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## Coalition forms to protest MCTR move

The Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation is soon to be divided between two geographical locations: Toronto and Niagara Falls. This very unusual decision will have a serious impact on the cultural life of Ontario if it proceeds.

Prior to the amalgamation of the Ministry of Culture and Communications and the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, 400 tourism and recreation positions were promised to the City of Niagara Falls. Both Premier Bob Rae and Minister Anne Swarbrick assured the cultural community, after the amalgamation, that cultural jobs would not be moved. All that has been reversed with an announcement a few weeks ago that, yes, cultural positions will be relocated! In fact, in almost every department, they

will be divided between the two locations, for what the clients believe will be an inefficient and confused operation.

A coalition of over 100 heritage and arts organizations and institutions representing hundreds of thousands of clients of the Ministry, has been formed and has held meetings with the Honourable Anne Swarbrick to persuade her to reconsider the decision. So far, to no avail! As MCTR is a service Ministry and the transportation hub of Ontario is Toronto, sending all the staff to Niagara Falls who need to travel and keeping all those in Toronto who do not, is truly bizarre.

If you have an opinion, please write to the Minister, the Premier and your local MPP, and let them know your thoughts on this proposal.



**History on the move!** Tippet-Richardson Ltd. made the OHS' move to 34 Parkview Avenue a breeze over a two-day period in late April. This move was the second time that this well-known company has moved our office, on this occasion bringing us together from four locations. Thank you Tippet-Richardson for a job well done.

## New publication looks back over 40 years of Museums Committee

The Ontario Historical Society's Museums Committee is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. To mark the occasion, the Committee has published a selection of articles

and workshop reports produced throughout its 40-year history. *Past Reflections: Museum Clippings* is an 80-page booklet that reviews topics addressed at workshops, and issues and news covered in the Committee's newsletters throughout the years. "Museums as a Business: The Business of Museums", a popular paper presented by John Carter at the 1988 Museums Committee Annual Workshop in Toronto, has been included, along with "The Review of Standards for Community Museums in Ontario", a report composed by the OHS Museums Standards Review Committee.

All those who attended the Annual Conference in Hamilton who were associated with a museum received a complimentary copy of *Past Reflections* through the generosity of the Ruth Home Fund, in the continuing tradition of the goals and objectives of the fund that was established by Ruth's friends and colleagues following her death.

*Past Reflections* is a must for those interested in the museum field and its development in Ontario. The booklet sells for \$7.00 through the mail or \$5.00 if you pick it up at a workshop, special event or at the OHS. To order your copy, contact the OHS office at (416) 226-9011 or send your payment today.

The Ontario Historical Society will present the second annual workshop commemorating the life and times of John Graves Simcoe, Upper Canada's first Lieutenant Governor, **The Simcoe Legacy: From Quill Pens to Printing Presses**, on Saturday, July 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Queenston Community Hall/Library in Queenston. Mackenzie Heritage Printery Museum and the Niagara Parks Commission are co-sponsoring this workshop with the Society.

The programme will explore Simcoe's introduction of the first newspaper and its impact on communication in Upper Canada during the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Speakers will also discuss early printers in Upper Canada and the development of paper mills. A highlight of the programme will be a tour of the Mackenzie Heritage Printery Museum showcasing eight operating presses and the famed Roy press (not operated), used by Louis Roy to print the first edition of the *Upper Canada Gazette* on April 18, 1793.

Speakers for the day will include Brian Tobin, Manager, Collections Development Section, Ontario Legislative Library and author of *The Upper Canada Gazette and Its Printers*; Chris Raible, historian and author of *Muddy York Mud*; Susan Hughes, Curator/Administrator, Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum and Arts Centre, East York and others to be announced.

The registration fee is \$25.00 for members of a co-sponsor and \$40.00 for non-members. The fee includes a kit of materials and lunch catered by Queenston

Heights Restaurant. For further information and to register, please contact the OHS at 34

Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax (416) 226-2740.

## Books, books and more books

The OHS is gearing up for another book sale this summer. Mark your calendars and be at 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale on Saturday, August 6 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for **Histories and Mysteries**. This sale of everything *but* the kitchen sink promises to have something for

everyone. We have books, furniture, miscellaneous items, books and more books. Proceeds go towards our new home fund. In case of rain, the sale will take place on Sunday, August 7 at the same location. Don't miss this treasure trove for bargain hunters. See you there!

## Celebrate access to heritage

The Ontario Archaeological Society invites all heritage enthusiasts to celebrate access to heritage on Sunday, June 26. The full day of events takes place at the Kortright Centre for Conservation, operated by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, on Pine Valley Drive south of Major MacKenzie Drive west of Highway 400 in Kleinburg. Observe an archaeological dig, visit displays and activities presented by major

Ontario heritage organizations, including the OHS, listen to presentations by heritage specialists, participate in the Kortright Centre's regularly scheduled events, and more. Regular admission charges are in effect to enter the Centre, but are free to the special heritage events.

For further information, please contact the Ontario Archaeological Society, 126 Willowdale Avenue, North York, (416) 730-0797.

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## Executive Director's report

BY DOROTHY DUNCAN,  
OHS Executive Director

### Gentrifying Our Ancestors?

The heritage community was dismayed to learn a few weeks ago that the name of the Historic Naval and Military Establishments at Penetanguishene has been changed to Discovery Harbour. Citing the name of the historic site as being too long and cumbersome and also responsible for poor attendance, the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation has decided this new name will reverse the trend and lure visitors in the gates! Now that it has made the decision, the Ministry is having some trouble spelling the new name. Post cards from the site call it DISCOVERY HARBOUR and DISCOVREY HARBOUR. What next?

### Chatham in 1995

With Let's Party! a successful historical footnote, our thoughts have now turned to our 1995 Annual Conference in Chatham on May 5 and 6 at the Wheels Inn with the theme **Presenting History**. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

### And the Vans Rolled

In the midst of preparations for Let's Party! The Ontario Historical Society moved from its four locations to 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale. Thank you Tippet-Richardson Limited and all those strong, even-tempered volunteers who helped the staff sweep, vacuum, dust, pack, unpack and lift 106 years of history into its new home. To Janet Cobban, our new president, who came all the way from Essex County to assist us, a special thanks.

### Detectives at Work

The Ontario Historical Society was delighted to learn that the Toronto Branch of the Ontario Archaeological Society has accepted our challenging

invitation to conduct archaeological investigations on the property surrounding our new home, the John McKenzie House. Archival sources and interviews with family members have provided us with rich historical lore, however, we anticipate new information will emerge as this *dig* gets underway. Our grateful thanks to Greg Purmal and Elise Sherman, the archaeologists who will head up the project.

### No, It Can't Be!

We have just learned that Ontario Northland is planning to close their Archives in North Bay. If you want to help reverse that decision, write to K. J. Wallace, Chairman, Ontario Northland, 555 Oak Street East, North Bay P1B 8L3, or send a fax to (705) 476-5598 and tell him, as I did, how valuable a resource that archives is to the heritage and educational community in Ontario. It would be a serious loss to all researchers for it to be mothballed, dispersed or destroyed.

### Thank You

Two of Ontario's most popular and well-known curators, Gerrie Noble of the Thunder Bay Historical Museum and Jeanne Hughes of Black Creek Pioneer Village, decided to take early retirement this year. A very large vote of thanks to both of them for their assistance, sharing of knowledge and expertise, sense of humour and unflagging support of history and heritage in this province during their many years of dedicated service to their museums and to the museum community.

### Welcome Back

The many friends of Doug Cole were pleased to learn of his appointment as Director of Development at the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre in Midland. Doug left Ontario in 1977 to become first the manager of King's Landing Historical

Settlement in New Brunswick, and in 1982 the general manager of Wakamow Valley in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

### Success

We're Loony about Our Verandah, despite appalling weather, was a financial success with over 52 square feet covered by cheques, bills, loonies and other coins. The list of donors will appear in this issue and the next of the *OHS Bulletin* as donations are still coming in. The volunteers were wonderful and a special thanks to Barbara

Sergeant of Belleville who joined us to welcome the donors and roll their coins.

### Regrets

The heritage community was saddened this spring by the passing of three distinguished Canadians. Robert Legget of Ottawa was a civil engineer, geologist, historian and author. Charlotte Abbot was a librarian, active in both the Oshawa and Kingston Historical Societies, and our own Museums Committee. Jack Morris of Prescott was a newspaper editor, author, and

founding member and Past President of the Grenville County Historical Society. Our sympathy goes out to the families of these truly outstanding individuals.

### Celebrate Simcoe Day on August 1

Does your community celebrate Simcoe Day on August 1? If not, begin now to lobby for this change by 1995. Join the many communities in Ontario already recognizing our first Lieutenant Governor on the Civic Holiday weekend.

## President's message

BY KENNETH  
MCLAUGHLIN,  
OHS President

This message to the members of The Ontario Historical Society provides the President with an opportunity to speak to the Society about the role of the OHS, and the challenges facing heritage movements and historical societies in Ontario. It also provides a reckoning of the Society's successes and frustrations during the past year.

To say that it has been an immense privilege to have served the OHS as President would be an understatement. The OHS is a remarkable organization with a dedicated and gifted staff, led by an Executive Director who gives her time and her considerable talents unstintingly to the service of our Society and its members. To acknowledge their work and to thank them on behalf of all of the members of the OHS seems somehow barely adequate.

The exemplary work of our Treasurer, James M. Clemens, who has guided the finances of this Society since the mid-1970s, deserves special commendation. As the Editor of *Ontario History*, Jean Burnet's stewardship of the Society's

quarterly journal, has won our praise and gratitude. Through the efforts of Dr. Burnet and the members of our Board of Directors, especially Everette Moore and Mary Lou Fox, the OHS has initiated significant co-operative ventures with the Ontario Black History Society and with Ontario's First Nations in ways that are both timely and appropriate. In the Annual Report of The Ontario Historical Society presented at our annual meeting in Hamilton in May, the various Committee Chairs outlined the wide range of activities undertaken under their leadership and on your behalf by the OHS.

As I write this report, the plaster dust has been swept up and the workmen who swarmed through the John McKenzie House at 34 Parkview Avenue, under the watchful eye of Rob Levery, restoring and refurbishing this splendid historic landmark as the "New Home" of the Society, have left for other projects. After decades of uncertainty and years of making-do with whatever temporary quarters could be found, this Society has entered into a long-term lease with the City of North York to provide the OHS with an historic site from which to

serve the province and our members.

The acquisition of 34 Parkview was undoubtedly the highlight of the Society's achievements this year. It was the culmination of many years of planning, countless hours of negotiations, timely interventions on our behalf by more than a few individuals, support from members of the Society throughout the province who believe in the relevance and importance of the OHS, the untold, but not forgotten, kindness and dedication of support staff of the OHS and our volunteers, as well as assistance from both the municipal and the provincial governments.

As I look back over past OHS meetings, the cramped office space, freezing in the winter, (we actually sat through Directors' meetings wrapped in our winter coats), sweltering in the summer, surrounded by archival boxes and groaning filing cabinets, the move to the McKenzie House at 34 Parkview seems unreal. It is not, though, and all members of the OHS are warmly invited to visit us there.

Your support is as necessary now as it has been in the past. The challenges to our history and our heritage are many and varied and unexpected. It has been an honour and a privilege to have served as President during 1993 and 1994.

## Development threatens Niagara-on-the-Lake

The historic Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake is being threatened with a large condominium development in the dock area of the old town. Municipal Council has approved the project, although it violates the Town's own Dock Area Plan, and will result in a density far greater than that prescribed in the zoning bylaws.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Conservancy has filed an appeal with the Ontario Municipal Board in order to overturn the decision made by the Council. At the subsequent hearing, the OHS was represented by then Preservation Committee Chair, Dennis Carter-Edwards.

(See Niagara-on-the-Lake p.3)

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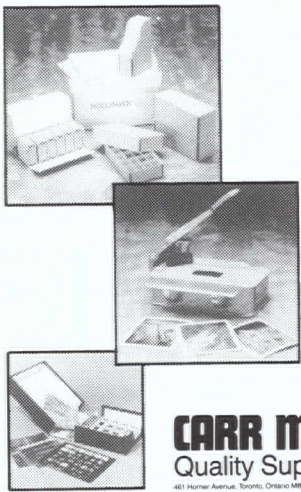
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# Across the Province

BY EVERETTE MOORE,  
Chair, Local Societies and  
DOROTHY DUNCAN,  
OHS Executive Director

The **Lennox and Addington Historical Society** has scheduled the following events at Macpherson House in Napanee: July 14, Lobster Supper; July 24, Walking Tour of East Napanee; August 5-7, Guest Weekend. For further information, contact Box 392, Napanee K7R 3P5.

The **Lincoln & Continental Owners Club** would like your comments and suggestions on the possibility of developing a Canadian Car Museum at the Automotive Building at the CNE. The Club has also announced the following programmes: July 1, Monarch Park Dominion Day, Toronto; July 17, South Central Railway Tour, Tottenham; August 1, Toronto Star Fresh Air Fund Cruise, Scarborough; August 5-7, Great North American Land Yacht Regatta. Contact (416) 461-6032.

The **South Simcoe Railway Heritage Corporation** is planning 56 operating days this year. Steam power is planned for all trains and the season begins in late May. All aboard! Call (905) 936-5815 for costs and schedules.

Congratulations to the **Thorold and Beaverdams Historical Society** celebrating its centennial this year. Founded on May 29, 1894, the Society has a special lineup of speakers: June 24, Ron Dale from Fort George on *The Battle of Beaver Dams, Retold and Reviewed* with a walking tour of the Beaver Dams Battlefield in Thorold the next day. Further details: (905) 682-6053.

The **Ingersoll Historical Society** celebrated its first birthday in March, and meets the third Tuesday of every month (except July, August and December) at the Legion at 7:30 p.m.

The **Oxford Historical Society** reminds us that Concert in the Square is scheduled for Friday, June 24, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and the Grand Re-Opening Ceremonies of the **Woodstock Museum** will be held July 14 and July 16.

The **Classic Theatre Restoration Committee** is finishing the restoration of the old Cobalt Theatre in time for summer bookings. This project will be a great benefit to the community as the South Temiskaming area does not have a theatre suitable for plays and concerts.

The **Richmond Hill Historical Society** has announced the following programmes: September 19, Gary Warwick, *The Huron Occupation of Richmond Hill*; October 17, Annual Members Banquet; November 21, Alan Foster, *Christmas Plants and Their Story*. Details? Box 61527, 9350 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill L4C 0C9.

The **South Norwich Historical Society** will host the Grand Opening of the restored Otterville Train Station at 3:15 p.m. and the Annual Chicken BBQ at the Mill at 5:00 p.m., on Sunday, June 26.

The **Oakville Historical Society's** recent *Newsletter* carried two interesting stories: *Cedar Grove Farm: Country Residence of Harry Giddings* and *Oakville and the Sport of Kings* illustrated in the photographs from the archival collections. Contact: (905) 844-2695 for the cost and availability.

Several years ago the **Historical Society of Ottawa** asked Dr. Robert Legget to locate John By's birthplace. Extensive research has confirmed that it was one of a row of small houses now demolished, along the River Thames, in England. St. Thomas Hospital is near the site and a plaque will be erected on one of the pilasters (part of the wall around the hospital) in a prominent location beside Riverside Walk by the Society. The Society also supports the Frant Churchyard in Sussex for maintenance of a By memorial and sponsors an Annual By History Award to a history student at either Carleton University or the University of Ottawa.

Congratulations to the **Lambton Historical Society** on publishing *The Egremont Road: Historic Route from Lobo to Lake Huron* by Eleanor Nielson. Contact Box 728, Grove Avenue, Sarnia N7V 2Y2 for details and costs.

The **Grand River Branch, United Empire Loyalists** will be joining the Ryerson Reunion Committee and the **Port Ryerse Historical and Environmental Association** for the bicentennial celebrations of the arrival of Colonel Samuel Ryerse at Port Ryerse on July 9 and 10. Details: Doris Lemon, (519) 885-1013.

The **Old Growth Forests Policy Advisory Committee** has now prepared a consultation report based on the November 1993 public consultation programme. Call 1-800-268-4218 for your copy.

Those historical organizations or institutions considering an awards programme would be well advised to contact the **Smith Township Historical Society** at Box 41, Bridgenorth KOL 1H0. Alan Golding and Ev. Bell co-chair the Awards Committee and the current newsletter, *Chain and Compass*, carries an excellent description of their ambitious Awards programme.

The April *Newsletter* of the **Lake of the Woods Historical Society** brought a fascinating article by Phil Eyler on *Kenora's Sawmills in the 1890's* that will be continued in the next issue. The Society operates the Mather Walls House in Keewatin as a museum and its history is closely tied to the lumbering industry in the area. Further information: (807) 547-2870.

The **York Pioneer and Historical Society** has created a Bicentennial Committee headed by Edna Rigby to plan special projects to commemorate Scadding Cabin. Special exhibits and a large gathering of Society members are both planned during the CNE. Craft people who can help with an appropriate piece of work should contact Jeanine Avigdor at (416) 231-1829.

Alliston Historical Society members have been busy taking local history programmes into area schools. Over a two-day period during Heritage Week, the Society presented a narrated slide show of early Alliston and area photographs, reaching over 500 students. The Society meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month in the library of Banting Memorial High School.

A clever idea from the **Simcoe County Historical Association** is a membership flyer, flat and stapled to the back page of *News and Views*, with directions for folding and a request to pass it along to a friend. Contact Box 144, Barrie L4M 4S9 for further information, or for your copy.

An historical Ontario ten-day Bus Tour is planned by Franklin Tours Ltd., for July 22-31. Call (613) 966-2346 for details.

Merrickville will be the tour site of the **Quinte Region Branch, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario** on Sunday, August 21. Call (613) 968-7576 for details.

The **Lundy's Lane Historical Society** plans the annual Commemorative Service for the Battle of Lundy's Lane for Sunday, July 24 at 12:30 p.m. at Drummond Hill Cemetery. The Annual Walking Tour, "A Stroll Along the River Road Between the Rainbow Bridge and the Whirlpool Rapids Bridge" takes place on Sunday, September 11 at 1:00 p.m. For further information: (905) 358-5082.

The **Daughters of Sir John A. Macdonald** are planning a festive dinner in January of 1995 in Kingston in honour of his birth. For details or to assist, call Elva McLean (613) 384-3808.

**Save Ontario Shipwrecks Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence Chapters** have announced workshops for June 25, 26; July 9, 10; July 23, 24; August 20, 21. Call (905) 723-3169 for details.

The **Guelph Historical Society**, under the leadership of Gretchen Aird, recently held their annual tree planting ceremony at the John Galt Gardens honouring the City of Guelph, Wellington County, Knox Presbyterian Church, Guelph Collegiate, Woodlawn Cemetery, the Salvation Army and the Victorian Order of Nurses, all celebrating special anniversaries this year. For further information on this splendid programme: (519) 822-6741.

**Heritage Mississauga** has published the heritage tour brochure for the Cooksville/Dixie area. Call (905) 272-1432 for yours.

The Highland Heritage Summer School, sponsored by the **Glenelg Bicentennial Committee** will be held Monday, August 22 to Friday, August 26 at Laggan School in Laggan. Contact (613) 525-3777 for details.

Interested in joining the **Canadian Canals Society** tour to Britain in June of 1996? You must be a member! Contact Carol Gaspari, Treasurer, 74 Prince

Charles Drive, St. Catharines L2N 3Z1 for details.

The **Hamilton-Scourge Society** reminds us of the gathering of 25 tall ships on June 29 in Toronto with plans to sail by way of Lake Erie to arrive in Penetanguishene by July 29.

Congratulations to the **Architectural Conservancy of Ontario** on a successful conference in Cambridge, and on the appointment of new officers for the coming year: Alec Keefer, President; Anne McKillop and Philip Carter, Vice Presidents; John Sutlic, Treasurer and Margaret Goodbody, Secretary. A vote of thanks to Julia Beck of London, on her term as President now completed.

The **Fairfield Homestead Heritage Association** is calling for volunteers to assist in staffing Fairfield House from July 1 to Labour Day. Call Ches. Erb at (613) 389-5746 if you can help.

Interested in becoming a member of the **Workers' Heritage Centre (Toronto Branch)**? Contact Workers' Heritage Centre, Suite 312, 100 Broadview Avenue, Toronto M4M 2H3, (416) 463-4992 or fax (416) 463-0695 for information.

Remember the **Pass Lake 70th Anniversary Midsummer Fest**, Saturday, June 25 at the Pass Lake Community Hall. Call (807) 977-2629 for details.

The **Esquesing Historical Society** will present displays on July 1 at the Glen Williams Ball Park and August 7 at the Leathertown Festival in Acton, and a tour and talk about Limehouse Presbyterians on September 14. Contact Karen Hunter (905) 838-2109 for details.

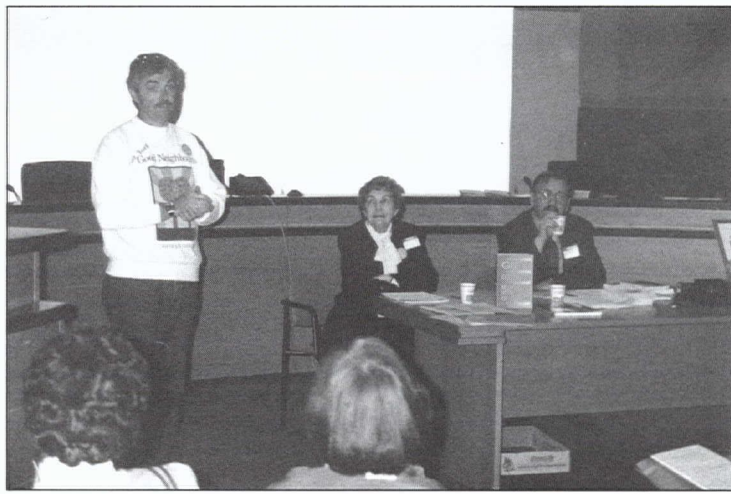
If you are interested in joining the Town of Simcoe's new **John Graves Simcoe Bicentennial Committee** call (519) 426-8600.

The **Toronto Branch, United Empire Loyalists** is planning a genealogical workshop on Wednesday, October 19, and Sheldon Godfrey will be the guest speaker at the November 16 meeting on the topic *Jewish Loyalists*. Information: (416) 489-1783.

The **Trent Port Historical Society** chose Heritage Week to announce a two-year plan to renovate Trenton's old town hall and market building. President Donald Grant emphasized that the rehabilitation of such an important building in other Ontario communities has often been the catalyst for revival and rebirth. Well done Trent Port!

From east and west, north and south, reports continue to roll in describing the scores of successful Heritage Showcases held across Ontario. Heritage Day in 1995 is Monday, February 20. Ladies and gentlemen begin planning now!

## Oral history workshop a success



East York Mayor Michael Prue brings greetings at a recent workshop on Oral History held at the East York Civic Centre while leaders Dorothy Duncan, Executive Director of the OHS (middle) and Dr. Gabe Scardellato of The Multicultural History Society of Ontario (right) observe. (Photo courtesy of John Carter.)

The East York Multicultural History Recording Group and Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum and Arts Centre recently co-sponsored a day long workshop with the OHS on oral history. The programme attracted over 30 representatives from the area. In attendance were Mayor Michael Prue and Councillor Lorna Krawchuk, who both remarked on the

importance of oral history to East York's past. The workshop demonstrates the interest in initiating further projects, and the East York Multicultural History Recording Group will be holding future meetings to formulate more concrete plans. For more information, contact Heather Atherton, Seniors Co-ordinator, East York Department of Parks and Recreation, (416) 778-2199.

## Niagara-on-the-Lake *continued from page 2*

The appeal process has been very expensive, and the Conservancy is asking for support from concerned citizens. Donations of any amount will be appreciated, and tax receipts will be issued. Cheques should be made payable to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Conserv-

ancy and forwarded to the Conservancy at Box 1582, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario L0S 1J0.

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# Upcoming Events

**June 22-September 5:** The Marine Museum hosts **Picture This: Toronto Harbour in Art**, a juried exhibition and sale of paintings reflecting on the past, present and future of Toronto Harbour. The Marine Museum is located on the Exhibition grounds of the CNE in Toronto. Contact (416) 392-6827.

**July and August:** Lang Pioneer Village near Keene celebrates local history with **Harvey Township Heritage Day** on July 10. On the 17th, see demonstrations of milling whole wheat flour at **Lang Flour Mill Day**. Return on the 31st for **Pioneer Contests Day**, featuring a giant corn roast. **Ennismore Township Heritage Day** takes place on August 28. Contact Lang Pioneer Village, R. R. #3, Keene, (705) 295-6694.

**July and August:** The John R. Park Homestead in Essex County presents many special activities and events during the summer months. July 10 is **Kid's Day**; the 13th features **Free Admission**; enjoy **Ice Cream Sunday** on the 17th and history buffs can take advantage of **Museum Madness** on the 28th when you pay regular admission at one Essex County museum and receive a pass for free entrance at five others. August 7 is **Spider Day** when you can bring in a spider for identification. For those interested in old-fashioned beauty treatments, come on the 14th for **Pastes and Potions**. Get free admission on the 17th and on the 20th and 21st take part in a **Craft Fair and Blueberry Social**. The 28th features an **Antique Dolls** exhibit and identification. Make a rag doll to take home. Contact the Homestead at (519) 738-2029.

**July and August:** Montgomery's Inn in Etobicoke has something for everyone during the summer. Celebrate Canada's birthday on July 1 with a **Strawberry Tea**. From July 5 to the end of August, visit the Inn's **Exhibit of Photographs of Historic Dundas Street**, featuring vintage photographs of Montgomery's Inn and other buildings along Dundas Street. On July 23, don your funniest hat and bring your funniest story or joke to share at the **Mad Hatter's Tea Party**. Several special programmes for young people take place throughout July. For fees, ages and times contact the Inn at 4709 Dundas Street West, (416) 394-8113.

**July and August:** The Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum takes flight to many special events and festivities taking place throughout Ontario during the summer months. On July 2 and 3, the Lancaster visits the Fort Erie Friendship Festival and from July 30 to August 1 it tours Sault Ste. Marie, Wiarton and Barrie. Contact the Museum on the grounds of the Hamilton airport in Mount Hope, (905) 679-4183.

**July 1:** Celebrate Canada's birthday in historic style at the **Scarborough Historical Museum**. Sample some special treats such as hot scones from the hearth, Victorian mints, strawberries, ice cream and homemade lemonade. Return to the Museum for **Victorian Games Day** on August 1. Participate in some 19th century pastimes such as croquet, badminton and potato sack racing. Contact the Museum at 1007 Brimley Road in Scarborough, (416) 431-3441.

**July 1-September 5:** Fairfield House in Amherstview, on the Loyalist Parkway west of Kingston, is open for guided tours Sundays through Thursdays. In 1993, the House celebrated its 200th anniversary and stands as one of Ontario's best preserved 18th century buildings. Practice your detective skills as you search for original workmanship from the first decade of settlement, along with the changes the family brought to their homestead to fit life through the 1800s. Contact Fairfield House at (613) 384-2813.

**July 1:** Celebrate **Canada Day** at The Gibson House. Return on the 16th and 17th for **Cures and Concoctions**, featuring home remedies from the Gibson's garden. Don't miss an opportunity to celebrate your heritage on August 1 at **Simcoe Day**. Ask the staff about **Summer Adventures**, activity and craft sessions for children ages 5 to 10 Tuesdays and Thursdays in July and August. The House also presents demonstrations of various methods of preserving food taking place each weekend in August. Contact The Gibson House at 5172 Yonge Street in North York, (416) 395-7432.

**July 1, 2, 3:** Learn how the process of milling has evolved through the years at **Back to the Old Grindstone**, the Seagram Museum's Canada Day weekend event. Come back to the Museum July 30 to August 1 and **Put a Cork in it!** Exhibits, videos and hands-on activities explore the versatility and significance of cork. Enjoy a day of fun-filled activities and drop-in workshops at **Family Day** on August 16 when the Museum joins in the Waterloo Regional Museums and Galleries Family Week. Contact the Seagram Museum at 57 Erb Street West in Waterloo, (519) 885-1857.

**July 2:** The Wellington County Historical Society hosts a plaque unveiling by The Ontario Heritage Foundation, honouring farm leader **J. J. Morrison**. The Arthur native helped found the United Farmers of Ontario and the United Farmers' Co-operative Company in 1914. The plaque unveiling takes place in Arthur. Professor Terry Crowley of the University of Guelph's History Department will also speak on Morrison's life and accomplishments that day. Contact Ian Easterbrook in Fergus, (519) 843-6576.

**July 9, 16, 23, 30:** Young people ages 6 to 12 are invited to participate in **Paper Making and Marbleizing for Children**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the François Baby House in Windsor. Contact the House at 254 Pitt Street West, (519) 253-1812.

**July 17:** The Oakville Museum presents **Walking Tours of Old Oakville**. Tours leave from the Museum at 2:00 p.m. and are approximately two hours in length. The tour is repeated on August 21, September 18 and October 16. The cost is \$10.00 per person with proceeds going to the Erchless Restoration Fund. Take the children to the Erchless Estate on August 7 for **Children's Day**, an afternoon filled with games, prizes, entertainment and more. For tour tickets and information contact the Oakville Museum at 8 Navy Street in Oakville, (905) 845-3541.

**July 18-22:** Brampton's Peel Heritage Complex presents **Rock Hounders**, a children's programme exploring fossils, rock collecting and jewellery. From the 25th to the 29th, the Complex stages **Puppet Power**, examining hand, rod and marionette puppets. For information on times, ages and fees, contact the Complex at 9 Wellington Street, (905) 451-9051.

**July 18-October 31:** The Tillsonburg Museum presents an historic review commemorating the founding of Tillsonburg in the exhibit, **Tillsonburg - 170 Years**. Contact the Museum at 30 Tillson Avenue, (519) 842-2294.

**July 23, 24:** Bring the young people to **Children's Heritage Weekend** at Fanshawe Pioneer Village near London. Return to the historic site August 27 and 28 for the **Village Harvest Celebration**. Contact the Village at R. R. #5, London, (519) 457-1296.

**July 24:** The County of Grey-Owen Sound Museum presents **Spoke and Bustle** from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Enjoy a wide variety of activities from butter churning and lace making to sheep shearing and shingle splitting and shaving. Contact the Museum at 975 6th Street East in Owen Sound, (519) 376-3690.

**July 30-August 1:** Black Creek Pioneer Village in Metropolitan Toronto offers 20th century Canadians a chance to re-think the 3R's at **Rags to Richness**. Hands-on activities, demonstrations and exhibits explore how many thrifty Victorians in early Ontario followed the adage "waste not, want not". Contact the Village at the corner of Jane Street and Steeles Avenue in North York, (416) 736-1733.

**August 1:** Fort York, operated by the Toronto Historical Board, comes to life with a military

drill, music and dance demonstrations to celebrate **Simcoe Day**. The Ontario Black History Society is in attendance for a special commemoration of the 161st anniversary of the Emancipation Act, a move that brought the end to slavery in Upper Canada. Spadina, another THB site, features **Evening Jazz** on August 9. Enjoy the music of Bob Deangelis and his band in the garden. For information on times and locations, contact the Board at (416) 392-6827.

**August 1:** The Bytown Museum in Ottawa presents a **Blueberry Social and Colonel By Day**. Return on the 13th for a demonstration by the Ottawa Valley Quilter's Guild. Contact the Museum at (613) 234-4570.

**August 1:** See military re-enactments, craftspeople and artisans, and a visit by Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. John Graves Simcoe at Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum and Arts Centre's celebration of **Simcoe Day**. Meet the Toronto Field Naturalists at Castle Frank subway station at 11:00 a.m. sharp for a guided walk through the Don Valley to Todmorden Mills in East York. Contact the Museum at (416) 425-2250.

**August 6:** All Nelles relations are invited to a **Nelles Family Reunion** at the Parish Hall, St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Grimsby. A pot luck luncheon, business meeting, games for the children and plenty of time for visiting round out the day. Contact William Jackson, Treasurer, Nelles Family Association, 124 Wilson Avenue, Simcoe N3Y 2E7.

**August 6, 7:** The Cannington and Area Historical Society hosts its 16th **Annual Cannington Village Quilt and Craft Sale** at the Cannington Community Centre from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event features the work of over 60 craftspeople and central Ontario's largest display and sale of quilts. Contact Angela Hennessey, (705) 432-3053.

**August 8, 9:** The Ontario Museum Association has designed a two-day training programme in response to Bill C17 to take place in Kitchener. The professional development seminar, **Firearms**, is conducted by a licensed instructor in the Firearms Acquisition Certificate. Contact the OMA for location and fees, (416) 348-8672.

**August 13, 14:** Experience the **Surrender of Detroit**, the sixth annual War of 1812 re-enactment of the British victory over the Americans. British, First Nations and American re-enactors set up camp in Windsor's Dieppe Park, and treat visitors to mock battles, a period fashion show, a musket firing competition and a commemoration ceremony. For further information and to make a donation in time or money, contact Hugh Barrett, (519) 253-1812 or Jim Yaworsky, (519) 252-3038.

**August 19-21:** Bring your bear to White River and join in the fun of **Winnie's Hometown Festival**, celebrating the birthplace of Winnie-the-Pooh. Enjoy a parade and displays at this friendly family affair, sponsored by the White River District Historical Society. Contact Bernice Makepeace, Festival Co-chairbear, (807) 822-2783.

## Upcoming OHS Workshops

| DATE        | WORKSHOP  | LOCATIONS    |
|-------------|---|--------------|
| July 16     | The Simcoe Legacy: From Quill Pens to Printing Presses  | Queenston    |
| October 1   | Education and the Common Curriculum                     | Thunder Bay  |
| October 1   | London's Industrial Heritage                            | London       |
| October 5   | Preparing for a Victorian Christmas in the 19th Century | Caledonia    |
| November 12 | Education and the Common Curriculum                     | Smiths Falls |
| November 19 | Milestones in 19th Century Family Life                  | Milton       |

For further information on these workshops and others in the planning stages, please contact Lorraine Lowry, Workshop Coordinator, The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax (416) 226-2740.



# Trafalgar Castle School hosts annual antiques fair



A highlight of the 1993 Antiques Fair at Trafalgar Castle in Whitby was an exhibition of garden party costumes from the Alan and Mary Suddon Collection on the grand staircase of the Castle. The Suddons will again be on hand for the 1994 fair August 25 to 28 with a display focusing on the theme of a late Victorian evening reception. (Photo courtesy of the Whitby Free Press.)

Overlooking the Town of Whitby and Lake Ontario, stands Trafalgar Castle. Built in 1859 by the flamboyant Nelson Gilbert "Iron" Reynolds, Trafalgar Castle remains a unique Canadian treasure.

Despite being tried for high treason after the 1837 Rebellion, Reynolds was appointed as Sheriff of Ontario County in 1854. There, he built his dream home, Trafalgar Castle, named for the famous naval battle. In 1874, he was forced to sell the Castle to the Methodist Church, and so was founded the Ontario Ladies

College, later to be renamed Trafalgar Castle School.

Mindful of the historic importance of the site, the Alumnae Association has sponsored an Antiques Fair to raise funds to preserve the building. In the past two years, over 4000 people have visited Trafalgar Castle during the fair, including the Honourable Henry N. R. Jackman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

A highlight of the show last year was an exhibition of historic costumes from the Alan and Mary Suddon Collection.

Alan Suddon will return this year to display several more pieces from his collection which now has grown to over 1000 costumes. Brian Musselwhite, Curator at the Royal Ontario Museum, will present an illustrated lecture on "The Prince of Pleasure", the Regency and George IVth at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 27. The whole event will take place from August 25 to 28 at the Castle, 401 Reynolds Street in Whitby. The admission fee is \$5.00 per person. For further information, please contact (905) 844-7062.

## We gratefully acknowledge

BY JAMES CLEMENS, Chair, New Home Task Force

The Ontario Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the generous support of the following donors to our New Home Fund including "We're Loony About our Verandah" and "Heritage Gardens". There's more to come!

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Aureen Richardson

## Archaeological site threatened

The Huron Village Scanon-aenrat located in the Township of Springwater in Simcoe County is threatened with destruction. One of the most significant archaeological sites in the County will be bulldozed into a gravel pit if the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation cannot reach a settlement with CliffVarcoe Ltd., by July 1.

The Huronia Museum, along

with several other key people, has been playing an important role in convincing the municipality to adopt a heritage policy into the official plan to avoid situations such as this one in the future. Efforts so far have been to no avail. Will we see another part of our heritage demolished in the name of progress? Hopefully, the two ministries and CliffVarcoe can reach a suitable agreement to ensure the past is preserved.

## History for sale

The Friends of Muskoka Pioneer Village in Huntsville have taken on a fundraising project to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the great fire that destroyed much of the town's business district. The Friends have reproduced a copy of the local newspaper, *The Forester*, which was printed in 1914 as a 20-year commemorative issue of the fire. The issue included a miniaturized reprint of the April 20, 1894 edition, which was miraculously produced just two days after the fire destroyed the newspaper's office. Unfortunately, no original copy of the 1894 paper can be found. The Friends

are selling the issue for \$2.00 per copy, with the proceeds going to the Village.

The Friends are also interested in locating photographs or printed matter pertaining to Huntsville's great fire, and in particular, a copy of the 1894 edition of *The Forester*, which was printed in nearby Bracebridge at *The Gazette* office. If you can assist the Friends, or if you are interested in purchasing one or several copies of the commemorative paper, please contact Jenny Cressman, Muskoka Pioneer Village, Box 2802, Huntsville, Ontario P0A 1K0, (705) 789-7576, fax (705) 789-6169.

## Remembering D-Day

*In the Executive Director's report in the January-February issue of the OHS Bulletin, we noted that 1994 marked the 50th anniversary of D-Day. The OHS has since received a delightful letter from William B. Jackson of Simcoe, Ontario recalling his experiences. The following is an excerpt from his account of D-Day.*

In March of 1944, the very soonest that I could volunteer, I applied to join the R.C.A.F., having been an Air Cadet at High School. To no avail however, my poor eyesight - I had been wearing glasses for a number of years already - put me in the unacceptable category. Not to be discouraged, a couple weeks later I went to H.M.C.S. STAR at Hamilton to see if I could enlist in the Navy

It so happened that they were looking for recruits to replace the five-year veterans of the grueling North Atlantic Service. I was accepted as a Signaler, glasses notwithstanding. As I still had to finish my Grade 13 education, my active service days were postponed until the school year was over.

Finally, the call came. I was to report to H.M.C.S. YORK,

then located in the Automotive Building at the CNE Grounds in Toronto. I had fond recollections of the building because it was my first, and longest, stop during my school visits to the Exhibition each summer. I was not prepared for the sight of rows and rows of double bunks set up for the new inductees, instead of sleek, shiny new cars. But surrounded by other young, keen, naive, ex-high school students, we quickly went through the induction procedure of medicals, uniform and blanket issue - including this odd piece of canvas with two funny pieces of rope to go with it - and instructions about Navy Rules and Regulations. All quite overwhelming for a young boy from rural Ontario, but I was not the only one sharing this great new experience.

Sleep did not come easy that night in strange surroundings under an absolutely new and completely different environment. The bugle call at 6:30 was a rude awakening to my new world. Wash up facilities were not far away, and the mess deck was upstairs in the former cafeteria. Breakfast consisted of mashed potatoes, fat sausages

and catsup. But the real surprise was in the morning *Globe* - the Allied Forces had invaded Europe!!

Yes, my first day on active service was the same day as the invasion of Normandy. Ever since then I have believed that the Supreme Allied Commanders waited until they knew I was on duty before they commenced their big offensive. Well, that's how I tell it anyway.

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# Museum News

## Lang Pioneer Village: Planning a Venture for the Past

BY SUSAN RAMEY,  
Museum Manager,  
Lang Pioneer Village

On March 2, 1994, Peterborough County Council put its stamp of approval on a profoundly important document. The **Vision Document** for Lang Pioneer Village Museum contains plans that are not audacious, and may appear more practical than "cutting edge". This basic business manual is 17 pages in length and represents for the Museum an organized approach to management. It provides the Board, staff and volunteers with a specific direction that allows us to develop the museum to its potential. We have learned, through this process, that development can be addressed effectively and efficiently, and that confusion and misunderstanding can be avoided.

Our vision statement, goals, objectives and tasks were developed by the staff. We chose not to include Board members because our plan deals with the day to day operations, and is thus a restructuring plan for staff. This document gets us on our feet, the next one will tell us how to walk and even run.

We started the process by going through a SWOCT exercise where Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Constraints and Threats related to the museum were identified. By listing answers for each of these questions, we were able to not only see what we think we do well and not so well, but also to identify problems which may be on the horizon.

When this task was completed, we created our vision of the museum by asking ourselves two questions: **Who are we?** and **Why do we exist?** Here is our answer: *Lang Pioneer Village is a living history museum committed to the active preservation and inter-*

*pretation of cultural heritage in rural Peterborough County between 1820 and 1899. We provide guests with a positive and informative experience, representing the evolution of our heritage as accurately as possible.*

This brief statement is to the point and easy to commit to memory. If staff members remember it then they will have ownership of the statement. The next step was to develop our goals. These goals, derived from the Vision, are statements of purpose. Goals and objectives may, on the surface, appear to be one and the same, but we found the difference between the two is that objectives must show action. Here is an example of one of our goals and two objectives obtained from it.

**Goal:** Make history come alive.

**Objective:** Establish an apprenticeship programme to illustrate the apprenticing system.

**Objective:** Research the feasibility of acquiring appropriate stock, then implement a plan if period stock is possible.

Once all the goals and objectives were developed, the various tasks associated with each objective were systematically established. Tasks must be arranged systematically since certain things must be done before others can be attempted. Here is an example: **Objective:** Research the feasibility of acquiring appropriate stock, then implement a plan if period stock is possible.

**Tasks:**

- Assess our physical capabilities and our other needs, i.e. space, shelter, veterinary services, feed(hay), bedding (straw), services, people, etc.
- Compare acquisition styles i.e. hosting, purchase or donation, and relate this style to our capabilities.

Here is how our document works:

**Vision Statement:** shows who we are and why we exist.

**Goals:** show intent and are derived from the vision.

**Objectives:** show action and are derived from the goals.

**Tasks:** are the actual actions derived from the objectives. Each segment completes the previous segment, therefore we will always end up at our vision.

*If you are interested in more information or assistance in this process, please call Susan Ramey at (705) 295-6694.*

## Heritage Today



Andrew McDonald,  
Director

Ken Doherty,  
Host

Kim Reid  
Camera #1

The Peterborough Centennial Museum has developed a cable television show entitled "Heritage Today". In 1993, Manager Ken Doherty and his crew won the MacLean Hunter Volunteer of the Year award for their efforts. (Cartoon courtesy of Kim Reid.)

## On the air

Many museums these days are challenged to develop new ways to increase their visibility while at the same time cope with limited staffing resources. Two museums have decided to take to the airwaves and produce their own television shows. Exposure on television increases the profile of a facility, and provides education and entertainment to the public.

The Brockville Museum presents "It's About Time" a cable television series which brings to life the history and heritage of the Brockville area. Each monthly episode is developed around a theme, and also fea-

tures regular segments such as "Collector's Corner" and "What's in a Name".

Ken Doherty at the Peterborough Centennial Museum has also developed a cable television show entitled "Heritage Today". Last year, Ken and his crew won the MacLean Hunter Volunteer of the Year award for their efforts, the first time the award was given to a group. Ken describes the show as a community-based programme which has featured many heritage performing groups. In the past five years, they have taped 130 episodes and six more are scheduled for

the fall. The show has raised the museum's profile in the community and Ken even finds organizations are contacting him to appear on the show.

The production of a television show is not as time consuming as one may think. In the case of "Heritage Today", four programmes are shot in one day, and Ken estimates that only a few hours a month are spent on preparing for the shows, contacting guests and developing questions. It is a great way to get your message to the public. Contact your local cable company if your interested in participating in a similar venture.

## Congratulations Perth Museum

BY LAURA SUCHAN,  
Editor, Museum News

The Ontario Historical Society Museum Award of Excellence is awarded annually to a museum demonstrating excellence in programming and community events. The Museums Committee chose the Perth Museum as the recipient

for 1993. The Committee felt the Museum was deserving of the award based on their strong sense of community, and their commitment to constantly improving and upgrading facilities and programmes. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to extend congratulations to the Perth Museum for being award-

ed the Museum Award of Excellence, and on a job well done. It is not too early to be thinking about this year's award. The deadline for nominations is December 31. For more information on the award, or to nominate a museum, contact the OHS office or Bruce Richard, Museums Committee Chairman.

## 'Award Winning' Collingwood Museum is changing for the better!

In 1991, the Collingwood Museum became the first recipient of The Ontario Historical

Society's Museum Award of Excellence. Now, three years later, the Museum is continuing to evolve to meet the needs of the community and its visitors.

In preparation for the Georgian Bay '94 Marine Heritage Festival, the permanent display areas of the Collingwood Museum are undergoing about a 70 percent makeover. Many of the exhibit cases, which were designed in the late 1960s, are being overhauled, and some, dismantled. New display areas are

being designed. The new look will lighten the overall appearance of the gallery, and display areas will be brighter with a change in some lighting systems. Re-arranging the exhibit area will result in more display space, and call for the addition of new cases with more artifacts being displayed.

Drop by in the summer of 1994 and see the Collingwood Museum where they say, "if you haven't seen us lately, you haven't seen our latest!"

## Gibson House commemorated on medal

At the recent 1994 Ontario Numismatic Association Convention held in North York, delegates received a special gift in their registration kits - a gold-plated medal bearing the design of North York's Gibson House. The Convention Committee

focused on The Gibson House for the medal because of the rich history of the Gibson family and the House. A limited edition of only 35 medals has been struck in fine silver, selling at \$40.00 each, while an antique bronze version has been limited to 100

copies, each selling for \$8.00 (all taxes included). To receive your commemorative Gibson House medal, contact the 1994 ONA Convention, Box 58508, Corner Plaza Post Office, 197 Sheppard Avenue East, North York, Ontario M2N 6R7.

## Welland Canals Gallery - Phase II development complete

The St. Catharines Museum is pleased to announce that Phase II of the Welland Canals Gallery Development is complete, and a priority for 1994 will be to add new attractions. The new paint is dry, and the artifacts and displays are now being updated, re-designed and new exhibits are being added. A spectacular Relief Map is a highlight of the gallery,

and a rest area has been added, where many publications about the Welland Canals can be perused.

A new display case is home to a seven-foot model of the "John A. France", built for Scott Misener Steamships Ltd. and christened August 26, 1960. Another new display is "Canal Ceremonies", highlighting the

pomp and circumstance around the Canals. The top hat presented to the captain of the first ship through the canal each spring is on display. The commemorative stamp of William Hamilton Merritt; a fully-refurbished model of the "Ann & Jane", the first ship through the canal in 1829; and a soup tureen from that memorable trip are a few of the new artifacts.

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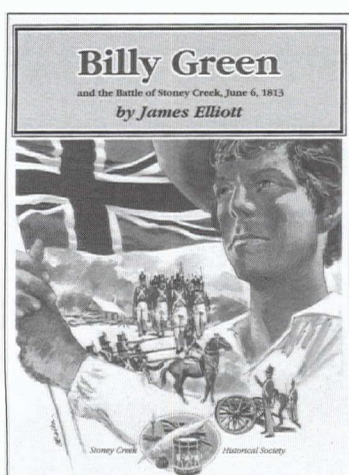
# From the Bookshelf

BY PAT AND CHRIS  
RAIBLE, Editors

## One Officer's War

**Merry Hearts make Light Days: The War of 1812 Journal of Lieutenant John Le Couteur, 104th Foot.** Edited by Donald E. Graves. Carleton University Press (distributed by Oxford University Press Canada). 308 pages. Illustrations. \$17.95 paper.

Thanks to the careful editorial efforts of military historian Donald E. Graves, the personal memoirs of an early 19th century British officer are made accessible to late 20th century readers. A modern American military man has extolled it as "the most valuable book on the War of 1812 to surface in years."



## One Boy's Battle

**Billy Green and the Battle of Stoney Creek, June 6, 1813.** By James Elliott. Stoney Creek Historical Society. 26 pages. Illustrations. \$14.95 cloth, \$8.95 paper.

An American army has invaded the Niagara peninsula and - in this telling of the tale - the fate of Upper Canada hangs in the balance. With militia scout Billy Green as the hero, here is a boy's-eye view of the night raid and pivotal battle. This War of 1812 story for young people is the first publication of the Stoney Creek Historical Society.

## Loyalists' Legacy

**The Loyalists: Revolution, Exile, Settlement.** By Christopher Moore, McClelland and Stewart. 280 pages. \$19.99 paper.

First published in 1984, this book was widely praised as a balanced and sensitive presentation of the Loyalist experience both during the American Revolution and the difficult years that followed. Ten years later, it continues to be the best introduction to the trials and triumphs of a people whose coming to Canada created this province.

**United Empire Loyalists: Enquiry into the Losses and Services in Consequence of the Loyalty - Evidence in the Canadian Claims.** By Alexander Fraser. Genealogical Publishing Co. 2 volumes, 1,436 pages. US \$87.50.

Genealogists and biographers alike will welcome this re-publication of the long-out-of-print 1904 Second Report of the Bureau of Archives for the Province of Ontario. These

records of claims for losses submitted by more than 1200 Loyalists who fled to Canada are a rich source of historical information and personal detail.

## The Land Was/Is Ours

**A Guide to Ontario Land Registry Records.** Ontario Genealogical Society. \$7.50.

Prepared for the Archives of Ontario, as well as for the Ontario Genealogical Society, this guide will be welcomed by researchers.

**1861 Census Lanark County.** Ontario Genealogical Society, Kingston Branch. \$9.00 - \$13.00.

Continuing its publication efforts, the Kingston Branch O.G.S. has added Bathurst, Beckwith, Drummond, Pakenham and Ramsay township records, each alphabetized by surname. The Branch has issued an impressive list of census, birth, baptism, marriage, death, burial, cemetery and other records for its area of the province.

## Life and Death

**Facts of Life: The Social Construction of Vital Statistics, Ontario 1869-1952.** By George Emery. McGill-Queens University Press. 243 pages. \$39.95 cloth.

A highly-technical study of the ways that statistics are gathered, and thus a warning as to the possibilities for their misinterpretation. To take but one simple example: death rates in urban areas may be distorted because many rural residents die as patients in city hospitals.

## Around Ontario

**Whitchurch Township.** By the Whitchurch History Book Committee. Boston Mills Press. Illustrations. \$35.00.

Fascinating facts about the old Whitchurch Township which originally included the towns of Stouffville, Newmarket, Aurora and Oak Ridges. Also included are chapters on the area's First Nations' history and its geographical and archaeological features. Appendices provide additional details about churches, schools, municipal government, post offices and the lumbering industry.

**The Egremont Road: Historic Route from Lobo to Lake Huron.** By Eleanor Nielson. Lambton County Historical Society. 150 pages. Illustrations.

Originally envisioned as a military route by Sir John Colborne, the Egremont Road's real contribution was in opening up for settlement in the 1830s, a large tract of hitherto inaccessible forest land. This well-illustrated book engagingly details the life of the settlers along the road running through the townships of Adelaide, Warwick and Plympton. A detailed name index will be of special interest to genealogists.

**Penlake: Reflections on Peninsula Lake.** By the Peninsula Lake Association

Historical Committee. Boston Mills Press. 160 pages. Illustrations. \$40.00 cloth. (Also available from the Historical Committee for \$35.00.)

Eight years in the making, this first known volume on Peninsula Lake tells many tales of the area's colourful past. The book is another example of the stunning efforts being made by the Boston Mills Press in the popularizing of Ontario local history.

## One for the Roads

**Turning 100 Together: Ontario Roads and Roadmakers 1894-1994.** By Robert M. Stamp. Ontario Good Roads Association. 90 pages. Illustrations. \$20.00 paper, \$35.00 cloth.

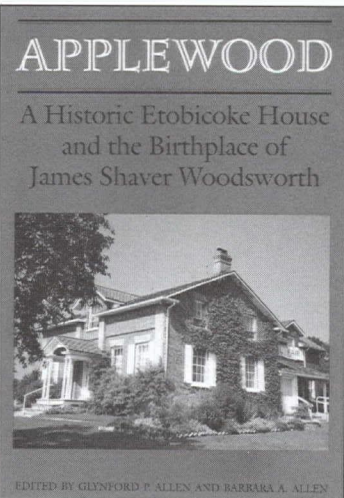
Roads were the cause of controversy from the very beginning of the province. In the last 100 years, the change from horse drawn wagons to high speed automobiles and massive trucks has shifted the political focus from country lanes to superhighways. Period photos supplementing the text show how road construction has evolved from an essentially manual task to the use of sophisticated machines.



## History Activities

**The Victorian ToyMaker with Practical Instructions and What Will You Buy?** Heritage Publications. \$4.95 each, paper.

The latest in a series of "Inkwell Learning Materials," these attractive inexpensive booklets offer the younger set (suggested ages 8-12) a glimpse of times past as they make their way through entertaining puzzles and activities. Highly recommended for individual buyers or for museum/historical society gift shops. Others in the series: **Ornamental Toys and Other Pastimes; Nineteenth Century Christmas Presents; Nineteenth Century Christmas Dinner; Boys and Girls Come Out to Play; Make a Cake; Merrily Run the Reel and To School! To School!**



## Historic Homestead

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In one well-produced volume, here is a history of an early family, an essay in appreciation of an influential Canadian, a story of the moving and restoration of a heritage house, a description of the architectural details of the building, and a presentation of the site's current programme. The Foundation is certainly to be congratulated.

## Home Sweet Home

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## Turning the Pages

The **Dictionary of Canadian Biography**, that totally indispensable tool for anyone researching Canadian history, has now entered the 20th century. The just published **Volume XIII** (University of Toronto Press, \$85.00) contains 648 entries for individuals (half of them Ontarians!) who died from 1901 to 1910.

The decade was marked by the decease of such influential intellectuals as Goldwin Smith and John George Bourinot. Some persons here described are Canadian household names - Timothy Eaton, Ned Hanlan and Emily Stowe - others are familiar to those of us who care about our provincial history - William Caniff, Charles Lindsey and Henry Scadding. Alas, severe financial constraints have meant that this volume, unlike the earlier numbers, contains fewer entries on the lesser-known-but nonetheless-fascinating figures who played their parts in our past. A problem with using this book (and the dozen before it) is that one opens it for a specific reference, but tarries to browse through other intriguing entries, albeit irrelevant to one's initial quest!

Part of what makes the **DCB** so especially useful is its careful citation of the sources used for each entry and its comprehensive indices and cross-references for each volume. (A complete index for the first 12 volumes was published a couple of years ago.) Family historians and genealogists, as well as professional researchers, will certainly welcome this work - and join in worrying about the future of **DCB** in this era of cultural funding cut-backs.

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## OHS recognizes excellence with annual awards programme

BY JANE ERRINGTON AND DONALD AKENSON, Co-chairs, Honours and Awards Committee

Congratulations to the winners of The Ontario Historical Society's 1993 Honours and Awards:

*B. Napier Simpson Junior Award of Merit: Heritage Cornwall*, nominated by Dennis Carter-Edwards.

*Carnochan Award: James Anderson*, Stratford, nominated by Deborah Jesshope Cushing.

*Cruikshank Gold Medal: Gerald Boyce*, Belleville, nominated by Hastings County Historical Society.

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*Frager*, Hamilton, for *Sweatshop Strife: Class, Ethnicity, and Gender in the Jewish Labour Movement of Toronto, 1900-1939*, nominated by University of Toronto Press.

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*ter*, Peterborough, for "The Softball Solution: Female Workers, Male Managers and the Operation of Paternalism at Westclox, 1923-60", published in *Labour/Le Travail*, nominated by G.S. Kealy.

*Scadding Award of Excellence: South Fredericksburgh Heritage Committee*, nominated by the Council of the Township of South Fredericksburgh.

*Bill Todd Award: Joan Johnston* of Martintown, the museum representative who travelled the furthest distance to attend the Conference.

The awards were presented at The Ontario Historical Society's Annual Conference in Hamilton on May 13. Many thanks to all those who took the time to send a nomination. Numerous worthy candidates were brought forward, making the selection process a challenge.



The OHS' Museums Committee celebrated its 40th anniversary at the recent Annual Conference in Hamilton. Singing "Happy Birthday" (from left to right) are Stewart Leslie, Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Association; The Honourable Richard Allen, MPP, Hamilton West; and Bruce Richard, Chair of the Museums Committee as they prepare to cut the cake. (Photo courtesy of Jim Clemens.)

## Berczy settlers celebrate bicentennial

On August 20, 1994, the Markham Berczy Settlers Association will hold a reunion of the descendants of the settlers brought to Markham Township by William Berczy in 1794. Festivities will be held in the Markham Fairgrounds on McCowan Road, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The Berczy Settlers were among the first to settle Markham Township in the Fall of 1794. They were brought to the area by Johannes Albrecht Ulrich Moll, alias William Berczy, who was born in Wallerstein, Germany in 1744. While in London, England in 1791, Berczy heard of a group, led by Sir William Pulteney, who had purchased a large tract of land in upper New York State. Pulteney's plan was to bring settlers to clear the area, and sell some of it for a profit. Berczy could see the potential of profit in the scheme, and managed to recruit some 220 Germans to emigrate to New York. After several setbacks, the pioneers arrived at the Pulteney Tract by January of 1793.

Their journey did not end in New York, however, because upon their arrival they discovered that the original agreement was not to be honoured. At that time, Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe was advertising in American newspapers that

free land was available in Upper Canada. Berczy, along with about 60 families, decided to make the trek north, and in subsequent meetings with Simcoe, was granted about 64,000 acres in Markham Township. The heads of each household were given 200 acres each, leaving ample for Berczy to dispose of at a profit. His dream of wealth fell short, however, when Simcoe's successors refused to fully honour the agreement.

Many of the Berczy settlers remained in the area, and descendants of at least two dozen families still live in or around Markham. A group tracing their ancestry to these first settlers has formed the Markham Berczy Settlers Association, which seeks to promote and perpetuate the memory of their ancestors, and has organized the August 20 celebration to commemorate the bicentennial. A committee has been busy contacting known descendants to invite them to the reunion. The Town of Markham also, is planning a memorial to commemorate the people who pioneered the Township.

For further information on the Association and the reunion, please write the Markham Berczy Settlers Association, 10292 McCowan Road, Markham, Ontario L3P 3J3.

## Museums Committee performance a hit

At the OHS' Annual Conference May 13 and 14 in Hamilton, the Museums Committee celebrated its 40th anniversary with a lighthearted performance of skits and musical numbers focusing on the museum field in Ontario. New member, Aureen Richardson from Warkworth, Ontario, was so impressed with "We've Come a Long Way Baby!" that she wrote the **A B C Qualities of the 40th Anniversary Presentation**.

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Brent, Gwen Cunningham, Beth Hanna, Jeanne Hughes, Lorraine O'Byrne and John Warburton for a job well done!



Janet Cobban, Curator of the John R. Park Homestead in Essex County was elected President of the OHS at the recent Annual Conference in Hamilton. She succeeds Ken McLaughlin of Waterloo for 1994-1995. Their gifts to each other were cotton bags bearing the OHS crest. Bags sell for \$10.00 for the short handled variety and \$12.00 for long handles. (Photo courtesy of Jim Clemens.)

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