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## Rail museum set to go on Toronto's John Street

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An agreement reached between Metro Toronto's heritage community and the Province of Ontario and its agency, the Metro Convention Centre, will allow for the development of an operating rail museum on the site of the planned convention facility on John Street in downtown Toronto. Much work remains to be done, but the fact of an operating rail museum has been established on a site which has many constraints.

The agreement calls for the preservation of all five remaining structures now present on the site, out of the 20 that were once there, and provides for the installation of necessary trackage, thus making the future museum an authentic working operation, instead of a static remembrance of a vanished era.

Much legal work with the City of Toronto and the convention centre remains to be finalized. The agreement drawn up is binding,

however, whether the convention centre goes ahead or not. If it does not proceed, the development of the rail museum can be much larger.

The Confederation of Residents' and Ratepayers' Associations, the CHP Heritage Centre and heritage enthusiast, John Males, submitted appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board when the prospect of the museum did not look hopeful. All of these appeals have now been withdrawn, but two others from John Sutt and Dale Ritch still remain on file, despite assurances that they would be withdrawn. Work cannot proceed until all appeals are withdrawn, therefore, money which has been allocated to carry out the next stage of planning is being depleted. Consent from the Toronto Historical Board for the relocation of the coaling and sanding tower, and for the opening up of Bay 8 to allow for the movement of equipment, is also pending.

The agreement is based upon a drawing developed during the negotiations by John Sutherland of CP Rail's Engineering Office and Klaus Dunker of the School of Architecture at the University of Toronto, with information from historians and rail experts. The drawing shows the fullest potential for rail operations on the site, within the constraints imposed by the underground convention centre.

A spur line connecting the site to a main track is shown in the only possible position. It allows equipment to reach the turntable and roundhouse bays. Bays 1 to 11 will be deconstructed and reconstructed, with Bay 8 opened to allow for the passage of equipment to sidings on the south side of the site. The water tower and machine shop will remain in their present locations, and the Stores building will be demolished and rebuilt on its original site with its original bricks, windows and doors. Cabin D, not part of the original site, but an important historic structure essential to steam-era rail operations, will be located on the site.

Provision has been made for the addition of a small railway station near the foot of the CN Tower. The routes of essential trackage have been established, with some options for tracks on which stationary equipment can be displayed, such as sleepers, gondolas, dining cars, post office cars and others. Provision for the reconstruction of some essential, but vanished, buildings such as an Air Hoist Shed and a Bunkhouse has also been done.

Stage Two in the planning process begins with the meeting



On Monday, June 20, the cultural community protested the proposed move of the Ministry of Culture to Niagara Falls. The crowd of demonstrators picketed Queen's Park in Toronto and with the noisy rally, voiced their concerns regarding the move. Minister Anne Swarbrick has reversed the decision, and the Culture division of her ministry will stay in Toronto. (Photo courtesy of Dorothy Duncan.)

## MCTR reconsiders Niagara Falls move

The Minister of Culture, Tourism and Recreation, the Honourable Anne Swarbrick, has reconsidered those departments of her ministry that will move to Niagara Falls, and has decided to keep all of the Culture Division in Toronto. This announcement came as a

great relief to the cultural community in Ontario as it has lobbied the Minister to reconsider the decision since it was made several months ago. A recent functional review of the ministry also confirmed that it will be far more effective to have tourism and marketing

positions move to Niagara Falls where the enormous Niagara Gateway project is to be developed.

Thank you Minister Swarbrick and Premier Rae for this very sensible decision, and for the timely announcement of it!

## Calling all collectors to September Soirée

On Friday evening, September 16, The Ontario Historical Society will host **September Soirée and Silent Auction**, a sale of antiques and collectibles at our new home, 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale. It will be a relaxed evening of good food and fellowship, browsing and hopefully, placing some bids! A tempting array of hors d'oeuvres and finger foods will sustain you, hot and cold beverages will refresh you, and an excellent offering of antique furniture and

furnishings, donated by our members, will intrigue you. Dessert and coffee on our spacious verandah will complete the evening, and then you can carry your treasures home.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person (a portion will be tax deductible) which includes a catalogue available when you order your tickets. Catalogues are also available at \$3.00 each if you want to review the possibilities, refundable if you later buy a ticket.

The auction items will be available for viewing on the afternoon of the sale, beginning at 5:00. **September Soirée and Silent Auction** will begin at 6:30 and end promptly at 8:30. Guests will then enjoy dessert and coffee while the successful bidders are posted. All proceeds from the event go towards the restoration of the 1907 dairy and 1915 stable on our property.

Tickets are limited, so if you are interested, order yours today!

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of a Task Force to be chaired by the Honourable David Crombie. The Force will develop concepts for an operating museum and for Roundhouse Park on the surrounding lands. The park will be the subject of a national design competition, and will be carried out by Toronto's Parks Department.

The Task Force is expected to recommend the creation of a special legal body or board to carry out all remaining planning and (See Rail Museum p.2)

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# Executive Director's report

BY DOROTHY DUNCAN,  
OHS Executive Director

## MAC Meeting

The Honourable Anne Swarbrick, Minister of Culture, Tourism and Recreation called the Minister's Advisory Committee on New Heritage Legislation back to the discussion table this spring. As you know, Russell Cooper and I have represented The Ontario Historical Society on this Committee since it was formed by Rosario Marchese (then Culture Minister) in May of 1992. Under discussion now are objections, suggestions and comments received by the Ministry to the draft discussion paper. The next step is the drafting of the Bill and the regulations and guidelines that will accompany it.

## Culture Coalition

The coalition of heritage and arts organizations and institutions that formed very quickly this spring to oppose the move of some functions of the Culture Ministry to Niagara Falls while leaving other functions in Toronto, breathed a collective sigh of relief on July 4. That was the day that we learned that all of the Culture Division will stay in Toronto, while Marketing and Tourism will move to Niagara Falls where the Niagara Gateway project is to be developed. For further information on Gateway, call Shannon Squire at (416)

324-6527 or Rhonda Fitzpatrick at (416) 314-2300.

## Yonge Street 200 Years Young

Yes, it's going to be a happy birthday party for Yonge Street in 1996, and the Committees are forming from Toronto to Penetanguishene to plan the celebrations. It has been called the "longest street in the world", and if communities beyond the original surveys want to get involved, now is the time to consider it. When we contemplate the changes from that day when John Graves Simcoe gave instructions for the work to begin, to today, it is very difficult to visualize what another 200 years will bring and what form and shape the celebrations in 2196 will take!

## Update on Fund Raising

As fundraising for the restoration of the John McKenzie House (Phase I) draws to a successful conclusion, we are turning our thoughts and plans now to Phase II which includes the restoration of the dairy built in 1907 and the stable, built in 1915. The dairy actually predates the house and appears in photographs of the farm when the McKenzies were still living in their farm house on Yonge Street. As both buildings are designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, we plan to restore them to use for workshops, programmes and other events. Our

first fundraising event was Histories and Mysteries in August which was a howling success, and coming up are the September Soirée and Silent Auction on Friday evening, September 16 and Cook Book Caper on Sunday, December 4. There will be more; stay tuned!

## Ojibwe Cultural Foundation

Speaking of fundraising, the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation on Manitoulin Island has launched a drive to raise two million dollars for a new Centre at West Bay. Two events are planned: October 1 at the Native Canadian Centre on Spadina Avenue in Toronto and October 15 at the Delta Chelsea Inn in Toronto. Donations to support the wonderful work that is carried out at



The last Community Meeting in the OHS' recent series was held at the Ojibwe Cultural Centre in West Bay on Manitoulin Island on Friday, June 17. Among those in attendance were (left to right): Edith Keeley, Irish Heritage Club, Sudbury; Mary Lou Fox, Ojibwe Cultural Foundation, West Bay; Lois Linley, Kagawong Historical Society; and artist Blake Debassige of Kasheese Studios, West Bay. (Photo courtesy of Robert Levery.)

the Centre should be sent to Box 278, West Bay, Manitoulin Island, Ontario POP IGO. For

further information, contact the OHS or the Foundation at (705) 377-4902.

## Visit the OHS at these events this September

The Ontario Historical Society will participating in two Fall Festivals this September, and we would be pleased if you could stop by and visit with us.

On Saturday, September 17, the Society will be at Black Creek Pioneer Village's 38th Annual Pioneer Festival. We will be demonstrating how to stencil, and you can try your hand at this early decorating skill. Our book sale continues, so

stop by and take advantage of the bargains. The Village is at the corner of Jane Street and Steeles Avenue in Metropolitan Toronto.

We will also be participating in the village of Thornhill's 200th anniversary celebration on the same day. Comcare has invited us to join them at their Community Open House where we will be sharing some early home remedies. Come by and take part in the demonstra-

tions, and explore our ancestors' approach to health care. We will also have our publications for sale, along with some issues of *Ontario History* that have focused on early health practices in the province. Comcare is located at 66 Centre Street in Thornhill.

For further information, please contact the OHS at (416) 226-9011. Hope to see you at both of these events.

## Ontario History appoints assistant editor

The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to announce that Dr. Terry Crowley has accepted the position of assistant editor of *Ontario History* for 1994 and 1995.

Dr. Crowley has been a Professor of History at the University of Guelph since 1971, and is a member of the Editorial Advisory Committee of the journal. He has published

widely in Canadian and Ontario history, including chapters in several books and numerous articles, two of which have been in *Ontario History*. He has written on topics of interest to Ontario historians in the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography* and has published *Agnes Macphail and the Politics of Equality*, (Toronto, 1990).

## Toronto Historical Board remembers the Colonial Tavern

On Thursday, July 28, the Toronto Historical Board unveiled a plaque commemorating the Colonial Tavern, the centre of jazz in Toronto for 40 years.

The Tavern, before it was demolished in 1987, was located at 201 Yonge Street, a site which is now a park beside the present Board headquarters. The Colonial Tavern was opened first as a cocktail lounge shortly after such establishments were permitted. It soon gained a reputation as the best

place in Canada to hear jazz. Such greats as Ella Fitzgerald, Oscar Peterson, Sarah Vaughan and Miles Davis were among those to appear at the Colonial. The bands of Duke Ellington and Dizzy Gillespie also managed to squeeze into the dim and smoky space. When the popularity of jazz declined in the 1970s, blues were added to the programme and later rock music, but neither was able to bring back the crowds, and the Colonial finally closed.

Archie Alleyne, a veteran Toronto jazz musician and resident drummer at the Tavern from 1955 to 1970, spoke briefly about the Colonial and its importance to the Canadian scene. A jazz performance in the park followed the unveiling, featuring Archie Alleyne and Friends.

For further information, please contact the Toronto Historical Board, 205 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M5B 1N2, (416) 392-6827.

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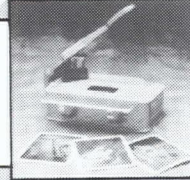
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## Rail Museum

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operations of the museum. That body must lease the existing and restored buildings from the City of Toronto, owner of the property. The body will also plan programmes, such as restoration work involving the public, exhibitions and running a film theatre on site. The operation of an excursion line running restored historic trains will also be a highlight.

After years of disappointments and broken promises, rail enthusiasts are jubilant with the signing of the agreement to preserve the John Street Roundhouse as the last operating rail museum in the country. Offers of help, artifacts and archival material is arriving from across Canada. We are moving full steam ahead!

For further information on the development of the museum, please contact Jane Beecroft at the Society of Heritage Associates, CHP Heritage Centre, Box 498, Suite 100, 2 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario M4W 3E2, (416) 515-7546.





Ontario Northland announced earlier this year that they were planning to close their Archives in North Bay. Attempts to have the decision reversed have thus far failed. Tell ONR how valuable this resource is by faxing your opinions to Chairman K.J. Wallace at (705) 476-5598 or writing him at 555 Oak Street East, North Bay P1B 8L3. (Photo courtesy of Dorothy Duncan.)

## President's Message

BY JANET COBBAN,  
OHS President

As you plan the fall schedule for your historical society, museum or other heritage organization, don't forget November 14th! November 14 is the anniversary of Frederick Banting's birth in 1891. It's the day that E. C. Drury, leader of the United Farmers of Ontario, was sworn into office as the eighth premier of the province in 1919. This year, November 14th is also municipal election day.

If municipal elections make you yawn, take a minute to look around your community. What group is responsible for planning, naming the streets, operating the local museum, developing tourism promotions and special events and designating historic buildings? Chances are you'll find a municipal department or committee in charge. If the proposed new heritage legislation becomes law, Ontario municipalities will have even more clout in historical matters.

How can you raise the profile of heritage in your municipality?

- Invite your mayor, reeve or other elected representative to

be a guest speaker at an upcoming meeting.

- Make an appointment to give a short, snappy presentation on local history before your Council....without asking for money (this time).
- Research your municipality's current policies and programmes. How much is spent on heritage now? How much on sports? On the arts?
- Host or attend an all candidates meeting and ask questions about the heritage issues in your community.
- After the election, update your mailing list to make sure that municipal officials and elected representatives receive regular updates on your activities.
- When your municipality does something (no matter how small) that benefits heritage, send a letter of thanks.

Perhaps there was a time when municipal councils dealt mainly with endless complaints about ditches, dogs and drains. Today, an informed and enthusiastic council can assist the heritage community with designation, documents and daguerreotypes.

## D-Day commemorated in musical performance

Charles Hayter of Scarborough, accompanied by pianist Edna Hillman of Toronto, has been playing to sold-out audiences with his commemoration of D-Day and the war years. From June of this year to June of 1995, the duo will travel throughout the province, performing their renditions of Second World War songs mixed with political satire. The performance, "From Sea to Sea to Sea" is an all-

Canadian presentation, while "We'll Meet Again" is an international programme. Performances have been directed at seniors' residences, libraries, theatres and schools, but can be tailored for any audience.

For further information on how your group can book the duo, contact Charles Hayter at Apt. 816, 17 Brimley Road, Scarborough, Ontario M1M 3T8, (416) 266-7204.

## Buying or selling a home?

Tippet-Richardson Limited was instrumental in making the OHS' move to the John McKenzie House a success. One of the company's subsidiaries, All-Purpose Realty Services Inc., can help you if you are planning on buying or selling a home by providing a variety of useful services and advice.

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

Congratulations to the **Wallaceburg and District Historical Society and Museum** on celebrating ten years of service on June 24.

Our sympathy to the family, friends and colleagues of Robert Warren Snetsinger, a former president of the **Toronto Branch, United Empire Loyalists**, who passed away on March 26.

The **West Toronto Junction Historical Society's** September 8 meeting will feature Doug McConnell, former general manager of the Toronto Stock Yards with a slide talk show about the Yards. In a recent issue of *The Leader and Recorder*, the editor, Diana Fancher expresses concern about the stewardship of the Toronto Historical Board, "The Toronto Historical Board's endorsement of redevelopment plans for the Gooderham & Worts Distillery complex (on Trinity Street in downtown Toronto), built 1859-1900 and, according to Heritage Canada, the best preserved 19th century industrial complex in the country, is one more example of the THB's lack of accountability to the heritage community in Toronto. It is time to reconstitute the board as a body accountable to the citizens of this city rather than to a development-oriented city council.

"If the Board were made up of representatives from local history societies within the city, it might be more proactive rather than reactive in its preservation efforts. It might also spend some time on areas outside the downtown core and wealthy residential neighbourhoods." Contact West Toronto Junction Historical Society at (416) 763-3161.

**Oakville Historical Society** announces a Harvest Celebration at Thomas House on September 25. Details - (905) 844-2695.

**Niagara Regional LACAC Association** has organized a Heritage Tour of Niagara Falls including Harry Oake's Oak Hall on October 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Information: (905) 227-5899.

The **St. Catharines Grand Opera House Research Committee** is seeking mementos, memories and more, to assist in the restoration. Contact Donald Maulson, 81 Welland Avenue, St. Catharines L2R 2N2.

The **Central Rideau Corridor Architectural Conservancy** was formed in November of 1993 to represent the communities in the

watersheds of the Rideau, Mississippi and South Nation Rivers. Under the leadership of the Interim President, Shirley Watton of Merrickville, CRCAC is encouraging and co-ordinating communities to update the *Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings*, compiled in 1969; serving on Parks Canada's public forum on a Cultural Landscape Study for the Rideau Canal and providing educational support to a rural community that suddenly found a dump site could be developed on its doorstep!

The Toronto & York Division of the **Canadian Railroad Historical Association** is sponsoring a ride on the Arcade and Attica in New York State on Saturday, October 1. For details and reservations (416) 368-3760.

The **Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society** is raising funds for the new museum with a raffle for a 1995 Plymouth Neon, chosen car of the year by *Automobile Magazine*. Feeling lucky? Tickets (807) 623-0801. Another fundraiser will be the Antique Show, October 14, 15 and 16 at the Victoria Inn (formerly the Red Oak Inn), in Thunder Bay.

The **Lennox & Addington Historical Society** and the **Loyalists Cultural Centre** are co-sponsoring "Variations on Victorian Vastness" a historic house tour on Saturday, September 24. Contact Box 392, Napanee K7R 3P5 for tickets.

The **Elgin Historical Society** is sponsoring a trio of historic tours on September 4: Car Rally, Spirit Walk and Railroad Ties. Call (519) 633-2275 to register.

Congratulations to the **Windsor Public Library** celebrating its Centennial with a new book bag, exhibit and special insert in the *Windsor Star*. In 1894, the Library's motto was "Aude Sapere" - Dare to be Wise, and a sign was posted on the stacks *Let your thoughts be gentle and your voice be low*.

Remember the **Bruce County Genealogical Society's** workshop "Your English Roots" in Teeswater's Town Hall on August 27. Contact Box 1083 Port Elgin NOH 2C0 to register.

Sheila Johnson will be the guest speaker at the **Oxford Historical Society's** October 26 meeting, *Victorian Decorations in our Museum*, which will be held at the newly-renovated museum.

Congratulations to Philip Goldsmith and his firm Quadrangle Architects of Toronto on the award winning design for Tip Top Tailors. Phil is a former Board member of the OHS and currently serves on the Board of the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

The **Cobourg and District Historical Society** is appealing for

information about the origin of placenames in Northumberland County. If you have information about Fenella, Ellagowan, Clarry (Percy), Red Cloud (Cramahe) Loughbreeze and Ongley, contact Michael Dawber, Wilton Road, R.R.# 3, Bath KOH 1G0.

Congratulations to the **Harrow Early Immigrant Research Society** (H.E.I.R.S.) on moving its resource centre to a storefront location. The new centre is more spacious, wheelchair accessible and easier to locate. There is even a darkroom, shared with a community newspaper. The new telephone/fax is (519) 738-4368.

The **Ontario Heritage Foundation** recently announced new Board appointments including Christopher Ellis, London; Jennifer McKendry, Kingston; Hugette Parent, Ottawa; Andre Philpot, Marmora; Peter Richardson, Toronto and Mercedes Steedman, Sudbury.

The **Latchford/Montreal River Heritage Preservation Society** is calling for suggestions for a mascot for the new Logging Attraction. Logs? Beavers? River Drivers? Cant Hooks? Send your suggestions to Diane Remillard, Box 10, Latchford POV 1N0. The Society is also appealing for names and photographs of anyone who spent a minimum of 25 years in the logging and lumbering industry near Latchford.

The **Friends of White Otter Castle** are raising funds to save the unique structure built early in this century by James McOuat north of Atikokan.

Several members of the **Oshawa Historical Society** received Volunteer Awards recently: Phyllis Mounce, Echo Sinclair, Margaret Glassford, Dorothy French, Bessie Gannon and Ruth Oliver.

**Lake of the Woods Historical Society** under the leadership of Chairman Randy Jackson, reports a busy summer season including an Antique Auction, Daily Victorian Teas at the Mather Walls House and the restoration of the master bedroom. News? Information? Assistance? Contact Box 729, Keewatin POX 1C0.

Many historical organizations and institutions celebrated July 1 with parades, fireworks, special events, free admission and historical re-enactments of community events. The July 1 holiday, historically known as Dominion Day had a sudden name change on July 9, 1982, when a few MPs (less than a quorum) suddenly passed a Bill in the House of Commons amending it to Canada Day! What is your opinion? Let your Member of Parliament know, and remember you don't even need to put a stamp on your letter!



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# Upcoming Events

**June-October 2: Hearth, Home and Farm**, at the Chatham-Kent Museum, takes you to a different world. Fifteen activity stations let you discover the chores, skills, food and technology our ancestors experienced everyday to survive. Contact the Museum at 75 William Street North in Chatham, (519) 354-8338.

**July-October 16:** As part of Markham's Bicentennial celebrations, the Markham District Historical Museum is presenting **William Berczy: Artist and Colonizer**. Berczy is primarily known for settling the Markham area in 1794, but he was also an accomplished artist. The Museum honours his talent by exhibiting 19 examples of his work. Contact the Museum on Highway 48, north of Highway 7, (905) 294-4576.

**August:** Every Sunday afternoon, from 1:00 to 4:00, Glanmore, the Hastings County Museum in Belleville, invites you to spend a relaxing afternoon while you have tea and take a tour of this restored Victorian mansion. The **Victorian Tea and Tour** takes place until September 4. Contact the Museum at 257 Bridge Street East, (613) 962-2329.

**August:** Enjoy tiny sandwiches, sweets, iced drinks or refreshing tea served in the Victorian manner by costumed hostesses at Smiths Falls' Heritage House Museum. The **Summer Victorian Teas** take place from 2:00 to 4:00 each Thursday afternoon. Contact the Museum on Old Slys Road at (613) 283-8560.

**August:** Kids can enjoy an assortment of activities designed especially for them at **Historic Fort York**, each Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Try 19th century drill techniques with a sponge sword, join a military drill class with a costumed staff, visit the historic kitchen to participate in candy-making or join the Bandsmen in the Band of Music, plus much more. Contact the Fort at Garrison Road off Fleet Street in Toronto, (416) 392-6827.

**August:** Don't miss the opportunity to visit one of Toronto's architectural gems. Take in a tour of Osgoode Hall, commissioned in 1829 by the Law Society of Upper Canada. Law Clerks are conducting tours of the building from Monday to Friday at 1:15 each afternoon. The free tours take you through the maze of Osgoode Hall's rooms and hallways, including some of the courtrooms and areas not normally open to the public. Contact the Law Society of Upper Canada at Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen Street West in Toronto, (416) 947-3300.

**August 17-September 4:** Take a step back in time and travel **The Moodie Traill** at the 4th Line Theatre near Peterborough. This outdoor summer theatre presentation portrays the lives of Susanna Moodie and Catharine Parr Traill. A horse-drawn wagon takes you from the farm to the woodland theatre site. Contact the ticket hotline at (705) 876-6323.

**August, September, October:** History truly comes alive at Black Creek Pioneer Village in North York with **Theatre-on-the-Move**. The Village's resident theatrical troupe presents vignettes illustrating the joys and struggles of the early settlement of Canada. In the repertoire, also, is a rendition of Romeo and Juliet. Performances take place afternoons from Wednesday to Sunday until the end of September. On September 17, don't miss the Village's **38th Annual Pioneer Festival** featuring Mennonite and Pennsylvania-German foods. An auction sale of handmade quilts takes place at 12:30 p.m. The OHS is taking part in the Festival, so don't miss us during your visit. Return to the Village the next day for the **Village Fall Fair**, an old-time agricultural fair with fun for everyone. In October, celebrate the apple harvest with the **Bake It With Apples Contest**, featuring Toronto's biggest apple pie contest. Contact the Village at Jane Street and Steeles Avenue, (416) 736-1733.

**September:** Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum and Arts Centre presents a **Lecture Series** on three Mondays during the month. On the 12th, learn about The Don Valley Brickworks: Landmark of the Past, Plans for the Future; on the 19th, investigate William Helliwell of Todmorden: Traveller and Entrepreneur and on the 26th, explore The Massey Family and Dentonia Park. All lectures take place at 7:30 p.m. and pre-registration is required. Don't miss the **Harvest Festival**, one of Todmorden's special events on the 18th. Take part in the site's harvest activities as craftspeople and artisans follow early settlers' traditions in preparing for winter. Contact Todmorden Mills on Pottery Road in East York, (416) 425-2250.

**September:** On the 11th, the Simcoe County Museum in Minesing holds an **Agricultural Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** and an outdoor antique farm equipment exhibit from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. From the 16th to the 18th, the Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association presents a **Quilt, Rug and Craft Show** at the Museum. Contact the Simcoe County Museum at (705) 728-3721.

**September:** Doon Heritage Crossroads in Kitchener presents a **Lantern Light Tour** on the 6th. Return on the 18th for the **Fall Fair and Antique Power Show**. Contact the village museum at (519) 748-1914.

**September 10-July 1995:** Artist Cornelius Krieghoff's depictions of 19th century Quebec form the exhibition **Kriehoff's Canada: An Artist's View 1844-1872** at the Royal Ontario Museum. Twenty-five oil paintings and five prints selected from the ROM's collections showcase the artist's famous views of *Canadien* farmers, the First Nations and landscapes around Montreal and Quebec City. Contact the Museum at 100 Queen's Park in Toronto, (416) 586-5549.

**September 17:** The Oshawa Historical Society presents its **Hidden Heritage House and Building Tour** from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. See several homes and buildings of historical significance from Oshawa's past. Tickets are \$10.00 each, which includes refreshments. Contact the Oshawa Sydenham Museum at (905) 436-7624.

**September 20, 21:** Experts from the Canadian Conservation Institute in Ottawa are on hand to present the workshop **Preventive Care of Books and Archival Materials** at the Whitechurch-Stouffville Museum in Vancor. This seminar, sponsored by the Ontario Museum Association, addresses the basic principles of the care and preservation of books and archival materials. Pre-registration is required. Contact the OMA at (416) 348-8672.

**September 24:** The Eva Brook Donly Museum in Simcoe presents its 18th Annual Genealogy Fair, **Norfolklore '94**. Featured are books and supplies for collecting family history, 30 exhibitors from southern Ontario, computer and video genealogy and much more. A special programme focusing on Michigan's genealogy is a highlight. Contact the Eva Brook Donly Museum at 109 Norfolk Street South, Simcoe N3Y 2W3.

**September 24-February 5, 1995:** Toronto, at the turn of the century, was home to a thriving arts community. Visit the City of Toronto's Market Gallery for **A Century Ago: Art in Toronto 1890-1910**, which explores more than 45 paintings and watercolours from the City's fine art collection. Contact the Gallery in the St. Lawrence Market at 95 Front Street East, (416) 392-7604.

**October 1:** The question, **Who is Carl Dair?** is answered at the second annual symposium of the Mackenzie Heritage Printery Museum. This day-long seminar, at the Queenston Heights

Restaurant, examines the life of Dair, one of Canada's foremost typographic designers. A tour of the nearby Museum takes place following the sessions. Pre-registration is required. Contact Lou Cahill at (905) 682-7203.

**October 16:** Montgomery's Inn in Etobicoke presents its annual **Harvest Home** special event. Experience open hearth cooking, enter the preserves and pumpkin pie contest, see baskets being woven and children can help change the straw in the mattresses. Enjoy the special exhibit celebrating "Agricultural Etobicoke", on display from September 18 to November 24. Contact the Inn at 4709 Dundas Street, (416) 394-8113.

**October 20-23:** The Ontario Museum Association presents its annual conference in

Hamilton, **A Tool Box of Ideas**. This timely topic includes sessions covering such issues as revenue generation, fundraising, marketing, volunteerism, human resource management, multiculturalism, trends in public programming, research and technology. A trade show takes place on the 20th from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Contact the OMA at (416) 348-8672 or Marilyn Havelka, (905) 546-3967.

**October 22:** The Ontario Women's History Network presents its **1994 Conference** at the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston. This year's theme is Women and the Military: Past and Present. Contact Dr. Jane Errington, Department of History, Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston K7K 5L0, (613) 542-5055.

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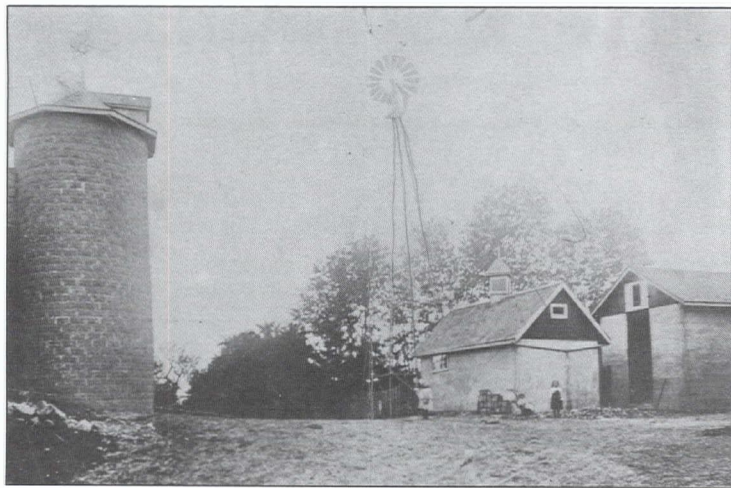
The workshop, **London's Industrial Heritage**, was originally scheduled for Saturday, October 1 in London. The date has been changed to **Saturday, October 15**. The programme will be held at the London Regional Art and Historical Museums, 421 Ridout Street North in London.

## Upcoming OHS Workshops

DATE	WORKSHOP	LOCATION
October 1	Education and the Common Curriculum	Thunder Bay
October 1	The Heritage of Ontario Cemeteries	Owen Sound
October 5	Preparing for a Victorian Christmas in the 19th Century	Caledonia
October 15	London's Industrial Heritage	London
October 15	The Heritage of Ontario Cemeteries	Port Hope
November 2	The Best of Times, the Worst of Times: Living in Ontario 1900-1930	Willowdale
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.





Phase II of the fundraising campaign for the John McKenzie property will focus on the restoration of the 1907 dairy and the 1915 stable. This early 1900s photo shows the dairy (centre) next to a barn, which was later demolished. The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Archaeological Society is currently excavating in the area where the barn stood for evidence of its precise location and size. Both the dairy and the stable are designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, and when restoration is completed, the OHS plans to use the buildings for workshops, programmes and other events.

## Welcome new members

The Ontario Historical Society welcomes new members:

<i>Ethel</i> : Jean Fraser	the Township of Howland
<i>Midland</i> : Jeanie Tummon	<i>Thornhill</i> : Noreen Spencer
<i>Nobel</i> : Doris Muckenheim	Nimmons
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<i>Scarborough</i> : John Von Bezold,	Judith Young
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Centre	<i>Waterford</i> : Melissa Sostar
<i>Shequandah</i> : The Corporation of	<i>Waterloo</i> : Geoffrey Hayes

## Stinette-Donahue Artists will come to you

Stinette-Donahue Artists are a group of musicians, dancers and painters. Based in the United States, the group is set to travel throughout North America to provide vocal and instrumental musical performances, dance and theatre workshops and painters' exhibitions. To find out about programmes available and fees, contact the group's representative, Phillip Mentor, 72 Summit Road, Elizabeth, New Jersey, 07208, (908) 352-0920.

## Information wanted

### Black involvement in the Canadian military

The Toronto Historical Board, in conjunction with the Ontario Black History Society and the Toronto Board of Education, is currently preparing a student-oriented exhibit concerning Black involvement in the Canadian military. They are interested in obtaining information concerning personal experiences as well as relevant artifacts from any period. In particular, however, they are trying to locate a sword presented by David McNab to William Allen, who commanded a Coloured Company in 1838. Anyone with information is asked to contact Cheryl Hart at the Toronto Historical Board's Historic Fort York, (416) 392-6907.

### Canadian gardens

Pleasance Crawford and Edwinna von Baeyer are compiling an anthology of Canadian garden writing since 1600, to be published in the fall of 1995 by Alfred A. Knopf Canada and distributed by Random House of Canada. The selections will represent both widely read and little-known authors who were or are: writing either for publication or in personal letters and diaries; living in any part of what is now Canada and interested in any aspect of gardening, including plant varieties, plant hardiness,

garden design and pest control.

The compilers invite anyone interested in the history of gardening in Canada to suggest, before October 1, favourite writers and writings to be considered for inclusion. Please contact either Pleasance Crawford, 39 Macpherson Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5R 1W7, (416) 925-8212 or Edwinna von Baeyer, 131 Sunnyside Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario K1S 0R2, (613) 730-5184.

### Ghosthunting in Toronto

John Robert Colombo of Toronto is writing a serious book to be called *Ghosthunter's Guide to Toronto*. He is interested in finding out about houses and other buildings in Metropolitan Toronto that have a history of hauntings by ghosts or spirits. If you know of such sites in the past or the present, please contact him at 42 Dell Park Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M6B 2T6, (416) 782-6853.

### Making brooms

Vaughan Russell of North York is interested in receiving any information on brooms, broom making equipment and broom factories primarily in Ontario, but he will accept material from outside the province as well. Please forward your photos, documents or other information to 1712-185 Shaughnessy Blvd., North York, Ontario M2J 1K2.

## What's coming up in *Ontario History*

BY JEAN BURNET, Editor

Three issues of *Ontario History* on special themes in December 1993 and March and June 1994 will be followed this year in September and December by general issues. Each will contain a variety of articles and book reviews to pique the interest of readers.

The September issue will start off with an article by Keith Johnson on the circumstances surrounding the first divorce to be

granted to residents of Upper Canada, who were members of two families belonging to the Family Compact. The issue will also contain articles by Sharon Cook on the Ontario W.C.T.U. and scientific temperance instruction 1881-1930; Terry Copp on "Ontario 1939: The Decision for War"; R. D. Gidney and W. P. J. Millar on the dissection of the bodies of the poor in medical schools in 19th century Ontario; and Helen Parson on reforestation

of agricultural land in southern Ontario before 1931.

The December issue will include articles on the "Tombstone Affair" of 1845 by Christopher Anstead and Nancy Bouchier; Ontario's political culture by Donald C. MacDonald; the Newcastle District elections of 1836 and 1841 by Quentin Brown; and the public right of fishing, government fishing policy and First Nations fishing rights in Canada by Roland Wright.

## 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 to the 1994 Annual Conference in Hamilton.

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## Slide presentations bring Ontario's past to life

Historian Kathryn Hamilton of Mississauga has prepared two slide presentations featuring life in early Upper Canada. The first programme, **Pioneer School Days in Old Ontario, 1800-1860**, explores what life at school was really like in the early 19th century. You will be amazed at the many types of schools which existed besides the "typical" one-room school house. What was taught? The basics of reading, writing and arithmetic were covered, but in a much different manner than how they would be taught today. These pioneer schools were responsible for an extraordinarily high literacy rate in Ontario by 1860. The extensive role and work of the teacher, including the many women teachers, also contributes to an interesting and enlightening chapter in this account of pioneer education.

**Gentlewomen Pioneers in**

**Upper Canada, 1800-1850**, Hamilton's second presentation, is an exploration of the lives of five gentlewomen, including Susanna Moodie and Catharine Parr Traill. The programme examines the definition and role of a gentlewoman, and traces the journey of these pioneers from the hazardous voyage across the Atlantic Ocean to the unique hardships of life in the bush. The gentlewomen, however, did more than simply endure and sacrifice. Through vivid accounts of their lives, in letters, diaries and sketches, they have painted an authentic picture of life in this new land.

For further information on fees and booking one or both of these illustrations of Ontario's early life for your organization or institution, please contact Kathryn Hamilton, 1562 Lovelady Crescent, Mississauga, Ontario L4W 2Z1, (905) 625-9068.

## Going to Scarborough Fair?

The James McCowan Memorial Social History Society is planning to revive the Scarborough Fair this November 5 and 6 by inviting heritage groups throughout the province to present exhibits. 1994 is both the International Year of the Family and the 150th anniversary of the first Scarborough Fair, presented by the Scarborough Agricultural Society in the mid-19th century to promote the local food industry. Building on that idea, the McCowan Society is planning that this year's Scarborough Fair will explore the past, present and future nutritional needs of the family, both from the heritage angle and from the perspective of other food-related organizations and institutions.

For further information on the event, and on how your group can participate, contact Bruce McCowan at 19 Monarchwood Crescent, Don Mills, Ontario M3A 1H3, (416) 447-4895.

## Call for papers

The Vernacular Architecture Forum is soliciting proposals for presentations at its 1995 Annual Meeting to be held in Ottawa from May 17 to 21. Papers may address any aspect of vernacular architecture in North America or elsewhere, and should be primarily analytical rather than descriptive. The selection committee welcomes proposals investigating the urban and rural landscapes of Canada, in honour of this first meeting outside the United States.

Proposals should be 250 words in length, and may be for either a 20-minute presentation, or a ten-minute "work-in-progress" report. The deadline for submissions is October 14. Send your submissions to Annmarie Adams, School of Architecture, McGill University, Macdonald-Harrington Building, 815 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Quebec H3A 2K6. For more information on the conference, please contact Alex Cross, 23 Bongard Avenue, Nepean, Ontario K2E 6V2.

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# Museum News

## Planning for a new museum in Marathon

BY JOHN CARTER,  
Museum Advisor,  
Ministry of Culture, Tourism  
and Recreation

Marathon is moving closer to forming an historical society and establishing a new community museum. This conclusion was drawn by representatives from a recently-formed steering committee given the task of researching the feasibility of such initiatives.

During a visit to this north-western Ontario municipality, OHS Executive Director,

Dorothy Duncan, and Steve Poulin and John Carter, both with the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation, toured six available properties which had been identified as potential sites for a proposed new museum facility.

Steering committee members Rose Marie Comeau and Sue Bettiol acted as guides during the day-long investigation. Later, a public meeting was held for all Marathon residents to express their opinions, and to hear presentations from the invited guest speakers.

This information will be added to responses to a survey which is being circulated to gauge interest in, and support for, both an historical society and a museum for the area.

Mayor Don McKay indicated that the museum project could become a central part of celebrations planned for Marathon's 50th anniversary. He thanked the visitors for their advice, and expressed interest in ongoing co-operation with the OHS and the Ministry's Museums Section as plans for the museum evolve.



Steve Poulin, Rose Marie Comeau, Sue Bettiol, Dorothy Duncan and John Carter take a break during a tour of potential sites for a new museum in Marathon. (Photo courtesy of the *Marathon Mercury*.)

## Clarke Museum and Archives starting point for Ganaraska Adventure

Discover the charms of rural Ontario at the second annual Great Ganaraska Countryside Adventure. Enjoy everything from quilting bees to honey bees, from horse breeding farms to trout hatcheries, and from corn roasts to English cream teas on the banks of the Ganaraska River. Over 65 farms and gardens will open their doors and gates for the weekend of August 27 and 28 to showcase the agricultural base upon which this province was built.

The Clarke Museum and Archives in Kirby is the starting point for this adventure, where you can watch butter being churned and candles being made in the 19th century fashion. Farrier demonstrations also take

place at the new blacksmith shop on the site.

The Museum is selling tickets up to and including the weekend of the tour. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children over seven, and one ticket is good for admission on both days. Last year 1500 people explored the area and took in the sites. Be one of the many who join in the adventure this year.

For further information, please contact Mark Jackman, Curator, Clarke Museum and Archives, 7086 Old Kirby School Road, Box 152, Orono, Ontario L0B 1M0, (905) 983-9243. The Museum is located in Kirby, five minutes north of Highway 401 on Highway 35/115, exit 436.

## Muskoka Pioneer Village announces new Seniors' Day

A special activity day for seniors was recently announced at Muskoka Pioneer Village. Seniors are invited to visit the Village on any Wednesday and take part in a variety of old-fashioned crafts and skills for a special admission rate of \$1.00 per person, instead of the usual \$5.00 adult fee.

Some of the regular and special activities and skills at which seniors may try their hand include blacksmithing, spinning, rug hook-

ing, wool dying, herb collection and drying, jam making and cookie baking, using a traditional wood-burning stove. Special guest craftspeople help to bring back old memories as they demonstrate their skills.

Muskoka Pioneer Village is located just off Brunel Road in Huntsville, and is open from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. For further information, contact (705) 789-7576.

## 1994 Edna Staebler Research Fellowship awarded

At an awards ceremony held at the Joseph Schneider Haus Museum in Kitchener recently, the Friends of the Museum announced their first recipients of the Edna Staebler Research Fellowship. Hildi Froese Tiessen and Paul Tiessen of Kitchener were awarded the fellowship for their proposal, "Ephraim Weber's Letters Home, 1902-1955."

The proposal is for an edition of 50 letters from western Canada by the Waterloo County-born author to his boyhood schoolmate, Leslie Staebler. The letters are currently

preserved at the National Archives of Canada in Ottawa. The publication of the letters will highlight the important enterprise undertaken by this Pennsylvania-German Mennonite.

Information about the 1995 Edna Staebler Fellowship, an annual award contributing to the better understanding of the founding peoples of Waterloo Region, will be available to potential applicants on September 19 at the Joseph Schneider Haus Museum, 466 Queen Street South, Kitchener, Ontario N2G 1W7, (519) 742-7752.

## The Best of Times - The Worst of Times

The 20th century dawned on an optimistic Ontario. Changing technology, improvements and innovations in transportation and communication, waves of immigrants to boost the economy and the workforce, all added to what became known as the age of abundance. The Edwardian era also brought us incredibly successful mineral exploration in northern Ontario, the First World War, the suffrage and temperance movements and a population that was gently shifting from rural to urban living.

This fascinating period in

Ontario's evolution as a province will be explored in a one-day workshop titled **The Best of Times, the Worst of Times: Living in Ontario 1900-1930**, sponsored by the OHS' Museums Committee on Wednesday, November 2. The workshop will be held at the John McKenzie House in Willowdale, built in 1912 and a perfect example of the architecture and lifestyle of the period. Speakers will discuss everyday life in a province dominated by an agricultural economy, focusing on the furniture, furnishings, food, social life, edu-

cation and the changing fashions of the period. Lunch will be a hearty sampling of recipes from the *Five Roses Cook Book*, published in 1915 and considered by many Ontario housewives to be their culinary Bible. Sessions on exhibiting the artifacts of the period and a case study featuring the recreation of a 1920 event will also be highlights.

The fee for this workshop is \$20.00 for members and \$35.00 for non-members, which includes the noon repast. Registration is limited so if you are interested, don't delay!

## Up against the wall!

The Toronto Historical Board is presenting a month-long series of lectures and demonstrations this September entitled **Up Against the Wall**, focusing on restoring and creating historic interior wall finishes. Lectures in the programme will take place at the Board's Heritage Resource Centre, 205 Yonge Street on Thursday evenings, the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, at 7:30. Demonstrations will take place at Spadina, one of the Board's historic houses on three Sunday afternoons, the 11th, 18th and 25th at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

The series grew out of a conservation project on one of the few remaining original wallpapers in Spadina. The challenge of restoring and creating historic interiors and wall finishes using traditional techniques was quickly realized, and development of the lectures and demonstrations began. Guest lecturers will discuss such topics as the history, evolution, applications and social aspects of wall coverings. OHS Executive Director, Dorothy Duncan, will speak on the history of wallpaper in the province on Thursday, September 15.

The demonstrations at Spadina House at 285 Spadina Road will feature experts reproducing faux finishes including marbledizing, ragging, sponging and stencilling, how to make your own paint, unusual wall coverings and decorative uses of plaster.

Each lecture or demonstration costs \$5.00 each and pre-registration is required. To reserve your space, please contact the Toronto Historical Board at 205 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M5B 1N2, (416) 392-6827.

## Midland Presented with Coat of Arms

June 9, 1994 was an important moment in history when the Town of Midland was presented with an official coat of arms, flag and police badge in a ceremony held at the Centennial Arena. On hand for the proclamation was the Chief Herald of Canada, Robert Watt. Mr. Watt informed the crowd that Midland was only the second community in Canada to receive three armorial bearings at the same time.

Coats of arms are grants of honour from the Crown, and are symbols of authority, ownership and identity. Midland's new coat of arms is a unique expression of the heritage and geography of the town. The shield contains a ship's helms-wheel, industrial cogwheels and a

steam locomotive wheel which represent Midland's growth as a harbour and industrial port. The gold cross is representative of Sainte-Marie circa 1640, the Jesuit mission among the Huron people and first inland European community in North America.

Above the shield is a brick and mortar crown, the traditional heraldic symbol of municipal government. Resting on this coronet is a Huron hunter in a birch bark canoe, to honour the First Nations of the area. The shield rests on a forested area with pine trees and geraniums (Midland's floral emblem), which rise from the waters of Georgian Bay. The stag and doe represent the natural heritage, and the men and

women who built the community. The stag wears a maple leaf collar and pendent with a wheat sheaf to represent the grain elevators of Midland's past and present, while the doe displays a collar of trillium flowers and pendant showing a sawmill blade to represent the early lumber industry. The Latin motto *Persequi Qualitatem Vitae*, translates "in pursuit of quality of life", and was chosen in 1989 by the people of the town.

Mr. Watt presented Mayor Symons with Midland's new flag, who then gave it to the Coat of Arms Committee member, Mary Haskill. Mary chose to donate the flag to the Huronia Museum, where it will be proudly displayed.



# From the Bookshelf

BY PAT AND CHRIS  
RAIBLE, Editors

## Children's Health

**Nurturing Yesterday's Child: A Portrayal of the Drake Collection of Paediatric History.** By Mary Spaulding and Penny Welch. Natural Heritage/Natural History. 352 pages. Illustrations. \$60.00 cloth.

Our children's health has always been a precious (and, in times past, often a precarious) concern. This stunningly beautiful book, a testament to that concern, is a catalogue of the many, many artifacts, books, prints, coins and stamps assembled over a life-time by Dr. Theodore Drake. (The collection is now part of the Museum of the History of Medicine in Toronto.)

The book is arranged in ten sections, including Maternal Nursing, Amulets, Daily Nurturing and Play and Education. Adding considerably to the browser's enjoyment are engaging (though obviously carefully researched) essays. The work is enhanced by a full bibliography and a detailed index.

## Canal Fever

**The Grand River Navigation Company.** By Bruce Emerson Hill. Brant Historical Society. 135 pages. Illustrations. \$21.95 paper.

Even before the Welland Canal opened, its promoters were scheming to make the Grand River navigable. Largely with funds and lands belonging to the peoples of the Six Nations (appropriated without their knowledge or consent), the project was launched - "a bastard birth forever tinged with a shade of disfavour, suspicion and illegitimacy". Mistakes, mismanagement, accidents and financial woes hampered all progress. Nevertheless the project was completed - but the company went bankrupt in 1859. A carefully researched story of broken dreams and First Nations exploitation.

## History on Foot

**Altar and Hearth in Victorian Guelph.** By Florence Partridge. Guelph Arts Council. 32 pages. Illustrations. \$3.00 paper.

The fourth in a series of walking tour booklets designed to heighten awareness of Guelph's significant architectural heritage. This one is lovingly illustrated with drawings by Ida Seto.

**A Guide to Historic Cobalt.** By Peter Fancy. Temiskaming Abitibi Heritage Association. Illustrations. \$3.75 paper.

Cobalt was once an internationally famous mining town, but not a single mine is operating today. The town's history is sketched in this guide with six walking tours - the fourth booklet of published introductions to the heritage of the Temiskaming District.

## Town Crying

**The Book of Cries.** By Bruce Bedell. Tyro Publishing. \$14.95.

A champion Canadian town crier has created a handbook for the trade by gathering together cries he has used over the past ten years - in competitions, at conventions, for weddings and special occasions, at dinners and civic events.

## Familial History

**The Central Canadians 1600-1900.** The Genealogical Research Library. 3 volumes. \$395.00 cloth.

A master index to some half a million names - the people who lived in Ontario and Manitoba before 1900 - drawn from more than 100 sources including census records, directories, maps, land records, military archives and local history books.

**Toronto & York Region Family Names Being Researched.** Ontario Genealogical Society, Toronto Branch. \$12.00 (includes up to ten entries and a copy of the book).

A research vehicle to help family historians find each other and share their information.

**The Loyalists in Ontario.** By William D. Reid. Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc., 418 pages. U.S. Funds \$35.00 cloth.

A collection of family group records providing information on the sons and daughters of American Loyalists who came to Upper Canada. (A reprint, originally published 1973.)

**Founding Families of Admaston, Horton & Renfrew Village.** By Heritage Renfrew, Carol Bennett, editor. Juniper Books Ltd. 150 pages. Maps. \$20.00 paper.

British settlers began to move into Admaston and Horton townships about 1825. In the years following, their numbers increased, especially in the late 1840s with the coming of many "famine Irish". This work traces all those known to have arrived in the area by the census of 1851.

## Learning by Listening

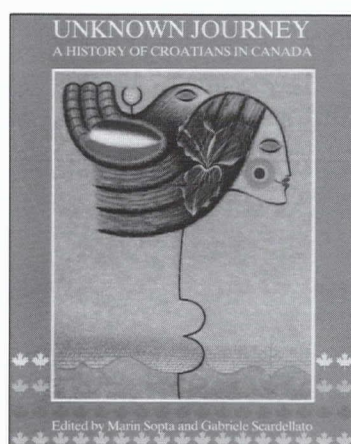
**Guide to Oral History Collections in Canada.** By Normand Fortier. Canadian Oral History Association. 402 pages. Paper.

Alas, students of history often neglect recorded oral resources because they don't know of their existence or how to find them. Every research library should consider obtaining a copy of this well-indexed directory.

## In a New World

**Unknown Journey: A History of Croats in Canada.** Edited by Marin Sopta and Gabriele Scardellato. The Multicultural History Society of Ontario. 159 pages. Illustrations. \$24.00 paper.

This is the 14th in the Society's *Polyphony* series of ethnic history. Chapters by different authors cover a diversity of topics from an historical per-



spective to contemporary life. We get a depiction of life for Croats in Ontario cities and towns, of their schooling, folk-arts, fine arts, sports, literature and political activity. Of special interest, perhaps, is the chapter "Dual Identity" in which an actress and a politician discuss their experiences in their new country.

## History Ahoy

**The Ships of Canada's Naval Forces 1910-1993.** By Ken Macpherson and John Burgess. Vanwell Publishing Ltd. 240 pages. Illustrations. \$35.00 paper.

This large format book is a catalogue of 495 navy ships of this century. There is a photograph and a brief description of each, from commission to loss at sea or eventual disposition. Appendices include Operational Status Charts, Specifications, Commanding Officers and more. This book will appeal to all interested in Canadian naval history and is sure to prove a useful reference work.

## Military Heritage

**Canadian Military Heritage: Volume 1, 1000-1754.** By René Chartrand. Art Global (distributed by Vanwell Publishing Ltd.). 240 pages. Illustrations. \$49.95 hardcover.

Early inhabitants of North America were warriors, engaged in raids of retribution on each other. As soon as the Vikings landed in Newfoundland, they fought with the *Skraelings*, the Scandinavian name for the First Nations. Nearly three centuries of France's influence through half the continent was marked by battles and bloodshed involving First Nations' peoples, the British and Americans, and any other Europeans who dared become involved.

This lavishly illustrated and painstakingly researched work by Park Canada's chief curator presents a fascinating rendering of some seven centuries of our past. The work is unique, both for its colourful drawings and for its extended descriptions of the daily life among the military families of New France.

## Canadians at War

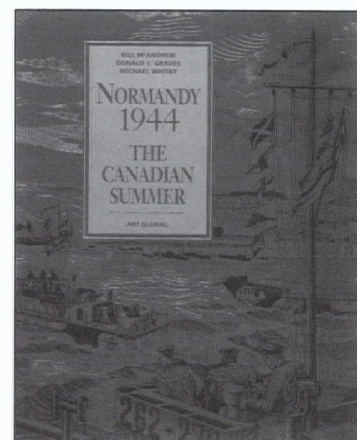
**Dieppe, Dieppe.** By Bereton Greenhouse. Art Global (distributed by Vanwell Publishing Ltd.). 160 pages. Illustrations. \$39.95 hardcover.

Half a century and more after the failure of the 1942 landing at Dieppe, the experience remains a terrible memory. The facts may be known, but the reasons and responsibilities are still debated. Here, bold words and clear pictures tell the tale - and perhaps answer some of the questions. This tastefully designed coffee-table volume is a fitting memorial to a Canadian tragedy.

**Normandy 1944: The Canadian Summer.** By Bill McAndrew, Donald E. Graves and Michael Whitby. Art Global (distributed by Vanwell Publishing Ltd.). 164 pages.

Illustrations. \$39.95 hardcover.

Using both official government documents and the personal memoirs of participants, the Normandy campaign is chronicled in detail. Chapters deal with preparations, the assault landings, specific battles, and the final closing of the Falaise Gap. There are more than 100 photos, a colour map, and a four-page



## Turning the Pages

There was a time when studying history seemed to be little more than learning the dates of various battles - "from Marathon to Waterloo in order categorical" - with perhaps a few political events thrown in. Times changed, thank goodness, and our historic consciousness now consists of far more than the wars and words of "great men". The fabric of the past has many threads - social and familial, cultural and commercial, ethnic and economic, agricultural and architectural, and much much more - as "From the Bookshelf" continues to testify.

However, interest in military history has hardly diminished in the process. Currently, the many half-century anniversaries of events of World War II have prompted commemorative celebrations, exhibitions and a variety of publications. Last year a *Journal of Canadian Military History* was launched. A shop in Georgetown (Oxbow Books) specializes in selling military studies (along with other books). And Montreal based Art Global publishes volumes which are beautiful in design, even though they deal with dark and deadly matters.

"Peace is the dream of wise men; war is the history of mankind", declares the epigraph of one of these works. Human history, we may hope, is far more than war - but, alas, it is never less.

## Directory of Publishers

Note: Prices listed may not include tax or postage charges.

**Brant Historical Society,** 57 Charlotte Street, Brantford, Ontario N3T 2W6.

**Canadian Oral History Association,** Box 2064, Station D, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5W3.

**Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.,** 1001 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202-3897, U.S.A.

**Genealogical Research Library,** 20 Toronto Street, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5C 2B8.

**Guelph Arts Council,** 10 B Carden Street, Guelph, Ontario N1H 3A2.

**Juniper Books Ltd.,** R. R. #2, Renfrew, Ontario K7V 3Z5.

**Multicultural History Society Of Ontario,** 43 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2C3.

**Natural Heritage/Natural History Inc.,** Box 95, Station O, Toronto, Ontario M4A 2M8.

**Ontario Genealogical Society,** Toronto Branch, Box 518, Station K, Toronto, Ontario M4P 2G9.

**Temiskaming Abitibi Heritage Association,** c/o Bruce W. Taylor, Box 995, Haileybury, Ontario P0J 1K0.

**Tyro Publishing,** 2211 Carlbert Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6A 5C9.

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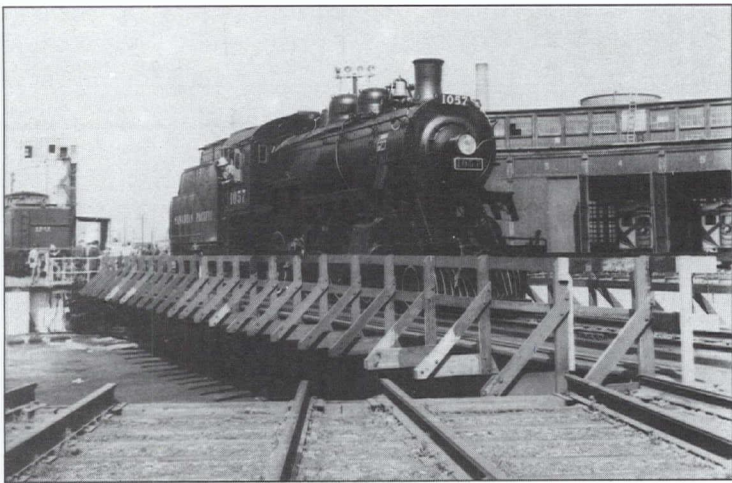
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The heritage community can celebrate another success. The John Street Roundhouse in Toronto will be preserved as an operating rail museum, along with several other existing structures. Pictured here is CP Locomotive 1057 on the turntable at John Street. The roundhouse is on the right and the coaling and sanding tower is on the left. The museum is sure to be of interest to rail and heritage enthusiasts alike. See story on page one. (Photo courtesy of J. William Hood, Upper Canada Railway Society.)

## Add to your library with new OHS publications

The Ontario Historical Society has produced two publications that are a must for everyone's library.

*Kaashnaa Ki - Our Earth, Our Survival, Our Daily Life* is a 40-page collection of recipes produced for the Group Supper held at the workshop of the same name in June 1993 on Manitoulin Island. Everyone who attended the workshop was invited to bring a favourite family dish, the recipe for it, and to share its significance or importance with the other participants. The booklet sells for \$4.00 if you order it through the mail, and \$3.00 if you pick it up at the OHS office or at events.

*Past Reflections: Museum*

*Clippings* has been produced by the OHS' Museums Committee in honour of its 40th anniversary this year. The 80-page booklet is a selection of articles and workshop reports published by the Committee since its founding in 1954. Papers cover topics including how to get the media's attention, attracting tourists and museum ethics. The publication sells for \$7.00 through the mail or \$5.00 at events or the OHS office.

These two publications belong in every heritage enthusiast's library. Order yours today by contacting The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax (416) 226-2740.

## Have a passion for cookbooks?

The Ontario Historical Society's third annual sale of cookbooks is set for Sunday, December 4 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at our home, 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale. **Cook Book Caper** is an event for anyone interested in recipes, cooking and food. The sale provides one-stop shopping for that hard to please person on your holiday list.

What's on the menu? Cook books of all descriptions, both new and used, and modern and historical. Enter the free lucky draws taking place every half-hour for the OHS' publication,

*Consuming Passions - Eating and Drinking Traditions in Ontario*. Bring the children along so that they can write a letter to Santa while you shop.

Do you have appropriate publications you would like to donate to Cook Book Caper? Call our office at (416) 226-9011 to discuss delivery or pick-up. All proceeds go towards the restoration of the 1907 dairy and 1915 stable on the OHS' property.

Have a passion for cookbooks? Cook Book Caper is for you! Doors open at 1:00 p.m. sharp so be on time for the best buys. Don't miss it.

# Cemetery news

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This new information column is designed to keep our readers informed of activities relating to Ontario's 5000 cemeteries. Since these cemeteries cover a vast area, we will be depending on input from you to keep the rest of the province up-to-date on what is happening in your community. If you have cemetery-related events planned, restoration in progress or any other cemetery news, please forward your information to me at the *OHS Bulletin*.

It is generally felt that all cemeteries have heritage value. The Ontario Heritage Alliance, a group composed of the major heritage organizations in Ontario, formulated the following as a proposed preamble to the Cemeteries Act. The Act, however, was proclaimed without changes that would have recognized the heritage value of Ontario's cemeteries, and there-

fore the preamble was not included. The members of the Ontario Heritage Alliance feel that this statement below outlines the basic values that are common to all burial locations throughout Ontario.

"The heritage community as a whole recognizes that the following four principles are basic to all people:

- the sanctity of the deceased is paramount to all other concerns;
- the deceased have a right to rest in peace in the tradition and custom of their religion;
- common dignity must be respected; and
- the living must be responsible for caring for the deceased; and further that the Aboriginal People of Ontario maintain strong spiritual and cultural ties with the remains of their ancestors, and retain stewardship for care and protection of the remains."

*Editor's Note: Watch for the next installment of Cemetery*

*news in the September-October edition of the OHS Bulletin. For everyone interested in the history and heritage of cemeteries in general, the American Association for State and Local History has produced an invaluable publication, entitled A Graveyard Preservation Primer by Lynette Strangstad. You can order the primer through the OHS for \$20.00, including postage and handling.*

*The OHS recently held the workshop, The Heritage of Ontario Cemeteries at Muskoka Pioneer Village in Huntsville. Slide presentations explored the development of tombstones in the province and investigated the tales that grave markers can tell about who lies buried under them. Concerns surrounding the Cemeteries Act were also discussed. The Society will present two more cemeteries workshop this autumn: October 1 in Owen Sound and October 15 in Port Hope. For further information on these workshops, and to register contact The Ontario Historical Society.*

## Archaeological excavation reveals interesting past of John McKenzie property

The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Archaeological Society has been busy this summer conducting an archaeological assessment of the property surrounding the John McKenzie House, the OHS' new home. Greg Purmal and Elise Sherman have been heading up the excavations, which have been undertaken most weekends since late June. The Branch has received funding from the Ontario Heritage Foundation to carry out its investigations.

After surveying and gridding out the backyard, the team of archaeologists and volunteers chose several key areas in which to begin the assessment. Some of these test units are hoped to reveal the evidence of a barn that once stood between the present-day house and dairy. Early photographs provided by family members show a plaster-covered building which stood adjacent to

the milkhouse. Thus far the precise whereabouts of the structure remain elusive.

Two other units have been excavated to the east of the stable to determine the size of the original building. Evidence in the form of bricks outlining possible walkways, drive areas and walls of an earlier structure, or an extension of the present one, indicate that the stable has gone through many transformations since its construction in 1915. The paving bricks found have maker's marks showing the name of the manufacturer, Ontario P.B. (Paving Brick) Company and 1895, the date that the company, once located in the West Toronto Junction area, was formed.

The archaeologists also decided to excavate the floor of the stable, and discovered some fire red clay and charcoal approximately two feet below the sur-

face. This evidence indicates that a fire probably occurred on the site, and that the present structure may have been preceded by another that burned.

Other units have been dug to the north of the stable to find clues of a piggery which once may have stood in the area. An excavation right next to the north stable wall has revealed the evidence of a midden or garbage dump, which so far has been dated to the 20th century.

Investigations of the John McKenzie property will continue until the end of August, and possibly into September. The Toronto Branch is looking for volunteers to assist in any way with the excavations, and no experience is necessary. If you would like to help, please contact Greg Purmal at (905) 880-4481 or Elise Sherman at (905) 738-9982.

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