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## The WCHS Coach House is open

The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to announce that its new meeting and workshop facility, the Women's Canadian Historical Society (WCHS) Coach House, is open and ready for use. Work finished just in time for the OHS to present our inaugural event, Cultural Celebrations in Ontario, on March 29 and 30.

The Women's Canadian Historical Society, founded a century ago, has made outstanding contributions to the preservation of Ontario's heritage over the years. The WCHS has often joined forces with the OHS over heritage issues and were our first visitors at the John McKenzie House in April 1994. In addition, the WCHS' significant financial donation to the Coach House restoration makes this tribute appropriate to the Society's work over the last century.

The Coach House will serve as a year-round public meeting space, programme and exhibit area for organizations, institutions and community groups. It will also offer greater flexibility for the

OHS' programming needs as we present more events at our headquarters. We will be able to hold workshops and meetings and more activities out-of-doors, including receptions, young people's programmes and fundraising events because the lower level has large doors which open to the outside.

The Coach House is divided into two areas: the upper room suitable for meetings of approximately 20 people and the lower area which can be used for workshops, exhibits and programmes. The ground level also has a small kitchen and washroom.

The OHS would like to thank the following companies whose skills and craftsmanship have made the Coach House project a reality: the Architect, Philip Goldsmith and Company Ltd., Toronto; the main contractor, Bryant and Johnson Fine Carpentry and Renovations Inc., Toronto; Paynel Electrical Contractors Ltd., Concord; Davenport-Campbell Co. Ltd., Markham, installers of the heating and cooling system; the City of North York Building Inspector, Fred Bruyca and the Mechanical Inspector, Joe Pernal.

With the Coach House project finished, the OHS has completed Phase Four of the restoration of the John McKenzie property. We are now starting the fifth and final stage which focuses on the gardens and grounds.

April is already a busy month at the Coach House, so if you are interested in utilizing it for your next meeting, reception, party or workshop, contact The Ontario Historical Society for a rate sheet and further information. Our address is 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax 226-2740.



The Hogarth Trio provided the musical entertainment at the OHS' seminar, *The Simcoe Legacy: The Life and Times of Yonge Street*, held February 16 and 17 at the Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library. Members of the fife and drum band are (left to right) Gavin Watt, Ken Purvis and Peter Alexander. (Photo courtesy of Lorraine Lowry.)

## Have you satisfied your consuming passion?

Registrations are steadily streaming in for our 108th annual conference, **Consuming Passions II - Feeding the Multitudes** taking place May 2, 3 and 4 at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Ottawa. Is your registration among them? Are you planning to satisfy your consuming passion to learn more about traditional ways of providing food and beverages to large groups of people in the land that is known today as Ontario? Don't delay too much longer as the date is fast approaching and space is limited.

The special meals taking place during the programme highlight the conference theme. The menu for the lunch on Friday, May 2 is taken from one of Ontario's first cook books, the *Canadian Home Cook Book*, published in Toronto in 1877. Take this opportunity to experience dishes our ancestors might have eaten on days when hard work was required with the "Cold Lunch for Days of Extra Labour".

The traditional Victorian dinner on Friday, May 3 is a

recreation of a repast where the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York dined in Rockcliffe with the Lumbermen of the Ottawa Valley on the occasion of running the timber slides on May 3, 1901. The Council of Heritage Organizations in Ottawa/le conseil des organismes du patrimoine d'Ottawa (CHOO/COPO) has planned some appropriate entertainment to follow the meal.

Lunch on Saturday features some favourite foods of Ontario's cultural communities. Tickets for each of the meals can be purchased separately in the event you wish to bring a guest.

Another highlight of the conference is the Marketplace of Programmes, Products and Publications taking place on Friday, May 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A wide variety of book

publishers, food companies and heritage organizations and institutions are taking this opportunity to show and sell their products. On Friday between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m., exhibitors will be launching new products and authors will be present to sign books on food, beverages, gardens, agriculture and associated subjects. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind chance to browse and buy.

Satisfy that consuming passion and register for our conference today. For a detailed programme, please contact The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax 226-2740.

The Ontario Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the support of the City of Ottawa, CHOO/COPO and le regroupement des organismes du patrimoine franco-ontarien.

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## OHF suspends grant programmes

The Ontario Heritage Foundation (OHF) suspended its grant programmes effective December 15, 1995. Grants awarded before that date will not be affected by the suspension.

The Niagara Escarpment grant

programme is not affected either, as funding for it is provided by the Ministry of the Environment and Energy. For further information, please contact the Foundation at 10 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3, (416) 325-5015.

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## Executive Director's report

By Dorothy Duncan,  
OHS Executive Director

### Coach House completed

During the last three months, our headquarters has been a hive of activity as carpenters, plumbers, stonemasons, electricians and heating experts worked at top speed to complete the Coach House renovations.

If John and Sarah McKenzie came by today, they would find the exterior has been restored to its original 1918 appearance, however, the interior would be a surprise. Where coaches and carriages once stood and harness and feed bags hung, there is now a modern programme area, washroom, kitchen and meeting room ready to welcome visitors. Volunteers and staff gave it the finishing

touches in time for the Cultural Celebrations workshop on March 29 and 30.

### Garden Master Plan approved

The OHS Board of Directors approved the Gardens and Grounds Master Plan in February, developed by our volunteer committee including Jeanne Hughes, George Kapelos, Hazel Kitto, Joyce Lewis, Bob McGregor, Ronda Margolese, Grace Matthews, Dennis Pollock, Bud Spinney, Sarah Walker and Wendy Woodworth, as well as staff members Meribeth Clow, Cathy Febbraro, Barbara Kane and Robert Levery who have volunteered their time.

Our grateful thanks go to the committee and to the donors whose generosity will ensure that the plan is implemented in the

next few months. You too can help by supporting the "Plants from Parkview" Sale taking place on May 10 and 11 described on page 8 of this *OHS Bulletin*.

### Student placements provide assistance

The OHS has been blessed with two placement programmes in recent months: Brooke Gibson from the Cultural Resources Management Programme at Niagara College in Welland and Aruna Dhara from the Mentorship Programme at Earl Haig Collegiate, a few blocks away from our office in Willowdale. Both these placements were very helpful to us as specific projects were assigned to them.

### Thank you volunteers

The OHS participated in a number of special events recently because of the strong support of our volunteers. Joyce Lewis and Margaret Machell attended Food Focus at Roy's Square in Toronto; Jeanne Hughes represented us at the Parenting Fair in East York; Glenn Bonnetta, Gordon Duncan, Bev Hykel, Hazel Kitto and Grace Matthews staffed our sales table at the Heritage Showcase at the Scarborough Town Centre and several of these same volunteers assisted at the North York Winter Carnival in partnership with the North York Historical Society where young people made an historic toy to take home. Thank you all for your support!



The Ontario Historical Society is grateful to the Toronto Dominion Bank for its donation to the Coach House restoration. Here Manager of the North York Centre branch, Debby Young, presents OHS President, Judy McGonigal, with the cheque. (Photo courtesy of Robert Levery.)

## Our featured publication

The Ontario Historical Society held its first **Consuming Passions** conference in 1989, and from that event emerged the publication, *Consuming Passions: Eating and Drinking Traditions in Ontario*.

The 312 page collection of papers begins as the conference did, with tips for researching and interpreting the food traditions of the fur traders and the military. Papers then follow an historical path, from the eating habits of the early voyageurs to food traditions of the pioneers, the growth of agriculture to the Victorian era. Culinary traditions and technology of the 20th century are explored, and the publication concludes with a discussion on how earlier traditions are being revived in our modern society.

*Consuming Passions* sells for \$10.00 through the mail. To order your copy, please send your payment (payable to The Ontario Historical Society) to our office at 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2. To save postage and handling charges, you can pick a copy up at our headquarters or events across the province for \$5.00.

Why not continue your consuming passion at our second food traditions conference, **Consuming Passions II: Feeding the Multitudes** May 2, 3 and 4 at the Radisson Hotel in Ottawa? We explore meals of celebration and traditional ways of providing food and beverages for large groups of people. For further information, see the article on page one of this issue.

### Consuming Passions

Eating and Drinking  
Traditions  
in  
Ontario



## Does your society have archival records?

Puzzled by what to do about all that paper you are collecting? Uncertain about how to get it organized? Need to know where to start? The Archives Advisor service, administered by the Archives Association of Ontario, provides free advice and assistance to any Ontario institution or organization interested in starting a new archives or further developing an existing programme.

Now in its fifth year, the service comes in the form of a free site visit by the Archives Advisor, Johanne Pelletier. She will not inspect your site, but will provide you with an opportunity

to use the resources of an archival professional who can make practical relevant recommendations.

For further information and to arrange a site visit, contact Johanne at (416) 656-9864 (telephone and fax), leave an e-mail message at dusty@trends.ca or write to Johanne Pelletier, Archives Advisor, Archives Association of Ontario, Box 128, Station P, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2S7.

The Archives Advisor programme is funded by the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation and the Canadian Council of Archives.

award is presented on occasion to be decided by the President of Associated Medical Services. For further information, please contact J. T. H. Connor, Executive Director, Hannah Institute for the History of Medicine, 14 Prince Arthur Avenue, Suite 101, Toronto, Ontario M5R 1A9, (416) 924-3368.

### Urban Issues

The Urban Issues Programme of the Samuel and Saidye Bronfman Family Foundation provides funding for projects which revitalize communities, unite heritage with community development, create a living history within a community and emphasize local cultural richness. By the turn of the century, the Foundation hopes to have sponsored a significant number of urban communities within Canada that have embraced comprehensive self-directed approaches to their unique development. Any community group within Canada interested in revitalizing its local area through urban conservation is invited to apply for funding. For further information, please contact John Hobday, Executive Director of the Foundation, 1170 Peel Street, 8th Floor, Montreal, Quebec H3B 4P2, (514) 878-5270.

  
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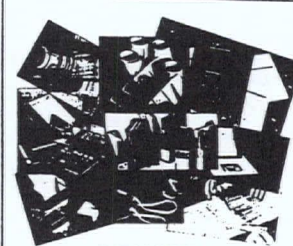
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# Across the Province

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

Congratulations to Joe Boucher, the new president of the **Kingston Historical Society** who outlined the events for 1996 at the Annual Meeting: the ongoing coin project, a book about Molly Brant, the Sir John A. Macdonald service, Don Redmond's index of recent *Historic Kingstons*, a visit by the new ship HMCS Kingston, the Heritage Fair, the celebration of Kingston's Sesqui-centennial as a city, a service to honour the 200th anniversary of the death of Molly Brant, another busy season for Murney Tower Museum and the annual KHS Award. The Society has also released volume 44 of *Historic Kingston* and a complete inventory of the Society's publications. Congratulations!

**Bruce Township Genealogical Society** will celebrate 26 years of genealogy in Bruce County on April 27 at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall in Port Elgin. Write Box 1083, Port Elgin, NOH 2C0 for details.

**The Brockville and District Historical Society** will host an Antique Show and Sale at the Brockville Country Club April 26, 27 and 28 as a major fundraiser.

**The West Toronto Junction Historical Society** walking tour brochure "Carleton and Davenport Revisited" and "Annette Street Junction Beauty Spot Revisited" will be much in demand as spring lures us out of doors. Contact President Diana Fancher, (416) 763-3161 for details.

**Simcoe County Historical Association** will hold its Annual Meeting and Banquet at the Sheba Shrine in Barrie on May 21. There will be a presentation and re-enactment by the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, celebrating its 200th year. Details? (705) 487-2574.

Brian Dubeau, of the **Penetanguishene Midland Coach Lines** (that celebrated 125 years of service in 1992), has announced plans to operate a replica of a paddle wheel steamer on Lake Simcoe this summer. Watch for further information.

Members of the **Esquesing Historical Society** will hear Jim Mathews speak about the Life and Times of Timothy Eaton on May 8 at the 7:30 p.m. in Glen Williams Town Hall. The public is welcome. Bring your own mug! The June 12 meeting includes a pot-luck picnic at Acton Arena followed by stories about Fairy Lake. Call (905) 877-3657.

**Her Most Imperial Majesty, Victoria, R. I.**, has announced that she is available to attend your special events in 1996. To discuss Her Majesty's availability, schedule and other pertinent details, contact Josephine Morgan at (416) 463-0450.

The Niagara area will be a hive of activity May 11 and 12 as several organizations commemorate the **Colonel John Butler Bicentenary**. The Conference will be held on Saturday the 11th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Niagara-on-the-Lake; the Memorial Dinner will be at 6:30 in St. Catharines. The Drum Head Church Service, parade, Genealogical and Loyalist Book Display and other activities on Sunday the 12th will be back in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Information: Frederick Reeves, Colonel John Butler Branch, United Empire Loyalists, (716) 299-1066 or Colonel John Butler Bicentenary, 6027 Brooks Street, Niagara Falls L2J 1M6, (905) 732-2274.

On February 17, 1996 the Mayor of St. Catharines, Alan Unwin, proclaimed the launch of bicentennial activities for the city of St. Catharines. This date corresponds exactly with a date in 1796 when the "Assignment to the Church at St. Catharines" was drawn up, representing the first documented use of the city's name. In recognition of this 200th anniversary, Mayor Unwin established **The St. Catharines Bicentennial Committee**. The committee is planning a series of commemorative events including plaques, art exhibits and a mural. An historical account of the founding of the Church at St. Catharines will be compiled and published, as well. For information or to assist, contact Jon Jouprien, (905) 684-7986.

**Pickering Museum Village**, located first at Brougham and now at Greenwood, will host a 35th Anniversary Volunteer Recognition Day on September 8. If you were a volunteer, or know someone who was, contact Lynn Vickers, 1855 Malden Crescent, Pickering L1V 3G3.

The **Kawartha Genealogical Society** has opened a storefront Ancestral Research Centre at 311 Aylmer Street in Peterborough. Enquiries: (705) 743-7668.

Congratulations to Milton Good, Carl Rieder, Bonita Rope, Grace Schmidt and Jim Schoenfeld who have been chosen to be inducted into the Waterloo County Hall of Fame at **Doon Heritage Crossroads** on May 12. The late Dr. Duff Wilson will also be honoured.

The **Waterloo County Board of Education** has established a Victorian Classroom at Suddaby Public School in Kitchener. If you have books, artifacts, suggestions or anecdotes, contact Marg Dickson at (519) 742-2218.

**Heritage Mississauga** has announced the publication of the sixth self-guided tour brochure, "Meadowvale." For your free copy, contact (905) 272-1432.

In Hay Township, they will be celebrating **Hay Days '96** to mark 150 years since incorporation with a full calendar of events. Call (519) 236-4291 for events, times and locations.

Both **Heritage Belleville** and the **Tweed Heritage Centre**

were successful in their applications to Human Resources Canada's Job Creation Programme for support of heritage programmes in their communities.

We are sorry to report that **Mika Publishing** of Belleville has closed and that the stock and building have been sold. Our members will remember that Helma (now deceased) and Nick Mika were winners of the Peace Medal presented by the **Belleville YMCA** in honour of their chronicling of Canadian history and work with the **Quinte Humane Society**.

The **Eastern Valley Heritage Group** is developing a plaque project at Oak Valley on the Nation River near Brinston to commemorate the settlers in the Grenville/Dundas area. Call Peter White (613) 925-5050 (evenings) for further information.

The **Ontario Archaeological Society** has announced its 1996 Board of Directors: President: John Steckley; Secretary-Treasurer: Henry van Lieshout; Directors: Lise Ferguson, Suzanne Gero, Michael Kirby, Jeffrey Bursey, Marcus Sanderson. Ellen Blaubergs has replaced Charles Garrad as Executive-Director, who retired after nearly 17 years in the position.

Charles is now the Secretary of the **Petun Research Institute** and reports that the Institute conducts and publishes interdisciplinary research relating to the Petun - Wyandot First Nations. The Institute is a registered charitable foundation entirely supported by donations. It maintains an artifact repository and has programmes for public outreach and education. For details, contact the OAS at (416) 730-0797.

Our sympathy goes to the **Honourable Pauline McGibbon**, former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Patron of the OHS, on the passing of her husband, Donald, in January.

Pam Handley, well known and highly respected Director-Curator of the **North Bay Area Museum** has retired and was honoured by her friends and colleagues in February. Pam served on the OHS Board for several years, and at the reception, Robert Surtees, OHS Second Vice President, brought greetings on our behalf. Ed Driedger, Assistant Curator of **Benares** in Mississauga has been appointed as the new Director-Curator. Our best wishes to both Pam and Ed.

The **Norfolk Historical Society** has established a Second Century Capital Fund to assure financial resources for a vigorous and progressive future. Donors will be recognized in the Second Century Founders Circle. Send your donation to 109 Norfolk Street South, Simcoe N3Y 2W3.

Congratulations go to the **Ontario Genealogical Society**, celebrating 35 years of service in 1996.

## President's message

By Judy McGonigal, OHS  
President

Four years ago, The John Graves Simcoe Association made the decision to dissolve as a non-profit corporation and amalgamate with The Ontario Historical Society. As a result of this merger in November of 1992, the OHS agreed to embark on a series of activities, over a four-year period, to increase awareness of the part played by John Graves Simcoe, who served as the first Lieutenant Governor of the new province of Upper Canada from 1791 to 1796.

The activities undertaken by the OHS during this four-year period have included delivering lectures on the life and times of Simcoe, presenting Simcoe Medals for academic excellence to graduating students at the Simcoe Composite School in Simcoe and at Governor Simcoe Secondary School in St. Catharines, assisting researchers with information, and lobbying municipalities to recognize Simcoe Day.

A major enterprise was designing and presenting four workshops reflecting aspects of the Simcoe legacy. The first was presented in 1993 in Niagara-on-the-Lake. "The Simcoe Legacy: His Legislative Agenda" had several sessions devoted to Simcoe's attempts to abolish slavery in Upper Canada. In 1994 at Queenston, the topic was "From Quill Pens to Printing Presses" highlighting Simcoe's decision to bring a printer and a printing press to the developing province. The third, held in the Town of Simcoe in conjunction with the 200th anniversary of the community, revolved around the experiences of Elizabeth Simcoe, her diaries describing the rigors of life in Upper Canada, and the importance of her sketches and drawings as a reflection of the times.

The final workshop "The Life and Times of Yonge Street" was held in Toronto in February and coincided with the 200th anniversary of the completion of Yonge Street through to the Pine Fort on Lake Simcoe in February of 1796 by the Queen's Rangers. Fittingly, this workshop was held on Yonge Street at the Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library, co-sponsor of the event.

The workshop soon took on the flavour of a conference with an attendance of 160 and plans are now

underway to publish the papers. Some delegates had attended all four programmes.

The Honourable Henry N.R. Jackman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Honorary Patron of the OHS brought greetings, and the tale of Yonge Street began to unfold. On Friday evening, Dr. Robert Surtees, Professor of History, Nipissing University, described the travel and trade routes of the First Nations in the interior of Upper Canada. Dr. Stanley Mealing, Professor Emeritus of History, University of Ottawa spoke of the role of Yonge Street in Simcoe's ambitions for Upper Canada, and provided vivid insights into Simcoe's character and temperament.

On Saturday, Lorne Smith, Markham Berczy Settlers Association, told of these settler axemen, many descendants of whom live in the north Yonge area today. Ted Garden, Ontario Land Surveyors Archives Committee, shared his surveyor's insights into the interpretation of original documents and the use of early surveying equipment. Jeanne Hopkins, North York Public Library Canadiana Department, showed images of hotels and tollgates. Yonge Street's role as a military road and battleground was brought forward by Rosemary Vyvan, Historical Planner, Discovery Harbour who described the history of the Naval Establishment at Penetanguishene, and by Dr. Carl Benn, Toronto Historical Board, who spoke of Mackenzie's Yonge Street rebellion in 1837.

After a traveller's lunch, Dr. Rae Flemming, author and historian, described the passenger trade of Yonge Street from stage coaches to subways. Features of the streetscape along with considerations of its preservation were presented by Michael McClelland, Edwin Rowse Architect Inc., courtesy of the Toronto Society of Architects. Our journey moved into present times as Tracy Calvert showed slides which took us along the longest street in the world, from Toronto through northern Ontario to the Minnesota border.

On the 200th anniversary of the year that John Graves Simcoe left Upper Canada to return to his home in Devon, England, Nona Macdonald Heaslip, President of The John Graves Simcoe Association, brought the event to a conclusion with a thoughtful appreciation.



# Upcoming Events

**April 28:** The **Battle of York** takes place at Toronto's Historic Fort York, commemorating the day American troops invaded and captured the Town of York on April 27, 1813. The event begins at noon when guards from Old Fort Niagara in Youngstown, New York raise an American flag to signify the American occupation of York. Representatives of many participants who fought in the Battle of York will be in attendance. The event concludes with a retreat ceremony at 4:30 p.m. Contact the Toronto Historical Board at (416) 392-6827.

**May and June:** Black Creek Pioneer Village opens for its 36th season on May 1. Throughout the month, the Village presents several special activities including **Dressed to Mill** on the 11th and 12th; **Spring Fair** on the 19th and 20th and a **Fiddlers' Contest** on the 20th. Return on June 6 for the special John A. McGinnis Heritage Conservation Lecture. Carol Anne Letheren, CEO and Past President of the Canadian Olympic Association, discusses **Those Golden Games, the Olympics in Canada** celebrating the 100th anniversary of the modern Olympics. Pre-registration is required. Contact Black Creek Pioneer Village at the corner of Jane Street and Steeles Avenue in North York, (416) 736-1733.

**May 10, 11:** The Ontario Black History Society and Black communities from across Canada meet in Toronto for **Contributing towards the Millennium Conference 1996**. The event, taking place at Metro Hall, 55 John Street, focuses on relating experiences, achievements and futuristic plans for growth. Contact the OBHS at 10 Adelaide Street East, Suite 202, Toronto, (416) 867-9420.

**May 11:** Take a **Rail Heritage Walking Tour** of the Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Railroad (aka. Oats, Straw and Hay Railroad) sponsored by the Toronto and York Division of the Canadian Railroad Historical Association, the Ontario Society for Industrial Archaeology and the Toronto Field Naturalists. Meet at the northwest corner of Caledonia Road and Eglinton Avenue West in the City of York at 1:30 p.m. Contact the Toronto Field Naturalists, (416) 968-6255.

**May 12:** Attention young people! The County of Grey Owen Sound Museum suggests that you make your Mom feel special this Mother's Day by bringing her to

the museum for a special visit. All mothers receive free admission and tea and cookies after their tour. The museum is located at 975 6th Street East in Owen Sound, (519) 376-3690.

**May 12: Dorothy's House Museum** in Garden Hill opens for its summer season from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Enjoy a Spring Tea and displays by area artists. The Museum is open weekends from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. until October. Contact (905) 797-1170.

**May 12:** The Toronto Historical Board celebrates the 200th anniversary of Yonge Street with a special walking tour examining **The Foot of Yonge Street**. The tour starts at 11:00 a.m. and is repeated at 1:30 p.m. The THB has a variety of free walking tours planned for weekends and holidays until October. For times and locations, contact the Board at (416) 392-6827.

**May 17-19:** The Ontario Genealogical Society presents Seminar '96, **Trails West** at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. Enjoy 22 lectures, learn about computers and the Internet, writing and publishing your family histories and much more. For a detailed brochure, contact (807) 767-1587.

**May 17-August 18:** Flip through the pages of any magazine and you are likely to find one of the many sensational advertisements for Absolut Vodka. Original artworks utilized in these campaigns are featured in the special exhibition **Absolut Art** at The Seagram Museum in Waterloo. Contact the Museum at 57 Erb Street West, (519) 885-1857.

**May 18:** The colourful heritage of newspaper comic strips enjoyed by North Americans for the past century is featured this year at the Mackenzie Heritage Printery in Queenston. Commemorative stamps issued by the Canadian and U.S. postal services, newspapers, artwork and production examples form the basis of the exhibition opening on the 18th for 15 weeks. Contact the Museum at (905) 262-5676.

**May 18-26:** Come to Doon Heritage Crossroads for **Quiltfest**, a show of both traditional and contemporary designs. During the exhibition, the historic village also holds its third annual **Heritage Plant Sale** on the 19th and 20th and a **Fire Fighters' Muster** on the 25th. The village is located on Homer Watson Blvd. at exit 275, north from Highway 401 in

Kitchener. Contact (519) 748-1914.

**May 23-June 7:** Brock University hosts the Learned Societies Congress **New Perspectives**. The 1996 Learned's marks the joining of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and the Social Science Federation of Canada into one organization: the Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada. For a detailed programme for New Perspectives, contact Brock University, 500 Glenridge Avenue, St. Catharines L2S 3A1, (905) 688-6090.

**May 25:** The Voyageur Heritage Network's **Spring Workshop and Meeting** take place in Warren. The Ontario Historical Society joins the Network to present the workshop, **Discover Your Community**. Contact Jim Fortin at the Anderson Farm Museum in Lively, (705) 692-4448.

**May 25, 26:** The Bradley Museum at 1620 Orr Road in Mississauga presents the new programme, **Dyeing Daze** on the 25th where you can learn about natural and man-made dyes. On the 26th, return for **Wonders of Wool**, a fun-filled day of textile and fibre-related activities. Contact the Museum at (905) 822-1569.

**May 26:** Interested in needlework? Visit the Guelph Civic Museum's **Embroidery Demonstration** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Members of the Canadian Embroiderer's Guild, Guelph, demonstrate needle lace, dorset buttons and tassels and smocking. Contact the Museum at 6 Dublin Street South, (519) 836-1221.

**June 1:** Celebrate the first **Bay Heritage Day** in Midland, co-sponsored by the Georgian Bay Heritage League, Midland Harbour Committee and Huronia Museum. To learn more about the day's events, contact (705) 526-2844.

**June 1:** Brant County Historical Society holds its annual **Yard Sale** at the Brant County Museum and Archives, 57 Charlotte Street in Brantford. For times and enquiries about donations, contact (519) 752-2483.

**June 2:** The **South Simcoe Railway** opens for the season. For information about schedules, fares and baggage car parties, contact (905) 936-5815.

**June 10:** Good advance preparation is fundamental to any successful fundraising endeavour, from major campaigns to grass

roots strategies. The Ontario Museum Association provides help for your fundraising initiatives with the seminar **Getting Started in Fundraising** at the Dufferin County Museum. Contact the OMA at (416) 348-8672.

**June 19:** The Friends of the Canadian Museum of Health and Medicine is sponsoring a trip to **Hobson's Choice** at the Shaw Festival, Niagara-on-the-Lake. For information on tickets, contact Betty Croucher, Box 58, 552 Church Street, Toronto M4Y 2E3.

**June 20:** The London Museum of Archaeology's fourth annual fundraising event takes place at Woodholme Estate at 6:30 p.m. Dr. John Coles, University Professor of Archaeology from England discusses **Rituals of Death: The Bog Bodies of Northern Europe**. For tickets, contact the Museum at (519) 473-1360.

**June 22:** Learn to grow and preserve herbs and discover their uses in cooking and home remedies at The Gibson House's, **Using Herbs in the Nineteenth Century Household**. This hands-on workshop takes place from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Contact the House at 5172 Yonge Street in North York, (416) 395-7432.

**June 22, 23:** Celebrate the history of Richmond Hill and 200 Years

Yonge at the **Fourth Annual Festival of Flowers**, organized by The Society for the Community of Old Richmond Hill. On the 22nd, enjoy a garden and studio tour (tickets are required) and on the 23rd, take a heritage walk, for free. Contact (905) 883-4611.

**June 23:** The Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association, which operates the Halton County Radial Railway, is presenting its **Spring Extravaganza and Yard Sale** from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The museum is located 15 km. north of Highway 401 on Guelph Line. Contact (519) 856-9802.

**June 30:** Come to the South Norwich Historical Society's **Annual Chicken BBQ** at the Mill, presented as part of Norwich Township's July 1 celebrations taking place in Otterville this year. Contact (519) 842-4388.

**June 30:** Myrtleville House Museum in Brantford hosts a special Canada Day Weekend **Strawberry Social** from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact the Museum at 34 Myrtleville Drive, (519) 752-3216.

**July 5, 6 and 7:** In celebration of Scarborough's Bicentennial, the Scarborough Scottish Heritage Society is presenting **Scottish Heritage Days**. Activities include a play, Scottish Pioneer Families and Clan Gathering and a picnic. Contact the Society at (416) 447-4895.

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| May 8        | Discover Your Community         | Grafton        |
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| October 19   | Discover Your Community         | Hamilton       |

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 226-2740.

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## Who will save the Brampton Station...again?

By Michael Seaman,  
Brampton Heritage Board

It is ironic that a building constructed early in this century to move passengers and goods might soon be on the move itself, for the second time. Such is the case with the Canadian Pacific Railroad Station in Brampton.

Fifteen years after being relocated from its original site to avoid demolition by the railroad, this classic example of CPR architecture now finds itself facing the wrecking ball once again.

The building is currently located at the Lionhead Golf Club, owned by a major development company, Kaneff Ltd., who has no desire to see it retained. Despite the fact that both a Heritage Designation and a Heritage Conservation Easement are registered on the title of the property, the stately brick and stone structure has not been maintained for over five years. It has now reached such a precarious state that it will soon be demolished if not acquired by another party and relocated.

The Heritage Easement, along with the designation, were

agreed to by the previous owners as a condition of funding from the Ontario Heritage Foundation to ensure that the building was perpetually maintained in its 1982 condition. The City of Brampton, unfortunately, has not enforced the terms of the easement and the station continues to be in danger. Despite these obstacles, the Brampton Heritage Board remains confident that a solution will be found.

Given the current state of finances at all levels of government, it is unlikely that the public sector will commit funds to help save the station. As a

result, the Heritage Board is actively searching for a party willing to take on the responsibility of acquiring the station, moving it to another site and restoring it to its former glory. Ideally, the Board would prefer to see the building relocated within the community, but in view of time limitations, interest from anyone who is willing to provide a new home or who can offer support or advice is welcomed.

For more information, contact the Brampton Heritage Board at (905) 874-2109 or fax (905) 874-2119.



The Brampton CPR Railroad Station, constructed early in this century, could soon face the wrecking ball if the Brampton Heritage Board is unsuccessful in finding an individual or group willing to assume responsibility for the designated building, move it to another site and restore it to its former glory. (Photo courtesy of Michael Seaman.)

## The cemeteries of Yonge Street

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

As a special feature in our 1996 issues, the *OHS Bulletin* will highlight the cemeteries along Yonge Street. In the January-February issue, we looked at the cemeteries in Metropolitan Toronto. In this column, we describe those along the street in the Regional Municipality of York.

### Thornhill Community Cemetery

This well maintained cemetery is located on Church Lane in the Village of Thornhill. Look for the monument to Matthias Sanders who fell at the Battle of York in 1813.

### St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church Cemetery

Also located on Church Lane, this cemetery was established in 1846 and was, until 1954, the only Catholic burying ground between Toronto and Newmarket.

### Holy Trinity Anglican Church Cemetery

This cemetery is hidden behind buildings on the west side of Yonge Street at Royal Orchard Drive in Thornhill. Land for a church and cemetery was donated about 1828. Col. Robert Moodie who was shot by rebels at Montgomery's Tavern during the 1837 Rebellion is buried here. A hostile attack

was expected so mourners arrived armed with swords, pistols and pitch forks to bury their friend and neighbour.

### Thornhill Pioneer Methodist Cemetery

This cemetery is located in Pioneer Park on Normark Drive in Thornhill. In 1837, Elizabeth Lyons set aside a portion of her farm for a Methodist meeting house and burying ground. The headstones record pioneer families in the community.

### Holy Cross Roman Catholic Cemetery

This park-like cemetery, established in 1954, is located on the east side of Yonge Street south of Highway 407. The Prayer Garden has won landscape design awards.

### St. Mary's Anglican Church Cemetery

This small unique cemetery with its original iron fence is now incorporated within the confines of St. Mary's Church at 10030 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill. The Arnold family deeded the land in 1871 reserving the right to use their family plot.

### Richmond Hill Cemetery

This cemetery, which is not visible from Yonge Street, is located behind Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church. The earliest recorded marker is dated 1806. The dead-house has been restored recently.

### St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery

Located on the east side of Yonge Street south of the Gormley-Stouffville Sideroad, this cemetery was established about 1849. A plaque commemorates the De Puisaye Settlement of 1799.

### Aurora Cemetery

This large burial ground on the east side of Yonge Street was established in 1869. "The Keeper's House 1879," has been designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. The War Memorial is a landmark.

### Trinity Anglican Church Cemetery

Located at Church and Victoria Streets in Aurora, the

remaining markers of a cemetery established about 1818 now surround the new church built in 1884.

### Friends' (Hicksite) Burying Ground

This burying ground is located on the west side of Yonge street south of Mulock Drive in Newmarket. In 1828, the Hicksite Friends, followers of Elias Hicks, separated from the original society. The early Quakers did not permit the use of gravemarkers and buried in the order of death. Later field stone, wood or marble markers were permitted. Many of these have disappeared.

### Friends' (Orthodox) Burying Ground

Located in Newmarket on the west side of Yonge Street north of Mulock Drive, this cemetery was the first burial ground of the Quakers established c. 1801. Early burials were not marked. The burying ground remains untouched - a silent tribute.

### House of Industry Cemetery

A cairn on Rannie Road in Newmarket marks the burial location of 165 persons who died while residents of the

Industrial Home between 1883 and 1937.

### Pioneer Burying Ground

This non-denominational burying ground is located on Eagle Street in Newmarket. It was established in the early 19th century. A plaque reads, "This cross is erected to the Glory of God as a memorial to those unknown pioneers buried here who helped to make fruitful the land with their labours, sweat and tears."

### Christ Church Cemetery

The land for the church and cemetery, on the east side of Yonge Street, was originally the town lot of Peter Robinson, brother of Sir John Beverley Robinson. The early burial locations are unknown.

### First Nations Burial Grounds

When Lieutenant Governor Simcoe made his trip north to Lake Simcoe in September 1793, Alexander Macdonnell kept a diary and wrote that on September 27, the party camped on the east bank of the northern branch of the Holland River, on rising ground known as the "Indian Burying Ground". Archaeologists have found evidence of burial grounds near Holland Landing.

## Welcome new members

The Ontario Historical Society welcomes new members:

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*Newmarket:* J. Mark Foerster, Diane Hamilton, Kimberly Shipp  
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By James Clemens, Chair, New Home Task Force

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# Museum News

## Losing our past

By Bruce L. Richard, Chair,  
OHS Museums Committee

It would appear that the past is fading away as our political leaders are consumed by a no holds barred attack on the economic state of our province. With no apparent concern for the cultural fabric of our society, decisions such as the closure and possible dispersal of the Ontario Agricultural Museum mark the intent of the Harris Government's aim to "put our Province in order". Sadly, if

this remains the trend, not even the Conservatives will go down in history - since none might be left.

As never before members of the arts, culture and heritage field must voice their justifications for sustaining their vital role in the community. Citizens should be encouraged to contact their MPP's to ask about support for local museums and historic sites and the protection of our artifacts and local treasures, as well as the survival of other cultural resources. We must remember

that our Government's role is to serve us and protect our interests, not arbitrarily choose to remove the fabric of our communities.

After the election on June 8, I encouraged people to start advocating; now you must speak up if we are to see our heritage survive. Call your Government representatives and make your feelings known, ask them directly about the implications of cutbacks on threatening the protection of our history, and voice your support for protecting your past.

## Getting a "bang" out of your re-enactment

By Richard Feltoe, BNALHA  
Co-ordinator

During 1994 and 1995, several volunteer re-enactment units that portray the War of 1812 met with some of the heritage sites that host period re-enactments to review current safety procedures for firearms and other weapons. The passage of Bill C-68 regulating the use of firearms initiated the meeting as it was feared the legislation would severely impact upon the future of Living History presentations in Ontario.

As a result of the initial discussions, the British North America Living History Association was founded. The BNALHA is a co-operative organization of units and sites committed to the establishment

of a common code of practice and enhancement of the overall standards of safety and other topics, including the improvement of communications between heritage organizations and sites and the re-enactors invited to present living history displays.

To this end, the BNALHA has formulated a set of guidelines which represent a voluntarily-imposed standard of conduct agreed to by most of the major War of 1812 period re-enactment units. These guidelines are also available to heritage sites for reference, or use, under their own mandated authority in relation to their own event.

In addition to these codes, I produced a paper for the Ontario Museum Association 1995 conference addressing the expect-

tations that both the re-enactment unit and host site should have and the responsibilities that might be undertaken to enhance the overall event.

This paper is now available as a reference guide. Anyone wishing to obtain a copy of either the safety codes or the expectations guide should contact me at 155 Beech Street, Brampton, Ontario L6V 2Z2.

## Congratulations Wellington County Museum and Archives

On Heritage Day, Canadian Heritage Minister Sheila Copps announced that the Wellington County Museum and Archives has been designated as a national historic site.

The building in which the facility is located was constructed in 1877 by the County as a House of Industry and Refuge for the poor, needy, elderly and homeless. It has been home to the Wellington County Museum and Archives for 20 years. It is the oldest example of a state-supported poorhouse and demonstrates the origins of state involvement in social policy. The designation will be recognized with the unveiling of a special plaque.

The museum is located midway between Fergus and Elora. For further information, contact (519) 846-0916.

## Celebrate International Museums Day and Week

Remember that International Museums Day is Saturday, May 18 and Museums Week is the 18th to 26th. Many Ontario sites will be offering free admission and special programmes in celebration. Take the opportunity to visit your local museum and learn about the history of your community.



Is this trick photography or is this historic building really stuck between two highrises? Actually, neither is the case. The Dempsey Brothers Store, originally located on the northwest corner of Yonge Street and Sheppard Avenue in Willowdale, was moved a short distance in mid-February to a small park on Beecroft Road, south of Ellerslie Avenue. The two and one-half storey red brick building, built in 1860, was moved to facilitate construction of the new Sheppard subway line. The building that housed the well-known hardware store will now serve as the City of North York's archives. (Photo courtesy of Dorothy Duncan.)

## Timothy Eaton and Dr. Jenny Trout coming to Stratford-Perth Museum

By Shannon Baker, Exhibit  
Designer

The Stratford-Perth Museum is planning exciting new changes to its permanent exhibits in 1996, its fourth year of operation. The exhibits will be ready for the season opening May 18 and 19 and will feature people and industries important to this area.

In 1856, Timothy Eaton opened his first store in the small town of Kirkton, in Perth County. The museum's exhibit on Eaton will include a general store, postal wicket and bakery, all of which he operated before expanding into his department stores.

Dr. Jenny Trout grew up in Perth County and was a teacher in Stratford before pursuing her medical career. In 1875, she became Canada's first female licensed physician, a considerable accomplishment for a Victorian woman in Canada!

For the exhibit, the museum obtained the heritage video of Trout produced by Canada Post Corporation and Heritage Canada.

In addition to these exhibits, another new display will be a woodworking shop highlighting the many carpenters and the large furniture manufacturing industry in Stratford's history.

The task of changing the exhibits has been made possible by a Section 25 grant which has allowed for an exhibit designer, publicity and promotion liaison and museum assistant, all helping the curator and assistant curator.

Be sure to attend the opening on Victoria Day weekend when "Queen Victoria" will be in attendance, signing autographs against a backdrop of a special display on the monarchy. For further information, contact the Stratford-Perth Museum at 182 King Street in Stratford, (519) 271-5311.

## Historic Fort York blockhouse prepares for battle with Toronto's weather

Historic Fort York's largest original building, Blockhouse Number 2, is being readied to defend itself against one of its most pervasive enemies - Toronto's weather! Over 180 years after its construction, the 1813 blockhouse will be covered with authentic whitewashed horizontal weatherboards (sometimes called clapboards) to protect the building from the driving wind and water that pounds it year after year. The recladding is part of an ongoing restoration programme for the Fort's buildings to ensure they survive into the 21st century.

Since Fort York opened as a public site in 1934, the blockhouse, with its massive rough-hewn timbers, has symbolized early military life in Upper Canada. For over 60 years, its construction as a crude log-on-log building helped modern visitors conjure preconceived images of early colonial life in Toronto. The images, however, were erroneous.

The building's exterior was clapboard from its earliest days and remained that way for most of its life before being "restored"

in 1934. Unfortunately, restorers at that time were unaware that weatherboards were an integral part of the construction of an early 19th century blockhouse. When the building opened in 1934, its stripped down appearance reflected a 1930s popular culture view of primitive architecture rather than an accurate view of the blockhouse's appearance at the end of the War of 1812.

The new boards were made in the traditional way at Upper Canada Village in Morrisburg, Ontario. The 1/2" X 7" white pine boards were ripped on an 1840s saw and hand planed. Over 12,000 linear feet of lumber was needed to complete the restoration. The boards will be fastened with nails having decorative heads that resembled the originals.

The Toronto Historical Board's Historic Fort York is located on Garrison Road between Bathurst Street and Strachan Avenue, just east of the Canadian National Exhibition Grounds. For further information, contact the Fort at (416) 392-6907.

## Information wanted

The Dundas Historical Museum is planning to publish a book to celebrate its 40th anniversary. The site is interested in receiving pictures of the town, events, groups and organizations, particularly of this century, that would be suitable

for reproduction. All originals will be returned and credit will be given to the donor. Please send your material to the Dundas Historical Museum, Box 8577, Dundas, Ontario L9H 5G1, or visit the site at 139 Park Street West, (905) 627-7412.



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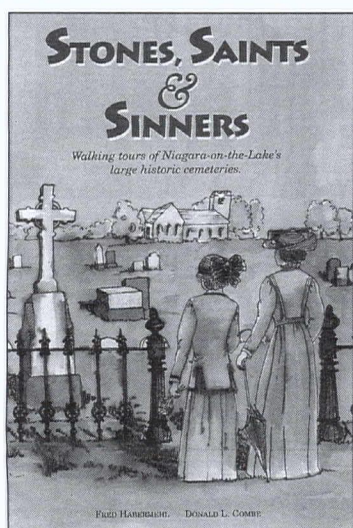
By Pat and Chris Raible,  
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## That Natural Taste

**Reap Without Sowing: Wild Food From Nature's Cornucopia.** By Erika E. Gaertner. General Store Publishing House. 195 pages. \$18.95 paper.

If your interest in natural history goes beyond seeing to eating, this is your book. Try these imaginative recipes for wild berries, nuts or mushrooms. Transform dog's-tooth violets or sow thistles into edibles. Make bread from cattails or pickles from marsh marigolds. Emulate your ancestors by dishing up beaver, woodcock, frog or suckers. A treat for all who would savour the fauna as well as the flora of the wide wild world.

## Ontario Bound



**Stones, Saints & Sinners: Walking tours of Niagara-on-the-Lake's large historic cemeteries.** By Fred Habermehl and Donald L. Combe. Niagara Historical Society. 128 pages. Illustrations. \$12.95 paper.

From the beginning, the Anglicans and the Presbyterians and (later) the Roman Catholics each had their own burial grounds, but together they offer a fascinating introduction to the political and social life of Niagara. This clear, comprehensive and carefully indexed volume is an essential guide for all who would know more about one of our province's founding communities, or whose interests lie in imaginative funeral motifs or grave-stone inscriptions.

**Early Houses of Richmond Hill and Vicinity.** By George W. J. Duncan. Richmond Hill Historical Society. 48 pages. Illustrations. \$15.00 paper.

Richmond Hill is radically different from its village days early in the last century, but it tenaciously hangs on to at least some of its heritage. This slim but significant study describes each of ten surviving structures, all built before 1840. The author's photographs and measured detail drawings make the book valuable to architects and renovators as well as students of Upper Canadian history.

**On the Move: Haldimand-Norfolk 1996 Heritage Calendar.** By Cheryl MacDonald. Heronwood Writing

Services. Illustrations. \$12.00.

A spiral bound engagement calendar with an event from the past to match each day and for each week a heritage transportation photograph. There is also a chronology of notable dates, a full index of persons and places, a perpetual calendar and a directory of Haldimand-Norfolk heritage organizations. A splendid publication which other areas might well emulate.

## Tragic Trials

**A Deep Sense of Wrong: The Treason, Trials and Transportation to New South Wales of Lower Canadian Rebels Following the Rebellions of 1837-38.** By Beverley Boissery. Dundurn Press. 352 pages. Illustrations. \$36.99.

Here is a terrible tale well told. It is the personal story of 58 Lower Canadian civilians who were convicted of treason by biased courts martial and were transported to Australia in 1839. There they all suffered, some escaped, most survived to start life anew. This thorough study of the whole dark episode in Canadian and Australian history offers insight also into the parallel experience of the Upper Canadians sent to Van Diemen's Land. It is also a grim reminder that the real losers in failed rebellions are the common people who make the mistake of joining them.

## Long Life

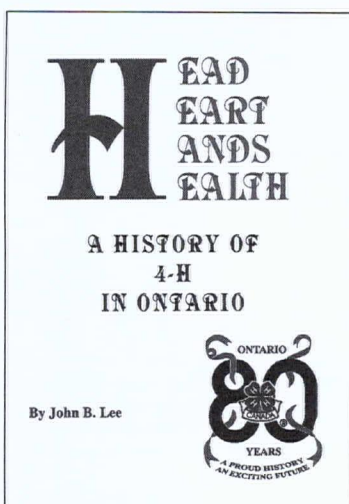
**Meandering with Memory.** By Sister St. Michael Guinan, as told Norma Rudy. Brescia College. 165 pages. Illustrations. \$18.00 paper.

Born on a farm in Huron County, Sister St. Michael taught high school before becoming head of the Philosophy and Psychology Department of Brescia College. Later, she served the province as a Research Officer on Aging and as a consultant to the Senior Citizens' Bureau. Gifted intellectually, musically and spiritually, she relates the outstanding events of her 93 years with vigour and wit.

## Rural Roots

**Head Heart Hands Health - A History of 4-H in Ontario.** By John B. Lee. Ontario 4-H Council. 246 pages. Illustrations. \$25.00

Happy faces beam from the many photographs in this book,



testifying to the important role the 4-H programme has played in the lives of countless Ontario youngsters. A chapter for each of the 18 regions details the work of local clubs.

## Spirited Reform

**"Through Sunshine and Shadow:" The Women's Christian Temperance Union, Evangelicalism, and Reform in Ontario, 1874-1930.** Sharon Anne Cook. McGill-Queen's University Press. 281 pages. Illustrations. \$39.95 cloth.

The Ontario WCTU, originally established to curb the consumption of alcohol, soon

evolved into a centre of feminist culture that promoted the family, the well-being of children, and the empowerment of women. While the Union believed that the development of a moral society depended in large measure on the family unit, it also took important positions on a variety of social issues, including women's franchise, the rights of working women, treatment of female offenders, and youth work.

## Social History

**A Marriage of Convenience: Business and Social Work in Toronto 1918-1957.** By Gale

Wills. University of Toronto Press. 187 pages. \$17.95 paper, 50.00 cloth.

As the title suggests, this book deals with the uneasy relationship between the social workers (usually women) delivering services and the business leaders (usually men) delivering money. In a modern capitalist society, says Wills, money is the ultimate power over institutional social services, and the wielders of that power in Toronto could, and did, ensure that social welfare did not pose too large a threat to the existing social and economic order.

## History Noted

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

**Thunder Bay: From Rivalry to Unity.** Edited by Thorold J. Tronrud and A. Ernest Epp. Thunder Bay Museum. 288 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95.

The story of the community on the shores of Lake Superior.

**Much To be Done: Private Life in Ontario from Victorian Diaries.** By Frances Hoffman and Ryan Taylor. Natural Heritage/Natural History. \$19.95.

Selections from the diaries of ordinary women reveal the concerns and everyday way of life of most average people.

**Those Enterprising Pennsylvania Germans.** Pennsylvania German Folklore Society of Ontario. Stewart Publishing and Printing. 256 pages. Illustrations. \$15.00.

Stories of businesses and innovations of the settlers and their descendants in the Waterloo-Niagara-Markham area.

**Heritage Directory 1996.** Heritage Canada. \$40.00.

Lists 625 government departments, agencies and non-government organizations involved in the heritage field, including a selected list of foreign and international groups.

**Dive Ontario! Guide to Shipwrecks and Scuba Diving.** By Cris Kohl. 408 pages. Illustrations. \$32.95.

A comprehensive guide to our province's underwater historical sites, including site depths, hazards, skill levels, fish, marine conservation groups, dive shops and clubs, marine museums and much more.

**Scrapbook of Recollections.** By Lloyd Cartwright. 136 pages. Illustrations. \$18.50 paper.

Life in the Bruce County town of Walkerton during the past 125 years.

**Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants to Canada Before Confederation, Volume 2.** By Donald Whyte. Ontario Genealogical Society. \$33.00.

This second volume, with its 11,000 entries, is the work of a prominent Scottish genealogist.

**Museums and the Paradox of Change: A Case Study in Urgent Adaptation.** By Robert R. Janes. Glenbow Museum. 194 pages. Illustrations. \$24.95.

The Chairman of the Ontario College of Art describes this book as "no academic treatise, bureaucratic handbook or pop management guide; it is a gripping account of the persons from the dedicated to the malcontents, written by a director thrust into a role of leader in the nasty nineties."

**Museums: Where Knowledge is Shared.** Canadian Museums Association. \$35.00.

An examination and questioning of the museum's role as collector, preserver and disseminator of knowledge - 21 essays.

**Contributions to the Late Woodland in Southwestern Ontario: Small Sites Investigations.** Edited by Paul A. Lennox. London Museum of Archaeology. 301 pages. \$20.00.

The museum's 24th research report deals with six sites in southwestern Ontario.

**Illustrated Annual Summaries of Archaeological Fieldwork in Ontario 1990-1993, Volumes 2 - 5.** \$20.00. **Huron Paleoethnobotany.** By S. Monckton and **The Cummins Site Complex.** By P. Julig. Two volumes \$25.00. Available from the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

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## Toronto landmark celebrates anniversary

One of Toronto's most photographed churches, the Church of the Redeemer, at Bloor Street and Avenue Road, is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year.

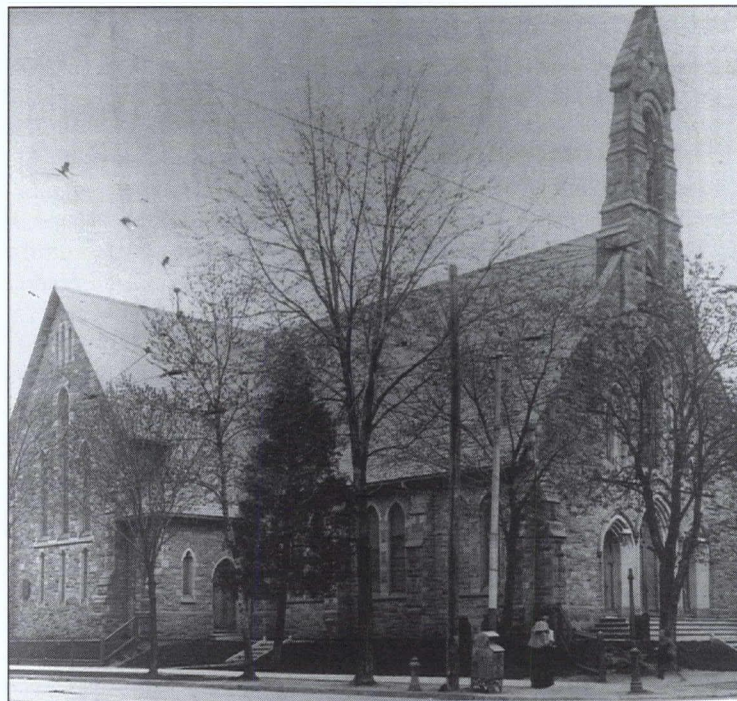
The church began as a mission of St. Paul's Anglican Church, in what was then the Village of Yorkville. When St. Paul's built a new church in 1861, their old building was moved west to the York General Burying Ground on the north-west corner of Yonge and Bloor Streets, for use as a chapel. In 1871, St. Paul's parish was divided in two, and the area west of Yonge became the new parish of the Church of the Redeemer.

1996 also marks the 10th

anniversary of the parish's rebirth as an active, growing community. During the 1960s and 70s, as the neighbourhood changed from a residential to a commercial district, church membership declined. Pressures from developers interested in the property brought the decline to a crisis. The Anglican diocese, urged on by parishioners who felt that a continuing church presence was needed in the area, negotiated an agreement with developers resulting in the construction of the Renaissance Plaza behind the church, and extensive renovations to the church itself. (It is this juxtaposition of old and new that is

popular with photographers.) After seven years probation, the parish was re-established, and has been growing ever since.

A number of special events, including several of particular interest to historians, are planned to mark the anniversary. An exhibit illustrating the history of the parish will open on June 2 and continue until September 15. On June 8, a Scavenger Hunt walking tour of the area is planned. On November 10, Corey Keeble from the Royal Ontario Museum, will speak on the church's architecture. Everyone is welcome. More details can be obtained by calling the church office at (416) 922-4948.



The present Church of the Redeemer, on the northeast corner of Bloor Street and Avenue Road in Toronto, was built in 1878-79. The building was designated under the Ontario Heritage Act in 1980, and a heritage easement was signed between the developer and the City of Toronto in 1984. (Photo courtesy of Nancy Luno.)

## Cemetery news

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

**Woodlawn Cemetery** in Guelph will be hosting its annual tour on Sunday, June 23 at 2:00 p.m.. Each year, researchers delve into Guelph's history to develop a tour with a theme. This year, it is "Symbolism and Design in the Cemetery". A brochure has been prepared.

The Korean Veterans Association, Unit 57, has launched a special project to honour all lives lost in the Korean War. A Wall of Remembrance, designed by Philip Nortje of Commemorative Services of Ontario, will be erected at **Meadowvale Cemetery** in Brampton. The 200-foot wall will be built of polished granite. Individual bronze plaques will honour the 516 Canadians who died. Burial plots will be available at the front of the wall for veterans, as well. The estimated cost of this project is \$300,000.00. For further information, please contact Bill Allan at the Korean Veterans Association, (905) 847-2626.

Congratulations to the Town of St. Mary's Public Works Department for deciding to close the portion of St. John Street that runs through **Old St. Mary's Cemetery**. Established in the 1840s, the cemetery was closed to further burials in 1885. The St. John Street construction took place in the 1920s. The Town operations manager stated that the cost of locating each grave and moving it to a new location would

be prohibitive and with the lack of records it would be impossible to identify the occupants of the graves. The Town will cover the cost of cutting the grass and maintaining the property.

We salute the **Belleville Cemetery Company** for its preservation efforts in restoring the family mausoleum of Sir Gilbert Parker who died in 1926. The mausoleum is in need of major repairs. The cemetery is the burial site of many noted Canadians including Susanna Moodie, Samuel Green and Henry Corby. Campbell Monument Works, who work very closely with the Company, are noted for their fine restoration work and won the grand prize in

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