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We won! The OHS was delighted to learn recently that we had won 400 tulip bulbs from *Canadian Living's* "Win a Dutch Garden" contest. Our sincere thanks go to Gardening Committee member George Kapelos for his important contribution to our success. On Saturday, September 30, some members of our Board of Directors gathered to survey the beds for planting. From left to right are Patricia Kennedy, Ottawa; Robert Surtees, North Bay; Linda Ambrose, Sudbury; Janet Cobban, Kingsville; Rowena Cooper, Inglewood; Jane Errington, Kingston; Bruce Elliott, Ottawa; Wyn Millar, London and Judy McGonigal, Sault Ste. Marie. Everyone is invited to come to Tulip Tribute on Friday, November 10 when the OHS is holding a ceremonial planting of the tulips at 3:00 p.m. with refreshments to follow. (Photo courtesy of Dorothy Duncan.)

Come to the Coach House Auction

On Friday evening, December 1, The Ontario Historical Society will host the Coach House Auction at our new home, 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale. This fun evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. with an opportunity to view over 100 antiques and collectibles donated by OHS members. A tempting array of finger foods and hors d'oeuvres will be served at that time to sustain you, along with hot and cold beverages to lift your spirits and keep you bidding. The auction will start at 7:00 with

Auctioneers Frank and Ted Bennett of Unionville in charge.

The items you will be bidding for include a fine selection of furniture, china, glass, silverware, folk art, treen, lighting devices and historic household items such as wooden potato mashers, maple sugar moulds, apple parers, trivets, flat irons and much more!

All proceeds from the Coach House Auction will be used for the final fundraising phase for the coach house and grounds of the John McKenzie property. The cost for tickets is \$25.00 per

person and includes refreshments, the auction and a catalogue of items, which will be mailed to you when you purchase your tickets. A portion of the cost is tax deductible. Catalogues are available at \$3.00 each, refundable if you buy a ticket.

For further information and to buy your tickets, please contact The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011, fax 226-2740. Space is limited, so if you plan to join us, don't delay!

Recognize excellence in Ontario's heritage

By Linda Ambrose and Robert Surtees, Co-Chairs, OHS Honours and Awards Committee

Friday, December 15 is the deadline for receipt of nominations for OHS awards for 1995. We need your help to recognize heritage preservation and interpretation efforts in your community and area of interest that are worthy of recognition and praise.

Nominations for the following categories are invited:

AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS

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

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

AWARDS FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Scadding Award of Excellence, to an historical society or heritage group that has made an outstand-

ing contribution to the field of history.

Museum Award of Excellence, to a non-profit public museum in Ontario showing excellence in community programming and involvement. Employees, paid or non-paid, may not nominate their own institution.

Dorothy Duncan Award, to a non-profit organization which must be nominated by a First Nations' Band Council or a municipal council, for outstanding service to its region. A cash award accompanies the certificate.

AWARDS FOR LACACs

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

AWARDS FOR AUTHORS

Riddell Award, for the best article on Ontario's history published anywhere in Canada during 1995, the award year.

Joseph Brant Award, for the best book on multicultural history in Ontario published in the past three years, 1993 through 1995.

Fred Landon Award, for the best book on regional history in Ontario published in the past three years, 1993 through 1995.

J. J. Talman Award, for the best book on Ontario's social, economic, political or cultural history published in the past three years, 1993 through 1995.

AWARD FOR BUSINESSES

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

The awards will be presented at the OHS' annual conference in Ottawa, May 2, 3 and 4, 1996.

Submit your nomination today, and recognize the excellent work being accomplished in Ontario's heritage community. For further information and nomination forms, please contact the OHS, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax (416) 226-2740.

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Open House supports Coach House

Plan to visit the OHS at our new headquarters, the John McKenzie House, 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale during the week of November 6 to 10 between the hours of 2:00 and 6:00 p.m.

We will have some interesting items for sale on a first-come, first-served basis, including textiles, historic clothing, reproductions of historic household utensils, pictures, miscellaneous lots of silver, glass, ceramics and containers suitable for museum exhibits, historic room settings or restored general store shelves, and craft supplies.

Prices begin at \$1.00, so there is something for everyone, no matter how small your budget. Everyone making a purchase is invited to join us for afternoon tea. All proceeds support the final phase of our fundraising for the Coach House and grounds.

For further information, please contact The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011, fax 226-2740.

Remember Cook Book Caper!

The OHS' fourth annual sale of cook books is set for Sunday, December 3 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at our headquarters, 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale.

If you have a passion for cook books, we have them in all descriptions, both new and used, modern and historical. Bring the children along so that they can

write a letter to Santa while you shop. And remember, the winners of the "Be a Partner in Parkview" raffle will be drawn that day. Tickets will be for sale prior to the draw. Authors will be present autographing their cook books. Home baking, preserves and our Christmas cards will be for sale. For a minimum donation of

\$2.00, you can enjoy afternoon tea.

Proceeds from Cook Book Caper support the restoration of the 1918 coach house and grounds of our property. Be here at 1:00 p.m. sharp for the best buys. For further information, please contact the OHS at (416) 226-9011.

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Executive Director's report

By Dorothy Duncan,
OHS Executive Director

The Road From York to the Head Waters of Lake Huron Has Been Opened

On February 18, 1796, Elizabeth Graves Simcoe, wife of our first Lieutenant Governor, wrote in her diary:

"The party who went to cut the road from hence (York) to Lake Simcoe, called the Yonge Street, are returned after an absence of seven weeks. The distance is 33 miles and 56 chains; they brought two trout from Lake Simcoe weighing about 12 pounds each..."

That party of Queen's Rangers left York on December 28, 1795 to cut a road to the Pine Fort on Lake Simcoe and to complete the work begun two years before, which at times seemed doomed to failure.

On February 16 and 17, 1996, exactly two centuries after the Queen's Rangers reached Lake Simcoe, The Ontario Historical Society will be sponsoring a seminar to explore the dream of John Graves Simcoe and the unique story of the trail that became *the longest street in the world* according to the Guinness Book of Records.

Topics will include: the lure of the furs in the Canadian interior and the routes used to reach them; the First Nations and their skills and knowledge about interior travel; Simcoe's interest in the best route to the interior; his incredible journey

and the decision to open an alternative route; the attempts to open; Bercey and his troubles; success at last on February 16 and 17, 1796; the Penetanguishene connection as a military road for the defence of the colony; surveys, settlers and settlements; inns and other services for the newcomers; Yonge Street as a battleground - the site of the 1837 Rebellion; Yonge Street as a transportation corridor - stage coaches to railways to subways to?; the building of Highway 11; Yonge Street's transformation in the last two centuries: what does the future hold?

The seminar will be held at, and co-sponsored by, the Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge Street in Toronto. OHS members will receive details by mail in the near future. We look forward to seeing you there.

Consuming Passions Returns!

Plans are underway for the

OHS' annual conference in Ottawa, May 2, 3 and 4, 1996 when we will take another look at how we have been eating and drinking over the last two centuries in this land we today call Ontario. We have always been gathering in groups to celebrate, to mourn, to commemorate and to survive, and the conference will focus on those occasions when many came together to share the fellowship of food, such as pow-wows, banquets, camp meals and more.

There will be a Marketplace of Publications, Programmes and Projects, tours, gifts and free lucky draws. The Radisson Hotel Ottawa Centre is our host hotel and has given us a very special rate for rooms. The Council of Heritage Organizations of Ottawa (CHOO) is our host organization. Our grateful thanks go out to both of them for their support and co-operation with the conference. So find your 1996 calendars and mark these two events now.

'Ned Hanlan' will re-launch in '96

The Toronto Historical Board plans to re-launch the historic tug 'Ned Hanlan' in 1996, which has been dry-docked beside the Marine Museum of Upper Canada on the Exhibition Grounds since 1971.

From August of this year until June next year, the ship will be restored at the Museum by teams of specialized tradesmen, from shipwrights to boilermakers. When fully restored, the tug will be a working ship once again, and the star attraction of the new Waterfront Interpretive Centre, taking passengers for cruises and tours around Toronto's

harbour. The new Centre is scheduled to open at the Spadina Pier at the western end of the waterfront in the Spring of 1997.

The Toronto Historical Board has designed a slide presentation focusing on the history and restoration of the 'Ned Hanlan', and the accomplishments of her world-champion namesake, the oarsman Ned Hanlan. The show is available free of charge to groups of 20 or more.

For further information and to make your booking, please contact Eleanor Darke at the THB, 205 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M5B 1N2, (416) 392-6827, ext. 226.

Do your Christmas shopping at the OHS!

Christmas is just around the corner. Are you looking for that special something to suit the hard-to-please person on your list? Choose a membership in the OHS. A membership entitles your recipient to discounts at our workshops and conferences, periodic notices about our upcoming events and six issues per year of our newsletter, the *OHS Bulletin*. A subscription to our quarterly journal, *Ontario History*, might also suit that special person. You can select a subscription to the journal in addition to the membership or you can choose a subscription alone.

The Society also has published a wide variety of other books and booklets, one of which just might be that perfect gift.

To receive a membership brochure detailing fees and subscription rates to the journal, and for a complete listing of our publications, please contact our office at 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax 226-2740.

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The Ontario Historical Society recently revised and reprinted our 1992 booklet, *Let's Bake Bread!* The 20-page publication gives recipes and descriptions for making a wide variety of breads, tips on making yeast and a reading list. *Let's Bake Bread!* sells for \$3.00 at the OHS office and events or \$4.00 through the mail (including GST, postage and handling). Order your copy today!



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By Jane Errington, Chair,
Local Societies and
Dorothy Duncan,
OHS Executive Director

The **Sault Ste. Marie Museum's** third annual Antique Show and Sale will be held November 3 and 4 at the Pavilion, Water Tower Inn. During the last three weeks of November, the objects donated to the Museum's Silent Auction will be on display. For further information on these two fundraising events call (705) 759-7278.

Volunteers are urgently needed by the **South Simcoe Railway Heritage Corporation** to keep those trains running and all the support services in place. Call Sherri Lusher at (905) 936-5815 if you can help.

November 2 will be World War II Memory Night for the **West Toronto Junction Historical Society** at the Annette Library. Junction residents who served at home and abroad should come prepared to participate. Diana Fancher, (416) 763-3161, for details.

Bruce County Genealogical Society announces "Shipping and Passenger Links in Bruce County" with speaker John Weichel on November 13 and the Annual "Bring and Brag" on December 11. Both meetings are at the **Bruce County Museum and Archives** in Southampton, (519) 797-2080.

Simcoe Horticultural Society celebrates its centennial in 1996 and if you have mementos or memorabilia, contact Larry Dickey, (519) 426-4216 or Bill Yeager, Curator, **Eva Brook Donley Museum**, (519) 426-4491.

Vittoria will celebrate its bicentennial next year and a book committee is looking for assistance. Call Roger Cruickshank, (519) 426-0234 or Don Fort, (519) 426-0242 if you can help.

Congratulations to Luis Alvarez, a student at the University of Windsor, on winning the Botsford Award, named for David Botsford, historian and well known curator of **Fort Malden**.

The **Temiskaming Genealogical Group** has completed indexing the headstone inscriptions in all of the 30 known cemeteries in Temiskaming, ranging from Kirkland Lake in the north to Latchford in the south and from Harris Township in the east to Gowganda on the west. If you are interested in purchasing the indices to the individual cemeteries, contact Cathy Blackburn, 25 Algonquin Avenue, Kirkland Lake P2N 1C1.

The **Lake of the Woods Historical Society** has added a Kids Page to the newsletter. It contains ideas, wordsearch puzzles, a colouring exercise aimed at the young reader/

member. It's a great idea and if you want more information, contact Box 720, 1116 Ottawa Street, Keewatin POX 1CO, (807) 547-1870.

Congratulations to both the **Clarke Museum and Archives** in Kirby and the **Streetsville Historical Society** on celebrating their 25th anniversaries recently.

Train enthusiasts across Canada applauded the Prairie Dog Central steam train as it puffed into Emerson, Manitoba in July, under the guidance of **The Vintage Locomotive Society**. The Dog needs water, about 6,000 gallons a day, to move from one special event to another, and to offer special rides to the eager crowds who want to travel into history.

And more on railways when Maurice Buckrell of Burgessville will be the guest speaker at the **Oxford Historical Society's** November 27 meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the **Woodstock Museum**, with the topic "The Port Dover-Woodstock Railway". On November 10, John Ames will present an illustrated lecture to the **Head of the Lake Historical Society** on the Interurban Railway System, the most comprehensive train system in Canada.

The Milton Historical Society reports sales of *Milton Remembers* are going well. This 140 page, 170 picture volume can be ordered from Box 85, Milton L9T 2Y3.

The Friends of the Ruins St. Raphaels Inc., has launched a fundraising campaign to stabilize the ruins of the great St. Raphaels church, built 175 years ago and ravaged by a tragic fire 25 years ago. For further information or to send a donation: Box 190, Williamstown KOC 2VO.

The Peterborough Historical Society has also launched a fundraising campaign for the **Hutchison House Museum**. For information or to send your donation: Peterborough Historical Society Fundraising Campaign, 270 Brock Street, Peterborough K9H 2P9.

The Friends of the Canadian Museum of Health and Medicine is sponsoring Lunchtime Lectures at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church on October 26 and December 7. Contact Betty Croucher, Box 58, 552 Church Street, Toronto M4Y 2E3 for topics, costs and other details.

Join the **Esquering Historical Society** for "Base Line Communities" and explore the glory days of Whaley's Corners, Hornby, Fulton and Peru and learn who made the best beer in the county in the past on November 8, 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, Hornby. Return on December 13 to celebrate "Two Decades of History" as members and friends celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Society.

Calling all those interested in history and heritage in the Fenelon Falls area! Dr. Douglas Warren would like to hear from you, (705) 887-2532, so that you can enjoy the programmes and the fellowship of the **Fenelon Falls and District Historical Society**.

The **Tillsonburg Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee** moved into its new home at the **Tillsonburg Museum** in September. The restoration of **Annadale House, the Tillsonburg Museum**, continues, and for donors to the project, a new recognition programme has been announced. You can belong to the Homesteaders, Century Circle, Pioneers, Heritage Club or Victorians, depending on the level of your support. Contact (519) 842-2294 for details.

The **South Norwich Historical Society's** *Newsletter* reminds us that the Gazette of October 7, 1915 announced that the contract for the construction of the new Carnegie Library was awarded to H. Vigar and Son of Norwich for \$5,500.00.

Our sympathy goes to Nan Jardine and her family on the passing of Roland, who will be sorely missed by the **Richmond Hill Historical Society**, the **North York Historical Society**, the **York Collectors** and the **Jardine Clan Society**.

There have been several book launches in the last few weeks including *A Mill Should be Built Thereon*, an early history of **The Todmorden Mills**. Congratulations to Eleanor Darke, the author; Ian Wheal and the **East York Historical Society** on this timely publication.

Saturday, September 9 was a gala day in Port Hope, as the **East Durham Historical Society** honoured the Great Farini, with the unveiling of an historical plaque to his memory and the launching of *The Great Farini: the High Wire Life of William Hunt* by Shane Peacock. The Capitol Theatre, currently being restored by the **Capitol Theatre Foundation** under the chairmanship of Donald Rumgay, was filled to overflowing with family, friends and well wishers for this occasion.

The **Weston Historical Society** launched two publications on October 4: *Memories of Weston*, a collection of essays from 1981, reprinted with three new essays and *Christmas Remembered*, a collection of reminiscences presented at annual hymn and carol sings. Information: (416) 235-0845.

Nancy McFall will speak on "Quilting...Heirlooms and Heritage" on November 20, 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Hall, Bolton United Church for the **Albion Bolton Historical**

President's message

By Judy McGonigal, OHS President

Computers and communication technology: keeping abreast of new opportunities for research and information exchange is a continuing challenge. It does seem as if the volume of resource material available is increasing as rapidly as is the variety of ways in which to obtain it.

Many of us began our research efforts at a school, community or university library, where the holdings were catalogued on index cards arranged by subject and by author. Next, the possibilities of inter-library loans, and access to both microfiche catalogues and documents were explored. Now, many libraries have installed a computerized catalogue which allows fast access and introduces the possibility of posing questions about topics and authors. I'm always excited when a query turns up an hitherto undiscovered reference.

Do you remember the familiar family encyclopedia, "The Book of Knowledge"? It saw use as a home-based reference for school projects, and was a treat to browse through when one was kept home from school suffering from the sniffles or a cold. Now, personal computers come equipped with a multimedia encyclopedia on a compact disc. Sound, colour and movement are added to the information display.

For all with an interest in history, images of archival photos, rare paintings and original charts and maps are included in the bilingual CD-ROM encyclopedia entitled "Canada's Visual History". A collaboration of the National Film Board of Canada, the Canadian Museum of Civilization and the Canadian Heritage Information Network, it deals mainly with aspects of Canada's social history. CHIN also offers an interactive CD entitled "Charting a New World: Maps of Discovery" which features 15th to 18th century maps and navigational instruments. Closer to home, another computer-based encyclopedia, the "Prehistory of Ontario" has recently been released.

Imagine my amazement when a volunteer with access to the Internet delivered a sheaf of images of photographs taken in Sault Ste. Marie about 1890. These were derived from glass negatives housed in the U.S. Library of Congress which plans to provide online access to over half a million items from its pictorial collections during the next few years.

Challenging as they may be, these innovations in the technology of information exchange open up new and exciting opportunities for scholarly research and for the presentation and popularization of Ontario's history.

Society meeting. Everyone welcome!

Congratulations to the **Grenville County Historical Society** celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. The annual dinner will be held on November 15 at the Prescott Country Club. For tickets, call (613) 658-2716. Many of us remember with great pleasure, the gala day hosted by the Society to celebrate 25 years of service. **The North York Historical Society**, also celebrating 25 years that same day, travelled down to Grenville County for a joint celebration and exchanged time capsules.

The many friends of Shirley Spragge, Senior Archivist at Queen's University until 1994 and Archivist at the Anglican Diocese, were saddened to

learn of her death in August in Kingston.

The Kingston Historical Society is already planning ways to complement the 150th anniversary celebrations of the City of Kingston in May of 1996. How about your own municipality? Is there an upcoming anniversary? What are your plans?

Have you purchased your 200 Years Yonge calendar? Only \$5.00 from the **Aurora and District Museum**, 22 Church Street, Aurora L4G 1G4, (905) 727-8991; **The Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill**, (905) 773-0602; the Burr House Craft Gallery, c/o **Richmond Hill Historical Society**, Box 61527, 9350 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill L4C 0C9 or the **Innisfil Historical Society**, (705) 456-3875.

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Upcoming Events

October: Beginning this month, the Joseph Schneider Haus in Kitchener presents for an indefinite run, the exhibit **Maybe in the Spring**, showcasing some of the finest examples of Mennonite and Doukhobor folk art and furniture produced in Western Canada. Contact the Haus at 466 Queen Street South, (519) 742-7752.

October-November 12: **Northern Owls**, an exhibition of 11 mounted owls is presented at Heritage House Museum in Smiths Falls. This unique display from the Royal Ontario Museum focuses on the fascinating and less well-known aspects of owl behaviour, biology and lifestyle. Contact the Museum on Old Slys Road, (613) 283-8560.

October-March 19, 1996: **Whatever Happened to My Toys: A Collected Childhood** is the featured exhibit at the London Regional Art and Historical Museums. Visitors of all ages can enjoy this selection of dolls, bears, cars and soldiers, drawn from four private collections. Contact the Museums at 421 Ridout Street North in London, (519) 672-4580.

October 28: Enjoy a costume contest, games, crafts, the hall of horrors and more at the Guelph Civic Museum's **Haunting Hallowe'en**. Visit the Museum between November 15 and January 14, 1996 for **Gift Giving Traditions of the Holiday Season** where gifts and gift givers from a variety of cultural traditions are explored. Contact the Museum at 6 Dublin Street South, (519) 836-1221.

October 28, 29: Travel back through time on The Seagram Museum's second annual **Spirit Walk** where you can meet costumed characters such as Joseph Seagram and buccaneer Henry Morgan. Enjoy hands-on activities in the children's Discovery Room. Contact Michelle Douglas-Mills at the Museum, 57 Erb Street, Waterloo, (519) 885-1857 ext. 16.

October 29: Get into the spirit of the season at the Clarke Museum and Archives **Harvest Hallowe'en**. Try your hand at making ghoulish masks and scary decorations. Bring your own pumpkin and enter it into the Jack-O-Lantern contest. Return to the Museum on December 9 for author and historian, Joyce Lewis' presentation, **Explore Victorian Christmas Traditions**. Bring the children on the 10th for a special workshop focusing on **Christmas Crafts and Traditions**. Contact the Museum for times and fees at 7086 Old Kirby School Road in Kirby, (905) 980-9243.

October 29: The Photographic Historical Society of Canada presents the **Annual Fall Photographica Fair** from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Buy, sell, trade and browse through the many antiques and collectibles, books and equipment relating to the world of photography. The Fair

takes place at the Queensway Lions Community Centre, 3 Queensway Lions Court in Toronto. Contact Larry Boccioletti, (416) 243-1439.

November: The Toronto Historical Board presents a series of free lunch-hour lectures Thursdays throughout the month. **A Community Speaks** offers historical perspectives on lesbian and gay issues, and is presented as a part of an exhibit of **Lesbian and Gay Histories** throughout October until November 23. Contact the THB at 205 Yonge Street in Toronto, (416) 392-6827.

November: Discover 19th century tablewares and other ceramics through four illustrated talks at Montgomery's Inn in Etobicoke. The **lecture series** takes place every Tuesday evening beginning at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$28.00 for the series, and individual sessions are \$8.00 each providing space is available. Pre-registration is required. Contact the Inn at 4709 Dundas Street West, (416) 394-8113.

November-December: Come to the Hastings County Museum in Belleville for two months full of exciting **Yuletide events and activities**. Don't miss the annual fundraising Christmas Tea on December 17. Contact the Museum at 257 Bridge Street East, (613) 962-2329.

November 3-5: Join the Costume Society of Ontario and the Costume Society of America in an exploration of the interaction of climate and clothing at the **Annual Meeting and Symposium of the Costume Society of America**. The conference takes place at the Park Plaza Hotel in Toronto, and features lectures, tours and a fashion show. Contact the Costume Society of Ontario, Box 981, Station F, Toronto M4Y 2N9.

November 6-11: The Guelph Amateur Radio Club broadcasts messages of peace to the world from McCrae House. Group programming is available by appointment for these **Remembrance Week Ham Radio Broadcasts**. Visit the House again on December 7 for **An Evening Christmas Carol**, when you can go carolling around the McCrae neighbourhood followed by hot chocolate and cider at the museum. Contact McCrae House at 108 Water Street in Guelph, (519) 846-1482.

November 9: The Grange's autumn lecture series focuses on the six-year project of restoring the historic site next to the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto. Margaret Machell, former Gallery archivist and custodian of The Grange, speaks on the contributions of **Jeanne Minhinnick** to the restoration. The lecture takes place in the Music Room of the house at 2:00 p.m. Contact The Grange at (416) 979-6660, ext. 2372.

November 10: Everyone is invited to the OHS' **Tulip Tribute**,

a ceremonial planting of tulips 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale. Ceremony begins at 3:00 p.m. to be followed by refreshments. Contact (416) 226-9011.

November 11-December 23: The Brant County Museum and Archives invites you to experience a 1950's Christmas at **Rocking Around the Christmas Tree**. Contact the Museum at 57 Charlotte Street in Brantford, (519) 752-2483.

November 14-December 5: Peter Jenkinson, Director of Walsall Museum and Art Gallery in Walsall, England is the guest lecturer at the Royal Ontario Museum's lecture series on international perspectives on cultural issues. Jenkinson addresses **Beyond the Missionary Position: Investigating New Roles for People and Communities within the Museum Collecting Industry**. On December 5, Dr. Rex Marshall Ellis, Director at the Center for Museum Studies at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, explores **Change from the Bottom Up: Time for a Gut Check**. Each lecture takes place at the ROM's lecture theatre or the Planetarium Lecture Room at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$7.00 and payable at the door. Contact (416) 598-0714 for further information.

November 16 and 30: The Bata Shoe Museum in Toronto presents its fall lecture series with Julia Pine, Assistant Curator exploring the **Queens of Sole: Women and Shoemaking** on the 16th and Director Edward Maeder presenting **Adoration of the Magi: Fantasy Footwear of the Renaissance** on the 30th. Lectures are \$10.00 each, begin at 7:00 p.m. and pre-registration is required. Contact the Museum at 327 Bloor Street West, (416) 979-7799.

November 19: The **Fourth Annual Wine Tasting** takes place at the Cawthra Estate in Mississauga from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. This popular fundraising event is presented by Heritage Mississauga. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be reserved by contacting (905) 272-1432.

November 20-December 31: Celebrate a **Country Christmas** at the Gibson House in North York. Take a tour of the House and explore 19th century Christmas customs. From December 27 to 30, discover the special foods and customs of a Scottish New Year at **Preparing for Hogmanay**, then celebrate the occasion on December 31. Contact the House at 5172 Yonge Street, (416) 395-7432.

November 21-December 31: The Woodstock Museum presents its **Vistorian Christmas Programme and Exhibit** including the traditional Christmas Open House on December 16 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Contact the Museum at 466 Dundas Street in Woodstock, (519) 537-8411.

November 24 and December 1: Escape the frenzy of the holiday season by coming to Black Creek Pioneer Village's **Christmas by Lamplight** when the Village is dressed up in its

finest holiday gear and lit only by lamplight. Treat yourself to traditional foods, holiday crafts, musical entertainment, magic shows and much more. For tickets to Christmas by Lamplight, contact the Village at 1000 Murray Ross Parkway in Downsview, (416) 736-1733.

November 15-December 15: Making gifts, trimming trees and feasting are all part of the traditions leading up to the holiday season. This year, the François Baby House in Windsor gives children a glimpse of the traditional celebrations and decorations typical of the late 19th century in **A Victorian Christmas**. The programme is suited to children in kindergarten to grade 3. Contact the museum at 254 Pitt Street West, (519) 253-1812.

December: This Christmas, yuletide traditions, childhood fantasies and the wonder and excitement of the holiday season come alive at Westfield Heritage Centre's **Christmas in the Country**. Travel through the Georgian, Victorian, Edwardian and World War I eras and experience the warmth and charm of this 30-building historic site near Rockton. Contact (519) 621-8851 for dates and times of activities.

Celebrate the New Year with the Lieutenant Governor

The Honourable Henry N. R. Jackman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and Honorary Patron of The Ontario Historical Society invites everyone to his **New Year's Day Levee** on Monday, January 1, 1996 in his suite at Queen's Park from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Contact Bryn MacPherson-White, Executive Assistant at (416) 325-7780 for further information.

Upcoming OHS Workshops and Seminars

DATE	WORKSHOP	LOCATION
October 27, 28	Cultural Celebrations in Ontario	Thunder Bay
October 30	Discover Your Community!	Keewatin
November 1	Education and the Common Curriculum	Belleville
November 4	Discover Your Community!	Milton
November 17, 18	Cultural Celebrations in Ontario	Midland
November 18	Making it Look Good: Displays, Graphics and Labels	Ottawa
January 23	Discover Your Community!	Willowdale
February 16, 17	The Life and Times of Yonge Street	Toronto
March	Cultural Celebrations in Ontario	Willowdale

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

Presqu'ile Heritage Centre approved

By Donald A. Davis, Friends of Presqu'ile Park Board of Directors

Construction should begin shortly on the new \$650,000.00 Presqu'ile Marine Heritage Centre in Presqu'ile Provincial Park near Brighton. The Ministry of Natural Resources office in Peterborough has given approval for the tendering process to begin.

While the cost for the new Centre will be covered by the Ministry, the Friends of Presqu'ile Park will be raising \$250,000.00 towards the purchase of exhibits. The Honorary Chairman for Fundraising is Roy Bonisteel, former host of "Man Alive".

The Marine Heritage Centre will be built on the site of the former "Museum", a wooden structure which had deteriorated over time and was becoming unsafe, and near the famous Presqu'ile lighthouse, second oldest on the Great Lakes and still in operation.

Inside the new 2700 square foot Centre, more than 120 years of local nautical history will be detailed, beginning with the untimely sinking of the HMS Speedy in 1804. Besides artifacts, feature photos and other static displays, a Peppler's Ghost projection system will display three-dimensional images of characters from Presqu'ile's past, who will

describe and narrate the park's history.

Presqu'ile is Ontario's fourth oldest and most heavily used provincial park. While highly regarded for the recreational opportunities available, it is internationally recognized as one of Eastern Canada's greatest spots for birdwatching. The new Centre will provide further opportunities for the year-round use of the park.

If you would like to make a contribution towards the purchase of exhibits for the Centre, donate or loan artifacts, or would like further information, please contact The Friends of Presqu'ile Park, Box 1442, Brighton, Ontario K0K 1H0, (613) 475-1688.



Dennis Pollock, Head Gardener of Black Creek Pioneer Village in Metro Toronto, (right) discusses historic gardening tips and techniques with John Novak and Verna Haggith during the lunch break at the workshop Heritage Gardening which took place on August 19 on Manitoulin Island. (Photo courtesy of Dorothy Duncan.)

UN celebrates 50th anniversary

1995 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. The celebration provides Canadians with the opportunity to reflect on our country's participation in the UN since 1945 and to contribute to a revitalization of the organization.

With full co-operation of the United Nations Association in Canada, the National Committee has formed volunteer satellite committees responsible for UN reform, arts and culture, youth, education, mass outreach/

communications, community participation and fundraising.

Reform and revitalization of the United Nations are major focuses of the anniversary activities in Canada, and a policy booklet has been produced that contains 52 recommendations to the federal government and the UN in the areas of peace and security, development, human rights and institutional structure.

On October 24, as part of the Global Teach-In, schools throughout Canada will organize activities using curriculum guide-

lines for teachers and student council activity packages produced especially for the 50th anniversary by the National Committee.

The Toronto Branch of the UNAC is organizing a photo exhibit, titled "Focus on Your World", at BCE Place in downtown Toronto from October 13 to 30. Admission is free. For further information on the exhibit and the celebration, please contact the Toronto Branch at 2 College Street, Suite 116, Toronto, Ontario M5G 1K3, (416) 929-0990.

Ontario History - the December issue

By Jean Burnet, Editor

The December issue of *Ontario History* will contain an article by Jack Cecillon on Bishop Fallon of the diocese of London, and his struggle from 1910 to 1918 against bilingual schools in one of the oldest francophone communities in

Ontario, the Windsor-Essex County region.

It will also have an article by Jonathan Vance of Wilfrid Laurier University on the Canadian Corps reunion of 1934, which brought together in Toronto tens of thousands of veterans of the First World War.

Charles Levi will provide an article on Paul C. McGillicuddy, a student at the University of Toronto in the late 1930's and author of a book on undergraduate life who was killed at Dieppe in 1942. A brief article by Philip Currie on Toronto Orangeism and the Ulster crisis, 1911 to 1919 will also appear.

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Museum News

Western Island Lighthouse celebrates anniversary

By **Jamie Hunter, Curator, Huronia Museum, Midland**

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the construction of the Western Island Lighthouse. Believed to be one of Georgian Bays remotest locales, the Western Island Light was built on the southern group of islands on Double Top Rock, and put into operation on October 24, 1895. The wooden building is octagonal in shape with sloping sides painted in traditional Ministry of Transportation colours - white with red trim. The overall height of the building measures about 60 feet, and provides a spectacular view of the eastern shore with a visibility of approximately 14 miles from all points of approach.

This past summer, Huronia Museum, in co-operation with the Georgian Bay Association and the Federal Department of Transport, held an open house, representing a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit the island and walk up the staircase of the 100 year old lighthouse

to examine the light apparatus and take in the spectacular view.

Originally illuminated with a dioptric of the seventh code, W. H. Noble, foreman of the works, replaced the illuminating apparatus with a fourth order drum and lens installed on October 12, 1896 at a cost of \$1,399.10. Imagine what the cost of a similar light would be worth today! Also built in 1896 by Noble was a boat house, a derrick for landing supplies and a platform/walkway extending from the landings to the dwelling, lighthouse and foghorn building.

Lighthouses provided a vital service to commercial fishermen, passenger ships and marine transportation vessels. The Western Island Light represented the northern approach to the communities of Midland, Penetanguishene, Port McNicoll, Victoria Harbour and Waubesaushene. The Hope Island Light represented the southern approach with additional lighthouses and range finders assisting vessels into the various wharves and dockage areas of



The Western Island Lighthouse, on one of Georgian Bay's most remote locales, celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. This photo was taken in 1909 by J. W. Bald, and is from the Huronia Museum's collection. The Midland museum is planning to produce an exhibition, video and book on the lighthouses of Georgian Bay.

the Bay port communities. The oldest lighthouse on the Bay, built in 1856, is the beautiful quarried limestone Christian Island Light that provided safety to the commercial routes during the early period of transportation on the Bay before ship size increased and the inside passage between Christian Island and the mainland was too shallow.

Huronia Museum is co-operating with Lynx Images (who created and wrote the bestselling *Ghost of the Bay*), and is hoping to produce a major museum

exhibition, video and book on the Lighthouses of Georgian Bay entitled *Alone in the Night: Remembering Lighthouse Life on Georgian Bay and the North Channel*. Anyone with reminiscences of life at one of the many Georgian Bay Lighthouses with no hydro, no refrigeration, no radios - just the passing grain boat or occasional fishermen - is encouraged to contact Adrea Gutsche at Lynx Images in Toronto at (416) 504-9333 or Jamie Hunter in Midland at (705) 526-2844.

Guy House undergoes restoration

During the past summer, Guy House, part of the Oshawa Sydenham Museum complex, has undergone some major restorative work. Built in the mid to late 1830's and one of only three provincially designated buildings in Oshawa, Guy House is an important component of the historical landscape as it is believed to be the oldest building in the city.

From 1861 to 1884, it was the home of James Odgers Guy, a coal and grain dealer and harbourmaster of Port Sydenham. He was also warden of the County of Ontario in 1873.

The last major work on Guy House was in 1985 when the Oshawa Historical Society added the building to the museum complex as an administrative centre. After ten years, the lakefront location was taking its toll on the exterior of the house.

Along with replacing rotted window sills and roof returns, the entire building was treated with new primer and paint. Much of the siding on the house is original, and paint analysis yielded samples of the first paint applied possibly around 1850. The colour, a mustard yellow, now covers the building and is more reminiscent of the time when Port Sydenham was an active and thriving shipping port.

As part of the Oshawa Sydenham Museum, Guy House is an important link to the heritage of early Oshawa and Port Sydenham.

City of Peterborough working to acquire major photographic collection

By **Jim Leonard, Archivist, Peterborough Centennial Museum and Archives**

Recently the City of Peterborough entered into an agreement to purchase the Roy Studio collection of more than 300,000 glass and safety film negatives. The City has allocated \$50,000.00 toward the acquisition, and a fundraising campaign will target the remaining \$325,000.00 of the purchase price.

The Roy Studio was established on Hunter Street in Peterborough in the 1890's, and soon became the leading photo studio in the Peterborough area. The Roy family documented almost every aspect of life in the city for over three generations - creating a virtual "time capsule" of life in Peterborough.

Local heritage organizations have been aware of the quality and scope of this collection for years. In the mid 1970's, the Peterborough Centennial Museum and Archives (PCMA) selected over 500 negatives representing some of the best of the Roy collection, and had prints made for the archives. In 1995, the Archives acquired almost 800 studio portraits of local men and women who

enlisted in the military during World War Two.

The strength of the Roy collection is its coverage. It documents most of the key events in Peterborough and area between 1904 and 1990. Subject matter captured on film includes local industry and business, weddings, studio portraits, local government, conventions, entertainment, parades, sporting events, outdoor recreation, public ceremonies, architecture - interior and exterior and so much more. The studio also did special photo shoots for the local newspapers, produced postcard series and prepared advertising for area factories.

On a broader level, the Roy collection provides an indepth study of life in a Canadian community for much of the 20th century. According to Trent University professor, Elwood Jones, who was one of the appraisers of the collection, "Because of its comprehensiveness, it is possible to follow aspirations and fashions in clothing, advertising, construction, entertainment, leisure, mechanical innovations, automobiles, canoes and boats; and countless other aspects of life in Peterborough, the Kawarthas, Ontario and give the famed

averageness of Peterborough, perhaps of Canada."

Many of the negatives have supporting documentation through studio registers maintained by the photographers. Identification notes were also written on many of the negative storage sleeves. This surviving documentation and original filing system adds considerable value to the Roy collection as an historical resource.

Most of the negatives appear to be in reasonably good condition considering that they have been stored in the basement of the photo studio since the turn of the century. Dust, high humidity levels, acidic paper storage sleeves and weak shelving have taken their toll, but only a small percentage of the negatives are showing serious signs of deterioration.

In 1994, a fire in an adjoining building nearly destroyed the collection when water from fire hoses seeped into the basement storage area. Disaster was averted, thanks in part to firefighters who covered shelving with plastic sheets. Later, conservators from Lang Pioneer Village, the Archives of Ontario, students from the Sir Sandford Fleming College Museum Management and Curatorship programme, along with the staff

of the PCMA, initiated a disaster recovery operation. The collection was saved and public support for the acquisition and safe storage of the collection was stirred.

When the fundraising campaign is complete, the entire Roy collection will be transferred to a climate controlled, purpose-built storage facility in the new Ministry of Natural Resources building in Peterborough. Once in the MNR building, conservation treatments can begin. At the same time, prints will be made, and the collection will be fully catalogued using recognized archival standards, to ensure intellectual control. PCMA will manage the collection on behalf of the City of Peterborough, and will gratefully accept donations towards the purchase. Please forward your contributions to Roy Studio Fund, Peterborough Centennial Museum and Archives, Box 143, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 6Y5, (705)743-5180, fax (705)743-2614.

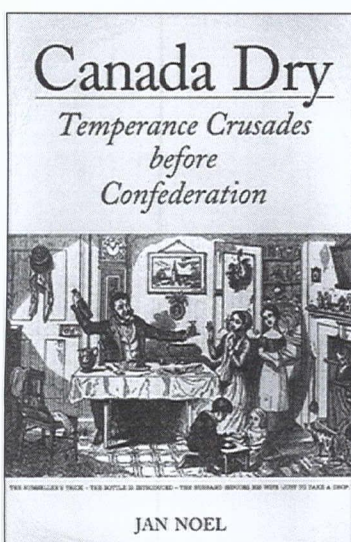
The PCMA is also looking for information on similar photographic collections in other museums and archives in Ontario or in the rest of Canada. Please forward details to the above address.

New exhibit available

The National Archives of Canada has designed **First Among Equals**, a travelling exhibit detailing the terms of office and lives of Canada's 20 prime ministers. This interactive exhibition is available to museums nationwide beginning in October. For further information about booking the exhibit for your site, contact Blanche Gaudreault at (613) 996-3580 or fax (613) 943-1374.

From the Bookshelf

By Pat and Chris Raible,
Editors



Evils of Alcohol

Canada Dry: Temperance Crusades before Confederation. By Jan Noel. University of Toronto Press. 311 pages. Illustrations. \$50.00 cloth, \$19.95 paper.

The quest to establish an alcohol-free society was perhaps the most widespread social reform movement of the 19th century, although it has often been ridiculed and only rarely taken seriously. Yet it transformed public behaviour and was largely successful in eliminating many of the worst evils of abuse and family instability. In a modern time when drunkenness is again being recognized as socially destructive, this book offers the opportunity for a thoughtful backward glance. Here, at last, is a full, informative and altogether fascinating study of early temperance in Canada.

Northern Lights

Great Northern Characters. By Michael Barnes. General Store Publishing House. 214 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95.

The north country has always had its share of unusual characters, individualists who mapped their lives in their own unique ways. This book celebrates 25 such people (23 men and 2 women): tycoons and tyrants, miners and missionaries, prospectors and poets. The attractive typography and format of this volume add to its appeal.

Oriental Visionary

A Heart at Leisure from Itself: Caroline Macdonald of Japan. By Margaret Prang. University of British Columbia Press. 384 pages. Illustrations. \$39.95.

Macdonald, a native of Wingham, Ontario and a 1901 University of Toronto graduate, spent her adult life as a social worker in Japan. To a degree perhaps remarkable among foreigners, she worked successfully for reforms in that country, notably in improved conditions in prisons. She was also active in other social and democratic movements including feminist causes, thus playing a part in the slowly changing position of Japanese women in this century. A compelling biography of a truly remarkable Canadian.

Mosaic

Sojourners and Settlers: The Macedonian Community in Toronto to 1940. By Lillian

Petroff. University of Toronto Press. 217 pages. Illustrations. \$50.00 cloth, \$19.95 paper.

Petroff charts the lives in the early part of this century of Macedonian immigrants to Toronto — a group poignantly depicted in Michael Ondaatje's *In the Skin of a Lion*. At first isolated in their community here, and keeping strong emotional ties with their rural roots, the Macedonians gradually adapted to, and adopted, their new urban homeland.

Culture and Recreation

Wild Things: Nature, Culture and Tourism in Ontario 1790-1914. By Patricia Jasen. University of Toronto Press. 194 pages. Illustrations. 194 pages. \$45.00 cloth \$18.95 paper

Apparently tourism is not simply the creature of a favourable exchange rate! During the 19th century, a romanticized view of Canadian "wildness" resulted in real money for Canadian coffers as hundreds of thousands of tourists flocked into what is now Ontario. Jasen explores a number of themes, including "commercialization of the landscape", in this thoughtful study.

Historic Waterway

Severn River: An Illustrated History. By James T. Angus. Severn Publications. 168 pages. Illustrations. \$29.00.

The Severn River may be only 53 kilometres long, but it has witnessed its full share of Canadian history, as this album of old prints, paintings, sketches and photographs amply testifies. For this, his third volume dealing with aspects of the area's heritage, Angus has culled public and private archives, as well as personal photographic collections, to create an extraordinarily diverse collection. The accompanying text provides the explanatory information to put all pictures in context.

History on Foot

A Historic Walk Through "Sawdust City" (Latchford). By George L. Lefebvre. 56 pages. Illustrations. \$5.50.

A Road Guide to Historic Lorrain Townships. By Peter Fancy. 36 pages. Illustrations \$3.75.

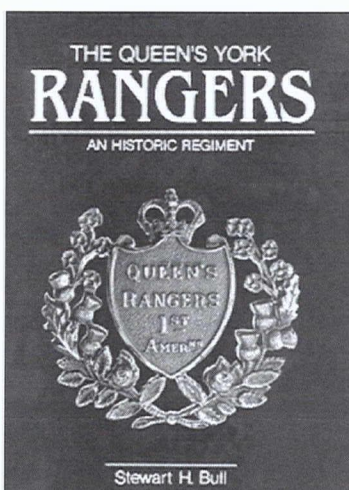
These two sturdy booklets, published by the Temiskaming Abitibi Heritage Association, mark

the completion of a project to provide tour and road guides for the entire South Temiskaming area. With the full series, they offer more than ample excuse for enriching explorations of a region too often neglected by history buffs.

Looking Up

A Bird-Finding Guide to Ontario. By Clive E. Goodwin. University of Toronto Press. 477 pages. Maps. \$24.95.

Natural historians will be delighted with this new, greatly expanded edition of an indispensable reference work. Precise directions guide the birder to all the well known and the many not so well known locations. There are seasonal occurrence charts and a detailed annotated checklist. A must for all dedicated bird watchers, as well as those who like to hike the natural areas of our province.



Marching On

The Queen's York Rangers: An Historic Regiment. By Stewart H. Bull. Queen's York Rangers. 248 pages. Illustrations. \$30.00.

The Queen's York Rangers, under the command of Lieutenant-Governor John Graves Simcoe, built as well as battled to create Upper Canada. This full treatment traces the regiment's history in its various incarnations, from the American Revolutionary War through World War II. All students of Ontario history will welcome the availability of this long out of print work in a new and revised edition.

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Strikers' Story

Strike! 99 Days on the Line: The Workers' Own Story of the 1945 Windsor Ford Strike. By Mary E. Baruth-Walsh and G. Mark Walsh. Penumra Press. 120 pages. Illustrations. \$29.95 cloth, \$19.95 paper.

World War II was barely over when another battle of sorts erupted, this one here in Ontario. Labour disputes have often been

bitter in Canada and the Windsor Ford strike was no exception. This slim, but lively, volume presents a picture taken from a union perspective, and reminds readers that feelings are still strong, even after half a century.

Civic Beauty

Burlington. By John de Visser and Jane Irwin. Boston Mills Press. 96 pages. Illustrations. \$35.00

One of Canada's foremost photographers has joined with a Burlington writer to produce a lavishly illustrated book. The life of this Lake Ontario city, along with its cultural and agricultural attractions, is portrayed in the best possible light, as it should be for a keepsake volume that will be treasured by all who love the city's scenic surroundings and civic sights.

History Noted

Since our last issue of *From the Bookshelf*, we have received these flyers and notices describing publications of interest:

O Little Town: Remembering Life in a Prairie Village. By Harlo Jones. University of Manitoba Press. Illustrations. \$17.50 paper.

The autobiography of a Saskatchewan boy and the history of the village of Dinsmore in the era of the 1920's and 30's.

Ottawa at War: The Grand Dexter Memoranda, 1939-1945. Manitoba Record Society. \$30.00.

The confidential memoranda of a *Winnipeg Free Press* journalist during World War II.

The Saint John Story: The City's First Housing Crisis, Loyalist Landings July 1783. Holland House. \$29.95.

A video of an historic reenactment. Holland House also publishes books about the maritime Loyalists, including *Early Marriage Records of New Brunswick*, \$25.00; *Travelogue to the British Conquest and American Revolution in New Brunswick*, \$15.00; and *The King's Loyal Americans: The Canadian Fact, Passengers Lists,*

etc., \$29.95.

Weddings, Work & War, Lethbridge 1914-1945: A Scrapbook History. University of Lethbridge History Department. \$14.95.

Soldiers of 1814: American Enlisted Men's Memoirs of the Niagara Campaign. Edited by Donald E. Graves. Old Fort Niagara. \$6.50.

A collection of personal memoirs by men of General Jacob Brown's army.

Before and Beyond Sainte-Marie. By Jeanie Tummon and W. Barry Gray. Copetown Press. \$21.95.

This report of the most recent excavations at the first European community in what is now Ontario suggests that many interpretations of the historic site need to be revised.

Men of Upper Canada: Militia Nominal Rolls, 1828-1829, \$30.00, and **An Index of Land Claim Certificates of Upper Canada Militiamen who served in the War of 1812-1814**, \$22.00. Both published by the Ontario Genealogical Society.

Very useful reference works for anyone researching early residents of Ontario.

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Cemetery news

By Marjorie Stuart, Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society and OHS Member

A monument has been placed in Woodland Cemetery in Hamilton to commemorate the Inuit from the eastern Arctic who are buried there. Most died in the 1950's of tuberculosis in Hamilton's Mountain Sanatorium. The granite memorial has the names inscribed in Inuit and English as well as replicas of soapstone carvings. A bronze plaque has also been placed at each grave. Funding was provided by the Inuit, private sources, the Federal Government, the Quebec Government and Hamilton City Council.

A First Nations burial site has been uncovered in York Region on the route of the new Highway 407. Archaeological assessments have been underway for some time. This is believed to be a site of considerable importance. The location will not be revealed in order to protect the privacy and sanctity of the deceased.

The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario has planned an interesting Niagara Countryside, Theatre and Buffalo Architecture Tour to take place on October 21 and 22. Included in the tour is a visit to the Pelham Evangelical Friends Cemetery, the oldest Quaker cemetery in Canada. The Pelham Evangelical Friends, the only Evangelical society in Canada, is associated with the Evangelical Friends Society of Canton, Ohio. Space for the tour is limited. For further information call Paul Dilse at (416) 921-5324.

We wish Joanne Fay good luck in her efforts to encourage the Township of Rear of Yonge and Escott in Leeds County to improve and restore the Old Wiltshire Cemetery at Kincaid's Corners near Athens. Joanne urges descendants or those interested to write to the Township at Central Street, Athens, Ontario K0E 1B0. Descendants of those buried in this cemetery are also asked to contact Joanne D. Fay, 729 Kimball Street NE, Fridley, MN U.S.A. 55432-1603.

Farringdon Burial Grounds is attractively laid out and always well maintained. Those responsible for this cemetery in Brantford are to be congratulated. A visit to this historic site established in 1833 is well worthwhile.

By Shirley Watton, Merrickville

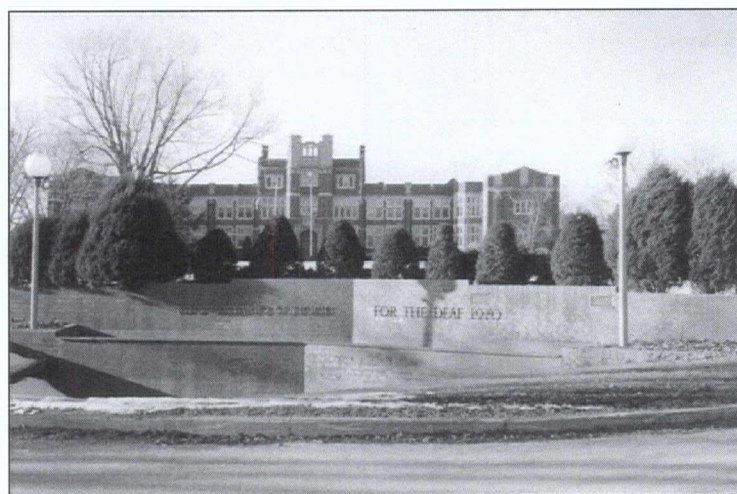
On Canada Day of this year, the alumnae of Sir James Whitney School in Belleville came together to celebrate the School's 125th anniversary. One of the highlights of the event was the unveiling of a plaque by The Ontario Heritage Foundation posthumously honouring Samuel T. Greene, the School's first deaf teacher. After many years of effort, the OSD/SJW Alumnae Association was able to publicly acknowledge Greene's 20 years of dedication during the School's inaugural years.

The first school in Canada for deaf children opened in Montreal in 1848. In Ontario, John B. McGann founded the "Deaf Mute Institute" in Toronto in 1858. He was later successful in convincing the Province to build a residential institution combining elementary school instruction with vocational training. The site chosen by the government was 82 acres just

west of Belleville. The official opening of the Ontario Institute for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb took place on October 20, 1870.

Samuel Thomas Greene, newly graduated from Gallaudet College, then known as the National Deaf Mute College in Washington DC, was among the first members of the teaching staff of the Ontario School for the Deaf (OSD), as it became known in 1913. Three students were registered in the Schools' first year, and by the end of that year, enrolment was 107. Attendance would more that double within ten years.

Greene, who believed that the education of the deaf should be based on solid language skills, became renowned for his eloquent public addresses and signed poetry recitations. He devised a progressive and highly successful method of teaching sign language and written English. Co-founder of the Ontario Association of the Deaf in 1886, he served as inaugural President until his untimely



The Ontario School for the Deaf in Belleville celebrated its 125th anniversary this year, with festivities taking place on Canada Day. One of the highlights of the event was the unveiling of an Ontario Heritage Foundation plaque posthumously honouring Samuel Greene, the School's first deaf teacher. (Photo courtesy of Shirley Watton.)

death in 1890 while ice-boating on the Bay of Quinte with his students.

In 1906, one of the crucial policy changes instituted by Dr. Charles B. Coughlin, Principal of the School, was to conform its curriculum to that of Ontario's public schools. This policy provided students with their first opportunity to prepare for secondary school entrance exams. Eight girls were successful in earning high school entrance diplomas.

In 1907, the oral method of

instruction was introduced to adhere to the British Royal Commission's resolution that through careful testing, every deaf student's capacity for learning to speak should be determined. Within a few years, almost all classes were being delivered orally rather than being signed.

For further information on the Ontario School for the Deaf, please contact the Sir James Whitney School, 350 Dundas Street West, Belleville, Ontario K8P 1B2, (613) 967-2823.

Information wanted

Question

What do Alexander the Great, Queen Elizabeth I and Buzz Aldrin have in common?

Answer

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The Depressive and Manic Depressive Association of Ontario (DMDAO) is researching famous Canadians, both historical and contemporary, who have experienced depression or manic depression. Assistance from historical organizations and institutions and individuals involved in historical research would be greatly appreciated. The DMDAO's research will result in articles and information sheets focused on raising public awareness and improving self esteem. Please send any information to the attention of S. Denison at the Association, 214 Merton Street, Suite 101, Toronto, Ontario M4S 1A6.

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Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00, and you can purchase them at OHS events or through the mail. Please send your payment (payable to The Ontario Historical Society) to our office at 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2. Good luck!

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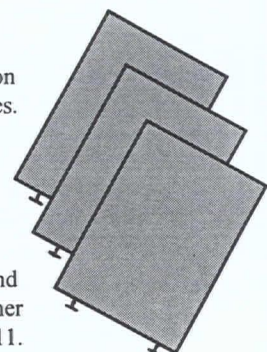
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