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Heritage Day a national holiday?

On September 16, 1996, the Honourable Sheila Finestone, MP for Mount Royal introduced a Private Member's Bill in the House of Commons to have Heritage Day declared an official national statutory holiday. The introduction of Bill C-323 was assisted and supported by Heritage Canada.

In 1974, Heritage Canada established Heritage Day as the third Monday of February. Since then, through its Heritage Day Programme, the national organization has been working with communities, schools, youth groups and the heritage community to encourage all Canadians to celebrate their heritage. From the outset, Heritage Canada has argued that Heritage Day should be recognized as a national holiday,

and the tabling of this latest Bill brings this goal closer to reality.

Heritage Canada has created a strategy to gain the support of MPs, Senators, key federal officials and individuals for declaring a national Heritage Day. The strategy also involves your support and participation. Heritage Canada is asking everyone in the heritage community to contact local MPs and enlist support for the Bill. By 1998, when the national organization celebrates its 25th anniversary, it hopes to see one of its earliest initiatives institutionalized as a national holiday.

For further information, please contact Brian Anthony, Executive Director, Heritage Canada, Box 1358, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5R4.

From Cathay to Canada: Chinese Cuisine in Transition

This day-long symposium on Saturday, April 12 will explore Chinese food and its important contributions to Canadian cuisine over the last century. Speakers, plenary pre-

sentations and concurrent sessions will explore recipes and ingredients, and how they continue to evolve to stimulate and please the Canadian palate. Cultural traditions surrounding Chinese-Canadian foodways will also be discussed.

The programme, to be held in Willowdale, is co-sponsored by The Ontario Historical Society and the School of Hotel and Food Administration, University of Guelph. To receive your detailed brochure, please contact the OHS at 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax 226-2740.

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Recognize anyone from this group of 1914 OHS annual meeting delegates? The Grenville County Historical Society has de-accessioned some of its collection, and generously forwarded to the OHS this photo taken at the event held in Ottawa. And speaking of annual meetings...have you noted on your 1997 calendar our upcoming meeting in North Bay? **Visions of the North: Voices of the North** will be co-sponsored by the OHS and Nipissing University May 23 to 25. Stay tuned to the next issue of the *OHS Bulletin* for further details.

Calling all rebels!

Join The Ontario Historical Society in our march back to 1837 as we commemorate the 160th anniversary of the Rebellion of 1837. What was it like to live in Upper Canada? How did we dress? What were the events leading up to December 7? Were Black Canadians loyalists or rebels? Why? Four presentations will explore these questions, and many more:

- **February 5:** "The Rebellion of 1837: Comic Opera or Provincial Tragedy?", with Dr. Carl Benn, Toronto His-

torical Board

- **February 12:** "The Why and the Wear: Clothing in Upper Canada in 1837", with Sarah Walker, Costumemaker Studio, Scarborough
 - **February 19:** "Everyday Life in 1837", with Joyce Lewis, Social Historian and Author, Toronto
 - **February 26:** "Blacks and the Rebellion of 1837", with Rosemary Sadlier, President, Ontario Black History Society
- The presentations will be from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. at our

historic headquarters, the John McKenzie House, 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale. Bring your lunch; we will provide juice, tea and coffee.

The cost is \$15.00 for the four presentations or \$5.00 per session. Payment must accompany your registration, and will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited so register today by contacting the Society at 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax 226-2740.

Preserve the pudding...again!

Keep on preserving one of Ontario's most traditional dishes at The Ontario Historical Society's **Preserve the Pudding**, 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 14, 1997. All true supporters of history and her-

itage will enjoy this special dinner taking place at our historic headquarters, the John McKenzie House, 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale. Beat the mid-winter blues and treat your sweetheart to a special Valentine's Day meal featuring a buffet that includes a variety of puddings and sauces made from historic Ontario recipes.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person and can be ordered by contacting the OHS at 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011, fax 226-2740. Please make cheques payable to The Ontario Historical Society. Space is limited and guests will be confirmed as orders with payment are received.

New publication launched

On Sunday, December 1, the OHS launched our newest publication, *The Simcoe Legacy: The Life and Times of Yonge Street*. President Rowena Cooper and Publications Committee Chair, Wyn Millar, along with several authors welcomed many happy customers, who took advantage of the autographing session.

The 52-page publication is a collection of many of the papers that were presented at the Society's popular seminar held earlier this year. Chapters explore the contributions of the First Nations and the newcomers and the opening and development of the longest street in the world.

The book costs \$7.00 including postage, handling and GST. 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.

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Executive Director's report

By Dorothy Duncan,
OHS Executive Director

We Need a Level Playing Field

In June of this year, Bill 71, The Crown Foundations Act, 1996, allowed provincial agencies, public hospitals and public libraries to establish Crown foundations. Other "cultural organizations and public institutions" will also be allowed to establish Crown foundations. Finance Minister Ernie Eves confirmed when he introduced the Bill.

It is our understanding that a template for common rules is being developed, and we encourage the Finance Minister to quickly implement the legislation and ensure that all responsible cultural and historical organizations can take advantage of this opportunity.

At the present time, our own organization is being asked to do more with less. With the downsizing of ministries, an increased workload of service to the public is being transferred to the non-profit historical corporations. In the meantime, provincial support is decreasing; as announced in the last *OHS Bulletin*, we lost 33 percent of our provincial grant in 1996. It is imperative, therefore, that organizations like the OHS have the opportunity to attract donor dollars to support the programmes and projects we develop in response to the requests received from the people of Ontario.

We encourage the Honourable Marilyn Mushinski and the Honourable Ernie Eves to implement this new legislation and announce the qualifying criteria for other responsible historical organizations and institutions. The OHS has written to the Ministers on this issue, and we encourage you to add your voice to ours.

Land Records 1868 to 1955

During the last few months, representatives of the Archives

of Ontario and the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations have been meeting with provincial heritage organizations to outline their plans for the future disposition of abstract index books, original instruments and deeds for the period 1868 to 1955. These documents comprise 993 cubic feet, and the Archives of Ontario estimates that they will cost \$100,000.00 per cubic foot for basic stabilization, making it impossible for either the Archives or the Ministry to undertake given their budget restraints.

Their solution is to offer them by region to local heritage groups through the various Land Registrars for a limited time. The OHS along with provincial heritage organizations, is vitally interested in the future of these important historic resources and we will keep our members informed of developments.

Happy New Year!

Too often these days, we tend to dwell on the bad news, forgetting the good news stories. A quick review of OHS correspondence has brought us some smiles, that I want to share with you. *From Guelph:* Thank you so much for sending me the information on Chinese Canadian foods. This will help greatly in our presentation in a couple of weeks. *From Portland Oregon:* I have read the OHS membership folder and information on your regular publications which sound so interesting. I would like to become a member if you accept out-of-country members. *From Toronto:* Thank you very much for the information on the first Thanksgiving in Ontario and Canada. The girls found the history interesting and it sparked discussion. *From Downsview:* Thank you very much for your generous donation of books and advertising in support of our 1997 fundraiser. *From Bayfield:* I was intending to cancel my

membership because of increasing money problems, but have changed my thoughts because of the current issue (of the *OHS Bulletin*) that had so much of great interest to me.

From Willowdale: Here is our renewal. We thoroughly enjoyed the events we attended - Spring in Picton, Summer in Simcoe, Winter in Toronto. *From Manitoulin Island:* Thanks for a great workshop. Keep up the good work! *From speakers at the OHS Conference:* I'd like to thank you and your staff for your magnificent conference "Consuming Passions II." It certainly was professionally executed. The AV and support for it was the best I have had at any conference. *AND:* The 1996 Conference programme turned out to be a most interesting mix of people and activities. I enjoyed seeing old acquaintances and meeting many new faces. Many thanks for the chance to participate.

An now it's time to turn our thoughts to the year ahead. As you know, the OHS and Nipissing University in North Bay are sponsoring **Visions of the North: Voices of the North** at the University from May 23 to 25. Plan now to attend and consider presenting a paper. You have until January 30 to send your abstract to: Visions of the North: Voices of the North, Jodi Sutherland, Nipissing University, Box 5002, North Bay P1B 8L7 or fax (705) 474-1947.

In the meantime, on behalf of us all at the OHS, happy holidays and best wishes for 1997!



Mary Beacock Fryer, Brockville-born Toronto resident and well-known author on Loyalist themes, invited the Colonel Edward Jessup Branch of the United Empire Loyalists to participate in a plaque unveiling in Rockport earlier this year. The plaque commemorates the family of Caleb Seaman, Fryer's Loyalist ancestor and is affixed to a circa 1857 stone house, built by Smith Seaman. The house has been designated a heritage site by the Front of Escott Community Heritage Committee. (Photo courtesy of Edgar Clow.)

Transactions record grassroots history

The Women's Canadian Historical Society was active for over a century in preserving and publishing the rich history of Ontario. When the WCHS dissolved in 1996, the OHS was fortunate to receive multiple copies of *Transactions*, the regular publication of the WCHS, containing lectures and presentations by members and guest speakers. Each of the 29 volumes is interesting as many speakers used diaries and journals kept by ancestors who made important contributions to our history or who recorded important events.

The first volume is "A Historic Banner", by Mary Agnes FitzGibbon, granddaughter of Susanna Moodie. Other topics include the War of 1812, the Rebellion of 1837, the United

Empire Loyalists, Blacks in Toronto and French emigrés in York County. An early volume contains speeches by two Chiefs of the First Nations, and a later one gives an account of a clergyman's three years among the Ojibwa. The final *Transaction* records the history of the WCHS from 1895 to 1970.

The Ontario Historical Society is selling *Transactions* 1 and 29 for \$5.00, individual volumes for \$3.00 and broken sets for \$25.00 including GST, postage and handling. (Please make cheques payable to The Ontario Historical Society.) To order or to obtain a complete list of this rich resource, please contact the OHS at 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax 226-2740.

Archives news

Archives Advisor Programme

The Archives Advisor Programme, administered by the Archives Association of Ontario, is now in its sixth year. Advisor Johanne Pelletier is available for site visits to institutions in Ontario with existing archives, as well as to those interested in developing archives. Contact her at (416) 656-9864.

Health and Medical Archives Network

The Centre for Research in Information Studies at the University of Toronto, in association with the Hannah Institute for the History of Medicine, has established a new non-profit toll-free reference, advice and communications service specifically designed to help practitioners, researchers, custodians of archival materials and others find answers to research problems and get advice on practical issues associated with keeping healthcare and medical archives. The toll-free number for the Canada-Wide Health and Medical Archives Telephone Information Network is 1-800-281-4636 or in Metro Toronto, (416) 978-6738. For further information, please contact Barbara Craig at the network number.

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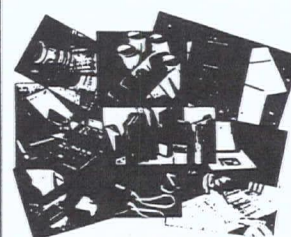
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Across the Province

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

As 1996 draws to a close, we learned of the passing of many friends of the heritage community: The Honourable **Reuben Baetz**, Minister of Culture, who introduced the first (and only) Community Museum Policy for Ontario; **Alan Barnes**, former Museums Advisor for the Province of Ontario and **Shirley Edgar** of the **London and Middlesex Historical Society** and **Friends of the London Regional Art Gallery and Historical Museums**.

Guelph Museums has received a \$6300.00 grant from the **Canadian Museums Association** and the **Department of Canadian Heritage** to research and mount an exhibition on Guelph and Wellington County's Black history to begin on January 20. Call (519) 836-1221.

The **Tillsonburg Museum and Annandale House** plans to open "Tillsonburg 125 Years a Town" February 23 to May 4. For further information: (519) 842-2294.

The **Pittsburgh Historical Society** celebrated its 20th anniversary in 1996 with the unveiling of "The King's Mills, 1784", a plaque commemorating the establishment of a grist mill and a sawmill on the Great Catarqui River, thus making Loyalist settlement in the Kingston area possible.

Also in the anniversary department, **Gibson House** in Willowdale celebrated 25 years in 1996 with the exhibit "Hoop Dreams: The Rise and Fall of the Crinoline" closing January 5. "The Gibson Girls" will open in February. Call (416) 395-7432.

This year also marks the 100th anniversary of the late **Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee**. If you would like to have her Imperial Majesty in the person of Jose Morgan help you celebrate, contact her at Windsor Castle, 20 Durant Avenue, East York M4J 4V9.

The **Aurora and District Historical Society** reminds us that it is not too late to buy one of Dorothy Clark McClure's limited edition prints, "200 Years Yonge". Contact (905) 727-8991.

The **Peterborough Histori-**

cal Society will welcome Professor Douglas McCalla of Trent University as guest speaker on Tuesday, February 18. Professor McCalla will also receive the **OHS' J. J. Talman Award** that evening, as he was on sabbatical in Japan at the time of the Annual Conference and Awards presentation.

The **Lake-of-the-Woods Historical Society** announced two new projects recently: fundraising to restore the East-lake Parlour Set for the **Mather-Walls House** double parlour and researching and writing the history of Jaffray Melick. To make a donation of money for the first or of manpower for the second: Box 720, Keewatin P0X 1C0 or call President David Nelson at (807) 468-9442.

The **Ontario Heritage Foundation** is governed by a Board of Directors, with a minimum of 21 members. New legislation will reduce that number to 12. In the interim period, re-appointments have not been made; therefore, 6 staff members: Lesley Lewis, Richard Moorhouse, Richard Mortimer, John Ecker, Catherine Axford and Scott Allington, have been serving on the Board.

Jacques Lacoursière of Quebec City was the recipient in November of the 1996 Pierre Berton award, established by **Canada's National History Society** in 1994 to recognize distinguished achievement in popularizing Canadian history. For further information, contact Laird Rankin in Winnipeg, (204) 988-9300.

Huron Museum in Midland is again hosting a Heritage Dinner on Saturday, February 15. Call (705) 526-2844.

The **Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society** will be meeting on Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Thomas Anglican Church in Millbrook. Note new location and meeting date!

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Office closing

The office of The Ontario Historical Society will be closed from 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 20, 1996 to 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 6, 1997. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

President's message

By Rowena Cooper,
OHS President

The festive season is almost upon us - time for families, remembering, giving and new beginnings. While we will enjoy the holidays, we will face the New Year with a certain amount of trepidation.

The OHS' Provincial grant was cut by just over \$100,000.00 in 1996, and we face another cut in 1997. You have been incredibly generous over the past few years, supporting auctions, garage, book and plant sales, as well as contributing to the John McKenzie House and *Ontario History*. All these fundraising efforts were for specific items - you can see where your money is spent.

Now we face the daunting task of raising money for operating expenses. The Board of Directors will be working with staff over the next few months to streamline our day-to-day activities, at a time when our services are in great demand. Ironically, more and more calls for assistance come to us daily from those referred by the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation.

If you are making out your will, you can remember the Society in many ways, including an outright gift or an insurance policy with the Society as benefactor. If you would like more information on planned giving or assisting with our fundraising efforts, please call the office at (416) 226-9011.

Dr. Dorothy!

Our heartfelt congratulations go to our incredible Executive Director, Dorothy Duncan, who was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree at the University of Waterloo Convocation on October 26th. I can think of no one who has done more to further the cause of heritage in Ontario than Dorothy. She is known, liked, admired and respected throughout the province, Canada and the world. It is an award richly deserved. I thought you might be interested in reading a letter which my husband, Russ Cooper, wrote in November 1994 to support Dorothy's nomination.

"I am delighted to hear that Dorothy Duncan's name is being submitted to the Senate Honorary Degree Committee for the degree of LL.D. It is a great honour and privilege for me to have been asked to support Dorothy's nomination.

My knowledge of Dorothy goes back to 1965 when I was appointed Administrator of Historical Sites for the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. My principal duty was to direct the development and operation of Black Creek Pioneer Village. Dorothy was in charge of the educational staff who was responsible for touring 60,000 school children through the village each year. I was amazed at Dorothy's ability to motivate her team and develop new tech-

niques in teaching children about their Ontario heritage. Soon after I arrived, I appointed Dorothy as my assistant and she took over the duties of managing all the village interpretive staff and organizing weekly special events. We worked together on the restoration, decoration and furnishing of Half Way House, an 1850s 11-room inn, which was opened in 1976 by Premier Robarts as the major Centennial project of the Authority.

Much to my regret, Dorothy left Black Creek in 1968 to assume responsibility for the historical interpretation at McKenzie House, Colborne Lodge, Fort York and the Marine Museum for the Toronto Historical Board. Within a very short time she also took on the chore of refining the furnishings and artifacts at all these locations. When Brigadier General John McGinnis, Director of the Toronto Historical Board, agreed to supervise the restoration of Montgomery's Inn, Etobicoke, and Gibson House, North York, he put Dorothy in charge of all the furnishings and decorating.

Dorothy Duncan developed a great expertise in decorating and furnishing heritage buildings and this led her to leave the THB to work on the recreation of Fort William and the officers quarters at the Historic Naval and Military Establishments, Penetanguishene. She became the acknowledged Ontario expert in early wallpaper, and over the years she has freely given her advice and assistance at dozens of restoration projects. In fact, it would be difficult to find a municipal or government restoration that does not show the experienced hand of Dorothy Duncan.

Dorothy has a great propensity for taking on jobs and getting them completed on time, and to the satisfaction of everyone concerned. She was chair of the Training Committee of the Ontario Museum Association, and it was through her energy and guidance that the OMA Certificate in Museum Studies was developed. A great many Ontario museum workers have completed this certification and, as a result, the calibre of museums and museum workers has greatly improved in the province.

It was not surprising that Mrs. Duncan was chosen to be the Chief Museum Advisor for the Province of Ontario. Her tireless dedication to the job went well above and beyond what was expected of someone in this position. Besides supervising her Toronto staff, she made herself available to help, advise and assist heritage organizations and their boards in all parts of Ontario. There is no person in the provincial heritage field who is more widely known, respected and loved than Dorothy Duncan. When Dorothy promised to do something, it was always excellently

done and usually finished well before the time she promised it.

For many years the museum community complained loud and long that the provincial government did not have a museum policy. Once Dorothy became the Chief Advisor, she took on the task of developing such a policy. With masterful diplomacy, she was gradually able to develop a set of guidelines for museum workers, boards and her own Ministry. This led to the establishment of the Province's first Museum Policy, and it owes its existence to one person, Dorothy Duncan. I had the privilege of helping Dorothy with drafting this document. When Dorothy left the Ministry, I was given the honour of organizing a party for her; well over 200 people were present and, as well, we received messages from people all over Ontario, other parts of Canada and the United States.

The Executive Director's position at The Ontario Historical Society was the next step in Dorothy's career. She has used her boundless energy, enthusiasm and charisma to make the OHS the lead organization in all facets of Ontario's rich heritage. It was Dorothy's drive which culminated in a successful campaign to raise \$200,000.00 for the establishment of the John McKenzie House in North York as the permanent home of the Society. Mainly as a result of Mrs. Duncan's efforts, there are now some 300 heritage organizations affiliated with the OHS. This has resulted in the Society being able to speak with a strong voice in successfully supporting heritage matters.

Dorothy has been in constant demand as a guest speaker in all parts of Ontario, almost every province in Canada, the United States and England. She is an acknowledged expert on 19th and early 20th century foods and cooking, and has been food editor for *Century Home* from its inception more than ten years ago. For the past few years, she has been a guest speaker at the Oxford Symposium of Food and Cookery at Oxford University.

Dorothy was a member and then Chairman of the Ontario Heritage Foundation from 1991 to 1994, and she was a board member of the Heritage Canada Foundation. She has been honoured by the Ontario Museums Association, Interpretation Canada, the First Nations and other provincial, national and international organizations.

It would be a fitting tribute to a long, dedicated and distinguished career if Dorothy Duncan, one of Canada's most outstanding members of the heritage community, was recognized and honoured by Waterloo University. May I strongly support Dr. (Kenneth) McLaughlin's submission."

The Board of Directors and staff of the OHS join me in wishing you a very happy holiday season. See you in 1997.

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Upcoming Events

January 2-5: Enjoy the festive season with a **tour of historic Montgomery's Inn** in Etobicoke. The Christmas traditions, decorations and pastimes of our 19th century ancestors enhance the natural warmth and beauty of the Inn. Each room contains a different activity in which visitors can participate. Visit the Inn again on January 12 for **All Done By Hand**, a celebration of traditional needle arts. From 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., discover Stump Work, Hardanger, Pull Thread Embroidery, Crewel, Needlepoint, Crochet, Smocking, Rug Hooking, Quilting and more. Contact Montgomery's Inn at 4709 Dundas Street West, (416) 394-8113.

January 15: The Photographic Historical Society of Canada invites everyone to its January meeting to participate in **Show and Tell**, where photographic treasures are revealed. At the February meeting on the 19th, Webmaster Bob Carter discusses **A Walk on the Web Site**, and illuminates the photographic secrets of the Internet. The PHSC's monthly meetings take place in the Burgundy Room of Memorial Hall, North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge Street in North York. Contact Les Jones, President at (416) 691-1555.

January 19: Robbie Burns fans won't want to miss **A Robbie Burns Ceilidh** presented by the Guelph Civic Museum from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Scottish entertainment, music, Celtic artisans, nibbles and family activities celebrate the birthday of the Scots' bard, Robert Burns. Contact the Museum at 6 Dublin Street South in Guelph, (519) 836-1221.

January 22: Continue the celebration of Robbie Burns at a **Burns Tea**, taking place at McCrae House in Guelph at 2:00 p.m. Enjoy tea, scones, oatcakes and jam. Return to the House on February 14, and treat your valentine to a **Valentine Tea**. At 2:00 p.m., tea, scones, whipped cream and jam are available. Reservations are required for both events and the cost is \$5.00 per person plus tax for each Tea. Contact the House at 108 Water Street, (519) 846-1482.

January 25, 26: Robbie Burns is also popular at the Seagram Museum in Waterloo! Join the Museum for its **Robbie Burns Ceilidh**, a weekend of free family entertainment in true Scottish style with a "Spirit of Scotland" tour, Highland dancing and readings from Burns' works. Adults are invited to partake in the Scotch vs. Canadian Whisky Tasting each afternoon at 3:00 p.m. for a cost of \$3.00 per person. Plan to return to the Museum on February 15 and 16 for **Barrels of Fun - Heritage Day Activities**. Bring the family and investigate the history of cooperage or barrel-

making. Highlights include the Barrels of Fun Scavenger Hunt, stencilling for children, cooperage demonstrations and the story of Square Barrel Sue. Contact the Seagram Museum at 57 Erb Street West in Waterloo, (519) 885-1857.

January 25, 26: Participate in **A Wee Celebration** also honouring Robbie Burns at the Oakville Museum from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. each day. On the 25th, delight in family activities and on the 26th, Scottish food and entertainment. Children ages six and up are invited to the Museum on February 8 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. for a **Valentine Workshop**. Make old-fashioned valentines and other special crafts. Enjoy family history fun on February 16 when the Museum celebrates **Heritage Day**. Contact the Oakville Museum at 8 Navy Street in Oakville, (905) 845-3541.

January 31: 1997 marks the 150th anniversary of the Town of Dundas. A representative from the Historic Sub-Committee of the Dundas Sesquicentennial Organizing Committee presents the programme **The History of Dundas: The Early Years (pre-1846)** at the January meeting of the Waterdown-East Flamborough Heritage Society. Don't miss the February meeting on the 28th when Neville Nunes, retired teacher and consultant for the Hamilton Board of Education, presents **Overview of African-Canadian Presence in Hamilton and Area over 300 Years**. The meetings begin at 8:00 p.m. at St. James' United Church on Parkside Drive in Waterdown. Contact the Society at Box 1044, Waterdown L0R 2H0.

February 13-15: The future of museum retailing is now. Get your institution ready by attending the Canadian Museums Association National Museum Shop Conference, **What's in Store? Trends in Cultural Marketing** at Skydome Hotel in Toronto. Contact Sue-Ann Ramsden, Conference Co-ordinator, (416) 231-1251.

February 14, 15: If you have an interest in the preservation and protection of our cultural and natural resources, plan to attend **Heritage: The Next Generation** presented by the Ontario Heritage Foundation in Toronto. This conference provides an opportunity to increase your understanding of the many inter-related disciplines involved in the conservation of Ontario's past, as well as the challenges facing heritage organizations into the 21st century. Contact the OHF, 10 Adelaide Street East, Toronto M5C 1J3, (416) 325-5000.

March 22, 23: Calling all rail history buffs! The 22nd annual **Toronto Model Railway Show**, sponsored by the

Toronto and York Division of the Canadian Railroad Historical Association, takes place at the Toronto Congress Centre, 650 Dixon Road from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the 22nd and from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the 23rd. Sixty thousand square feet of exhibits feature operating layouts, videos,

collectible old trains, demonstrations, live steam and 150 vendors. Contact Jack Bell at (416) 249-4563.

April 26: The Canadian Society for the Decorative Arts is holding a major fundraising event for its Endowment Fund, so save your books, magazines

and catalogues on decorative arts, architecture and design for donation to the giant **Book Fair 1997**. The fair takes place from noon to 4:00 p.m. at Heliconian Hall, 35 Hazelton Avenue in Toronto. Contact Nancy Dillow at (416) 225-0408 for details regarding dropping off donations.

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The **Thunder Bay Museum** held an Open House in November in honour of the first anniversary at the new location at 425 Donald Street East. Call (807) 623-0801 for details of current exhibits and programmes.

Congratulations to Glenn J Lockwood of Ottawa, former OHS Board member, currently President of the **Council of Heritage Organizations in Ottawa/le conseil des organismes du patrimoine d'Ottawa**, on launching his latest book, *The Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne: The Making of Community on the Gananoque River Frontier 1796-1996* at the Lyndhurst Turkey Fair, and to Mary Manning of Streetsville on the second edition of *STREET: The Man, The Family and The Village*, launched by the Streetsville Historical Society recently. Mary was also honoured with an award from the **Ontario Heritage Foundation** for her contributions to researching, recording and publishing local history.

The **Canadian Museums Association**, celebrating its 50th anniversary in Ottawa/Hull, June 12 to 15, is calling

for nominations for Outstanding Achievement Awards. Call (613) 567-0099 for details.

The November meeting of the **Glengarry Historical Society** dealt with a timely topic - The Glengarry Separation Movement of 1908. As we know, Glengarry voted against separation from the United Counties: 2363 against, 2083 for. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 6, to hold the annual meeting and election of officers.

The **Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation** has announced the Cultural Strategic Development Fund to support a limited number of projects across the province. Call your local Ministry office or (416) 314-7080 for details.

Brian Lee Dunnigan, Executive Director of the **Old Fort Niagara Association** will be leaving his post after 17 years of service. A Search Committee is seeking a replacement. Call (716) 745-7611 for details.

The **Kingston Historical Society** and **City of Kingston Sesquicentennial Committee** will unveil a plaque during the Mayor's Levee on January 1 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This

historical marker is the first to commemorate the City, and will eventually be placed near the City Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Congratulations to Jane Foster, well-known Manager of the **Museum and Archives for the County of Lennox and Addington** on the publication of *Bath on the Bay of Quinte*. Contact the Lennox and Addington Museum for price and availability: Postal Bag 1000, Napanee K7R 3S9.

The Annual Meeting of the **Richmond Hill Historical Society** will be held in William Wallace Hall, Presbyterian Church, 10066 Yonge Street on January 20 at 8:00 p.m.

The **Toronto and York Division, Canadian Railroad Historical Association** is planning a winter trip to Brantford, Saturday, January 11. Contact Paul Bowles (416) 465-9910 (evenings).

Researching Yonge Street was launched by the **Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society** with many of the authors in attendance for a gala signing at the **OHS** headquarters in November. Contact the Toronto Branch, OGS, (416) 463-9103.

Upcoming OHS Educational Programmes

DATE	PROGRAMME	LOCATION
January 27	Education and the <i>Common Curriculum</i> (workshop)	London
February 5	The Rebellion of 1837: Comic Opera or Provincial Tragedy? (lecture)	Willowdale
February 12	The Why and the Wear: Clothing in Upper Canada in 1837 (lecture)	Willowdale
February 19	Everyday Life in 1837 (lecture)	Willowdale
February 26	Blacks and the Rebellion of 1837 (lecture)	Willowdale
April 12	From Cathay to Canada: Chinese Cuisine in Transition (symposium)	Willowdale

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

The cemeteries of Yonge Street

Marjorie Stuart of the Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society and OHS Member welcomes Cathy Blackburn of the Temiskaming Genealogy Group who contributed material for this issue.

Temiskaming District

Near Latchford, **Fiddler's Island**, along with its Cemetery, was flooded when the Latchford Control Dam was built in 1912. Mrs. Wadi, three of her children and her best china are buried there.

Ste. Therese's and Silverland, two cemeteries on Highway 11B just north of Cobalt, contain many of the area's pioneers. Both suffered from fires - wooden crosses burned and records lost. Ste. Therese's has been cleared, but some stones have fallen over. Members of Cobalt's Italian community are buried there.

Most of the stones from the **Old Haileybury Cemetery** (also known as **Farr's Cemetery**) have been moved from their grave sites and placed in a circle at the edge of the burial ground. The atmosphere is pleasing, but the stones are at risk from erosion.

Mount Pleasant Cemetery has a large vault belonging to Hedley Seymour Hennessy and his wife, Alice Johnston, whose

coffins are said to be made of solid silver.

A burial has not taken place in **Moore's Cove Cemetery** on 11B, north of the town, since the 1920s. Although no records survive, 26 stones have been uncovered, one for W.J. Walsh, who died in 1908 at McDougall Chute (now Matheson) while teaching for the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway.

Margaret Carr, wife of James Heard, is buried near the ninth green of **Haileybury Golf Course Cemetery**. They were the first couple to be married in 1894 as the northland opened.

The oldest stone in **New Liskeard Pioneer Cemetery** is an obelisk marking the grave of William George Leng, age 13, who died July 20, 1898. At that time, the only route into this district was by water or foot, making this stone noteworthy.

Harley Township has two cemeteries: the active **Harley Township Cemetery** on 11 and **Thornloe Pioneer Cemetery**, a short distance on Highway 562. Joseph Allibon, born in London, England and "a pioneer of the north", is buried there.

Krugerdorf in Chamberlain Township is the site of **Northern Chevra Kadisha**, the only Hebrew cemetery in the area. On land from Simon Henerofsky's farm, the cemetery was donated

when three members of the Jewish community drowned in the Blanche River in 1905. One of the most colourful characters of the Kirkland Lake gold camp, Roza Brown, is buried there. She was famous for her facility with languages, dogs and disdain for local laws.

Teck Township/Kirkland Lake Municipal Cemetery is at the junction of Highway 112 and 66. This non-denominational cemetery has Chinese, Russians, Ukrainians and Finlanders buried side by side. Milt McPhail's stone declared that he was "a victim of fast women and slow horses". Charlie Chow arrived at the gold camp in its early days, and set up a lunch

counter which grew into a hotel. He gave hand-outs to discouraged prospectors, asking for a share of the claims staked in return. When Charlie died, it is rumoured he was worth nine million dollars.

Members of the French village, Ramore, are buried in **Cimetière St. Laurent**. Across the tracks through the village is the old **Cimetière St. Laurent** with a scattering of old stones.

In Matheson, **Green Hill Catholic Cemetery** is across the bridge on Highway 101. **Hillcrest**, the municipal cemetery, contains the graves of many of the victims of the 1916 fire that killed over 200 people.

In **Watabeag**, 40 stones are

located in a burial ground beside a restored log church. Many belong to descendants of Auguste and Friedrich Wolf, "geborn" 1845 and 1843 respectively in Sachen, Deutschland and died in the early 1920s.

The village of **Val Gagne** has a small cemetery located behind the church. The most notable stone is a tribute to Père Wilfrid Gagne, a priest and 63 parishioners who died at Nushkja in the 1916 fire. Apparently, the priest led his flock into a canyon believing they would be safe from the flames. The passing fire storm consumed the oxygen in the rock cut and they all suffocated.

Ontario History for Christmas

By Terry Crowley, Editor

The topics examined in December's issue of *Ontario History* may not be in keeping with the holiday season, but they do provide good reading about the province's past.

The most intriguing contribution concerns 19th century mental health hospitals, specifically one in Kingston. Most people can remember how these dreaded institutions were once considered a last resort by desperate families, and were viewed even more negatively than the county houses of refuge that dotted the province. I was privileged a quarter century ago to

see the attic where the criminally insane had once been shackled in Toronto's old 999 Queen Street mental hospital before it was demolished and replaced by more modern facilities.

The inner workings of the hospital as seen through the lives of its staff are the focus of this article. While much has been written about the treatment of mental diseases over the past two decades, little has been said about the attendants who ran the hospitals. In rectifying this oversight, the author takes readers inside the institution in ways that would otherwise be impossible for the historian. At the same time, the tale is one of displace-

ment of men by women, a phenomenon decidedly less common in Canadian history than the opposite.

For those interested in the military history and the War of 1812, there is a refreshing account of one of the generals on the British side, while a third article explains how Ontario's Big Blue Machine got going in the 1930s and 1940s under Cecil Frost, George Drew and other Conservatives.

The December issue of *Ontario History* may not be a Christmas package for all tastes, but provides leisure reading for differing historical interests. Happy holidays.

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By James Clemens, Chair, New Home Task Force

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Information wanted

Women and Aviation

York University MA candidate, Liz Millward, is researching the topic of women and aviation in Canada between 1909 and 1928. She is interested in locating diaries, journals or letters dealing with the subject. Please contact Ms. Millward at 32 Boswell Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5R 1M4.

Remembering 1967

The Association for Canadian Studies, in conjunction with McGill University's Centre for Research on Canadian Cultural Industries and Institutions and the National Library of Canada

are organizing an exhibition celebrating the 30th anniversary of Canada's Centennial. They are interested in gathering a diverse collection of memorabilia specific to local celebrations. If you have something that would be appropriate to donate, please contact Exhibition Curator, Anne Whitelaw in Montreal at (514) 933-6831.

Johnny Appleseed Records

Heather Coupland of Bracebridge is interested in acquiring a set of Johnny Appleseed Records done in the 1950s. Please contact her at R. R. #3, Bracebridge, Ontario P1L 1X1.

Welcome new members

The Ontario Historical Society welcomes new members:

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Beardmore: Beardmore Regional Historical Society
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Museum News

South Simcoe Pioneer Museum re-opens

The culmination of several years of planning and volunteer work was realized on October 6, 1996 with the official re-opening of the South Simcoe Pioneer Museum in Alliston. Representatives from all three levels of government were on hand to participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The event was attended by about 100 people and announced by musket-fire from the King's York Regiment.

The museum's main structure is the 1915 Alliston Agricultural Fair Building, which lacked heating or climate controls and had generally fallen into a state of disrepair. Some in the town were ready to bulldoze the distinctive and historic edifice.

In 1994, a museum renovation committee began raising funds in the community. Those funds and matching federal/

provincial infrastructure grants enabled the \$150,000.00 job to begin in May of 1996.

During the opening ceremony, Alliston Historical Society President, Shirley Gibson, thanked everyone who had volunteered their time in various stages of the project. At the same time, Mrs. Gibson accepted an award, presented by the Ontario Museum Association, on behalf of the museum

Board for seeing the project through to completion.

The South Simcoe Pioneer

Museum is located on Fletcher Crescent in Riverdale Park, Alliston.



Government representatives took part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony to re-open the South Simcoe Pioneer Museum in Alliston. From left to right are Rachel Clayton, Museum Curator; Alliston Mayor, Rick Milne; Simcoe West MPP, Jim Wilson; York Simcoe MP, Karen Kraft Sloan and Museum Board Chair, Shirley Gibson. Members of the King's York Regiment also participated. (Photo courtesy of the Alliston Herald Courier.)

Feasibility study for agricultural museum in Bradford launched

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury lies at the junction of Highway 88 and 11, north of Toronto. On a Friday evening in the Summer, the roads in and around the community are bustling with traffic - mostly cottagers on their way north. Sunday evenings are a mirror image of Friday, except that traffic is returning south.

In 1994, the Tourism Committee for the municipality began investigating ways to make the traffic stop and visit the town, and decided that developing a Marsh Interpretive Centre and Agricultural Museum, promoting the agricultural history and the unique Holland Marsh, would be appropriate. In early October, the project took a step closer to reality with the presentation of a cheque for \$16,000.00 from local MP Karen Kraft Sloan, on behalf of the Department of Canadian Heritage.

The funds will be used to conduct a Feasibility Study by Addison Consulting Services Inc., who has undertaken several other

heritage projects in Ontario. The firm's task in Bradford will be to identify possible sites, design the centre, outline the educational potential of the site and develop an implementation plan.

With the presentation of the cheque, Phase Two of the project's fundraising initiative was also launched. \$15,000.00 still

needs to be raised, and donations can be made through the Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society, Box 171, Bond Head, Ontario L0G 1B0 or at the Royal Bank Branch on Holland Street in Bradford. Tax receipts will be issued for all contributions.



York Simcoe MP, Karen Kraft Sloan presents a cheque for \$16,000.00 to David Yielding of the Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society to assist with a feasibility study for the Marsh Interpretive Centre and Agricultural Museum in Bradford. The launch took place in early October at the Bradford Public Library.

News from the north

Paipoonge Museum, Thunder Bay

With assistance from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines and the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, the Paipoonge Museum near Thunder Bay has an addition which can be used for exhibitions, educational programmes and meetings. The Museum is located beside the Paipoonge Municipal Office, Highway 130 at Rosslyn Road. For further information, contact the Museum at R.R.#6, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7C 5N5, (807) 939-1262.

Sault Ste. Marie Museum

Restoration work on the front entrance steps of the Sault Ste. Marie Museum was completed recently. A plaque commemorating the installation of the steps, a project sparked by a generous donation from resident Kathleen Russell in memory of her husband, James, was unveiled at a ceremony in late October. For further information, contact the Museum at 690 Queen Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6A 2A4, (705) 759-7278.

Mystery needs solving at Hastings County Museum

Glanmore, the Hastings County Museum located in Belleville, has a mystery that

needs solving. Part of the puzzle lies with three life-size portraits done by 19th century artist,

William Sawyer. Curator Rona Rustige has no idea who the subjects are. Two paintings, dated to 1855, are of a couple. The other portrait, done in 1886, is of a gentleman who is likely a judge or a legal figure.

The other part of the mystery concerns a missing portrait of early City Mayor, County Warden and MPP, Billa Flint. Sawyer painted several early Hastings County wardens, whose portraits now hang in the library of the museum. Flint, however, is missing and only a photograph of the portrait exists. Rustige believes the original is somewhere in the County.

If you can identify the three portraits or find the Flint original, please contact Rona Rustige, Curator, Hastings County Museum, 257 Bridge Street, Belleville K8N 1P4, (613) 962-2329.



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Congratulations! It's a new building!

On Tuesday, October 15, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington granted final approval for the expansion of the Clarke Museum facility in Kirby, bringing to an end 15 years of hard work and fundraising efforts by staff, Board and volunteers.

The new one-level addition will add 2500 square feet and function initially as permanent on-site storage with visible storage for the agricultural collection, ending 26 years of off-site

rental of space. Later, the building will be expanded to accommodate a programming wing and a bell tower.

The project, costing \$83,768.00, is being supported by funds raised over the past 13 years. No public funding has been involved.

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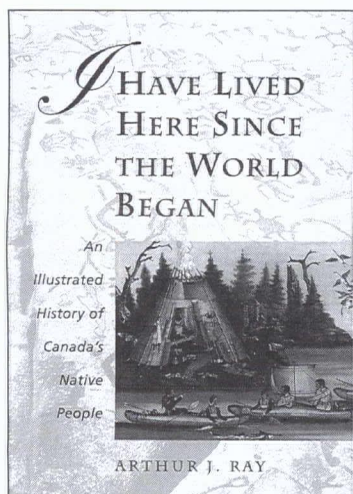
From the Bookshelf

By Pat and Chris Raible,
Editors

On Pointe

Power to Rise: the Story of the National Ballet of Canada. By James Neufeld. University of Toronto Press. 368 pages. Illustrations. \$45.00 hardbound.

Today, the National Ballet of Canada enjoys a well-deserved international reputation and provides a showcase for Canada's dancers and choreographers. But, as this book tells, it was not ever thus, and the road to success for Canadian ballet was beset with shortfalls and perils. Lack of funds and inadequate facilities made progress difficult, but dedicated and inspired leadership — notably that of Celia Franca, Rudolph Nureyev and Erik Bruhn — combined with the sweat and talent of many dedicated dancers resulted in the great enterprise we know today. More than 140 photographs drawn from archives and private sources recreate the artistry and personality of the company.



Our Nation's First

I Have Lived Here Since the World Began: An Illustrated History of Canada's Native People. By Arthur J. Ray. Key Porter Books. 416 pages. Illustrations. \$45.00 hardbound.

We no longer think that Canada's history really started with the European explorers, but most of us are still woefully ignorant of the rich cultures and traditions of the many indigenous nations that have "lived here since the world began". In this superb book, Professor Ray draws on archaeological sources and oral histories to reveal how the First Nations lived, traded and flourished prior to European settlement. Ray details the treaty and economic arrangements that have rarely resulted in a fair deal for Canada's first peoples. He concludes with their continuing efforts to find a just and respected place in present-day Canada.

Paddling Tour

The St. Marys River Heritage Water Trail. By Cindy Crawford. Friends of the St. Marys River. 36 pages. Map and illustrations. \$7.95 softbound.

The river which joins Lake Superior to Lake Michigan, and which separates Canada from the United States, has been a water highway from the travels of the earliest peoples to the commerce and recreation of modern times. Here is a pocket guidebook to the history and to the natural history of the area, for all who would actually canoe the route, and for the rest of us who are content to read about it.

Local Focus

Winding River: Impressions of the Early Plattsville Community. By Hume Wilkins. 78 pages. Illustrations. \$5.00 softbound.

In prose and verse, the author traces the early history of his hometown: its First Nations and first European settlers, its wars and hardships, its foods and festivities — and lots more.

One Hundred Years of Swedish Settlement in Timiskaming. By Christopher Oslund. Rosanne Fisher Publishing. 24 pages. Illustrations. Softbound.

The curator of the Haileybury Heritage Museum sketches the contributions of Swedes, including members of his own family, to the development of a northern community. Many pictures give the prose an added vitality. (The spelling — Timiskaming or Temiskaming — continues to be a matter of dispute.)

'They Came From All Walks of Life'. Temiskaming Abitibi Heritage Association. Rosanne Fisher Publishing. 66 pages. Illustrations. \$14.95 softbound.

In the Spring of 1995, a local history workshop featured six presentations now thankfully preserved in book form. The authors sketch six aspects of the area's history: logging, battling typhoid, mining gold, settling by Syrians, teaching children and adults and fighting fires. No doubt many more stories await the telling.

Yonge at Heart

Opportunity Road: Yonge Street 1860-1939. By F. R. Berchem. Natural Heritage/Natural History. 192 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound.

Author "Hamish" Berchem is an amateur, literally, a lover. The object of his historical affection is the central highway of our province. Once again, he testifies to his love with a wonderful book, a second volume continuing the story of Yonge Street. Like the first, *The Yonge Street Story: 1793-1860*, this chronicle of the personalities and communities along the way is grounded in painstaking research, related in clear prose, and celebrated in charming drawings.

Researching Yonge Street. Edited by Sheila Jean Brown. Ontario Genealogical Society, Toronto Branch. 260 pages. Illustrations. \$17.95 softbound.

Yonge Street is the cord that

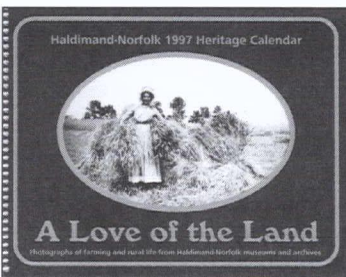
ties, and its bicentenary, the reason for publishing, some 46 genealogical papers. Here are memories recalled, mysteries uncovered, families traced, data summarized, research in process shared — but most of all, stories told. And, not surprisingly it is an OGS publication — all papers are fully footnoted and the volume is carefully indexed.

If you like discovering fascinating things new about cherished people and places old, these two books are for you.

Trivia Pursued

The Great Canadian Trivia Book. By Mark Kearney and Randy Ray. Hounslow Press. 239 pages. Illustrations. \$17.99 softbound.

Just the book to trot out at a party or to take on a trip — you ask the questions and most probably have to read out the answers. Topics covered include sports, entertainment, politics, people, science — and, of course, history. Questions are answered in a page or less and no sources are supplied, but who's quibbling, eh?



Daily History

A Love of the Land: Haldimand Norfolk 1997 Heritage Calendar. By Cheryl MacDonald. Heronwood Enterprises. Illustrations. \$12.00 softbound.

An area historical event a day, and a heritage photograph a week, are attractively compiled into a spiral-bound calendar. Each week also has its agricultural quotation: "All the speculation in the world never raised a bushel of wheat." "Land is not something you inherit from your parents. It is something you borrow from your children." The appendix has a perpetual calendar, a farming chronology and a directory of district heritage organizations. And what other fact-filled calendar has an index?

Incredible!

Haunted Toronto. By John Robert Colombo. Hounslow Press. 236 pages. Illustrations. \$18.99 softbound.

Canadian anthologist John Robert Colombo has produced a virtual library of works — some gather facts as almanacs, some list quotations as dictionaries, and some, like this one, relate stories of the supposed supernatural. Many of the city's historically significant sites, as well as otherwise ordinary places are included, provided somebody somehow sometime felt something strange apparently occurred there.

History Noted

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

Handbook for Reading & Interpreting Old Documents: with examples from the Hudson's Bay Company Archives. By Elizabeth Briggs. Ontario Genealogical Society. 152 pages. \$34.95.

Guide to Family History Research in the Archival Repositories of the United Church of Canada. By the Committee on Archives and History, the United Church of Canada. Ontario Genealogical Society. 82 pages. \$14.00.

Two more aids for those engaged in genealogical research — as many OHS members are — to add to their research libraries.

The Place of History: Commemorating Canada's Past. Royal Society of Canada. By Jane Foster. Lennox and \$20.00. A highly-illustrated text designed to bring new understanding to the work of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, and what it is doing to commemorate Canada's history.

A celebration of its 150th anniversary. By the Grace Anglican Church, Markham, Ontario. Stewart Publishing & Printing. 200 pages. Illustrations. \$25.00 hardbound.

A soon-to-be-published history, telling the story of the church and the community in which it has flourished.

From City Street to Trackless Forest: the Story of Jane Smith. By Marion McGillivray. Bruce County Historical Society. 60

pages. Illustrations. \$7.00 softbound.

Historical events and family lore are combined with fictional incidents to describe an 18-year-old Scottish girl's journey to Canada in 1849 and her first winter with her brothers in Bruce County.

St. Thomas: 100 Years a City 1881-1981. By W. Baddon, B. Sim, D. Cosens and G. Thorman. 153 pages. Illustrations. \$37.45 hardbound.

The Elgins. By B. Sim and L. Churchin. 150 pages. Illustrations. \$32.10 hardbound.

Vignettes of Early St. Thomas. By Warren C. Miller. Illustrations. 435 pages. \$107.00 hardbound.

Three valuable publications available from the Clerk's Office of the City of St. Thomas.

Bath, on the Bay of Quinte. By Jane Foster. Lennox and Addington County Museum. 146 pages. Illustrations. \$26.95 hardbound.

A series of 13 vignettes created by a museum manager and designed to capture significant experiences which shaped the people's beliefs and actions during the 18th and 19th centuries.

"Humbervale" A Story of an Early Community in Etobicoke. By Diana Sythes. Montgomery's Inn. \$5.00.

The people and events in the history of a community that disappeared with urbanization.

Other books about provincial history are reviewed in *Ontario History*, the quarterly scholarly journal of The Ontario Historical Society.

Directory of Publishers

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Cemetery news

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

The Heritage of Ontario Cemeteries workshop, co-sponsored by the Rideau Township LACAC and the OHS, took place at the end of September in Kars. Chris Borgal, Supervising Conservation Architect for the stone restoration underway at the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, gave us a comprehensive overview of stone and how it interacts with the elements, as well as illustrating many dos and don'ts of restoration. Fern Graham of the LACAC spoke on local cemeteries and, in particular, overgrowth of vegetation and its effect on monuments.

Congratulations to **Clyde Bell** of Tweed who has been restoring his family monuments in several local cemeteries. Mr. Bell photographs tombstones to send to family members scattered across the United States.

The Bridgman family has maintained **Salem Cemetery** in Nelson Township, Halton Region for years. Janice Bridgman and her brother, Walker, have raised a question that also concerns many others. Who will care for the cemetery when they are no longer able? Title to the cemetery is not clear. The Bridgmans sold the land for a Wesleyan Methodist Church and cemetery in 1855. The church building was moved from the site about 1905. Shirley Watton of Merrickville, a descendant of those buried in the cemetery, is assisting in this quest for help.

Heritage Elizabethtown held a Fall Foliage Bus Tour of local

cemeteries early in October. The event was a great success. The group had a special tour of three cemeteries outlining historical information on those buried there and the symbolism on their stones.

The Thunder Bay Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society, Box 373, Thunder Bay P7C 4V9 is seeking information on a cemetery located in Strange Township, on the north shore of Whitefish Lake. The cemetery is known locally as **Wolf Siding or Karila Cemetery**.

A call for papers has been issued for a conference on **Landscape Conservation in Ontario** to be hosted by the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario in Belleville on April 19 and 20, 1997. A three-sentence summary of the proposed topic should be sent to: Conference '97, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, Suite 204, 10 Adelaide Street East, Toronto M5C 1J3. One of the suggested topics is cemeteries.

Concern has been raised by descendants of those buried at **Tweedside United Church Cemetery** in Vineland, City of Stoney Creek. In 1989, the municipality purchased the property in order to provide access to the cemetery. Now the municipality wishes to sell the property. If a buyer is not located, the church will be demolished in January 1997. Descendants are very upset at this turn of events, and are worried that access will be denied or worse still, that the cemetery will disappear.

An application to close **St. Alban's Cemetery** in the Vil-

lage of Palgrave, Region of Peel has been received. The church wishes to reinter the remains at **Morningside Cemetery**, Palgrave. There is a proposal to sell the deconsecrated church. It is not known how many burials took place at this site between 1884 and 1912. A number of bodies were removed circa

1912, but an unknown number were left in situ.

The question of how to solicit funds for **stabilization and restoration of tombstones** was raised during a meeting of the Richmond Hill Historical Society in September. We are pleased to publicize fundraising projects and efforts of those

attempting to deal with this problem.

The **Abandoned Roman Catholic Cemetery** in Marlboro Forest, Rideau Township, is to be designated. Records for this early mission cemetery have long since disappeared, and it has not been used for burials since about 1867.

Our featured publication - 1837 Rebellion Remembered

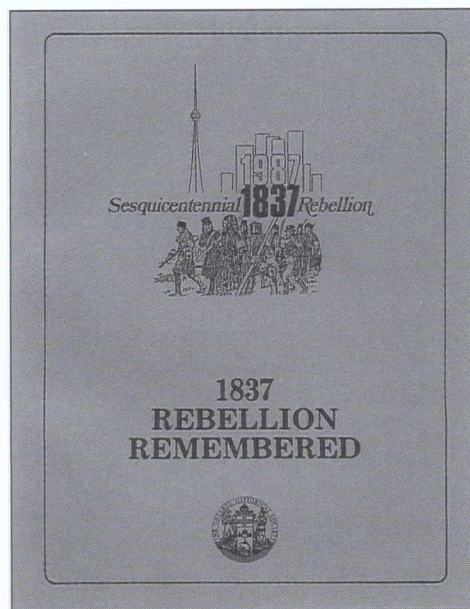
Ten years ago, the OHS sponsored **1837 Rebellion Remembered**, and quickly found itself hosting one of the largest conferences ever presented in Ontario. In response to the enthusiasm expressed by participants for the wealth of information presented during the two-day event, a 180-page publication was produced, representing a collection of many of the papers presented.

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and whether it advanced or retarded the coming of responsible government.

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Want to learn more about the Rebellion? Attend our lecture series coming up in February at our historic headquarters, the John McKenzie House, 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale. Read more about the series on page one of this issue.



Tour Greece and Turkey with the OAS

Join the Ontario Archaeological Society for a two-week tour of Greece and Turkey in May and June 1997. The excursion consists of a seven-day land tour

of Greece, followed by a seven-day cruise to the Greek Islands in the Aegean Sea, including shore visits to Ephesus and possibly Istanbul in Turkey. For a high-

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PSAs highlight Black heritage

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These 60-second spots highlight Mathieu de Coste, the first known Black person to visit Canada; Dr. Charles Drew, who discovered the storage of blood plasma; William Hall, who was presented with the Victoria Cross; Richard Pierpont, a Black soldier during the 1700s and Mary Ann Shadd, newspaper woman, teacher and suffragette. Watch for these announcements coming soon, and if you don't see them, call your local TV station.

You can purchase VHS copies of the PSAs through the OBHS office for \$15.00 plus shipping. Contact the Ontario Black History Society at (416) 867-9420.

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Associated Medical Services of Toronto is offering two awards for physicians who, while maintaining an active professional practice, have pursued the history of medicine for a sustained period.

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assist in the development of the history of medicine in Canada at the local level. The second award, The John B. Neilson Award, recognizes ongoing contributions to the history of medicine by a Canadian physician whose primary responsibilities have been in some other area of the profession. The award consists of a citation and

cash, in the amount of \$1500.00 initially. The deadline for nominations for both awards is January 31.

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.

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