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Cornwall's Capitol Theatre met with demolition in July. Despite millions of dollars in federal and provincial funding and a recommendation to retrofit the building for use as a library, Cornwall Council voted nine to two for demolition.

Cornwall's Capitol Theatre lost

By Dennis Carter-Edwards
Chairman, Heritage Cornwall

The last act in the drama to save the historic Capitol Theatre in Cornwall was played out before a regular meeting of City Council in May of this year.

Consultants hired by the Ontario Heritage Foundation presented the first phase of their investigations which showed that the building was still structurally sound and could be adapted to a number of community uses. In light of Council's consistent refusal to provide any financial assistance towards restoration and operation of the theatre, despite some \$3.5 million in provincial and federal funding, the consultants recommended retrofitting the building as a public library.

The need for library facilities had already been established, government grants would still be applicable, operating revenues would be provided by the city and, most important of all, the unique architectural character of the building would be preserved. A library option was seen as a

reasonable compromise which would serve the immediate needs of the community without precluding a future conversion to an operating theatre.

However City Council saw it differently and, in a surprise move, voted nine to two in favour of demolition. Of particular concern to heritage supporters was the statement by the City's Chief Administrative Officer, Hugh Cook, that unless the building was demolished, the City might lose a new \$10 million provincial building which was slated to be built on land behind the theatre. Although the Minister of Government Services and the Minister of Culture and Communications later denied that demolition of the nationally significant Capitol Theatre was necessary for construction of the proposed provincial building, Council refused to reconsider its decision. Within a day of the council decision the demolition contractors were inside the building beginning to dismantle the structure.

One last appeal to Premier Bob Rae failed to save the

building. While he regretted the Council decision, he noted there was nothing in the present Heritage Act to prevent such action. He concluded by saying, "legislation covering heritage sites needs to be improved ... changes to the Ontario Heritage Act (will) provide better protection and allow for more public involvement in the decision making process."

Part of this better protection should come from the Ministry of Government Services. For communities hard hit by the recession and desperate for new jobs, the lure of a new provincial building is too much to resist, even if it means destroying part of the province's built heritage to get it. Instead of being a silent partner in demolition of significant architectural properties, the Ministry of Government Services should be sending a clear message to the heritage community by first looking to renovate and retrofit heritage properties rather than automatically engaging in new construction in order to accommodate government offices.

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Move to consolidate land-registry offices underway

Ontario Consumer and Commercial Relations Minister Marilyn Churley announced in May that Ontarians can expect improved customer service as a result of the consolidation of some land-registry offices. Churley stated that clients will benefit from more convenient locations, better access to complete records and more up-to-date facilities when the offices are integrated in the next year.

"The government's commitment to cost efficiency in the public sector and improved customer service are the main benefits of combining the 14 offices with existing operations", said Ms. Churley. "One million dollars will be saved annually - a particularly significant sum in this time of recession." The Minister said the consolidation of services would also eliminate the need to spend as much as \$8 million in replacement and renovation expenses for older offices.

MCCR contends that its clients will no longer suffer the inconvenience of having to travel to two, or sometimes three, locations to complete their research and conclude trans-

actions. Land-title researchers, who sometimes had to travel to two land-registry offices in the same county, will now find all the records for their county under one roof. An added bonus will be that all land-registry offices will be located in the same areas as the local sheriff. All of the offices being integrated were located in municipalities without a sheriff.

Another benefit of the integration will be earlier automation of land-registry information located at the offices being moved. Offices serving expanded jurisdictions are higher on the automation schedule than the smaller offices being consolidated.

The integration of land-registry divisions and offices will affect 14 offices. One in Toronto and one in Ottawa will be merged with existing operations in the same buildings. The 12 other offices are being integrated into neighbouring offices.

Ms. Churley noted that all records of historical value will be retained when the offices are moved. Records of particular interest will be offered to the Ar-

(See Registry Offices p. 2)

Calling all historical societies

Are you incorporated as a non-profit corporation? Are you a registered charity? Do you know how to get that way and / or stay that way?

Plan now to attend one of the workshops, hosted by The Ontario Historical Society, designed to assist all non-profit organizations whether new, long established or in the planning stages. Sessions will include the advantages and responsibilities of becoming a non-profit corporation in Ontario, good housekeeping practices for completing all forms and notices that

must be filed with the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, how to apply for charitable tax status and much, much more! If representatives of your society have not already attended one of these workshops, plan to send at least two representatives to one of these meetings, or attend yourself, so that you will have your house in order before January 1, 1992.

We want to see you at one of these community meetings!!

(See Good Housekeeping p. 2)

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Executive Director's report

By Dorothy Duncan
OHS Executive Director

Welcome!

To Barbara Efrat, the new Managing Director of the Ontario Museum Association and B. Joseph Hamburger, the new Office Administrator of the Ontario Genealogical Society. Both of these new appointments were effective at the beginning of July.

Well Done!

The Huronia Museum in Midland officially received the collection of approximately 20,000 artifacts recovered from the Dunsmore Site in Simcoe County from the Rose Corporation on June 26. The Rose Corporation was the recipient of the President's Award at our 1991 Annual Conference in Brockville in May for its responsible handling of the archaeological site that was revealed when the Corporation began work on a housing development in the Barrie area. Jeanne Hughes, The Ontario Historical Society's President, Carol Agnew, OHS member from Penetanguishene and I were pleased to attend the ceremony to commemorate the transfer of ownership of the collection.

Ministers Advisory Committee

Members of the heritage community in general, and The Ontario Historical Society in particular, were delighted when the former Minister of Culture and Communications, Rosario Marchese, announced at the OHS Annual Conference the appointment of the Ministers Advisory Committee on New Heritage Legislation. I was pleased to be appointed to the Committee to represent The Ontario Heritage Alliance, along with Christine

Caroppo, President, Ontario Archaeological Society; Lutzen Riedstra, President, Ontario Association of Archivists; Bill Barber, Vice-President, Ontario Museum Association and Alison Lobb, President, Ontario Genealogical Society. Other members of the Committee include Kay Manderville, Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Chrysta Chudczak, Elka Frommhold-True, Marek Malicki, Lloyd Stanford, Canadian Ethnocultural Council; John Harrison, Community Heritage Ontario; David Sobel, Ontario Federation of Labour; Lynn MacMillan and Rick Morgan, Natural Heritage League; Soeur Hugette Parent, Regroupement des organismes du patrimoine franco-ontarien and Phil Goldsmith, Urban Development Institute. Whenever the Minister is absent, the Committee will be chaired by the parliamentary assistant.

We Want to See You!

A great many pioneer and historical societies still have not attended one of our good housekeeping community meetings and that is very disappointing to both our Board of Directors and staff. Local societies contact our office on a daily basis to seek advice and information on all matters relating to incorporation, charitable tax status and the countless forms that must be completed to keep an organization's legal house in order. These workshops cover all these topics and more so we want to see you at one of them.

Review the list of dates and locations below and make your plans NOW to be there.

Success!

Summer in the Village, presented from July 8 to 11 at Black Creek Pioneer Village,

was a resounding success, and a full report with photographs will appear in the next issue.

Notions and Nostalgia Needs You and Your Donations

The weekend of Saturday, September 21 and Sunday, September 22 is a special one at Black Creek Pioneer Village as their Annual Fall Festival and Fall Fair are planned for those dates. The Ontario Historical Society will again be holding Notions and Nostalgia on Sunday, September 22 in the Visitors Centre at the Village from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (or until everything is sold, whichever happens first). Search out donations and give us a call, and also plan to attend this event and support our History to Go programme, to which all receipts from this event are dedicated. See you there!

Farewell and Welcome

The OHS was disappointed to lose Rosario Marchese as Minister of Culture and Communications in the July Cabinet shuffle. Mr. Marchese addressed many issues during his short term that had long needed attention, such as the Ontario Heritage Act and the Cemeteries Act. We have heard compliments from every quarter on his personal interest to gain a complete understanding of today's highly complex cultural and heritage issues. As we welcome the new Minister, the Honourable Karen Haslam, we hope that she will continue these initiatives and build on this excellent foundation for change and renewal. We look forward to working with Minister Haslam as she assumes her new responsibilities and our best wishes go with Mr. Marchese in his new appointment as Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier.



Rosario Marchese, former Minister of Culture and Communications, recently appointed a Ministers Advisory Committee on New Heritage Legislation. Mr. Marchese and his parliamentary assistant, Gary Wilson, are pictured here at the first meeting of the Committee along with several of its members. (Please see Executive Director's report for further information.)

Designation of 1954 OAA building passed by Toronto council

Toronto City Council recently passed a recommendation from the Toronto Historical Board to designate the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) Building at 50 Park Road, as a property of architectural interest.

The building was constructed in 1954 by the firm of John B. Parkin Associates with John Creswell Parkin as partner-in-charge. Other notable buildings of the Parkin firm include the Aeroquay (Terminal One) at Toronto Airport (1963), the Simpson Tower (1968) and the Sun Life Building at 200 University Avenue (1957).

The OAA building reflects the mid-20th century Miesian International Style. It has exposed painted steel framing, extensive glazing, buff brick panels and a flat roof. Set into a hillside off

Rosedale Valley Road, it takes advantage of the park setting on its north and west sides. It was described in the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada's Journal of December 1954 as a building of "elegance and distinction" and hailed as "one which captured perfectly the confidence of a new age and a new aesthetic in architecture."

The Toronto Historical Board has in the last several years made an effort to recognize, through the listing and designation process, the importance of modern buildings to the cityscape. Other modern buildings that have been listed or designated include The Rosedale Subway Station (1953-54), Benvenuto Place Apartments (1955), The O'Keefe Centre (1961), Toronto City Hall (1965), Massey College (1965) and the Canada Trust Building at 110 Yonge Street (1968).

For further information please contact Mary Anne Beamish, Toronto Historical Board, Marine Museum, Exhibition Place, Toronto, Ontario M6K 3C3, (416) 392-6827.

Microfilm readers

The Kingsville Gosfield Heritage Society is microfilming the *Kingsville Reporter* weekly newspaper. The Society wishes to purchase, at an economical price, a used 35 mm reel to reel microfilm reader. As well it has available for sale a 16 mm cartridge load microfilm reader.

For more information please contact Jerry Ogle, 330 Bayview Crescent, Kingsville, Ontario N9Y 2J5, (519) 733-3557.

Registry offices

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chives of Ontario. Others will be retained by the branch.

Many heritage groups are already concerned about the announcement of consolidating land-registry offices and are actively lobbying MCCR to reconsider this move. The Ontario Historical Society will provide more information on this proposal in the next issue of the *OHS Bulletin*.

Good housekeeping (continued from page 1)

The Autumn schedule is:

For further information please contact Lois Chipper, The Ontario Historical Society, 5151 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 5P5, (416) 226-9011, Fax (416) 226-2740.

Date	Location	Time	Site
September 12	Manitoulin Island	9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Little Current-Howland Recreational Centre
September 27	Perth	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	The Perth Museum
October 1	Minesing	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Simcoe County Museum
October 4	Orillia	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Stephen Leacock Memorial Home
October 18	Ingersoll	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Victoria Park Community Centre
October 19	Longlac	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Longlac Sportsplex
October 30	Mount Hope	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum
November 2	White River	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	White River Community Centre
November 7	Maitland	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Homewood Museum
November 13	Toronto	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	CHP Heritage Centre
November 29	Peterborough	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Peterborough Centennial Museum and Archives

Information wanted

In 1911 the Toronto engineer J.H.K. McCollum was granted Canadian Patents Nos. 132666 and 132667 for a single-sleeve valve gear for internal combustion engines.

Almost simultaneously Peter Burt of Argyll Motors Ltd. in Scotland obtained British Patents for a similar mechanism.

To avoid legal complications the Argyll company joined the two, and the mechanism became known as the Burt/McCollum sleeve valve.

Used for awhile in some car engines this design feature saw wider application in aero engines and lasted into World War II when jet motors became popular.

Any biographical information or documentation (photos) regarding J.H.K. McCollum, or indication of possible sources, will be gratefully received by J. Ditlev Scheel, Contributing Editor, *Automobile Quarterly*, who is preparing an article on the Burt/McCollum sleeve valve. Please direct any information to Mr. Scheel at Box 99, Green Valley, Ontario K0C 1L0, (613) 525-3811.

President's message

By Jeanne Hughes
OHS President

English is a constantly evolving language and one of my personal pleasures is to browse through a 19th century dictionary, or Eric Partridge's *The Penguin Book of Historical Slang*. The colloquial meanings of some everyday words have been constantly changing over the decades.

At some future time a lexicographer might note with interest how the progression of technology in the last quarter of the 20th century affected our language. A case in point is the tendency to make verbs out of nouns. We now access off the highway, we read magazine articles and books on how to parent our children, we don't send people copies (facsimiles) we fax them, and when we want to communicate and work with groups and individuals we network.

The OHS has been doing an excellent job of networking (or neighbouring!) over the last century; we just didn't call it that. First and foremost, constant networking is done with all local societies and individual members by means of this publication and by means of our co-sponsored workshops and meetings which are held all over the province.

We were one of the founding members of the group that is now known as the Ontario Heritage Alliance, which represents provincial heritage organizations. We liaise (another of those verbs!) constantly with our friends at the Ministry of Culture and Communications. Our Society was the first organization with whom Heritage Canada joined forces to hold their annual meeting in conjunction with our Annual Conference in Brockville in May.

At that same conference we were pleased to be joined for lunch by the former Minister of Culture and Communications, Rosario Marchese. Mr. Marchese, during his address to the delegates, made two announcements which were both of great interest and gave us a great sense of pride. First he announced that Dorothy Duncan, who has personally turned networking into a fine art, has been appointed to the Ontario Heritage Foundation. What a wonderful opportunity for both Dorothy and the Foundation! In addition Mr. Marchese took that opportunity to announce the formation of the Minister's Advisory Committee on Heritage Legislation. The OHS, as a member of the Heritage Alliance, was invited to appoint a representative to that commit-

tee and your Board of Directors was unanimous in recommending Dorothy to that position.

Add to this impressive list of achievements the work that Beth Hanna has contributed, at the provincial level with the Heritage Policy Forum Coordinating Committee and, at the federal level with the special conference "Heritage in the 1990's - Towards a Government of Canada Strategy", during her presidency. Also the interest we have taken and the recommendations we have made concerning both POLARIS and the Cemeteries Act further enhance the record. On a national and international level Dorothy has just finished a term as Ontario Governor for Heritage Canada and is a Council member of the American Association for State and Local History.

As you see, our lines of communication and co-operation reach out to all parts of Ontario, to all levels of government, over national borders, to local historical societies and right to you, the individual member. Our work is designed always to further the cause and the protection of our heritage, and you are part of that network. To that end we shall continue to respond, recommend, dialogue (another verb!) and communicate. Here's to networking!

A taste of history coming in November

Serve It Forth! will be a month long feast for the eyes and the palate that you won't want to miss.

During the month of November The Ontario Historical Society will present an exhibit and a series of workshops, demonstrations and tasting sessions at the CHP Heritage Centre, on the upper level of Cumberland Terrace at Bay and Bloor Streets in Toronto. This month long event will highlight the food preparations for Canadian Christmas and New Year celebrations of the 19th century. As well as

the exhibit of ingredients, utensils and recipes, there will be workshops, demonstrations and a tasting party each week at which you can help to make and then sample some of the long-forgotten holiday treats.

For further information please contact The Ontario Historical Society, 5151 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 5P5, (416) 226-9011, or the CHP Heritage Centre, upper level Cumberland Terrace, Bay and Bloor Streets in Toronto, (416) 515-7546.

CHP Centre invites donations for final exhibit

Some time in 1994 Cumberland Terrace, at Bay and Bloor Streets in Toronto and the home of the CHP Heritage Centre, is scheduled for demolition.

As a testimony to the ongoing development being undertaken province-wide, the Centre is sponsoring the exhibit Architecture and Remuddling, which will take place for the two-month period prior to demolition.

All heritage organizations are invited to contribute

photographs depicting development and renovations being carried out in their areas. The exhibit will eventually be prepared to travel along with accompanying brochures.

For further information please contact the CHP Heritage Centre, Community History Project, c/o Spadina Road Library, 10 Spadina Road, Toronto, Ontario M5R 2S7, or call (416) 515-7546 Thursday to Saturday from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.

The Ontario Historical Society welcomes new members

Amprior: Helen Anglin
Brockville: Denis and Norma Savage
Bruce Mines: Bruce Mines and Plummer Additional Public Library
Chatham: Howard Alton
Cobourg: Charlotte Cockerill
Collingwood: Collingwood Museum
Downsview: Valerie Baddon; Ruth Gould
Dunnville: Estelle Pringle; Jodi Stowe
Englehart: Englehart and Area Historical Museum
Etoibicoke: Meriel V. Simpson
Guelph: Dr. and Mrs. S.R. Frankling; Peter Viol
Goderich: Raymond and Peggy Scotchmer
Hamilton: The Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology
Kitchener: Eric and Patricia Bow
London: Susan D. Agranove
Midland: LACAC Committee
Millbrook: Brian Mackenzie
Mississauga: Thomas Urbaniak
North Augusta: Roger P. Guselle
Oakville: Jessica O'Brien
Orillia: Couchiching Place Heritage Centre
Oshawa: Donald Douglas Fox
Owen Sound: Sydenham Township LACAC
Ottawa: Veronica Vaillancourt
Prescott: Friends of Homewood St.
St. Thomas: Donald L. Cosens
Schomberg: Lloydtown Rebellion Association
Sudbury: Heritage Sudbury Committee (LACAC); Anne Long
Toronto: Scott Boughner; Bill Frankling; Donna Fraser; Linda

L. Gardiner; H.B.J. Holt
Saunders Distribution Services;
K. Kirker; Helen Myers;
Sheldrake Second Mile Club;
Anna Szyszko
Weston: Donald and Elizabeth Heath
Willowdale: Kathie Orr;
Christine Pigeon; Louise-Elizabeth Talkachoff

Theatres host ongoing tours

Public tours of the magnificently restored Elgin and Winter Gardens Theatres are conducted Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 11:00 a.m. The guided tours include the lobbies and lounges, the lavish Elgin and breathtaking Winter Garden auditoriums, as well as historic areas throughout the building. Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for

students and seniors. Tickets may be purchased a half-hour before tour times from the American Express birdcage box office in front of the theatre centre, 189 Yonge Street (just north of Queen Street). Group tours of this national historic site are available by special arrangement and may be booked in advance by calling (416) 963-3571.

Notice

The founding meeting of the Ontario Branch of the Canadian Oral History Association will be held at 7:30 p.m., Northern District Library, Toronto, Wednesday, October 9. Everyone is welcome. Contact Diana Fancher at 763-3161.

Send your news and events listing to the *OHS Bulletin*. Make sure your area's news is covered!

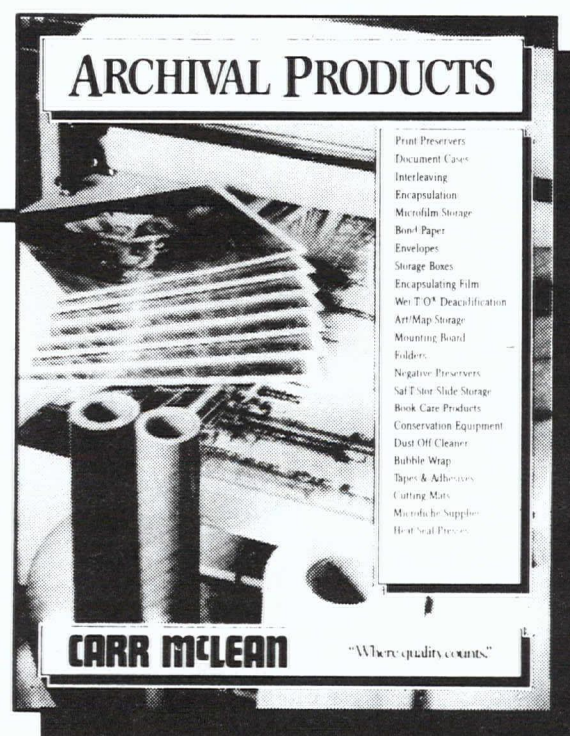
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Upcoming Events

June 29-October 27: The Market Gallery of the City of Toronto Archives presents **A Commercial Focus: The Photography of F.W. Micklethwaite and Alexander W. Galbraith.** The exhibit showcases the works of these two successful Toronto photographers who operated businesses in the early part of this century. Contact the Gallery on the Second Floor of the South St. Lawrence Market, 95 Front Street East, Toronto M5E 1C2, (416) 392-7604.

July 1-November 30: Visit **Matters Close to the Heart - the Ukrainian Experience in Welland** at the Welland Historical Museum. The exhibition details the lives and experiences of Welland's Ukrainian community through artifacts, photographs and life history stories. Contact the Museum at 65 Hooker Street, Welland L3C 5G9, (416) 732-2215.

September, October, November: The Royal Ontario Museum presents its Fall Canadiana Luncheon Series entitled **Passionate Pursuits: From Gardening to Collecting.** September 25 features Period Bouquets, a demonstration and talk on drying and arranging flowers. October 30 highlights collectors and their collections, a brief talk about some of the private collectors who have donated to the Museum. Mauchline Ware: Scottish Souvenir Woodenware is presented by Eric Taylor, an ardent collector. Contact the Royal Ontario Museum, MVC Office, 100 Queen's Park, Toronto M5S 2C6, (416) 586-5514.

September, October: Discover **Historic Guelph** through a series of guided walking tours presented by the Guelph Arts Council. Tour I investigates where Guelph Began; Tour II takes a Downtown Walkabout; Tour III explores the Slopes of the Speed; and Tour IV provides a glimpse of the Victorian era in Altar and Hearth. Contact the Guelph Arts Council, 10B Carden Street, Guelph N1H 3A2, (519) 836-3280.

September 8: Don't miss the **Downriver Arts and Crafts Show and Sale** at the Moore Museum. Over 40 vendors sell handmade craft items. Contact the Museum at 94 William Street, Mooretown N0N 1M0, (519) 867-2020.

September 14: Stop by the Norwich and District Museum for a **Harvest Festival and Sale.** Contact the Museum at R.R. #3, Norwich N0J 1P0, (519) 863-3101.

September 15: The North York Historical Society and the North York Heritage Committee are sponsoring a **House Tour** throughout that city. Contact the Society at Box 63, Station A, Willowdale M2N 5S7, or Ed Ralph at (416) 447-4152.

Black Creek Village presents...

September 21: 35th Annual Pioneer Festival

September 22: Village Fall Fair

October 5, 6: Celebrating the Apple Harvest

October 6: 9th Annual Bake It With Apples Contest
Contact the Village at 1000 Murray Ross Parkway, Downsview M3J 2P3, (416) 736-1733.

September 21: Attend the North American Black Historical Museum's **10th Anniversary Banquet** honouring the Museum's opening in 1981. Contact the Museum at 277 King Street, Amherstburg N9V 2C7, (519) 736 5433.

September 21, 22: Apple Festival is featured at The Gibson House in North York. Help preserve the apples and enjoy an apple treat. Contact the House, 5172 Yonge Street, North York M2N 5P6, (416) 225-0146.

September 21, 22: The Quaternary Sciences Institute presents **Great Lakes Archaeology and Paleoecology: Exploring Interdisciplinary Initiatives for the Nineties** at the University of Waterloo. In an effort to forge new links among a wide range of disciplines involved in the study of cultural and natural histories of the Great Lakes Basin, the Institute has invited a number of professionals to discuss early human occupation of the area. Contact the Great Lakes Archaeology and Paleoecology Symposium, Quaternary Sciences Institute, Department of Earth Sciences, University of Waterloo, Waterloo N2L 3G1, (519) 885-1211, extension 6630.

September 22: The Bradley Museum presents its **Fall Fair** featuring the harvest of the season. Also on October 27, enjoy **Chores and Chuckles** which highlights the autumn tasks undertaken by pioneers. Contact the Bradley Museum at Orr and Meadow Wood Roads in Mississauga, (416) 822-4884.

Lang presents...

September 22: Pioneer Applefest

September 29: Pioneer Children's Craft Day

October 13: Thanksgiving Harvest Festival

October 20: Pioneer Autumn
Contact Lang Pioneer Village at R.R. #3, Keene K0L 2G0, (705) 295-6694.

September 22 - February 7, 1992: The Woodland Cultural Centre in Brantford presents **Hao Dwa De Koni** (or Let's Go Eat). The exhibit explores the significance food plays in the social and spiritual world of both Iroquoian and Algonkian Nations. Not only can visitors view the exhibit, but they can eat it as well. Contact the Centre at 184 Mohawk Street, Box 1506, Brantford N3S 2X2, (519) 759-2650.

September 26-29: Mackinac State Historic Parks hosts the **Sixth North American Fur Trade Conference** at Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, Michigan. The Conference highlights the Mackinac-based fur trade industry, the First Nations and the North American fur trade and the European connection. Contact Dennis M. Au, Project Director, Sixth North American Fur Trade Conference, 1221 Meadowbrook Drive, Evansville, Indiana 47712.

September 28: The Eva Brook Donly Museum and the Norfolk Historical Society Archives present **Norfolklore '91**, the 15th Annual Genealogy Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Museum in Simcoe. The event features books and supplies for tracing your family history, up to 30 exhibitors from southern Ontario showcasing their genealogical information and materials, and much more. Contact the Eva Brook Donly Museum, 109 Norfolk Street South, Simcoe N3Y 2W3, (519) 426-1583.

October 1-5: The National Association for Interpretation presents the National Interpreters Workshop at the Marriot's Mark Resort in Vail, Colorado. With the theme **Perspectives: Strengthening Our Bonds**, the Conference features sessions on interpretative techniques, global issues, heritage education, programme management and tourism. Contact Debbie Tewell and Duncan Rollo, Program Chairs, Box 686, Florissant, Colorado 80816-0686, (719) 687-0160 (evenings).

October 6: Join Mike Filey and Jack Radecki on a **History Tour and Fall Colour Walk** of Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Witness the unveiling of two sculptures, and enjoy an introduction to the Belt Line Railway and the trees and shrubs of the Cemetery. Contact Mount Pleasant Cemetery, 375 Mount Pleasant Road, Toronto M4T 2V8, (416) 485-9129.

October 6: The John R. Park Homestead near Essex celebrates autumn with a **Harvest Festival.** Enjoy cider pressing, horsedrawn wagon rides, sausage making, live music and a box social auction. Contact the Essex Region Conservation Authority, 360 Fairview Avenue West, Essex N8M 1Y6, (519) 776-5209.

October 6: Join Hutchison House for a fun-filled **Harvest Day.** Return on October 27 for the thrill of a **Scottish Halloween.** Contact the House at 270 Brock Street, Peterborough K9H 2P9, (705) 743-9710.

October 12, 13: This two-day **Arts and Crafts Show and Sale** salutes Thanksgiving and marks the closing of Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons for the season. Contact Sainte-Marie at Box 160, Midland L4R 4K8, (705) 526-7838.

October 14: Be sure to visit Montgomery's Inn **Harvest Home Festival** from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Celebrate Thanksgiving with a preserves and pumpkin pie contest, displays and demonstrations of open hearth cooking. Contact the Inn at 4709 Dundas Street West, Etobicoke M9A 1A8, (416) 394-8113.

October 14: The Stephen Leacock Museum in Orillia presents **Thanksgiving at Old Brewery Bay.** Don't miss this opportunity to observe the holiday at the summer home of one of Canada's most celebrated authors. Contact the Museum at Box 625, Orillia L3V 6K5, (705) 326-9357.

November 7-10: The Multicultural History Society of Ontario and the Archives of Ontario host **The Future of Your Past: Preserving the Ethnic Record** at Victoria College, University of Toronto. This major conference addresses the preservation of ethnic records and promises to provide an excellent forum for all cultural groups to exchange ideas and information. Contact Renee Rogers of the MHSO, 43 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto M5S 2C3, (416) 979-2973.

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Upcoming OHS Workshops

DATE	LOCATION	WORKSHOPS
Mount Hope	September 18	ABC's of Collections Management
Manitoulin Island	September 21	Making it Look Good: Displays, Graphics and Labels
Perth	September 28	Restoring Your Own Home
Minesing	October 1	The Artifact: What Can it Tell Us About the Past?
Minesing	October 2	Making it Look Good: Displays Graphics and Labels
Hamilton	October 3	Using Local Heritage Resources to Meet Ministry of Education Guidelines
Parry Sound	October 5	Restoring Your Own Home
Ingersoll	October 19	Deck the Halls
Longlac	October 19	Deck the Halls
Mount Hope	October 30	Deck the Halls
Toronto	November 2	Perspectives On Ontario's Marine Heritage
White River	November 2	Oral History
White River	November 3	Serve it Forth!
Perth	November 8	Let's Bake Bread!
Kemptville	November 9	Deck the Halls

For further 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, Fax (416) 226-2740.

Annual OHS awards recognize contributions to Ontario's heritage

At the Annual Banquet of The Ontario Historical Society held May 11 at the Royal Brock Hotel in Brockville, the Society announced the recipients of its annual honours and awards.

Jane Beecroft of Toronto was presented with the Janet Carnochan Award for her many years of service to the heritage community.

The Collingwood Museum received the Society's first Museum Award of Excellence for its impressive reputation for community-based exhibits and programmes. Tracy Marsh of the Museum accepted the award.

The Brockville LACAC accepted the B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award of Merit in recognition of its role in the recent revitalization of Brockville's rich architectural history. Gary Tristram, the LACAC's Chairman, received the framed certificate.

The Rose Corporation, based in Don Mills, Ontario, was honoured with the President's Award for its exemplary work in Barrie after the discovery of a 14th century Huron Village on the site of a future development of the corporation.

Joy Parr from Queen's University in Kingston was selected as winner of the Fred Landon Award for her outstanding regional history book *The Gender of Breadwinners*.

A number of winners were unable to attend the ceremony to receive their awards. Presentations for these recipients will be held on future occasions.

Helen Lenskyj, author of "Training for True Womanhood: Physical Education for Girls in Ontario Schools, 1890 - 1920", which appeared in *Historical Studies in Education*, Volume 2, Number 2, Fall 1990, is the recipient of the Riddell Award for the best essay on Ontario's history.

The Latchford/Montreal River Heritage Preservation Project has been chosen to receive the first Dorothy Duncan Award for its noteworthy work in recording the history and heritage of Latchford and the Montreal River area.

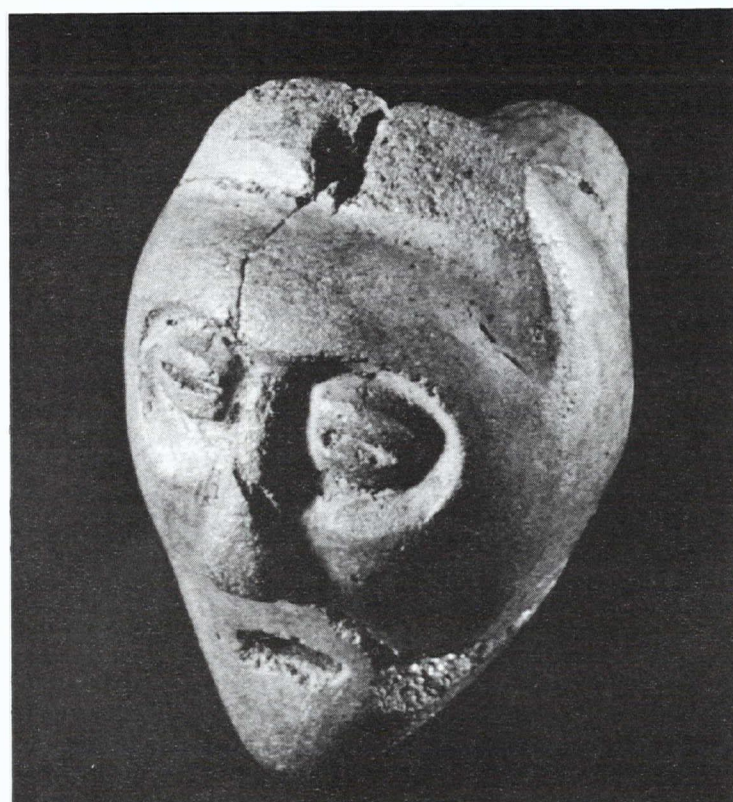
The Scadding Award of Excellence, conferred upon an historical society or heritage group for its outstanding contributions to the field of local

history, is awarded to the Longlac Historical Society.

John Zucchi is the recipient of the Joseph Brant Award for his study *Italians in Toronto: Development of a Nation*. The Joseph Brant Award is given for the best book on multicultural history in Ontario published in the last three years.

The Cruickshank Gold Medal Award is awarded to an individual for outstanding work on behalf of the Society. This year's winner is David McFall of Toronto. In a recent reception honouring the volunteers of the OHS, the medal was presented to Mr. McFall.

The first joint Achievement Award conferred by The Ontario Historical Society and Heritage Canada was presented at the Society's Banquet. The 1990 recipient was the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation located in West Bay, Manitoulin Island. Mary Lou Fox, Director of the Ojibwe Cultural Centre, accepted the award which recognized the Foundation's extensive range of programmes to preserve the Ojibwe, Odawa and Polawatamie cultures.



This artifact, along with 20,000 more, was recently donated to the Huronia Museum in Midland by the Rose Corporation of Barrie after it discovered a 14th century Huron village at a development site.

Smocks and Jocks highlights September Ontario History

By Jean Burnet
Editor

In the September issue of *Ontario History* Janine Butler describes the history of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The original building was erected at Church and Adelaide Streets in Toronto in 1830. The present building at King and Simcoe Streets was constructed between 1874 and 1876, and has undergone several renovations, and since 1976 some restoration.

"Smocks and Jocks", a facetious term for the Department of Culture and Recreation, is used by James Files as the title for his article on the creation of the Department in 1974. Files indicates that the creation of the Department was related to

broadened cultural interests on the part of government and to the institution of a state-run lottery. A lottery to support recreation alone would not have been acceptable, but the inclusion of culture and multiculturalism in the Ministry vanquished opposition.

Historians of northern Ontario, Nancy M. and W. Robert Wightman, describe a mid-19th century insurrection by the First Nations and their allies against mining activities in the north, known as the Mica Bay Affair.

As well as the book review section, the issue also includes a brief note by Alan D. Booth of the Philosophy Department, Brock University concerning the age of Sir Isaac Brock at his death.

Recognize your heritage community's leaders

By Jim Fortin and Judy McGonigal
Co-chairs, OHS Honours and Awards Committee

Each year The Ontario Historical Society presents a complement of honours and awards to recognize individuals, organizations and institutions who have significantly contributed to the preservation of Ontario's heritage.

Do you know of a deserving organization or individual in your heritage community? Don't miss this opportunity to recognize their achievements. Nominate them for an OHS award.

The nomination process is very straightforward. No forms need to be completed. Simply include the name of the individual or organization you are nominating and a description of their

achievements. Forward your nomination to the OHS office by Tuesday, December 31. We regret that no extension of this deadline is possible.

The Ontario Historical Society does its best to recognize the leaders of Ontario's heritage community through its honours and awards but we need your help to select those most deserving. Send in your nominations now!

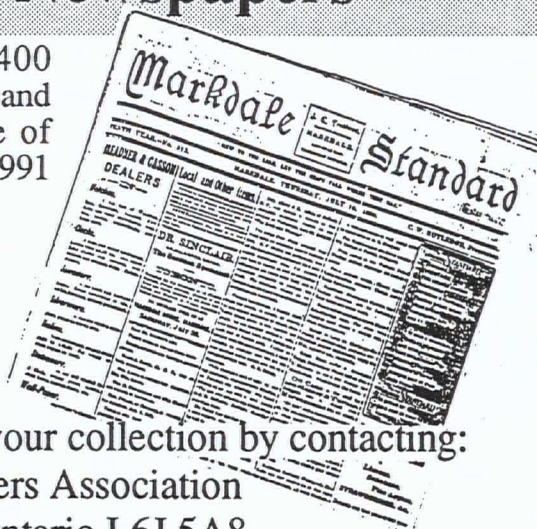
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Museum News

Future looking brighter for Fanshawe Pioneer Village

By Virginia Corner
Marketing and Communications Co-ordinator

Change is in the wind at Fanshawe Pioneer Village in London, Ontario.

The living history museum -- which features 22 restored buildings from London and Middlesex County, costumed interpreters, demonstrations of skilled tasks such as weaving and broommaking as well as special event weekends -- was almost forced to close its doors after the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) announced last year it could no longer afford to run the Village.

Hundreds of people from London and Middlesex County expressed hope that the Village, which has been open to the public since 1959, would be saved. Fortunately, the Museum of Indian Archaeology (MIA), an affiliate of The University of Western Ontario, came to the rescue. MIA established a new museum, called London & Middlesex Heritage Museum, to operate the Village, which is located in Fanshawe Conservation Area on Clarke Sideroad in London, and hired eight staff.

MIA Executive Director Bill Finlayson, who now also oversees administration of the Village, says the marriage of the two museums presents an ex-

cellent opportunity to promote and package a double attraction, and marketing efforts are being geared in that direction. For example plans are underway for a twin promotion this fall targeted at schools and group tour operators.

Public programming at the Village will remain the same this year so that staff can gain first-hand experience with existing programming and operations. Future plans call for several new developments including changes in programming and in the layout of the Village, restoration of selected existing buildings and construction of new on-site facilities such as washrooms. In addition a new attraction will be added to the Village each year to encourage the public to revisit.

Needless to say, such ambitious changes will require the help of a dedicated volunteer force and a major fundraising effort. Village Manager Bill Mills began setting up a volunteer programme this spring, but it will be some time yet before a full contingent of unpaid workers is available to serve in various capacities from interpretation to gardening and restoration.

Meanwhile the Village's Fundraising Committee is going full steam ahead with its plans for Fanshawe Village Frolic -- a fund-

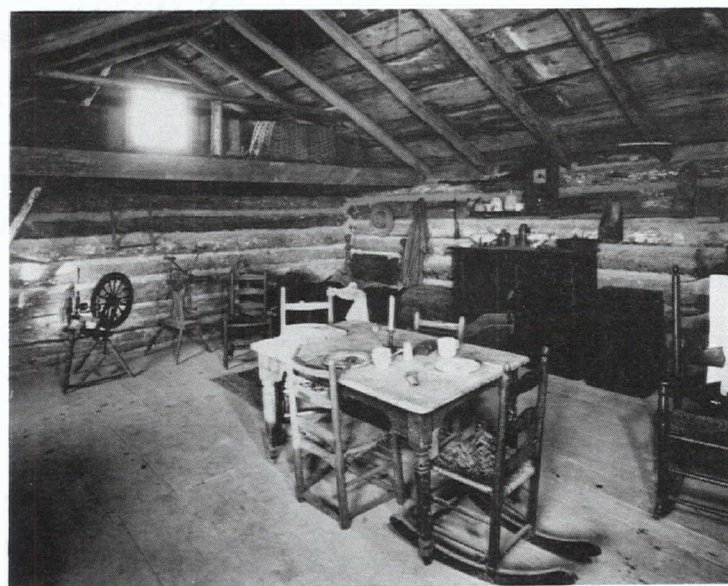
raising event September 14 and 15 that will feature non-stop entertainment including dance and craft demonstrations, singers, clowns, jugglers and storytellers.

Fanshawe Village Frolic will be part of a Save the Village Fundraising Campaign to raise funds for capital improvements to the Village as well as create an endowment fund for operations.

Under the agreement with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, London & Middlesex Heritage Museum has five years in which to prove that it can operate Fanshawe Pioneer Village as a viable living history museum, or it will be turned back over to the authority for closure.

The conservation authority will provide \$65,000.00 for each of the next five years and the provincial Ministry of Culture and Communications, \$35,000.00. The balance of the budget for the Village will come from gate proceeds and fundraising.

Dr. Finlayson is confident that support for Fanshawe Pioneer Village, both in terms of public opinion and dollars and cents, is there. "We think Fanshawe Pioneer Village is going to be one of the most authentic, entertaining, educational and exciting historic attractions in the province."



This log house, c.1865, from West Nissouri Township, now makes its home at Fanshawe Pioneer Village in London. The Village has recently undergone extensive changes to prevent it from closing.

Adult education programmes - part three

By Bonnie Burke
Brockville Museum

In the last two issues of the OHS Bulletin Bonnie Burke of the Brockville Museum has outlined their approach to adult education. In this final installment she gives some thoughtful advice.

Step Four: a word to the wise

All in all we feel that adult education programmes can be of real benefit to a museum and to the community at large. Some important points to remember when developing programmes are:

1. Does the programme fit your community?

Historic Landscaping may work in an historic community like Brockville but not in newer communities.

2. Budget, Budget, Budget!

How much do the supplies cost? (don't forget to include all expenses)

How much staff time is involved? (for research, contacting

speakers, presentation time, follow-up)

Speakers fees: mileage plus a gift/honorarium. (can eat away at the profit)

Advertising costs: paid ads for one programme can take up to \$60.00 for one insertion.

3. Space

You may have room for 15 but what happens if 30 enroll?

4. Season

Something else is always going on: Winter: Weather may be tricky. Spring: Busy time for gardeners. Summer: Lazy days, holidays and heat. Fall: Getting ready for Christmas.

By all means do consider developing programmes for adults. It is essential for continued growth. These courses are bringing new people to the Museum who have varied talents and interests. These contacts lead to new Museum members and volunteers. Most important of all we are providing a service to our community - giving back a little to those who do so much.

Almonte museum consolidates operations

The Mississippi Valley Textile Museum (MVTM) offices and Gift Shop have been moved from the Mill Street location in Almonte, Ontario. This move brings to fruition the original aim to consolidate all museum operations at the actual museum site in the Annex of the former No. 1 Rosamond Woolen Mill on Coleman's Island. While the move was a definitive goal to be undertaken in time, it was accelerated by the loss of a substantial amount of operational grant funds for 1991. Unfortunately some paid staff members were laid off as a result of the move and loss of funds.

To offset the financial dilemma the Museum entered into an arrangement with the Naismith Basketball Foundation of Almonte and the Lanark Tourism Association to undertake a major fundraising car raffle. A red Mazda Miata convertible was offered in a draw scheduled for September.

The Perth Campus of Algonquin College continued restoration work at the Museum over the winter of 1990 and plan to return this Fall to begin another phase. The project is partly supported by the Ontario Government.

Re-opening of the consolidated museum operation was delayed until Summer after fur-

ther upgrading of the interior of the building. Every effort was made to minimize inconvenience to the public and the Museum's supporting community. To ensure that visitor information was readily available in the interim, tourist and information displays were set up in the Heritage Canada project office in the Old Post Office in Almonte. The Visitor Centre and Gift Shop re-opened along with limited museum displays for July and August. The Gift Shop was relocated to a display area where the Rosamond Mill's administration office stood 100 years ago.

At this time of crisis volunteer support from members and friends of the Museum has had to be increased dramatically to keep the project viable. Assistance has ranged from curatorial and displays advice to major property maintenance projects, as well as administration and public relations. A spokesman for the Board of Directors believes that more volunteers from Almonte and the surrounding community will come forward to aid this community museum.

For further information please contact C.V. Lawrence, Secretary to the Board of Directors, Box 784, Almonte, Ontario K0A 1A0, (613) 256-3754.

Information wanted

Catherine Vye, project historian with the Canadian Parks Service, Ontario Region, is compiling a social, use and structural history of Laurier House, National Historic Site. Laurier House, situated in Ottawa, was the former home of Sir Wilfred Laurier and William Lyon Mackenzie King. This research focuses on the period of the Laurier and the King residencies (1897-1950). Anyone having letters, artifacts, photographs or knowledge of this subject is asked to contact Ms. Vye at the Canadian Parks Service, Ontario Region, Historical Research, 111 Water Street East, Cornwall, Ontario K6H 6S3.

New federal award

Communications Canada has recently instituted the Cultural Volunteer and Benefactor Recognition Program, or the "Lescarbot Award". The Award will be presented in three categories: community, regional and Canadian. Nominations must be submitted by October 31. Contact Jeanne Drouillard, Communications Canada, Ontario Region, 55 St. Clair Avenue East, 9th Floor, Toronto, Ontario M4T 1M2, (416) 973-7175.

OMA conference presents a themepark of ideas

Recent studies have shown that in comparison to museums, theme parks attract a significantly higher number of visitors and that the average length of time spent there is much greater than leisure time spent visiting museums.

In light of the current popularity of theme parks, museum workers often question the "traditional" ways of researching, studying, exhibiting, interpreting and marketing the past for the education and enjoyment of our visitors.

The 1991 Ontario Museum Association conference will explore the theme park phenomenon and examine the challenges and opportunities these entertainment facilities provide for museums. The theme will serve as a stepping stone for further discussion of

issues facing Ontario's museums, museum workers and museum visitors in the 1990's and beyond.

From October 24 to 27 join the OMA for its 20th Annual Conference, **Museum World '91: A Themepark of Ideas for the 1990's**. This year's event will take place at Valhalla Inn in Kitchener.

For further information please contact Pamela Brown, Conference Co-ordinator, c/o Heritage Resources Department, 484 Queen Street South, Kitchener, Ontario N2G 1W7, (519) 885-7302.

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From the Bookshelf

By Jim Clemens
Bookshelf Editor

Engine Houses and Turntables

Engine Houses and Turntables on Canadian Railways. By Edward Forbes Bush. Erin, The Boston Mills Press, 1990. 160 pp. Illustrations, \$35.00 cloth.

(Available from The Boston Mills Press, 132 Main Street, Erin, Ontario N0B 1T0, (519) 833-2407, Fax (519) 833-2195.)

Edward Bush provides a very interesting look at the history and evolution of Canada's round-houses, engine houses and turntables in this book. Lots of great old black and white historic photographs and concise chapters cover the CPR, GTR, ICR, CNOR, T&NO, CNR and many others.

Policing Ontario

Policing Ontario: The OPP Today. By Michael Barnes. Erin, The Boston Mills Press, 1991. 208 pp. Illustrations. \$29.95.

(Available from The Boston Mills Press, 132 Main Street Erin, Ontario N0B 1C0, (519) 833-2407, Fax (519) 833-2195.)

This book tells the story of the Ontario Provincial Police in all phases of its operation. In the over 200 pages both sworn and civilian members of the OPP are shown as ordinary people doing a vital job for the well-being of our society.

The Sociology of Sectarian Religions

The Sociology of Mennonites, Hutterites and Amish: A Bibliography with Annotations, Volume II 1977-1990. By Donovan E. Smucker. Waterloo, Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 1991. 194 pp. \$32.95 cloth.

(Available from Wilfrid Laurier University Press, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3C5, (519) 884-1970 Ext. 2124.)

This important work examines the sociology of sectarian religious dissent and is a vital bibliographic tool for all researchers working in this area. Donovan Smucker is Emeritus Professor of Social Science and Peace and Conflict Studies at Conrad Grebel College, Waterloo, Ontario.

Cheese Factories

Cheese Factories of Rideau Township. By Iona Joy. North Gower, Rideau Township Historical Society, 1990. 70pp. Illustrations. \$7.95 paper.

(Available from Kathleen M. Jones, R.R. #3, North Gower, Ontario K0A 2T0, (613) 489-3957.)

The first in a series planned to focus on people and institutions in Rideau Township, this book provides a history of the cheese-making industry and briefly describes the factories in the various municipalities of the Township.

Kemptville Past and Present

Kemptville Past and Present. Edited by J. Carr Anderson. Kemptville, Kemptville and District Historical Society, 1991. 149 pp. Illustrations. \$(unavailable) paper.

(Available from Jennifer Hodge, Kemptville and District Historical Society, Box 1269, Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1T0, (613) 258-4856.)

Kemptville Past and Present is a facsimile edition which was originally published by *The Kemptville Telegram* in 1903. The book contains an historical sketch of the early settlement, accounts of the struggles of the pioneers and a review of business of the late 1800's and early 1900's. This edition has added a facsimile foreword, a table of contents, a list of photographs and illustrations and an alphabetical index of Kemptville residents and businesses.

Parkdale in Pictures

Parkdale in Pictures: Its Development to 1889. By Margaret Laycock and Barbara Myrvold. Toronto, Toronto Public Library Board, 1991. 63 pp. Illustrations. \$10.00 paper.

(Available from the Toronto Public Library, Accounting Services Department, 281 Front Street East, Toronto, Ontario M5A 4L2, Attention: Kim Walsh, (416) 393-7520 Attention: Mary Marshall.)

This book explores the history and character of this distinctive area of Toronto by tracing the development from its early origins as a Native portage route and French fur trading fort, through early British settlements, the laying of the roads, railroads and subdivisions, to its formation as a separate village, then town. The book concludes with Parkdale's emergence as a Toronto neighbourhood in 1889. By this time the area had assumed most of its present-day form, and the contemporary streetscape and services had all been established.

Sir John A. Macdonald 1815-1891

A Remembrance

This 150 page hardcover illustrated commemorative volume contains the addresses delivered at the Sir John A. Macdonald annual memorial services at Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston from 1970-1991, including the address by the Rt. Hon. Brian Mulroney on 6 June 1991. In addition, this centennial memento contains an up-to-date bibliography of articles, theses and books about Macdonald and an article on the restoration of the gravesite. Available at \$18.00, post and tax free, from Kingston Historical Society, P.O. Box 54, Kingston, Ontario K7L 4V6.

Nota Bene

Schooners and Paddle Wheelers (the first two titles in the "Great Lakes Album Series"). By Robert Shipley and Fred Addis. St. Catharines, Vanwell Publishers, 1990. 64 pp. Illustrations. \$13.95 (each) cloth.

(Vanwell Publishing Ltd. 1 Northrup Crescent, Box 2131, St. Catharines, Ontario L2M 6P5.

Landscapes and Gardens for Historic Buildings. By R.J. Favretti and J.P. Favretti. Nashville, American Association for State and Local History, 1991. 212 pp. Illustrations. \$23.86 (US) paper.

Leadership for the Future. Edited by B.F. Tolles, Jr. Nashville, American Association for State and Local History, 1991. \$20.26 (US)

(The American Association for State and Local History, 172 Second Avenue North, Suite 202, Nashville, Tennessee 37201-1925.)

Women and Social Change: Feminist Activism in Canada. By Jeri Wine and Janice Ristock. Toronto, James Lorimer & Company, 1991. 400 pp. \$24.95 paper.

(James Lorimer & Company

Ltd., 35 Britain Street, Toronto, Ontario M5A 1R7, (416) 362-4762.)

Flight (Irwin Young Adult Fiction Series). By Connie Brummel Crook. Toronto, Stoddart Publishing, 1991. 256 pp. Illustrations. \$9.95 paper.

(Stoddart Publishing Company Limited, 34 Lesmill Road, Don Mills, Ontario M3B 2T6, (416) 445-3333, Fax (416) 445-5967.)

"Fredrick Augustus de Zeng: Glass Pioneer in Canada", in **Material History Review** (Spring 1991).

(Available from the Finance Division (MNR), National Museum of Science and Technology, Box 9724, Ottawa Terminal, Ottawa, Ontario K1G 5A3; \$7.49 cheque payable to the Receiver General of Canada.)

Managing the Media. By Ed Shiller. Willowdale, Yorkland Publishing, 1991. \$39.95.

(Available from Yorkland Publishing, 2025 Sheppard Avenue East, Willowdale, Ontario M2J 1V6, (416) 496-2243, Fax (416) 492-7676. N.B. Yorkland also offers workshops on "Managing the Media". Contact the publishers at the above address for additional information.)

Editor's Notes

For me summer is a time for relaxation and reflection. I am especially pleased that, with this issue, "From The Bookshelf" is finally caught-up and can continue to provide current information about books and materials relating to the history and heritage of the province to the readers of the *OHS Bulletin*. I thought that this pause might be a good time to restate some ground rules about this section of the *Bulletin*:

- 1) the section concentrates mainly on publications related to Ontario as a whole province or one of its many local areas;
- 2) the brief descriptive annotations are meant to provide information not criticism about the book;
- 3) a brief annotation can be included only if a copy of the book is received (annotations of 75 words or less written by sender are most welcome), and the price of the book and the source to order are provided, and
- 4) flyers and notices are also welcome, but they must contain the following information: title, author or editor, publisher, date of publication, number of pages, illustrations, price, format (cloth or paper) and source.

Receiving all of this information in a concise form helps to make the job of editing "From The Bookshelf" easier.

I love browsing through catalogues of any kind and I am especially fond of book catalogues. Three interesting lists have recently crossed my desk and you might want to obtain copies.

1. *Publications - Museum Association 1990/91*, Museums Association, 34 Bloomsbury Way London, England WC1A 2SF.

2. *1991 Catalogue*, Multicultural History Society of Ontario, 43 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2C3, (416) 979-2973 or 979-2974, Fax (416) 979-7947.

3. *Publications in Print 1991-1992*, Royal Ontario Museum, Publication Services, 100 Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2C6, (416) 586-5581, Fax (416) 586-5863.

I hope that each of you had a relaxing and reflective summer and that you are ready to return to your heritage tasks with new vigor and determination.

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Let's all make heritage an issue

By Beth Hanna
OHS Past President

In the session that opened the OHS Conference in May, Brockville's Mayor Stephen Clark encouraged heritage organizations and historical societies to make their concerns known to their local Councils. "Take your Mayor to lunch", he proposed.

His advice is certainly timely. What better time to ask your local politicians where they stand on heritage issues than now, with municipal elections looming on the horizon.

For the provincial election last autumn the OHS encouraged its members to get involved and we know that some of you attended all candidates meetings and asked questions about heritage

issues. We encourage you to do the same in the municipal elections. Matters concerning history and heritage preservation will not be on the agenda unless we put them there.

How can you get involved? Attend an all candidates meeting in your area -- or host one. Have a luncheon or a coffee party. Create opportunities to bring the candidates together with your historical society or heritage group. Speak to your candidates. Ask them to state their positions on various topics of interest to your organization.

Some of the questions we asked in the Autumn are applicable:

1. What does the term "heritage" mean to you?
2. What portion of the municipal budget should be allocated to heritage? to the arts? to sports?

3. How should municipal programmes and policies recognize the cultural diversity of the community? What should be done to preserve the contributions of all peoples?

4. What would you advocate as changes to the municipality's programmes and policies to better preserve and protect the community's heritage?

5. How would you ensure that future generations have access to and an opportunity to experience the history of this community?

I'm certain that many more questions and concerns relating specifically to your community come to mind. Pose those questions to your candidates and help to raise the profile of heritage in your city, town or village during this election campaign. Let's all make heritage an issue.



A box social highlighted the OHS' Summer in the Village, held July 8 to 11 at Black Creek Pioneer Village. Robert Leverty of the OHS staff conducted the auction. (Photo courtesy of Cathy Febraro.)

June Day ceremonies honour York Pioneers

Ceremonies honouring the York Pioneer and Historical Society were the focal point during a full day of activities at Sharon Temple on Sunday, June 2.

June Day marked the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the York Pioneer and Historical Society in 1891, with a commemorative scroll presented to the Society by the Town of East Gwillimbury.

The event was celebrated with two choral performances by the York Classics Ensemble, the

cutting of an anniversary cake followed by the presentation of summer music under the trees by the Newmarket Citizen's Band.

Sharon Temple is located north of Metropolitan Toronto on Leslie Street in the village of Sharon.

To keep and to carry

Visit *To Keep and To Carry*, a new exhibit at Black Creek Pioneer Village showing the packing and packaging of goods in the 19th and 20th centuries. Contact the Village at (416) 736-1733.

University of Toronto lecture series studies Canada's First Nations

The contribution of Canada's First Nations to our country's culture is a unique and important feature of Canada's visual art, literature and music. This contribution will be encompassed in a series of lectures co-ordinated by Dr. Bernhard Cinader, Past President of the Royal Canadian Institute.

Join this lunch-time series and examine both contemporary works and the historic context of the creative life of the First Nations of Central and Eastern Canada.

October 16: Cultural and Social Basis of Canada's Aboriginal Visual Art with Bernhard Cinader, Faculty of Medicine, University Toronto, collector and honorary curator of exhibits of First Nations' art.

October 23: Music and Dance with Beverly Diamond, Associate Professor, Department of Music, York University

and Queen's University, 1980 to 1988

October 30: Contemporary Theatre with Drew Taylor, Playwright (De-Ba-Jeh-Mu-Jig Theatre Group); television screenwriter and workshop leader

November 6: Literature with Basil Johnston, Royal Ontario Museum, Department of Ethnology, author of both fiction and studies of aboriginal legends and ceremonies; lecturer and consultant

November 13: Generations of Change - The Anishnawbe with Rosamund Vanderburgh, Professor and Coordinator, Native Studies Programme, Erindale College, University of Toronto

November 20: Traditional and University Education with Dianne Longboat, Coordinator, Aboriginal Health Professions Programme, University

of Toronto

The series of lectures, course 5302, costs \$65.00 and each session begins at 12:15 and concludes at 1:45 p.m. For further information and to register please call (416) 978-2400.

Call for papers

A colloquium celebrating the Bicentennial of the Eastern Townships of Quebec will be held May 21 to 23, 1992 at Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec.

Research papers on all subjects relating to the Eastern Townships will be accepted up to December 1, 1991 and

selected papers will be published in the new Journal of the Eastern Townships Research Centre.

Please send two (2) copies of your submission (between 10 and 15 pages, double spaced) to Monique Nadeau-Saumier, Coordinator, ETRC, Faculty Box 38, Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Quebec J1M 1Z7.

OHS invites submissions for 1992 conference

The Ontario Historical Society will be holding its 1992 Annual Conference at the University of Guelph in Guelph, Ontario from April 30 to May 2. The tentative theme of the 104th Conference is The History of Culture in Ontario. The theme will be interpreted in its broadest sense which could for example include presentations on games, sports, music, drama, legends, stories, foodways and legislation affecting culture.

Anyone wishing to present a paper at this conference is invited to submit a short abstract, maximum 300 words, describing the paper. All submissions must be received by the OHS office by Thursday, October 31.

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