACACs including roles and responsibilities, inventories, built heritage, and aspects of designation. These tapes have been produced in English and

French and will be available in late 1989.

The remainder of this series of workshops will conclude in the Spring of 1990. They will take place in Timmins, Haileybury, Napanee, Sudbury, St. Bernadin, North Bay and Thunder Bay. For further information, please contact Lorraine Lowry at The Ontario Historical Society, 5151 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 5P5, (416) 226-9011 or Mary Lou Evans, LACAC Advisor at the Ministry of Culture and Communications, 77 Bloor Street West, 2nd Floor, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2R9, (416) 965-4961.

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