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Forum discusses future for museum community in Ontario

A forum on living with the Museum Operating Grants, sponsored by the Museums Committee of The Ontario Historical Society, was held at the Society's headquarters on June 15. Museum professionals from across Ontario gathered as a result of a Metro Toronto Museums Committee meeting that was held with Suzanne Rowe-Knight of the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation on May 6.

The aim of the day-long meeting was "to explore how we can conserve adequate and stable grant programmes and develop strategies for future direction." Changes to the Museum Operating Grants programme, which is being cut by 10 percent this year and another 9 next year, prompted the meeting, but discussion ranged far beyond that issue.

The meeting, facilitated by Lynne Kurylo of the Enoch Turner Schoolhouse Foundation in Toronto and Julia Matthews, with the Royal Ontario Museum Library, began with a discussion where participants reflected on

museum-Ministry relations over the last dozen years and in the immediate future. Many noted the steady erosion of services to the museum community, beginning with the capping of the Community Museum Operating Grant programme in 1984.

Participants also voiced the following concerns: a long-term reduction of services and leadership, reductions to the grant programme, lack of teamwork between policy and programme branches, inaccessibility of senior management, lack of apparent skill level in Ministry staff, the sidetracking effect of the heritage policy review process, diminished understanding of the importance of heritage, a growing profit orientation towards heritage, frequent restructuring of the Ministry, lack of consultation with the museum community, a trend towards cabinet-level decision making on heritage, cost-cutting as part of the "common sense revolution", undermining museums by government actions, lack of communication between ministries dealing with museums and the decline of special project funding.

Reacting to this list of shortcomings, some participants expressed a sense of anxiety regarding Ministry relations. Others related stories of successful innovations that had been stimulated by similarly challenging circumstances.

Spend a leisurely summer afternoon by relaxing on The Ontario Historical Society's verandah on **Sunday, August 25**. Enjoy Tea on the Verandah and savour tea served the traditional way and a selection of delicious homebaking. Sittings are at 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are not required. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

Not able to come to our giant garage sale on July 1? Don't miss our next sale on **Saturday, September 14** featuring a wide variety of miscellaneous items, furniture, furnishings and books galore! The sale starts at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 1:00 p.m., and remember, the early bird gets the best bargains!

Our fundraisers for the year would not be complete without



The Old Mill in Kagawong on Manitoulin Island was commemorated on June 22 as the first pulp mill to receive an Ontario Heritage Foundation plaque. The mill was built in 1925 by the Green Bay Pulp Company from Wisconsin and operated until 1930. In 1932, Ontario Hydro leased the facility and produced electricity, eventually supplying all power for the Island. The building is now owned by the Township of Billings and Allen East Township and houses the Manitoulin Economic Development Association, a community centre and an art gallery. Lois Linley, Mistress of Ceremonies and Chair of the Kagawong Historical Society, looks on as Norman Pierce (left), the only living employee of both companies and Morris Zbar, Director of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, unveil the plaque. (Photo courtesy of Lois Linley.)

To focus subsequent discussion, the group formulated the following question: What form should the partnership between the Province and the museum community take within the mandate of this Government? or How can we work with this Government?

The afternoon session began with a workshop in which participants assembled in small groups of four to answer the above questions. Upon reassembling, the groups contributed their key comments, which were grouped into the following categories: affirming our role, the partnership framework, nature of the partnership and what we want.

The latter category included the following suggestions: the Ministry should make a commitment to funding, endorse the value and benefit of museums, provide incentives to build endowments or more self-reliance, ensure access to specialized expertise and skills, provide museum advisory services and conservation services, advertise cultural tourism with the same intensity as recreation and acknowledge the monetary value of volunteers.

The forum closed with a discussion of how to further such goals. Many felt that the earnest and constructive tone and grassroots nature of the forum marked a turning point that should bring Ontario's museum community into greater harmony and enable its representatives to deal more effectively with the Ministry.

Two members of the Metro Museums Committee, Susan Hughes of Todmorden Mills

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Visit the OHS at these events

Cook Book Caper, taking place on **Sunday, December 1** and **Monday, December 2** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. This annual fundraising success story offers cook books and food-related books in all forms, from new and used to modern and historical. Authors will be on hand to autograph their books, and cooking-related items will be for sale, as well.

Proceeds from all three events will support the restoration of the gardens and grounds of the John McKenzie property, home of the OHS. We are located at 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale, two blocks north of the North York Centre Subway Station, east of Yonge Street. For further information, please give us a call at (416) 226-9011.

New deadline

Do you know an individual, organization or business that has made an outstanding contribution to heritage preservation in Ontario? Give them the recognition they deserve through the OHS' Honours and Awards programme. The deadline for submitting nominations for the 1996 awards is **Wednesday, October 30**. For nomination forms, contact The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax 226-2740.

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Executive Director's report

By Dorothy Duncan,
OHS Executive Director

Report on the Excavations at the John McKenzie House

At our Board of Directors meeting in June, Greg Purmal formally presented to our President the final report of the *Excavations at the John McKenzie House Site 1994*. Under the capable direction of Greg and Elise Sherman, a team of volunteers explored the grounds surrounding the House every weekend during the summer and early autumn.

The project was funded by the Ontario Heritage Foundation and the Toronto Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society. To everyone involved, we owe a debt of gratitude for this research and new source of information about this property and the life and times of the McKenzie family.

Cemetery Defence Fund a Reality

In the last issue of the *OHS Bulletin*, I announced the creation of a fund to assist in the appeal by the OHS and Ontario Genealogical Society to the closing and disinterring of the Clendennen Cemetery in Markham. We have already received several donations to the Fund and hope that other members and supporters will consider a contribution. In the meantime, we are very grateful to the donors who are listed on page 5 of this issue.

The Appeal Tribunal convened for four days in July and the hearing is now adjourned until December.

Thank You!

A word of thanks also to our members, friends and supporters who contributed items to our Garage Sale on July 1. We had perfect weather, a tremendous crowd and, in a four hour period, raised over \$2,000.00 for the restoration of the gardens and grounds of the John McKenzie House.

Parks Canada to Become an Agency?

In late June, I represented the OHS at a meeting of provincial heritage and environmental organizations and agencies in response to the proposal announced in the Federal budget for 1996-97 by the Minister of Finance that Parks Canada will become an agency by April 1997.

Parks Canada was established in 1911 and is now the oldest continuous park service in the world, managing 36 parks and 131 historic sites. There were many questions and many concerns expressed at the meeting and if you want further information or want to express your views, write to: Tom Lee, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Heritage, Parks Canada, Jules Leger Building, 7th Floor, 25 Eddy Street, Hull, Quebec K1A 0H3.

Meeting the Minister

When the Honourable Marilyn Mushinski became Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation in June of 1995, the President of the OHS wrote to express our congratulations and asked for a meeting. When this letter was not acknowledged, a second one was sent a few weeks later. It too was never acknowledged and we soon learned from our colleagues in the Ontario Heritage Alliance, (a liaison group of nine provincial heritage associations) that they had also written to no avail.

It was a surprise to finally receive a fax on July 2 inviting us all, plus four other organizations and one institution to a meeting with the Minister six days later. It was the Alliance's hope that we would learn the size of the Ministry's support for our work across Ontario for the current year, but alas, we will not know until the end of August! Not very positive, as the OHS is already eight months into the year.

And Speaking of Positive Results

A significant date passed quietly into history on July 10 with the tenth anniversary of the announcement of a proposed new Heritage Act. The Minister made one reference to this long, costly and frustrating exercise when she spoke to us on the 8th: "I am keeping it (the Act) on my list of priorities and when there is a window of opportunity, we will introduce it."

Cheer Up, There Are Better Days Ahead

When I spoke at the John McGinnis lecture series at Black Creek Pioneer Village in June of 1995 on the topic, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Preserving Ontario's Heritage", I examined the cycles of success and failure that have affected the preservation movement over the last two centuries in this province. There have been hills and valleys and dramatic swings in optimism and pessimism among those working in this field depending on the political climate and the interest of the communities we serve.

In recent weeks, the OHS has hosted two meetings - one for the museum community and the other for local historical societies with an indepth examination at both meetings of where we are, where we are going and wide ranging discussions about the challenges of the present and the future. The report of the Museum Forum (on page one of this issue) captures much of that discussion and the mood of those attending.

There are incredible parallels between our own period and comparable periods in the past when those working in the heritage field were despondent about their work, their accomplishments and the climate in which they were labouring.

We all realize how ironic it is that in 1996 the taxpayers of Ontario are more interested in history and heritage than they have ever been before, and as a result are demanding more services, assistance and support for their projects and programmes. The Province is refusing to serve them directly, while it cuts support to the provincial and local associations who must attempt to fill the void as those same taxpayers turn to us in ever greater numbers for assistance.

Despite this paradox, I believe the heritage community will survive this present crisis and emerge a stronger force, both in our individual communities and province-wide.

Award recognizes serious scholarship

The following letter was sent to Linda Ambrose and Robert Surtees, Co-Chairs of the OHS Honours and Awards Committee, from Roseann Runte, President of Victoria University at the University of Toronto.

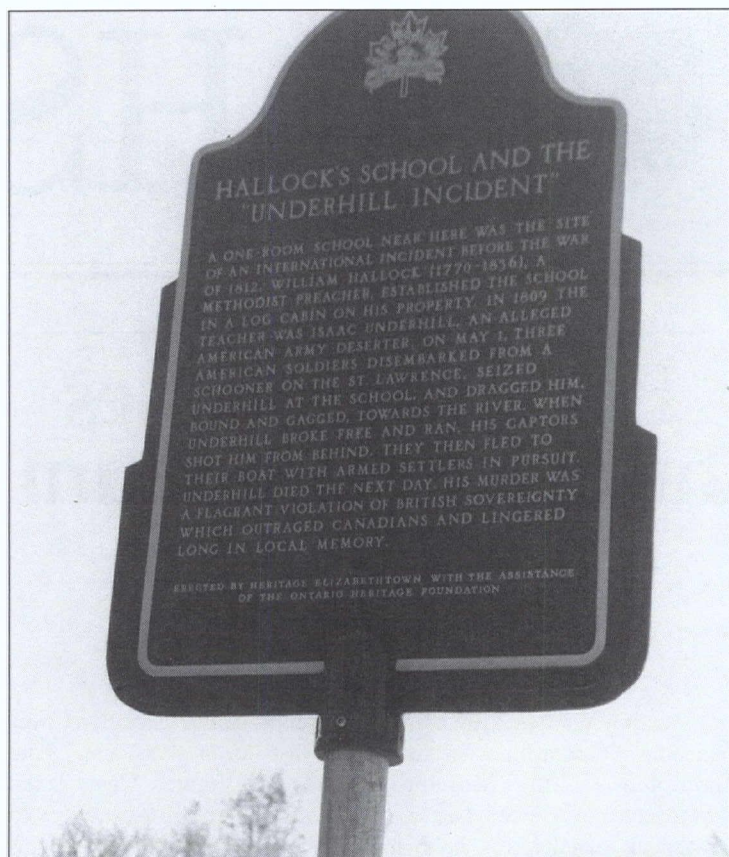
Dear Ms. Ambrose and Mr. Surtees:

Thank you so much for letting me know that The Ontario Historical Society has chosen to recognize Professor Brian Clarke's fine work by awarding him the Joseph Brant Award for 1995.

I congratulate you on your choice and Professor Clarke on this distinction.

I am very pleased at the recognition given in this fashion to serious scholarship and I thank the members of The Ontario Historical Society for having the idea and pursuing it. Such an award is an excellent encouragement for future scholars and a way to draw more readers to such works.

Sincerely yours,
Roseann Runte, President



The tragic story of Isaac Underhill, an alleged American army deserter, was commemorated on an Ontario Heritage Foundation plaque, erected by Heritage Elizabethtown in the eastern Ontario township earlier this year. (Photo courtesy of Myrtle Johnston.)

International incident commemorated on plaque in Elizabethtown Township

By Edgar Clow,
Heritage Elizabethtown

The story of schoolteacher Isaac Underhill, an alleged American army deserter, who was captured and murdered in Elizabethtown Township before the War of 1812, is part of the folklore of the eastern Ontario community.

Teaching in a school reputedly erected by Methodist minister, William Hallock of the Elizabethtown chapel at Coleman's Corners (now Lyn), Underhill met his fate on May 5, 1809. He was dragged from the school by three American soldiers towards a waiting schooner on the St. Lawrence River. Underhill broke free, but was shot from behind and died the next day. The Americans fled to their boat, with armed settlers in pursuit. Captain William Bennett of the American party was reprimanded by his superiors,

but was not extradited, and outrage at the incident, a precursor of the War of 1812, embittered local residents of the day.

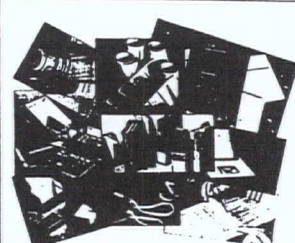
Exactly 187 years later, on May 5, 1996, Hallock and Underhill were memorialized in a plaque erected by Heritage Elizabethtown with assistance from the Ontario Heritage Foundation. The plaque was installed at the junction of Hallock's Road and Eleanor Fulford Crescent, near Highway 2, 8 km. west of Brockville. The unveiling was attended by the local heritage community, municipal officials and descendants of Hallock.

Thanks were expressed to Prescott historian, Paul Fortier of the National Archives of Canada for his research and to the December 1988 edition of OHS' journal, *Ontario History*, for Harvey Strum's article, "A Most Cruel Murder: The Isaac Underhill Affair".

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Across the Province

By Laura Suchan, Chair,
Local Societies Committee and
Dorothy Duncan, OHS
Executive Director

Congratulations to Elwood Jones, former OHS Board member, who was recently elected President of the **Peterborough Historical Society** and to Michael Power, well known historian and author, on his election as Chair of the **Welland Historical Museum Board**.

The **Smith Township Historical Society** recently opened the new **Heritage Learning Resource Centre** in Bridgenorth. The gala opening was chaired by President Bernice Harris and the many supporters and donors to this project were recognized during the opening ceremonies.

On October 2, 1946, the Imperial Tobacco Company opened a new processing plant in Aylmer, constructed in part by off duty members of the nearby RCAF base. In June, the **Aylmer Museum** opened a Tobacco Memorabilia exhibit and will be launching a book on the history of the company in honour of the 50th anniversary.

This year brings the "Bicentennial Salutes to the Forts" as **Old Fort Niagara** and **Fort George National Historic Park** celebrate the transfer of sovereignty from Britain to the U. S. at Fort Niagara on August 11, 1796 and the construction of Fort George. Details: (905) 468-4257.

Grimsby's Living History is looking for new members to help with interviews, photography and editing tapes for a living history of the Town of Grimsby. Call Don Grove at (905) 945-5203 to assist.

West Lincoln Historical Society has purchased the **Smithville Railway Station** to develop a Heritage Centre and are appealing for family, church and local history records. Contact Pauline Young, R. R. #1, St. Anns, L0R 1Y0.

The **Niagara Heritage Network** recently launched *Heritage Happenings* brimming with information of upcoming events in the Niagara Peninsula. A sampling includes a walking tour of Chippawa Village on August 25 and the Marshville Heritage Festival August 30 to September 2. For subscription or advertising rates, contact (905) 682-6053.

Wellington County Historical Society members will celebrate Harvest Home at Ellis Chapel on September 17 at 2:00 p.m.

Gurd and Area Historical Society members have a busy summer planned at the **Commanda General Store Museum**. After months of uncertainty, the Museum is a hive of activity, so if you are travelling Highway 522, between Trout Creek and Highway 69, stop and enjoy a visit to this unique structure that has been restored and furnished to its original period.

Are you interested in restoring, driving and looking at

antique farm equipment? You might want to learn more about the **Hope Agricultural Heritage Club**, the Antique Machinery Show and the monthly meetings. Details: (905) 753-2211.

The **United Empire Loyalists' Association of the Province of Quebec** will celebrate its 101st anniversary with a bus tour of the Richelieu Valley on September 28. Contact G. A. Rogers at (514) 735-7692 for details.

Dorette Carter, former Director of the **Welland Historical Museum** has been appointed Director of the newly opened **Thunder Bay Historical Society Museum**. The busy fall schedule includes an Antique Show and Sale at the Nor'Wester Hotel, October 19 and 20.

Margaret Fraser, well known author and culinary expert will lecture at the **Muskoka Lakes Museum** in Port Carling on August 21 on "100 Years of Home Cooking". Further information: (705) 765-5367.

The newsletter of the **Lake of the Woods Historical Society** announces a major restoration programme for St. Albans Cathedral in Kenora, designed by A. J. Willis of Winnipeg in 1917. As always, the Society has a busy programme in progress at the **Mather Walls House** in Keewatin. David Nelson, Chair of the Board, can provide details at (807) 468-9442.

Join a Bicentennial Walking Tour of Bedford Park on Sunday, September 29 led by the **North Toronto Historical Society** beginning at the southeast corner of Yonge Street and Lawrence Avenue at 2:00 p.m.

"The Cavan Blazers", the story of Irish Catholic and Protestant rivalries in Cavan Township in the 19th century, will be presented at the **Fourth Line Theatre** until September 1. Tickets and information: (705) 876-7660.

The **Bradley Museum** will launch a Saturday Morning Club this fall for young people ages 9 to 12. To learn more, or to register, contact (905) 822-1569.

Congratulations to Jean Carter, co-founder of the **Kitchener-Waterloo Weavers and Spinners Guild**, former **Waterloo Historical Society** Councillor, OHS member and mother of John, who has been awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the **Kitchener-Waterloo Arts Council**.

The **Grenville County Historical Society** and the Parish of St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church in Prescott will be co-sponsoring a plaque this fall to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the Parish. Call (613) 925-0489 for details.

The **Streetsville Historical Society** announces that an historic plaque will be unveiled on Sunday, September 15 for the **Barber Woollen Mills**, established in 1843. Call (905) 826-1678 for details.

The **Simcoe County Historical Association** is also finalizing plans to have an historic plaque erected in

Cookstown to honour the late Professor Kenneth Kidd of Peterborough in recognition of his pioneering work in archaeology and anthropology at **Trent University** and the **Royal Ontario Museum**.

The **Brant Historical Society** will sponsor an Antique Show and Sale November 15 to 17 in the historic Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts, 88 Dalhousie Street in Brantford as a major fundraising event. Call (519) 752-2483 for information.

Meanwhile, the **Lennox and Addington Historical Society** has announced that the **Macpherson House** Benefit Auction will be held October 2. Call (613) 377-6406 for details.

The **Royal Society of Canada** is preparing *The Place of History: Commemorating Canada's Past* for publication. This book contains the proceedings of the national symposium held in November 1994 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the **Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada**. Contact Linda Vachon, Suite 308, 225 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa, K2P 1P9.

Congratulations to the **Federation of Nova Scotian Heritage** celebrating the 20th anniversary this year. The FNSH, much like the OHS, offers a wide range of workshops, seminars, conferences, publications and special events.

Canada's National History Society is not only supporting the OHS' "Discover Your Community" workshops, but many other provincial historical societies' initiatives, as well. Among them is support for the **Newfoundland Historical Society** outreach programme for the next three years, which has been hampered in the past by geographical barriers and financial constraints.

The **Toronto Museum of Childhood** celebrates its 15th anniversary this year by announcing the final negotiations for a permanent home in Rackhouse D in the historic **Gooderham and Worts** redevelopment project. Evette Serota, Fundraising Chair, is appealing for money and manpower and if you can assist, write to her at 18 Undine Court, Richmond Hill, L4C 8C6.

The **Presbyterian Church Archives**, closed in 1994, has reopened at 11 Soho Street, Suite 104, Toronto, M5T 1Z6, (416) 595-1277.

The Fall Annual Meeting of the **Ontario Marine Heritage Committee** will be held at Tobermory on October 19 and 20 in conjunction with training sessions. Contact Scarlett Janusas, (519) 596-2947 for details.

Walking tours of Old Oakville hosted by the **Oakville Historical Society** continue until September 22. For costs, dates and other information, contact (905) 844-2695. To the members of the Society and the family of the late Art Bullied, dedicated Director, we extend our sympathy.

The current exhibit in the

President's message

By Rowena Cooper,
OHS President

The coming year promises to be a challenging one. Provincial organizations, historical societies and museums all face reductions in funding from the Province and everyone is looking for innovative and interesting ways to raise money. In long term planning, however, I believe that support from the private and corporate sectors and bequests will feature more prominently for all of us.

The OHS said goodbye to two staff members recently: Barbara Kane in May and Lorraine Lowry in July. We wish Barbara a long and happy retirement and Lorraine an exciting and interesting year of travel. Duties will be reassigned among our staff and the OHS will be providing the same outstanding service to its members as always. In fact, we intend to increase our service through our Board of Directors.

How about an OHS Board member as a speaker at your local historical society or other heritage meeting? Individual members were introduced to you in the May-

June edition of the *OHS Bulletin*. There are representatives from every area of Ontario and we would like to hear from you. Board members are willing to visit societies that are within easy travelling distance of their homes, to talk and show slides relating to the OHS and what we do. You can make contact through our office.

All volunteers, not just our volunteer Board of Directors, have always played an important role in the Society's activities. The many unsung heroes who help us every day were thanked at a dinner at the John McKenzie House in June. Seventy people gathered and did justice to Barbara Truax's marvellously prepared food. If you feel that you would like to assist the Society in a volunteer capacity, we would be delighted to hear from you. Give the Society a call at (416) 226-9011; we need you! Also, it would be great if you thought about the Society when you are making your will.

In the meantime, enjoy what is left of Summer 1996, and we hope to hear from you. Till next time.

North Heritage Room of the **Ontario Legislative Building**, called "Making a Home in a New Land" contains several family heirlooms that were donated to **Black Creek Pioneer Village** by Jean Agnew, well known member and friend of the OHS. Many museums have loaned artifacts from their collections to this very interesting exhibit that was officially opened by the Honourable Allan McLean, Speaker of the House.

Two historical societies have launched appeals for funds to undertake much needed repairs to their community museums. The **Glengarry Historical Society** must replace the roofs on the historic buildings at Dunvegan, and the **Niagara Historical Society** must repair the walls of **Memorial Hall**, the 1906 building that was the first museum built in Ontario by a local historical society and is still serving the public! \$260,000.00 is needed to complete Phase II of the

Memorial Hall restoration, scheduled to start in October 1996. If you can help: Grace Gordon, R. R. #1, Williamstown, K0C 2J0, (613) 347-2990 for Glengarry and for the Niagara Historical Society, send your contributions to Box 208, Niagara-on-the-Lake, L0S 1J0, (905) 468-3912.

Interested in the Township of Markham? The **Markham Publishing Fund Committee** has created a special way in which you can obtain quantities of two local photographic histories, published by the **Markham Historical Society** at significant discounts. *Markham 1793-1900* (373 pages) and *Markham Remembered* (319 pages) are available at \$20.00 each if you order 10 books and \$18.00 each if you order 25 books. (Shipping charges may apply.) You can resell them at whatever price you choose. Contact Birgitta MacLeod, Museum Manager at the **Markham Museum**, (905) 294-4576.

Fundraiser supports OAM

Ontario's Rural Heritage Preservation Committee (ORHPC) is working with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to forestall the closure of the Ontario Agricultural Museum (OAM) in Milton and allow the committee to manage it after March 31, 1997.

ORHPC is hosting a Fall Festival Fundraiser and Information Meeting at the Museum on **Saturday, September 14** featuring tours, demonstrations and musical entertainment. Admission is \$35.00 for adults (which includes lunch when purchased in advance), \$20.00 of which is eligible for a charitable tax receipt. Children under 12 are admitted free.

Use your credit card and order tickets by calling 1-888-835-5002, purchase them directly from the Museum gift shop or mail your cheque to Box 281, Milton, Ontario L9T 4N9. Make cheques payable to the Foundation for Rural Living (ORHPC).

Upcoming Events

August: The North Bay Area Museum celebrates the history of the city as told through its architecture in the special exhibition, **Bricks in Time: North Bay's History in Architecture**. With the support of the North Bay Society of Architects, the Museum has gathered together a number of architectural fragments and supporting materials to present a fresh look at the developmental history of the city. Be sure to see the special display on the recent passage of a bylaw by City Council to create a LACAC. Due to space limitations at the Museum, a second module of the exhibition is on view at City Hall. Historic walking tours of the city also augment the exhibition. Contact the North Bay Area Museum at 171 Main Street West, (705) 476-2323.

August-October 26: While Woodstock is experiencing the reconstruction of Dundas Street, the Woodstock Museum has decided to do a little unearthing of its own to explore both the origins of downtown, and how changes in transportation, utilities, business and industry have altered the function and form of the central business district. The result is the exhibition, **Unearthing Downtown**, a selection of historic photographs and artifacts highlighting the evolution of the downtown core. Contact the Museum at 466 Dundas Street, (519) 537-8411.

September 14-15: Visit Port Carling as the town celebrates its centennial with the fourth annual **Hub of the Lakes Heritage Festival**. Enjoy a parade through the village, arts and crafts, games, antique boats and cars, demonstrations and exhibits at the Muskoka Lakes Museum. The RMS Segwun is the honoured guest on the 15th.

Contact the Museum on the main street near the locks in Port Carling, (705) 765-5367.

September 15: Do you look like Anne of Green Gables? Then don't miss Westfield Heritage Centre's **Anne of Green Gables Day**, where one of the events is an Anne look-a-like contest. You can also take a tour of actual sets used in the television programmes, Anne of Green Gables and Road to Avonlea. Even if you don't look like Anne, you are still welcome. Contact the Centre in Rockton at (519) 621-8851.

September 21: Join the County of Grey Owen Sound Museum for **Pratie Oaten**, celebrating the potato harvest. Enjoy potato oat cakes, potato and cheese biscuits, potato soup, baked potatoes, Celtic music and dancing and demonstrations of Celtic crafts. Contact the Museum at 975 6th Street East in Owen Sound, (519) 376-3690.

September 21: Explore Ontario's culinary heritage at **From Rations to Riesling: Remembering Ontario's Culinary History** presented by the Toronto Region of the Culinary Historians of Ontario and Doon Heritage Crossroads in Kitchener. The day-long programme, taking place at the historic site, includes guest speaker, Sandra Oliver, editor of *Food History News*, an historic lunch, hands-on workshops featuring a variety of items and information specializing in Ontario's culinary heritage. Contact Christine Lupton of Culinary Historians in Kitchener at (519) 749-1645 or Doon Heritage Crossroads at (519) 748-1914.

September 22: Treasures old and new are featured at the John

R. Park Homestead's **Yard Sale** from 11:00 to 4:00 p.m. A special selection of ladies hats and other vintage clothing is for sale. Visit the restored 1840s house and farm museum free of charge, as well. Return to the Homestead at October 6 for **Harvest Festival** where autumn is celebrated with cider pressing, sausage making, corn husk crafts and horse drawn wagon rides. On October 27, pick a pumpkin from the field and enter the Homestead's carving contest at **Pumpkin Party**. Contact the Homestead in Harrow at (519) 738-2029.

September 27-January 5, 1997: Celebrate Hamilton's 150th birthday at the Hamilton Children's Museum's special exhibition, **Hamilton's Nutty about Nature**. Explore our unique natural environment through exhibits designed to provide multi-sensory, hands-on learning experiences. Contact the Museum at 1072 Main Street East, (905) 546-4848.

September 28: Attention all genealogists! Don't miss **Norfolklore '96** at the Eva Brook Donly Museum and the Simcoe Senior's Centre in Simcoe. The 20th annual installment of this genealogy fair features books and supplies for family history, computer and video genealogy and a special display of the Mika Publishing Company's out-of-print Canadian genealogy and history books. Contact the Museum at 109 Norfolk Street South, (519) 426-1583.

October 25-27: The Ontario Archaeological Society presents its 23rd annual symposium, **Home is Where the Hearth Is**, examining the contribution of small sites archaeology to our understanding of Ontario's past. The conference,

taking place in Kingston, also features a forum, bringing together individuals from various parts of the heritage community to discuss the current status of archaeological practice

in Ontario and identify some trends which may propel us into the next millenium. Contact Jean-Luc Pilon, Programme Chair at the Canadian Museum of Civilization, (819) 776-8192.

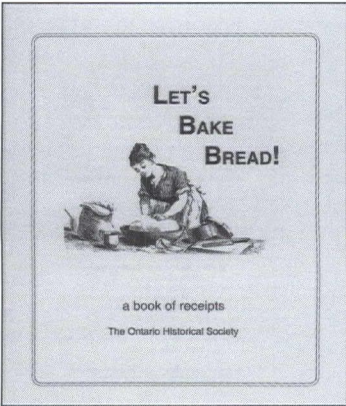
Our featured publication

Let's Bake Bread! is an introduction to the many variations of bread that have evolved from the first crude lump of ground meal and water that was baked in the sun centuries ago. From this common beginning, cultural groups all over the world have adapted this basic food to their own needs and preferences, and adjusted it to the availability of ingredients in their homelands.

Highlights include: 12 recipes ranging from Bannock to Cracklin Bread to Babka with detailed instructions, tips for making yeast and a reading list for further information on the staff of life.

Let's Bake Bread! sells for \$4.00, including GST, postage and handling or \$3.00 from our office or special events. 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.

Want to learn more about the staff of life? The OHS is presenting the workshop, **Let's Bake Bread!** on Wednesday, October 2 from 4:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the North Bay Public Library, 271 Worthington Street East. The programme features an illustrated introduction to the history of bread and lots of hands-on participation. For further information, please contact the OHS at (416) 226-9011 or Geri Openshaw at the North Bay Public Library, (705) 474-4830.



Celebrate with the Lieutenant Governor

In December, the term of office comes to an end for the Honourable Henry N. R. Jackman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Honorary Patron of The Ontario Historical Society. To honour and recognize the occasion, the Governor General's Horse Guards will host a formal dinner in the Canadian Room of the Royal York Hotel on Friday, November 15.

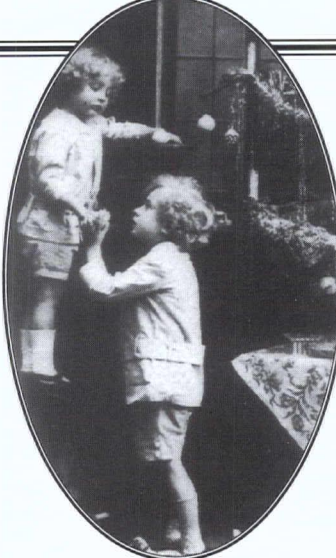
The evening will be colourful with a musical programme provided by military bands, pipes and drums and special ensembles. Dress will be dinner jacket, business suit or military attire with decorations.

Tables of ten at \$1000.00 can be reserved, as can individual tickets at \$100.00. If you are interested in attending, please contact Lieutenant Colonel Michael Davis at (416) 222-8719.

Upcoming OHS Workshops

DATE	WORKSHOP	LOCATION
September 26	Discover Your Community	London
September 28	The Heritage of Ontario Cemeteries	Kars
October 2	Let's Bake Bread	North Bay
October 9	Discover Your Community	St. Catharines
October 30	Discover Your Community	Grafton
November 2	Discover Your Community	Hamilton
November 9	Celebrations of the Early Settlers	Milton
November 23	Preparing for a Victorian Christmas in the 19th Century	Kirby

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The cemeteries of Yonge Street

Cemeteries in Simcoe County

Prepared by Marjorie Stuart of the Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society and OHS Member with contributions from Josephine Boos and Mary Garbutt, Simcoe County Branch, OGS.

The fourth installment in our series highlights the cemeteries along Yonge Street north from Barrie, along three routes. Settlers used the "Old Barrie Road" or "The Upper Crossroad" to travel east from Dalston to Orillia. "The Ridge Road" also known as "The Shanty Bay Road" was another early route. The present Highway 11 or Yonge Street is a later route.

Old Barrie Road or The Upper Crossroad

The land for **Bethesda Congregational Cemetery** at County Road 57 was donated in 1856 by Rev. Ari Raymond, who had been sent by a Congregational Church in Boston as a missionary to the Black Settlement in Oro Township in 1838. This cemetery continued to serve the white settlers when the Black community established the **African Episcopal Methodist Church and Cemetery** on the opposite corner in 1849. Oro Township maintains the old log church and grass covered unmarked graves. A cairn was erected in 1947 to commemorate the families who worshipped and were buried there.

Edgar United Church Cemetery, (formerly Methodist), is located on the south side of the road and was established about 1898.

Two stones on the north side of the road remain to mark the site of a **Baptist Church and Cemetery**. The stones, dating from 1875, mark the burial of the wife of David Thompson, Elizabeth Ann Tuck and her children.

The old and new **Knox Presbyterian Cemeteries** are at the junction of the 9th Concession Line. The tract for the church and cemetery was set

aside by the first settlers, mostly Islay Scots who arrived about 1833. The first burial may have been September 1834. The church, which still stands, was built in 1845 and closed in 1900. All services were held in Gaelic.

Esson Presbyterian Church and Cemetery are located at Rugby. The Scottish congregation was formed from a group that broke from Knox Presbyterian Church.

Rugby Congregational Cemetery is on the south side of the road. The church, established about 1847, joined the Methodist Church in 1923 and the United Church in 1925. The cemetery was closed to further burials in 1936 and the church was demolished in 1949.

The Ridge Road or The Shanty Bay Road

St. Thomas Anglican Church Cemetery is located at Shanty Bay on land set aside by Col. Edward O'Brien, founder of Shanty Bay and Land Agent for the Black Veterans of the War of 1812 and the mostly Islay Scots and a few Irish immigrants who arrived in 1832. The shanties erected as temporary housing gave the community its name. The church was established in 1838 and the cemetery continues to serve the community at large.

Oro Station United Church Cemetery is located on the north side of the road. The church, built in 1865 as Primitive Methodist, became Methodist in 1884 and United in 1925. It was closed in 1968 and the cemetery, established in 1882, is still in use.

Highway 11

Guthrie Presbyterian Church and Cemetery are on the north side of the highway. The first burial took place in 1861 and the church was constructed in 1862. The Scots who formed the church first worshipped in homes or at Knox Presbyterian Church on the Old Barrie Road. Burials prior to 1861 were often in family plots on farms or at Knox.

The joint cemeteries of **St. Andrew's and St. James** are located at the Coldwater Road.

Both cemeteries had originally been located in Orillia but were established at this location by 1873. Jacob Gill who built the mill at Coldwater for the First Nations is buried in St. James. This mill was in operation until 1995. The Tudhope family is buried in St. Andrews. The Tudhopes were carriage makers in Orillia and later joined the McLaughlins to make early motor cars.

Close by on the "old" Highway 12 is **St. Michael's Cemetery** where many Irish settlers are buried.

The last cemetery in Simcoe County is the well maintained **Ardrea United Church Cemetery**. Pioneers of North Orillia Township are buried here.

We gratefully acknowledge

By James Clemens, Chair, New Home Task Force

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Returning to school

By Terry Crowley, Editor, *Ontario History*

Just as the end of the summer months brings thoughts of returning to school, so the September issue of *Ontario History* deals with education. Guest editor Harry Smaller, from the Faculty of Education at York University, has brought together some stimulating articles that reflect the latest approaches to the subject.

Gone are the times when educational history meant studying the churning of the bureaucracy or just the exploits of great men like Egerton Ryerson. The authors in this issue look at past educational concerns in a manner that has distinctly contemporary ring. They focus on children and parents in relation to public schooling.

Getting the kids off to school is a daily chore and keeping them there is sometimes a problem, as well. One article looks at the inauguration of compulsory education after it began in

Ontario in 1871 by examining the records of Toronto's first truant officer, W. C. Wilkinson. As so many children worked in the home or at other jobs in the late 19th century, the requirement that children attend school regularly and punctually occasioned changes in families and placed new responsibilities on parents, especially mothers. Having the children in school when they were supposed to be there was particularly difficult for families who had no clocks!

What children learn once they return to school has always been a contentious question, never more than in the area of family life or sex instruction. Christabelle Sethna, who is a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Waterloo, examines the campaign by the Ontario Women's Temperance Union to have sex instruction. Aiming first at education at home in a domestic environment, but failing, the WCTU was instrumental in having the subject introduced into the schools in 1912. Sethna con-

centrates particularly on the emphasis that was placed on correcting what was perceived as gross deficiencies in the conduct of men.

And as parental involvement in public education is debated today, another article in the September issue examines the activities of the Toronto Home and School Council in the early 20th century. It shows clearly that sometimes the activities of mothers had unforeseen consequences. While Home and School sought to integrate recent immigrants into Canadian society through the schools, in 1919 the Toronto Board of Education banned activities not conducted in the English language. Further, the desire to make better provision for special education brought to the city special "handicraft" schools for girls aged 13 to 16 in 1926 and 1929.

If you would like to obtain the September issue of *Ontario History*, or to subscribe, please see the information on page 8 of this *OHS Bulletin*.

Forum discusses future

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Heritage Museum in East York and Sarah Holland of The Museum for Textiles in Toronto, were delegated to report on the meeting to a Ministry representative.

Cathy Blackburn, Chair of the Ontario Museum Association Advocacy Committee; Lydia Alexander, Chair of the OHS Museums Committee; Beth Hanna of the City of North York and Craig d'Arcy of the West Parry Sound District Museum subsequently met on June 21 at the OHS' headquarters to discuss strategies to maintain the momentum of this ground-breaking forum.

This article is an edited version of "Museum advocacy forum" by Sandra Black, published in OMA Currently, vol. 19, no. 4 (July/August 1996). Reprinted with the permission of the Ontario Museum Association.

Welcome new members

The Ontario Historical Society welcomes new members:

Barrie: Susan Vernon	Programme for Seniors),
North York: E. J. B. Anderson, George Powell	Birkdale Community Centre
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Information wanted Pre-1960s movie theatres

Jack Kohane of Toronto is collecting material on pre-1960s movie theatres in Ontario that are still in use or currently serve other purposes. Any information that can assist in his research would be appreciated. Contact Jack Kohane at (416) 226-3120 or fax 226-0663.

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Museum News



Environment Canada, Action 21 is supporting the preservation of the natural shoreline in Severn Sound and earlier this year, Paul DeVillers, MP for Simcoe North (left) presented a cheque to Keith Sherman (middle), Co-ordinator of the Severn Sound Remedial Action Plan and Bob Whittam (right), Executive Director of the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre in Midland. (Photo courtesy of Dorothy Duncan.)

OMA conference explores life on the edge

By Madelyn Della Valle,
Conference Chair

The theme of the Ontario Museum Association's conference this year is "Living on the Edge", a topic with which many of us in the heritage field are all too familiar in these times of government cutbacks, fiscal uncertainties and changing directions.

This conference, taking place in Windsor October 24 to 26, will explore more than just negative realities. It will also investigate "the cutting edge" of museum and heritage activities in an attempt to give some positive and practical ideas to enable museums not only to survive, but to thrive into the next millennium. "Living on the Edge" is also an apt metaphor for Windsor in regards to its geographical and

cultural location on the border with the United States. Issues pertaining to the American experience in museum funding and historical and cultural interpretation will be examined to provide some comparison for the realities of Ontario today.

Tours, panel discussions, concurrent sessions, workshops and a banquet will all serve to highlight the theme. For further information and a registration booklet, please contact Geoff Raymond at (519) 253-1812 or fax 253-0919.

The committee would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support in making this conference possible: Chatham Coach, Encompass Information Technology, Avigat Inc., Carr McLean, Disaster Recovery Services and Embree Recognition.

Woodside Trust families recognized

By Sue Guthrie, Woodside
National Historic Site

On Sunday, June 23, the staff of Woodside National Historic Site in Kitchener recognized and celebrated the efforts of local families who helped to restore the home and property known as Woodside.

The boyhood home of William Lyon Mackenzie King has been restored to the time period of 1891. In 1942, a core group of prominent community members formed the Woodside Trust to raise funds,

purchase the property and reconstruct the house.

Fifty descendants of the original Woodside Trust members attended a reception. Speakers included local historian and former OHS President, Ken McLaughlin and the MP for Kitchener, John English. Guests enjoyed a guided house tour which included refreshments and a Woodside Trust memorabilia exhibit.

Woodside National Historic Site is located at 528 Wellington Street North in Kitchener. Contact (519) 571-5684.

Upper Canada Village to become a theme park?

On Friday, April 26, 1996, the entire collections management staff of Upper Canada Village in Morrisburg was declared surplus. Those who lost their jobs included the Manager of Restoration, Trades and Services; the Registrar/Collections Manager; Librarian/Archivist; Historic Carpenter; Historic Painter and five historic cleaners.

Their departure leaves the Village's 50,000 artifacts, collection records and research library without proper management and supervision.

Furthermore, plans have been designed for the Village to become part of a recreational complex featuring a new entertainment arcade, batting cages,

miniature golf and playground facilities to be built within the present boundaries of the site. These changes are part of a five-year business strategy which aims to decrease dependence on provincial funding.

Send your letter of concern over the budget cuts, the lack of management for the collection and the expansion plans to: The Honourable William Saunderson, Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, 8th Floor, Hearst Block, 900 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2E1; Gary Clarke, Chairman, The St. Lawrence Parks Commission and Frank Shaw, General Manager, The St. Lawrence Parks Commission,

R.R. # 1, Morrisburg, Ontario K0C 1X0.

Geoffrey Hayes, Chair of the OHS Preservation Committee has written letters to the above expressing the Society's concern over Upper Canada Village's present crisis.

Copies of your letters should also be sent to the Ontario Museum Association, George Brown House, 50 Baldwin Street, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1L4, fax: (416)348-0438, e-mail: can-oma@immedia.ca.

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Loreena McKennitt performs benefit concerts for Stratford-Perth Museum

Renowned Canadian artist and Stratford favourite, Loreena McKennitt, presented two concerts on June 25 and 26 to benefit the Stratford-Perth Museum.

McKennitt, a Stratford resident who follows local civic affairs, became sympathetic to the Museum's struggle, due to weak municipal support for the four year old facility. Her philan-

thropic nature, strong community spirit and love of history led her to contact the Museum with an offer to help.

Her two sold out electrifying concerts left audiences speechless and spell bound. The venue, the Stratford Armoury, was small and intimate, and everyone who attended had excellent viewing.

The concerts marked the first

by McKennitt and her band in Canada in over a year, and preceded her headlining performances at the Montreal Jazz Festival and performances in Turkey, Greece and Italy in July.

In addition to her regular band, McKennitt was accompanied by two special guests: a guitarist from Dublin, Ireland and a piper from the UK.

Join the Ontario museum listserv: onmuse-1

The Ontario Museum Association has developed a listserv called "Onmuse-1" focusing on discussions and information of interest to museum professionals, students and others concerned with heritage, culture and art in Ontario. It is an inexpensive way for members to network, obtain and share information and discuss issues. All you need to join is an e-mail address.

A listserv is an e-mail-based discussion group organized around a topic of interest to subscribers. All messages set to the

listserv are routed to all the subscribers e-mail boxes. Responses sent by subscribers are sent to all other subscribers.

The listserv "onmuse-1" is unedited and closed, meaning you must register and unregister with the OMA. The Computer Advisory Committee decided to make the listserv closed so that the OMA can distribute a mailing list with the addresses, background and interests of the participants. Trillium members will automatically be added to the list.

To join, send your name,

address, telephone number, e-mail address, position if applicable and a short biography indicating areas of interest of up to 50 words to Andrea Ott, Computer Advisory Co-ordinator, Ontario Museum Association, George Brown House, 50 Baldwin Street, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1L4, (416) 348-8672, fax 348-0438 or e-mail: can-oma@immedia.ca.

The OMA gratefully acknowledges the support of the Canadian Heritage Information Network for launching this listserv.

Gala Ball marks end of 200th anniversary

The Officers' and Gentlemen's Ball will draw to a spectacular conclusion a year of celebrations marking the 200th anniversary of the founding of Fort Amherstburg and the Town of Amherstburg in 1796.

The Amherstburg/Fort Malden Bicentennial Officers' and Gentlemen's Ball will take place on the evening of Friday, October 18. People frequently travelled long distances to attend these social gatherings, and in similar fashion people from far and wide are invited to attend this gala evening.

Dance to music performed by the Windsor Symphony Orchestra under the direction of guest conductor Jerome Sommers. Period dancing will be

demonstrated, and other forms of entertainment will make this a merry and enjoyable occasion.

After several hours of dancing and entertainment, guests will be invited to enjoy an elegant supper. Nineteenth century meals were often huge affairs featuring many meat dishes. Similarly, this

sumptuous buffet will be good and substantial.


Tickets are \$40.00 per person and \$75.00 per couple. Period dress is encouraged. To place your order for advance tickets or for more information, please contact Fort Malden National Historic Site (519) 736-5416.



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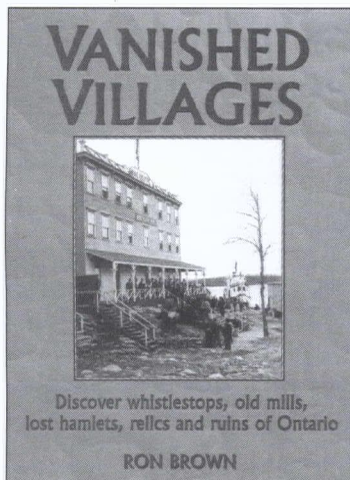
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From the Bookshelf

By Chris and Pat Raible,
Editors



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Ron Brown continues his chronicle of our heritage in this his tenth book celebrating "whistlestops, old mills, lost hamlets, relics and ruins of Ontario". Brown beckons the would-be explorer to more than 200 places across the province with maps and photographs and with intriguing bits of description, history and folklore.

Place names such as "Sunshine", "Seldom Seen" and "Suckertown" reflect the dreams and realities of the early settlers. Once thriving communities and enterprises are now only recalled by boarded-up school houses, old cemeteries, crumbling foundations or the memories of old-timers. Brown enticingly captures this past before it is lost forever.

Paradise Remade

Stonyground: The Making of a Canadian Garden. By Douglas Chambers. Random House of Canada. 230 pages. Illustrations. \$32.00 hardbound.

Twelve years ago Chambers inherited the Bruce County century farm originally settled by his great-great grandfather in 1850, and began a series of new gardens (the Great Garden, potager, herb garden, ferme ornée, bridges, walks and fountains). In *Stonyground* he recounts the details of this grand project, at once celebrating his love of gardening, history, poetry and people — his joy is as much in the journey and the journeymen as in the finished result. A true garden is never apart from its landscape or its past, and Chambers cherishes both.

Judge Not

Bad Judgment: The Case of Mr. Justice Leo Landreville. By William Kaplan. University of Toronto Press. 234 pages. \$35.95 hardbound.

A clever lawyer, a colourful mayor, a loyal liberal was named a provincial judge, a post in which he performed quite competently. Then the story broke: prior to his appointment, as Sudbury's mayor he had publicly promoted a natural gas project and privately received shares in the company. Despite

strong pressure, he refused to resign — technically he had done nothing wrong. The establishment, legal and political, used every means (including some very doubtful means) to try to get rid of him. It took a quarter of a century for the case to be settled — out of court. As this superb study suggests, many persons in high places were guilty of gross misjudgment.

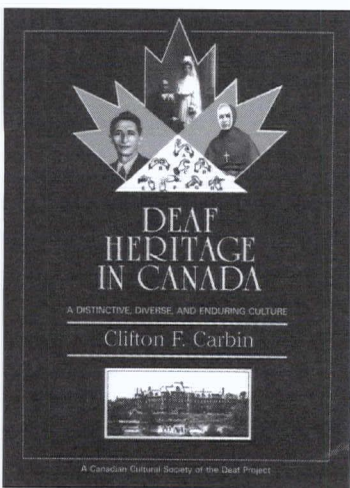
1837 And All That

Rebellion: A Novel of Upper Canada. By Marianne Brandis. Porcupine's Quill. 284 pages. Illustrations. \$16.95 softbound.

With this her fifth volume, author Marianne Brandis continues to make the early days of our province come alive for young people — and for adults who enjoy a mix of story and history. Fourteen-year-old Adam Wheeler arrives in Upper Canada just in time to be caught up in the ill-fated 1837 Rebellion. The writing of this imaginative tale was preceded by disciplined digging into archival evidence, as the detailed endnote on the de Grassi family fully shows. Original scratchboard illustrations by Gerard Brender a Brandis enhance the work.

A Damned Rebellion! By Jan Henry Struthers. Chantecler Press. 534 pages. Illustrations. \$18.50 softbound.

The final volume of a trilogy chronicles the tumultuous era of the 1830s in Lower Canada. The events are related through the experiences of a fictional young man, but there is ample evidence of exhaustive research, all meticulously footnoted. An appendix reprints a number of original documents, including three letters penned two years before the Rebellion — from Mackenzie in Toronto to John Neilson in Montreal.



Listen

Deaf Heritage in Canada: A Distinctive, Diverse and Enduring Culture. By Clifton F. Carbin. McGraw-Hill Ryerson. 648 pages. Illustrations. \$69.95 hardbound.

Here is a book which celebrates a heretofore ignored aspect of our history, the collective experience of Deaf Canadians, and the extensive contributions they have made to our nation, as lawyers, athletes, doctors, entrepreneurs and citizens. It also chronicles some of the dramatic shifts in attitudes. Not until the 1890s was jurisdiction for Ontario's School for the Deaf shifted from the

Department of Asylums, Prisons and Charities to the Department of Education. Only in the 1970s did signing begin to be permitted by school administrators. This impressive volume amply testifies that Canadian multicultural history has become much more than simply geographic ethnicity.

Solidarity Sometimes

Hard Lessons: The Mine Mill Union in the Canadian Labour Movement. Edited by Mercedes Steedman, Peter Suschnigg and Dieter K. Buse. Dundurn Press. 336 pages. Illustrations. \$24.00 softbound.

A Canadian union celebrated for its dissident spirit marked its centennial by bringing together academics and labour activists in a conference designed to capture a key moment in the union's history. Health issues, women's issues, racial tensions, part-time worker problems (and much more) were analyzed and argued about. Radical rhetoric confronted economic reality. Historical review challenged hopeful projection. An organization, much cheered and as often chastised, paused to reflect on its turbulent past and ponder its uncertain future. Something of the spirit of that gathering is preserved in this volume composed of the presentations of some 21 contributors. Three months later, the Mine Mill Union merged with the Canadian Auto Workers Union (CAW).

Splash!

French River: Canoeing the River of the Stick-Wavers. By Toni Harting. Boston Mills Press. 160 pages. Illustrations. \$34.95 softbound.

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tory — and the history buff with an eye for nature.

All Aboard!

Ride the Polar Bear Express. By Michael Barnes. General Store Publishing House. 92 pages. Illustrations. \$12.95 softbound.

Ontario's only seaport is some 500 miles north of Toronto, accessible by land only on the "Polar

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History Noted

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

Going to Town: Architectural Walking Tours in Southern Ontario. By Katherine Ashenburg. Stoddart Publishing. 272 pages. Illustrations. \$23.95 softbound.

A guidebook to Perth, Picton, Cobourg, St. Marys, Niagara-on-the Lake, Merrickville, Port Hope, Paris, Stratford and Goderich.

Bibliography of Glengarry County. By Royce MacGillivray. Glengarry Historical Society. 270 pages. \$65.00

A detailed and annotated list of more than 2800 printed works (articles, books) and theses relating to Glengarry County.

Years of Change in Chatham and Kent. By Win Miller. Chatham Cultural Centre.

A comprehensive collection of historic events from 1952 to 1992 that have shaped the city and county.

For Home and Country: The Centennial History of the Women's Institutes in Ontario. Linda M. Ambrose. Federated Women's Institutes in Ontario. 250 pages. Illustrations. \$35.00 hardbound.

An important contribution to both rural women's history and Ontario history.

Sixth Annual Archaeological Report, Ontario. Ontario Heritage Foundation. Illustrations. \$13.00.

Describes the archaeological digs that have occurred across the province in the past year. (Due to continuing government fiscal restraint, copies are no longer sent free to libraries and heritage

organizations.)

Canadian Railway Telegraph History. By Robert G. Burnet. Telegraph Key and Sounder. 260 pages. Illustrations. \$50.00 softbound.

Examines the railway telegraph, "the single most important tool in Canada for over one hundred years, both historically and socially."

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Advises researchers where trouble may lurk as they delve into the records looking for their Canadian roots.

Genealogy and Local History to 1900/Généalogie et histoire locale d'avant 1900. By J. Brian Gilchrist and Clifford Duxbury Collier. Ontario Genealogical Society. 514 pages. \$40.00 softbound.

A bilingual bibliography selected from the catalogue of the Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions.

Genealogy in Ontario: Searching the Records. By Brenda Dougall Merriman. Ontario Genealogical Society. 300 pages. \$25.00 softbound.

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Cemetery news

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

The Lloydtown Rebellion Association will host an Open House at **Lloydtown Pioneer Cemetery** on Sunday, August 25 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. The Association is anxious to obtain factual and/or short human interest stories relating to those interred in the cemetery. For further information, please contact the committee at Grousewood Farm, R.R.#3, Schomberg, Ontario L0G 1T0, (905) 939-7670.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Bolsover will hold its annual memorial service at the cemetery on Sunday, September 1. Many descendants gather for this event and a social hour is held after the service.

The Richmond Hill Historical Society will hold a **Cemetery Night** on Monday, September 16 when I will speak on "Cemeteries as a Heritage Resource". The Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society Cemetery Committee will also have a display. The meeting takes place at 8:00 pm at William Wallace Hall, Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church.

The Kingston Historical

Society presented Sir John A. Macdonald Day on June 6 at **Cataraqui Cemetery**. This annual event commemorates the death of Sir John A. Macdonald on June 6, 1891. In honour of Kingston's sesquicentennial, Mayor Gary Bennett was the speaker.

Weep Not For Me - A Photographic Essay and History of Cataraqui Cemetery by Jennifer McKendry is available for sale. For copies of this excellent book, write to Cataraqui Cemetery Company, 927 Purdy Mills Road, Kingston, Ontario K7M 3N1.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in the City of Vaughan celebrated its 190th anniversary with special services on June 23. Approximately 150 descendants attended this highly successful celebration and were asked to place geraniums at their ancestors graves.

Laurel Hill Cemetery in Bolton celebrated its 104th anniversary also on June 23. Its slogan, "Continuing a Century of Caring in the Community", represents the thoughtful attention given to those who are bereaved and the excellent maintenance of the grounds. The staff is under the careful guidance of Bill Egan who has been a Director for 63 years.

Many descendants, families and friends gathered for annual

remembrance services at the **Friends' Meeting House**, Quaker Hill on the second Sunday in June, at **Brougham Cemetery** on the third Sunday and at **Whitevale Cemetery** on the fourth Sunday.

An anniversary and a memorial service are held each summer at **Hobart United Church**, Medonte Township in Simcoe County. The collection from these two services is used to preserve the church and the cemetery, which is well maintained.

A Notice of Intent to Close a

Cemetery or part of a Cemetery has been requested by 3001300 Canada Inc. for **Prospect Hill Cemetery** in Newmarket. The remains are to be reinterred in **Newmarket Cemetery**. Prospect Hill was adjacent to a Wesleyan Methodist Church, erected about 1825. In 1879, the cemetery was legally closed and family members were asked to remove remains to Newmarket Cemetery. A public school was later built on the site and several burials were disturbed when drainage pipes were installed. By 1989, the

school had been demolished and construction for the Alexander Muir Retirement Residence began. When human remains were discovered, they were placed in a shed at the construction site. The Ontario Government's Cemeteries Branch declared this a cemetery until the remains could be reinterred in a concrete crypt at the corner of the property near other undisturbed graves. As far as we are able to ascertain there is no proposed development for the site of the concrete crypt or the few remaining graves.

Going once, going twice - sold!

Here's how you can be the successful bidder on any or all of the three items pictured below in The Ontario Historical Society's **Silent Auction**:

1. Study the photograph and descriptions carefully. Decide on which item(s) you will bid.
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your bid(s) in an envelope and mail to our office.

If you are in the area, drop in and see the items and bid on the spot. All bids must reach our office (either by mail or personal delivery) by **Thursday, November 28** at 5:00 p.m.

All bids will be opened at Cook Book Caper on Sunday, December 1 and the successful bidders will be notified by telephone the following week.

#1 - Pieced Quilt: Virginia Reel, blue and white and white cotton, blue back, hand quilted, new, 96" X 80". Value: \$700.00 +. Reserve bid: \$350.00.

#2 - Low Back Windsor Armchair: Popularly called a captain's chair, commonly found in Ontario in the last quarter of the 19th century,

turned spindles on comb, back and stretchers, painted black, good condition. Value: \$150.00 +. Reserve bid: \$75.00.

#3 - Slat Back Side Chair: Low, hand made, first quarter 19th century, Quebec influence, original splint seat missing, original brownish/red finish in good condition. Value: \$150.00 +. Reserve bid: \$75.00.

Our thanks go to the donors to the Silent Auction: Carol and Sandy Agnew, Penetanguishene; Bill Hollowell, Willowdale and Ruth Keene, Victoria, British Columbia.

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

National treasure to be privatized?

One of Canada's unique, historic treasures, the Rideau Canal, may soon face privatization under the federal government's proposed plan to create an agency to operate the waterway.

The Canal was built in 1832 by Colonel John By between Kingston and Ottawa to provide an alternate route to Lake Ontario for military ships otherwise forced to travel along the St. Lawrence River. In recent years, the Friends of the Rideau has been lobbying to have the site designated as a World Heritage Canal.

In the 164 years of its existence, the Rideau has faced many crises. In the 1930s, it was threatened with closure and in 1967, the Department of Transport tried to electrify the locks, thereby eliminating the traditional man-

ual operation that makes the Canal unique. In 1972, the government recognized, after an enormous show of public support, the Rideau waterway's value as the only lock system to function much as it did when it was first constructed, and placed it under the protection of the Canadian Parks Service.

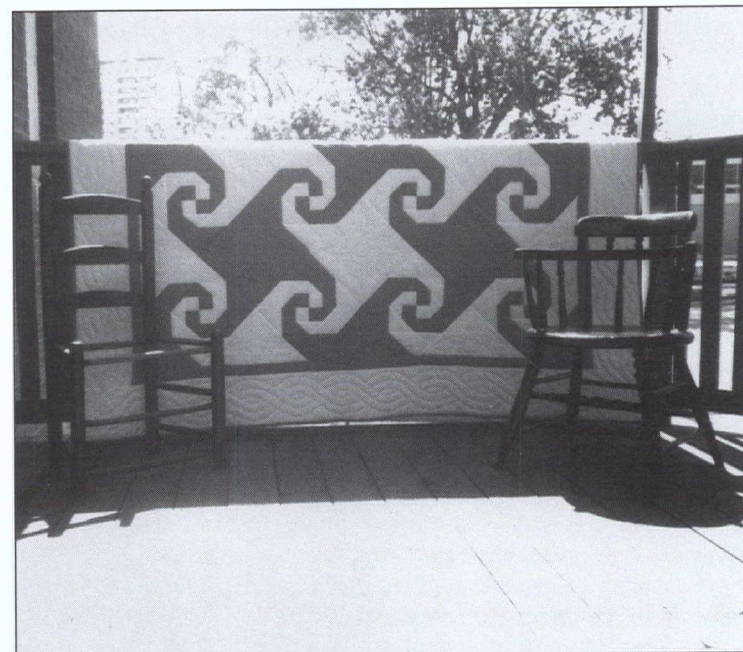
With changing government priorities and budget cutbacks, the current Department of Canadian Heritage proposes to open the operation of all lockstations and sections of the Canal to tendering. For the first three years, tenders would be accepted from the current lock operators only. After this time period, tenders would be opened to anyone.

Many of the current lockmasters have long associations with the Rideau Canal, some coming

from families who have lived and worked on the waterway since its construction. These operators are well versed in the history of the Canal and the corridor, and provide historic interpretation to the many travellers who use the waterway each year. This feature might be lost if tendering is open to contractors not familiar with this treasure of Canadian history.

Help the waterway through this current crisis by sending your letters requesting cancellation of the plan to privatize operation of the Rideau Canal to Prime Minister Jean Chretien, Finance Minister Paul Martin, Sheila Copps, Minister of Canadian Heritage and your local MP.

For further information, please contact Don Warren, R. R. #1, Elgin, Ontario K0G 1E0.



To raise funds for the restoration of the gardens and grounds of the John McKenzie property, home of the OHS, the Society is holding a Silent Auction. Sealed bids for the quilt and two chairs, shown above, will be accepted until Thursday, November 28. (Photo courtesy of Cathy Febraro.)

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