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Lieutenant Governor to celebrate Canada Day in Thunder Bay

Ontario's Lieutenant Governor, Hilary M. Weston invites you to join her for Canada Day celebrations in Thunder Bay on July 1. Old Fort William is host to a public event beginning at 1:30 p.m.

As Patron of The Ontario Historical Society, the Lieutenant Governor is looking forward to

meeting our members at this special event.

Old Fort William, a living history site which explores the development of the North West Company and Canada's fur trade, is located on King Road, off Broadway Avenue in Thunder Bay.

Canada Day Street Sale

If you are unable to be in Thunder Bay for Canada Day, the next best thing is to begin the festivities with the Giant Street Sale in Willowdale from John McKenzie Gate to Kenneth Avenue.

There will be bargains galore as books, games, toys, fur-

niture, household items, and much more are for sale from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Proceeds from the sale at the John McKenzie House at 34 Parkview Avenue support the work of the OHS.

For information contact (416) 226-9011.

Italian Foodways in Ontario to be launched

Buon appetito: Italian Foodways in Ontario will be launched on Friday evening, September 8 at Mastro's Ristorante, 890 Wilson

Avenue in Toronto. OHS members will remember the successful *Buon appetito!* symposium on Italian foodways in Ontario held late last year, and this new publication contains many of the papers presented at the symposium.

In keeping with the theme of the symposium and the publication, Mastro's chef, Giuseppe Farinaccia is preparing a special menu for the evening including:

Appetizer
mixed green salad
Pasta

a selection of pastas will be available

Entrées
Gamberi al Vino Bianco
jumbo shrimps sautéed and enriched with a tasty white wine sauce

or
Filetto con Pepe Verde
tenderloin of veal sautéed and served in a brandy and fresh peppercorn sauce

Dessert
choose a sweet from the dessert trolley
Beverages
coffee, tea, mineral water

Tickets for this event are \$50.00 per person and include the dinner, a complimentary copy of *Buon appetito!* and an income tax receipt for a portion of the ticket price.

Many of the speakers, authors, and the publication editor, Jo Marie Powers, will attend and autograph your copy for you.

Plan to join us on Friday, September 8 for a relaxing evening of good food and good fellowship.

Awards Presented



The Ontario Historical Society presented Honours and Awards at its historic headquarters, the John McKenzie House in Willowdale on May 6, 2000: (backrow) the **Joseph Brant Award** to Mark C. McGowan, for *The Waning of the Green: Catholics, the Irish, and Identity in Toronto 1887-1922*, McGill-Queen's University Press; a **Special Award of Merit** to Mary Evans of Woodstock; the **President's Award** to Rick Lovekin and Ron Moreland of #122035 Ontario Inc. of Cobourg; **Museum Award of Excellence in Community Programming** to the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum of Almonte, Mary Lettner, Curator; and the **Carnochan Award** to Aureen Richardson of Warkworth (in front). It is not too soon to submit a nomination for the Honours and Awards Programme. The deadline for submissions is October 27, 2000. For information or nomination forms, contact the OHS, (416) 226-9011, fax 226-2740. (Lorraine Lowry)

One thousand years of Ontario's history celebrated

Christine Ritsma, Culinary Historians of Ontario Co-founder.

Sounds like an impossible subject to cover in a weekend? But cover it we did at the three day OHS symposium that was held at the North York Civic Center in early April.

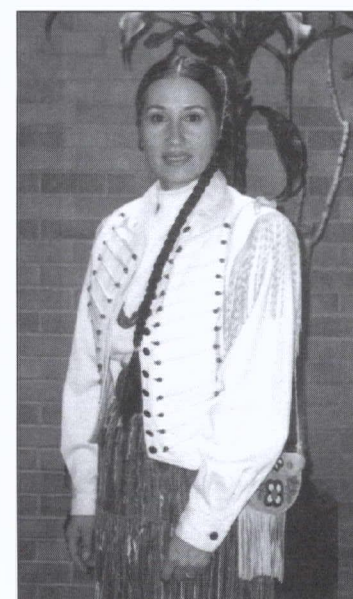
Although I was unable to participate in the Friday night or Sunday morning programmes, I was able to attend the Saturday programme which contained the majority of papers.

There were so many speakers that impressed me, but one that stood out in particular was the session on "Traditional Storytelling in Ojibwe Culture." Esther Osche, of the Whitefish River First Nation, truly hypnotized her audience with deeply moving stories from her culture. Osche also spoke to the audience of her involvement as the Lands Manager of her tribe and the present-day problems she and her people are facing concerning land claims.

The afternoon sessions were separated into four different themes: "From Babies to Battle-grounds," "Interpreting and Preserving History," "From the Beginning..." and "Towards a Modern Ontario." All themes offered registrants a diverse and eclectic mixture and it was difficult to choose which one to attend. Fortunately these papers will be published by the OHS and available in the near future. What most impressed me about this day was the diversity of people, from all walks of life, that had something important to say about Ontario history. There was no subject that was deemed more important than the other. People were given an opportunity to speak of their own interests and expertise. It was this kind of sincerity and enthusiasm that really pulled the day together. There were papers on home children, black and white separate schools, agricultural societies and fairs, Anna Jamieson, Norsemen in pre-Columbian Ontario?, loyalists, and thirty-four other topics from men and women from across the province.

It's not often that one gets a chance to see and hear this kind

of history and I will look forward to when the papers are published.



Esther Osche, White River First Nation (Lorraine Lowry)

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President's Message

Dr. Bryan E. Walls, O. Ont.

A tribute to Reverend Henry Scadding

As I stood at the entrance to 34 Parkview, the headquarters of The Ontario Historical Society, and perused the provincial historic plaque, I felt deeply honoured to be the first President elected to lead the Society into the new millennium. The plaque begins with these words, "The foremost historical organization in the province, The Ontario Historical Society, originally called the Pioneer Association of Ontario was established on September 4, 1888, largely through the efforts of Reverend Henry Scadding..." I asked myself the question, how has the OHS survived as the foremost historical organization in the Province since 1888? The partial answer came to me upon reading the name of the founder, Reverend Henry Scadding. Allow me to tangent and explain my vision.

Early in my educational career, I attended Assumption High School in Windsor and was trained by the Basilian Fathers. *Doce me Bonitatem, Disciplinam et Scientiam* was their motto, and its logo appeared in a place of prominence at the entrance to the school; Latin words for teach me goodness, discipline, and knowledge. During exam time we would hear the following words ringing in our ears, "Sons," (it was an all boys school then) "Pray as though everything depends upon God and study as though everything depends upon you." This mixture of spirit with work is still a winning formula for success today.

Reverend Scadding was a man of faith and great spiritual strength. He understood the for-

mula of prayer and work, and with wisdom and understanding he organized The Ontario Historical Society. It is necessary to reflect on this historical spiritual legacy that has come down to us as we celebrate the new millennium. Important, because it is this legacy of faith that has sustained the Society through the hard times and given it great joy in the good times. It also reminds us that we stand on the shoulders of great men and women that have gone before us like Reverend Scadding.

Henry Scadding was born in 1813 in Devonshire England. His father was John Scadding, at one time the property manager for John Graves Simcoe at Wolford. At eight Henry emigrated with his parents to their home near York, Upper Canada. He was educated at Upper Canada College and St. John's College, Cambridge, England. He returned to Canada and after teaching for several years at Upper Canada College, he assumed the rectorship of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Toronto. Upon retiring from active parish work in 1875, he devoted himself to local history. Reverend Scadding earned the reputation as historian of Toronto for his *Toronto of Old* (1873) and *Toronto Past and Present* (1894).

The culmination of his passion for history was arranging a federal union between Toronto York Pioneers and their counterpart in Brampton, Peel County, to create the Pioneer Association of Ontario. Appropriately, Scadding was elected the first President. By the time Scadding

retired from the presidency in 1892, eight local groups were federated under its banner. Before the end of the nineteenth century the most noteworthy addition was the granting to the Six Nations the special status as an affiliated society. Reverend Scadding died in 1901, however the OHS's effort to preserve, interpret, and publicize Ontario's multicultural heritage was born.

Today, the OHS survives as a dynamic organization with a tapestry of over 300 multifaceted affiliated societies throughout the province. The bulk of the work ingredient of my Basilian teachers formula for success falls to the capable staff past and present. Our present Executive Director, Dorothy Duncan is a tireless worker, a lady of great wisdom who is respected throughout the province. She is supported by Robert Leverty, Lorraine Lowry, Cristina Perfetto, Barbara Truax, Colin Agnew (who has just returned to Belize) and a host of volunteers. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I recognize and appreciate their contribution and continued support.

For one hundred and twelve years the OHS has had much to be thankful for but sometimes the devil has tried to make us feel that we don't, when in essence, all we have to do is remind ourselves of what our founding members had to go through. They laid a foundation that we can build on and that's what progress is all about. I feel certain that Reverend Henry Scadding would want us to reflect on these thoughts as we enthusiastically embrace the new millennium.



Robert Leverty leads a workshop on fundraising at the recent workshop Money Matters! held in Cobden on May 10. (Dorothy Duncan)

Hope for threatened Donalda Barn and Mill

Carl Benn, Toronto

The Donalda Golf Club in North York owns an important heritage structure, consisting of an early nineteenth century gristmill that has been incorporated into a magnificent cattle barn from the 1920s. Unlike most other farm structures, the barn is a beautiful Tudor and Shingle architect designed building. Constructed for David Dunlop to plans by the architectural firm of Wickson and Gregg, the barn is representative of a broader historical trend by wealthy people to create model farms in the early twentieth century.

Sadly, the club recently applied for a permit to demolish this

important structure. Since the club lands largely are located on a floodplain, where new buildings only can be built to replace existing ones, the club wanted to sacrifice the historic barn in order to erect a new operations centre.

Given that this loss would be tragic, the City of Toronto's Heritage Preservation Services have entered into negotiations with the club to try to save this important structure through an adaptive reuse programme. The Donalda Golf Club has expressed its willingness to consider this option, and we look forward to a positive outcome.

Egypt 2001

Our sister society, the Ontario Archaeological Society, invites OHS members to participate in a trip to Egypt and possibly beyond now being planned for late in the year 2001. For more information without obligation OHS members are invited to contact trip co-ordinator OHS life-member Charles Garrad, 103 Anndale Drive, North York, Ontario M2N 2X3 (416) 223-2752

Executive Director's Report

Dorothy Duncan

With every issue of the *OHS Bulletin* I find myself repeating a common theme—we have been busy! Since my last report to you I have participated in a wide ranging series of events including:

- Amalgamation seminar for the heritage community in Ottawa hosted by the Council of Heritage Organizations in Ottawa/Conseil des Organismes du Patrimoine d'Ottawa.
- Fund-raising seminar in Sudbury hosted by Regional Consultant Anita Brunet-Lamarche, Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation.
- Annual General Meeting of the Toronto Historical Association in Willowdale.
- Annual General Meeting of the Gurd and Area Historical Corporation in Commanda.
- Meeting of the Taddlewood Historical Society in Toronto, one of the OHS' newest affiliates.
- Voyageur Heritage Network Spring Meeting in Sturgeon Falls.
- Presentation of the Scadding Award of Excellence to The 75th Anniversary of the Great

Fire of 1922 Committee, of the Haileybury Fire Museum in Haileybury, and of the Special Award of Merit to Bill LeSurr in Smiths Falls.

- Northern History Workshop in Cobalt.
- *Money Matters!* workshop in Cobden.
- Official Naming Ceremony for the Budd Sugarman Park in Toronto where the OHS President presented Mr. Sugarman with an Honourary Life membership in the OHS.

One Thousand Blessings

When the OHS chose April 14–16 as the dates for our "Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario's History" Symposium, and also chose the North York Civic Centre as the location, we did not realize we were tempting fate! The City of Toronto inside workers went out on strike on Friday, March 31 and we received a message that the space we had reserved was no longer available! Pandemonium! Registrations were arriving daily from across

Ontario; speakers were calling confirming equipment needs! Telephone calls to every possible location were in vain—everything, everywhere was booked! What to do? After much soul searching and wringing of hands, our only solution was to move the Symposium to our headquarters, so we rented chairs! podiums! equipment! Would we all fit? Chaos! Still the registrations rolled in and the speakers kept calling—more projectors, more equipment needed!

Can you imagine our relief, when on Tuesday, April 11, just three short days before the Symposium was to begin, the strike was settled and the North York Civic Centre awaited us with the welcome mat out?

The Symposium was an unqualified success and yes, we had a thousand reasons to celebrate—over forty speakers held us in thrall for three days as they recounted the rich history of Ontario from many perspectives. Our staff and volunteers were superb, stretched to the limit to ensure everything ran smoothly.

Steve Shaw Productions of Oakville was everywhere at once, filming and recording the sessions. The staff of the North York Civic Centre, happily back at work, responded to our every request with good humour and competent solutions.

You will hear more in the upcoming months about the five one-day colloquia to be held

across the Province, the publication of the papers that were presented, the videos, and tapes that will be available.

In the meantime, we are counting our blessings, and continuing to thank the Government of Ontario, through Ontario 2000 and the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation for their support of this project.



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Across the Province

Mary E. Simonds and Dorothy Duncan

In May the **Kingston Historical Society** launched their newest publication *Monuments, Memorials and Markers*. This superb guide to Kingston's history is available from the Society at (613) 544-9925.

Come home to the Lake of the Woods August 4-7 when the **Townships of McCross/Tovell, Morson, Pratt, Spohn, and Sutherland** are included in the celebrations. For information about the Homecoming, call (807) 488-5733.

The **Haileybury Heritage Museum** is looking for information on Sergeant Richard James Sammon, M.M., born November 23, 1917 in Pembroke, served as Medical Sergeant with the Algonquin Regiment, and was awarded the Military Medal and died tragically April 8, 1945. Contact (705) 672-1922.



Bill LeSurr has just been presented with an OHS Special Award of Merit, by Dorothy Duncan, right, and is surrounded by members and supporters of the Smiths Falls Railway Museum in Smiths Falls. (Robert Leverty)

Beth Hanna, Manager, **Cultural Affairs for Toronto**, and a Past President of the OHS has been appointed Director of Heritage Programmes and Operations for the **Ontario Heritage Foundation**.

The heritage community lost a dedicated worker with the passing of Ted Chirnside this spring. Ted's maps and photographs enriched many programmes at both **North York** and **East York Historical Society** meetings. Our sympathy to Irene, who was one of the first historical costumed interpreters at **The Gibson House** when it opened in 1971.

Do you have roots in the Township of West Nissouri? A dedicated group of volunteers is researching this scenic municipality (originally in Oxford County, now Middlesex). For information: (519) 461-1646 or (519) 667-1603.

Congratulations to our friends and colleagues, members of the **Ontario Archaeological Society**, celebrating their 50th anniversary with many events planned for this special year. Call (416) 730-0797 for details.

The **Weston Historical Society** Walking Tour Committee has completed a self-guided tour of part of Weston and it will be launched on Saturday, July 8 at "Weston Century Walk." Details (416) 241-5594.

Did you know that 1918-1919 was the only Stanley Cupless Season? Launched the

Watch for *The History of the Guild Inn* by Carole Lidgold to be launched in the near future.

Have you ever attended the Seminars on American Culture at Cooperstown, New York? This year the sessions from July 3-8 are designed for both children and adults and cover a wide range of topics. **New York State Historical Association**: (888) 547-1450.

The **Henry House Museum** in Oshawa is celebrating its fortieth anniversary as a museum. Officially opened on May 21, 1960 by the **Oshawa and District Historical Society** as a museum it has continued to prosper and is now part of the complex including **Guy House** and **Robinson House**. For information about the **Oshawa Community Museum and Archives**, call (905) 436-7624.

5:00 p.m. each day. The festival features an outdoor Arts and Crafts Show, live maritime music, food, marine exhibits, model boat show and much more. The Museum is located at 280 King Street in Port Colborne, call (905) 834-7604.

The **Guelph Historical Society** held its popular "Tree Planting Ceremony" at John Galt Gardens in Riverside Park in April honouring Guelph's Mayors. To learn more about this popular annual event (519) 836-2484.

The **City of Peterborough's Celebration 200 Committee** will present Anne Heideman, well-known **Peterborough Historical Society** and OHS member, with the Peter Robinson Award on August 6. Congratulations Anne!

If you are travelling in the Ameliasburg area this summer drop into the **Marilyn Adams Genealogical Research Centre**, located in **Cunningham House**, 523 County Road 19, just south of Rednersville in the new **City of Prince Edward**, where a wealth of genealogical resources await you, including the **Land Registry** office records. For information (613) 967-6291.

Woodside National Historical Site in Kitchener has chosen "Chocolate" at the theme for the year. Chocoholics should call (519) 571-5684 to indulge.

A memorial is planned to commemorate one of the worst train wrecks in Canadian history, that occurred on December 27, 1942 in Almonte. Donations to the **North Lanark Historical Society**, Box 218, Almonte, Ontario K0A 1A0 will be acknowledged with progress reports and tax receipts.

OHS President Jeanne Hughes was one of the speakers at a prestigious gathering of **Richmond Hill Historical Society** members who were honoured for being over 80 years of age. The gala afternoon was arranged by Rose Kessler, a member of both the **Richmond Hill Historical Society** and the OHS.

Our sympathy goes out to family, friends, and colleagues in Richmond Hill with the death of James Rolph Langstaff. With his passing in March, for the first time in 162 years, there is not a Dr. Langstaff in Richmond Hill!

The **Aurora and District Historical Society** has announced a "Garden Restoration Fund" for **Hillary House**, established by the Hillary and van Nostrand families in memory of Dorothy Hillary van Nostrand who was born there in 1898. Donation should be sent to the **Aurora and District Historical Society**, 22 Church Street, Aurora, Ontario L4G 1G4.

It's not too soon to circle September 9 on your calendar if you plan to attend the ever-popular "Candlelight Tour of Homes" sponsored by the **Aurora and District Historical Society**, featuring musical entertainment and refreshments in selected homes



The 75 Anniversary of the Great Fire of 1922 Committee of the Haileybury Museum celebrated the presentation of the OHS Scadding Award of Excellence by Lydia Ross Alexander on April 28. (Dorothy Duncan)

and gardens. Walk through three centuries of Aurora history including **Hillary House**, the National Historic Site. Tours are available between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. and tickets cost \$15 before August 13 and \$20 afterwards. Contact (905) 727-8991.

In keeping with the preservation of the Ojibwe language and oral traditions, Elder Arthur McGregor of the **Whitefish River First Nation** has written *Wiigwaaskingaa* (Land of the Birch Trees) in both Ojibwe and English recounting stories and legends passed to him by people who have gone to the spirit world. Call the **Ojibwe Cultural Foundation** (705) 377-4902 for availability and cost. This book complements the "Three Fire's Historical Heritage Project" launched at the Elders Conference in March to capture and document the oral traditions and the history of the Three Fires of the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomi Nations.

In April **Heritage Huntsville** launched *Huntsville With Spirit and Resolve*. This millennium project is a history of the town to 1950.

Wilson MacDonald: His Life and Legacy was launched in May at his annual Birthday Bash. To learn more about this video contact the **Wilson MacDonald Memorial School Museum** (905) 776-3319.

The **Toronto Historical Association** has entered into an advisory consulting contract with the **City of Toronto** to catalogue the lost historic sites including trails, roads, First Nations communities, structures, rivers, shorelines, and battlefields. Contact Jane Beecroft (416) 515-7546 if you have information.

The **Ontario Agricultural Museum**, that became the **Farm Museum**, has since March been known as **Country Heritage Park**. The site, or individual buildings, may be rented for spe-

cial events, and the public is welcome on weekends in July and August. Call: 1-888-307-3276.

Guelph Museums will be hosting their 33rd Anniversary Benefit Dinner at The Bookshelf Cafe on Monday, September 25. To join the party (519) 836-1221.

The **Markham Berczy Settlers Association** has already begun planning for the 2004 Reunion, to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the German Mennonite families from Pennsylvania. For information (905) 640-3906.

Calling all Tilsons to the Family Reunion to be held at the **Annandale National Historic Site** and surrounding community in Tillsonburg July 28 to August 1. Contact (519) 842-2294.

The **Esquering Historical Society** schedule of upcoming events include "Tales of Ballinafad" in September, "Dominion Seed House Days" in October and the "Avro Arrow Saga" in November. Call (905) 877-6506 for dates and locations.

Ridge House Museum, an 1875 restored middle class working family's home located in Ridgetown is welcoming visitors daily, 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. To learn more (519) 674-2223.

Clarence McBride, Reeve of **Bromley Township** and his colleagues are hoping to give new life to the historic township hall built in 1865 and restored in 1968. Call (613) 646-2375.

Congratulations to the **Humber Heritage Committee** and Chair Madeline McDowell on winning the **Etobicoke Historical Society's** Jean Hibbert Award for 2000, in recognition of having the Humber River declared a Canadian Heritage River.

From the **Innisfil Historical Society** newsletter comes words of wisdom for us all: Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the Ark, and professionals built the Titanic!



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Upcoming Events

June–July 30: The Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery of Markham, located at 216 Main Street in Unionville hosts **Artists For The 21st Century: Selected works from York Region Secondary Schools**, Contact (905) 477-9511.

June–July 30: The Mississippi Valley Textile Museum presents **For the Love of Dolls** from the All Dolled Up Guild of Ottawa, and features over 200 dolls from the Guild’s teaching workshops dressed in seasonal and fantasy themes. From **June–September 24** the work of the Almonte Crazy Quilters, **2000 Stitches in Time**, showcaes intricate hand and machine sewn quilts, heirloom quilts, wall hangings, and quilted garments. The Musuem is located at 3 Rosamond Street East in Almonte (613) 256-3754.

June–August: Tea is steeping at Hutchison House Museum throughout the summer. **Scottish Tea** and **Peach Tea** are available every afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Museum is located at 270 Brock Street in Peterborough (705) 743-9710.

June–October 22: On selected Sundays, the Guelph Arts Council invites you to stroll and explore and **Discover Historic Guelph** during guided walking tours on five themes: “Where Guelph Began,” “Downtown Walkabout,” “The Slopes of the Speed,” “Altar and Hearth,” and “Brooklyn and College Hill.” Each tour is approximately 2 hours and cost \$2; tour booklets are available for \$5. For tour dates contact the Guelph Arts Council, 147 Wyndham Street North, Suite 404, Guelph, Ontario N1H 4E9 (519) 836-3280.

June–December: In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of municipal government in Ontario, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum

presents **150 Years of Whitchurch Township: Outstanding People & Events**. Learn about early election procedures before voting by secret ballot; when electrical, water, sewer, and natural gas was installed in the Village of Stouffville; how the community survived Hurricane Hazel; and much more. The Museum is located at 14732 Woodbine Avenue (905) 727-8954.

June–January 2001: The Simcoe County Museum showcases findings from archaeological dig sites from around Simcoe County including 10,000 year old objects, native artifacts, pioneer items, and War of 1812 pieces. On **July 29–30** the **Teddy Bear Picnic** is back by popular demand and features antique and modern bears, children’s crafts and activities, and more. A beary good time will be had by all. The Museum is located on Highway 26, north of Barrie in Minesing (705) 728-3721.

July 1–2 & 8–9: The East Durham Historical Society maintains Dorothy’s House Museum depicting early life, customs, and history of the area. Among the many programmes throughout the summer is **Scrap Books by Local People**, on display from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Dorothy’s House is located in the scenic village of Garden Hill, at 3632 Ganaraska Road in Hope Township, just north of Port Hope (905) 885-5577.

July 1: Plan to attend the **July 1 Dominion Day** activities at Fanshawe Pioneer Village at 2609 Fanshawe Park Road East, and return on **July 8–9** for **Tours of the Village Gardens**. For details on the summer events contact (519) 457-1296.

July 4–August 24: Drop in Tuesdays and Thursdays for crafts, games & fun! **Summer Sizzle** is free with regular admission from

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Markham Museum & Historic Village located at 9350 Highway 48 in Markham (905) 294-4576.

July 8: The Wellington County Museum and Archives’s busy season of activities includes a **Grand Garden Tour & Herb Fair** from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On **August 27** the **Antique & Classic Car Show** is on from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and from **September 9–November 5** see the **Mother Earth** textile exhibit. The Museum is located at R.R. # 1, Fergus (519) 846-0916.

July 9: The Victoria County Historical Society invites you to the 7th annual **Blooms of Summer Garden Tour** for a stroll through a variety of Lindsay area gardens. Master Gardeners are available at each location to answer questions during the hours 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tickets are limited, cost \$12 and are available at the Victoria County Museum, and other locations in Lindsay and Fenelon Falls. Call (705) 324-6756.

July 11–August 29: The active Bowmanville Museum has a full slate of programmes. Bring the children on Tuesdays, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for **Children’s Heritage Crafts**. Each Wednesday from **July 12–August 30** from noon to 3:30 p.m. enjoy **Afternoon Teas on the Verandah**. The Museum is located at 37 Silver Street in Bowmanville (905) 623-2734.

July 14–16: A good time can be had by all at the **Latchford Heritage Logging Days** festival, celebrating logging and lumbering heritage. See chainsaw carving, lumberjack olympics, magic show, dancing and more.

July 22: This is the 50th anniversary of William Lyon Mackenzie King’s death and the Waterloo Historical Society (WHS) and Woodside National Historic Site invite you to remember and celebrate. The day begins with a brisk walk through **Mackenzie King’s Berlin**, meeting at Kitchener’s Speakers Corner at 10:30 a.m. Bring lunch and a lawn chair for the **Pincic in the Woods of Woodside**, for 1890s music, refreshments, and tours of the King home. Woodside is located at 528 Wellington Street North in Kitchener. Call (519) 571-5684.

July 29: The Toronto Field Naturalists host informative heritage walks exploring “lost” and industrial areas of the city. Several of the following are co-sponsored by the Canadian Railroad Historical Association. To learn about the **Railway Lands West**, including the new golf course meet at the clock outside Union Station at 2:00 p.m. on Front and Bay Street. On **September 2** visit the **Garrison Creek Tributary**, meeting at 2:00 p.m. at the south-

west corner of Bloor Street West and Dufferin Street. Visit a park, historic St. Anne’s Church and Garrison Watershed. The walk on **September 3** explores and discusses ideas for improvement and **Re-greening of Liberty Street Streetscape**. Meet at the southwest corner of Fraser Avenue and King Street West at 2:00 p.m. This walk will be repeated on **October 28** at 2:00 p.m. The walk through the **Lost Wetlands of Leslieville** on September 9 explores amphibian ponds, Ashbridge’s Bay marsh, and the Leslie Nursery. Meet at the northwest corner of Jones Avenue and Queen Street East at 2:00 p.m. Visit the **Lost Costal Villages of Scarborough and Pickering** on **September 17** exploring Lake Ontario coastal trade routes by lake coasters and schooners, and by the Grand Trunk Railway in the 1850s. Meet at Rouge Hill Go Station at 11:00 a.m. On **October 7** meet at the southwest corner of Caledonia Road and Eglinton Avenue West at 2:00 p.m. for the walk visiting the **Lost Ponds of Silverthorn**. For information on any of these walks contact the Toronto Field Naturalists at (416) 593-2656.

August 13: Plan to join in a **Good Old Fashioned Fun Day** at the Scugog Shores Historical Museum, located at 16210 Regional Road # 7 in Port Perry (905) 985-3589.

June 25–September: The Grand Trunk Railway Station in Otterville, sponsored by the South Norwich Historical Society, launch **For Home and Country**, a tribute to Women’s Institutes including the Springfield Women’s Institute, and also

Back to the Land, a diary of farming in South Norwich Township. The Station is open Saturdays and Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment. Contact (519) 879-6804. On **September 30** the Society holds its fundraising flea market and craft show, **Faire at the Mill** on main street in Otterville.

July 30: The Monarchist League, Toronto Branch, and The Other Loyal Societies of Toronto invite you to a **Garden Party** to mark the 100th Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the grounds of Historic Fort York in Toronto. Military bands, croquet, tea, sandwiches, and birthday cake will be available. Dress for ladies is afternoon tea attire, and for gentlemen, jacket and tie, or uniforms. National dress is encouraged. Tickets are \$35 for adults, and \$20 for children 10 and under. Contact (416) 922-1058.

August 26: The Hay Bay Church at Adolphustown (now part of the Town of Greater Napanee) invites you to attend the annual pilgrimage service. The Church has been honoured with several historic plaques over the years, and recently it has been approved as a National Historic Site. Visitors are welcome throughout the summer (416) 231-5317.

November 2: The Trent Port Historical Society holds its sixth **Dinner Auction** at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Trenton at 6:30 p.m. featuring silent and live auctions, draws, and a buffet supper. Ticket are \$10 available at (613) 392-8418.

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Cemetery News

Marjorie Stuart

The Etobicoke Community Council voted to approve a rezoning application for the construction of a crematorium and columbarium on the site of the **Ontario Hospital Cemetery**. Hearings before the Council were jammed with concerned citizens. There was considerable opposition to this proposal. Approximately 1512 people were known to have been buried in the cemetery between 1892 and 1974. There are markers for 145 people dating only from 1957-1974. There are no known maps showing the burial locations and boundaries. In the interest of preserving the sanctity of the deceased the Ontario Genealogical Society joined with OHS to recommend that an archaeological assessment to determine the extent of the cemetery be made before construction takes place. As this is written the sale of the cemetery by the Ontario Realty Corporation is under investigation by Government auditors.

Concerned citizens are urged to contact their Members of the Legislature with regard to the fate of **Warner Cemetery** and to recommend the acceptance of Plan "C." The cemetery which is adjacent to the Queen Elizabeth Way in the Niagara-on-the-Lake area is threatened by the proposed widening of the highway. This early burial ground, established by Christian Warner, has been designated under The Ontario Heritage Act. It was the site of a Methodist Episcopal Meeting House built in 1801. The earliest gravestone is dated 1786 and is believed to be one of the earliest in Ontario. Three plans have been developed. Plans "A" and "B" will encroach upon the cemetery now and in the future. Plan "C" would align the highway to the west and would allow for the highway's future expansion. The cemetery which is still active is the burial location of many of Butler's Rangers as well as early and more recent community residents. The annual meeting of the cemetery's Board of Directors took place at the St. David's Fire Hall on June 4.

Members of the Burma Star Association dedicated a plaque at **Resthaven Memorial Gardens** in Scarborough honouring the bravery of John James Baillie, a George Cross winner. His wife Betty Baillie assisted at the unveiling.

On Ile de Batz, France, local citizens have maintained a cemetery where three crew members of H.M.C.S. Athabaskan are buried. The Athabaskan sank when torpedoed by the Germans on April 29, 1944. This is just one of the small cemeteries in France that are visited and cared for by local residents.

The Royal Canadian Legion and the Department of Veterans' Affairs have brought the body of an unknown soldier from a French war grave from the Vimy area where it has lain for over 80

years. This unknown soldier represents the over 27,000 unknown Canadian soldiers of all wars. The remains were buried with full military honours in a sarcophagus below the **National War Memorial** in Ottawa.

Parks Canada dedicated a plaque and flagpole to the memory of Mackenzie Bowell, Canada's fifth Prime Minister in the **Belleville Cemetery** last fall. This is part of an ongoing programme to recognize Canada's Prime Ministers.

At Guelph's **Woodlawn Cemetery** Charlotte Mackie and Anne Marie are gathering information on veterans who are buried in the cemetery. Those with family information are asked to forward a summary including name and rank to the cemetery office at 762 Woolwich Street, Guelph, Ontario N1H 3Z1.

Laura Suchan of the Oshawa Community Museum has submitted her thesis to York University for a Master of Arts degree. Her topic was *Memento Mori: Classifying Nineteenth Century Ontario Gravestones*. This work represents many hours of research. Congratulations Laura!

Laura Suchan has also been "surfing the Net" and reports that the Ebay Community Standards state that while families may hold historical gravestones which they are legally entitled to sell, the ebay auction site refuses all such items because they do not wish to encourage vandalism of the world's graveyards. The Canadian auction site, Summit Auction Ltd., also refuses to list grave markers.

The Oshawa Historical Society has planned two walking tours of **Union Cemetery**. The tours which will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 17 and Sunday, September 17 will include the burial locations of Oshawa's early settlers and the McLaughlin family mausoleum. Motifs on some of the cemetery's unique tombstones will be discussed. The tours will offer an opportunity to go "behind the scenes."

The *Legion Magazine*, March/April 2000 reports that The Organization of Military Museums of Canada has taken on a millennium project to catalogue Canada's military memorials. It is planned to have a national inventory of all military monuments, memorials, plaques, cairns, fountains, and dedicated windows. For further information contact Veterans' Affairs Canada, Commemoration Division, 66 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5H1 (613) 996-6799.

Also from the *Legion Magazine* we learn that The Maple Leaf Legacy is a project of Steve Douglas, a Canadian living in England. The plan is to record the image of every Canadian war grave and these would be made available free on a website. Mr. Douglas points out that "almost all of the war dead of this coun-

try are buried thousand of miles from home. Most of the families and friends of the fallen have never and will never be able to visit the grave of their loved one." For further information contact The Maple Leaf Legacy Project, c/o 22 Southdown Road, Tadley, Hampshire, RG26 4BT UK.

Re-dedication of the gravestone marking the burial location of David Francis Burk at **Burk's Falls Cemetery** will take place on July 22. The Burk's Falls & District Historical Society completed the restoration of the monument to the village founder as a millennium project.

The Esquesing Historical Society has asked the Mayor and Councillors of the Town of Halton Hills to restore the cemetery at Lot 18, Concession 8 behind the Municipal Building. Archaeological specialists uncovered 19 graves at the site and the Society wishes that the memory of these pioneers be recognized with a cairn or memorial plaque.

The chapel in Port Hope's **Union Cemetery** has been repaired. The chapel, which had been designated as a heritage site by Hope Township and is now located in Port Hope due to annexation, was built by "Yankee Williams" in 1893 in memory of his wife.

The Directors and staff of **Cataraqui Cemetery** in Kingston have a busy schedule planned to celebrate the cemetery's 150th Anniversary. June 6 was the Kingston Historical Society's annual commemoration honouring Sir John A. Macdonald's life and achievements. On June 17, the Kingston Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society held its annual picnic and the public was invited to use the extensive records of the cemetery. A special highlight of the anniversary celebrations is a week-long series of special events culminating in the dedication on August 12 of a new Open Air Chapel. On November 10 a special Veterans' Service is planned for the large military plot purchased in 1865 by the War Department of Great Britain and now maintained by the Commonwealth War Veterans Commission. We salute **Cataraqui Cemetery** and commend them for their interest in preserving this important tribute to Canada's and Ontario's heritage.

Concern has been raised for the fate of a small cemetery located at Lot 22 Concession 4, City of Scarborough. **Phoenix Cemetery** is a small family burial ground, now unmarked, under the #3 Hydro Tower, which will soon be dismantled, and the hydro right-of-way sold for development.

At **South Gower Cemetery** in Kemptville vandals caused damage estimated at \$250,000. This senseless act is thought to be a well organized crime and not a youthful prank. Cemetery officials do not know how they can

cope with the cost of repairs of this magnitude.

The First Nations of Rama have mounded **Rama Cemetery** and will record the cemetery as well as **Big Chief Island Cemetery** as a heritage project.

The third annual **Cemetery Walk** presented by the Cobourg and District Historical Society begins at 1:30 p.m. on July 9. Tickets are \$8 and include reenactments at 4 area cemeteries. "Meet" some of the oldest cemetery residents and earliest settlers, courtesy of the Northumberland Players.

Mr. Wilson's research and transcription notes of **Angus Union Cemetery** have been donated to the Simcoe Banch, Ontario Genealogical Society who plan

to publish a book based on the cemetery.

Finally, a good news story from Halifax. Mayor Walter Fitzgerald and Guy MacLean of the Northwest Arm Heritage Group have successfully negotiated a deal to preserve **Deadman's Island** from development. Approximately 188 American prisoners of war from the War of 1812, about 100 American slaves freed during British operations in the Chesapeake Bay area and who died in Melville Island prison, French and Spanish Prisoners from the Napoleonic Wars, and Irish immigrants quarantined during the typhus outbreaks in the 1840s are all buried on **Deadman's Island**. There is an estimated 400 burials at the site.

Welcome New Members

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<i>Beeton:</i> Gordon and Ruth L. Wright	<i>Manitowaning:</i> Assiginack Museum
<i>Bramalea:</i> Ella and George Waters	<i>North York:</i> Sandra Battaglini
<i>Carp:</i> Patrick Wohler	<i>Ottawa:</i> Indian Claims Commission
<i>Cobalt:</i> Cobalt Historical Society	<i>Paris:</i> Frank Seaton
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Museum News

Cindy Crawford, St. Joseph Island Museum

White River Historical Society celebrates Winnie the Pooh's humble beginnings

Cindy Crawford

Few childhoods pass without the tales of a bear named Winnie the Pooh. But for all the notoriety this lovable bear has achieved, most people don't realize her humble beginnings were in White River, Ontario.

"It wasn't until the late 1980s that we were made aware of the fact that the real Winnie had once lived in our woods," says Bernice Makepeace, chair-bear of "Winnie's Hometown Festival," an annual event that has honoured Winnie the Pooh since 1989. Three White River residents had heard an interview on CBC radio when Fred Colebourn (Harry's son) recounted the story of Winnie the Pooh. Word quickly spread and interest was piqued but Bernice says she credits Tom Bagdon, Chamber of Commerce president, for doing a lot of the background research including verification from the London (England) Zoo confirming that Winnie had come from White River, and tracking down Winnie's obituary which appeared in a London newspaper, citing her origin as White River. In addition there were the diaries.

"Harry Colebourn had kept six diaries with various tidbits about Winnie and his visits with her at the London Zoo," says Bernice. It was Harry who, on August 24, 1914, bought a small, orphaned cub at the Canadian Pacific Railway station in White River and named it Winnie, after his hometown, Winnipeg. He was passing through town on a troop train and he took the bear on-wards with him to Salisbury Plains and then to the London Zoo for safekeeping while he was at the front in France.

During WWI, Winnie attracted quite a following with her tricks. According to Bernice, after the war Captain Colebourn didn't have the heart to bring his bear home, so in December 1919, Winnie was officially donated to the zoo. In the early 1920's, A.A. Milne took his young son, Christopher, to the same zoo. Milne started to write stories about the bear whose name had now expanded, courtesy of his son, to Winnie the Pooh. In the first edition of the Winnie the Pooh story, Milne identifies his source of inspiration as the bear at the London Zoo.

"It has been a challenge to prove Winnie's background, but, once research got underway, it was there in black and white," says Bernice. Convincing the Disney Company, who has the licensing ownership of the bear's image, was another challenge. "We were able to prove everything and can sell licensed items with our town name on them," she explains. "It takes about two years time to receive approval to introduce each Winnie the Pooh item with a White River identification on it."

Since discovering that Winnie hailed from their community, the White River District Historical Society has hosted "Winnie's Hometown Festival" which has grown from a one-day event to almost four days in length. This year's festival, which will be held August 18-20, has the theme of "Winnie Looks to the Future." A highlight of this year's festival will be the ribbon cutting to officially open the new White River Heritage Museum. The festival draws upwards of

1,200 visitors per year, including many Americans.

"As for the success of the festival, we really have to give a lot of credit to Dorothy Duncan, Executive Director of the OHS, and Daniel O'Brien, Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, for their guidance and support," says Bernice. "We were greenhorns and I remember Dorothy asking, 'So, what are you going to do about the 75th anniversary of the bear's purchase in White River?' No one knew what to say."

Bernice says the historical society didn't have an answer then but after a planning party, Dorothy gave them the self-confidence and knowledge necessary to host the first Winnie's Hometown Festival.

"Those who attended the first year were primarily local people but now we mail out hundreds of brochures all over," she says. The festival appeals to young and old, collectors and history enthusiasts. Many collectors of Winnie the Pooh memorabilia exhibit, exchange or sell their Pooh items during the festival and also host a Pooh fan club meeting. Other events scheduled include parades, entertainment and a hand-crafted competition that, of course, also includes a homemade teddy bear category.

"One of the most interesting aspects of Winnie the Pooh is the conversation that comes about," says Bernice. "Some people say it is just a fairy tale, we have people from Winnipeg who swear the bear is from Winnipeg and then we have those who are simply thrilled to discover this part of Winnie's life."

Useful tips from recent fundraising workshop

Cindy Crawford

More than two dozen museums from across north eastern Ontario attended the Fundraising for Museums workshop held recently in Sudbury. The workshop featured the insight and experience of Ken Wyman, C.F.R.E., a trainer and consultant who, for the past twenty years, has helped non-profit groups learn how to become financially self-sufficient.

As Ken walks and talks, he delivers approachable, real ideas explained Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation Consultant Anita Brunet-Lamarche. This is not a canned presentation, it was designed specifically for museums in North-eastern Ontario.

During the full day programme, participants were presented with informative, and often entertaining, presentations on direct mail fundraising, how to attract institutional support, finding and keeping fundraising volunteers and how to use special events to educate the public, attract new donors and cultivate important donors. A variety of resources were distributed to attendees as well as a form on which other resources could be ordered.

Wyman explained to the workshop attendees that there are 79,000 registered charities across Canada competing for the same money. His identification of the sources of funding drew audible gasps of surprise from partici-

pants. He said that government funding accounts for 56 percent of charitable funding followed by individuals (10 %), fees (5 %), corporations (1 %) and foundations (.5 %). Other sources accounted for the balance.

Alumni of a museum are one of the largest sources of income potential, he said, reminding attendees of the importance of regular mailing lists with names of local as well as ex-residents.

A free draw, in which entrants fill out their name and address, is one way to collect names. It is important to send a letter saying who won the draw, where the money raised from the draw went, and what percentage of the overall goal that money accounted for, explained Wyman.

"One of the most important tips to remember, said Wyman, is where the money actually comes from. People give to people, transactions are between people, not an unfeeling corporation," he explained.

Funding can also be 'in-kind' or in the form of needed services or supplies. He mentioned office supplies, transportation or printing services as examples. In-kind or sponsored events can lessen the cost associated with special events, also, he said.

"Typically events cost 50 percent of money raised unless expenses are covered by sponsors or in-kind," said Wyman.

Thunder Bay Museum to complete final phase of new museum project

The Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society is about to begin work on the final phase of the New Museum Project which had begun in 1994.

This will involve the expansion and retrofitting of the storage wing, construction of a library/reading room adjacent to archival storage, and construction of a visible storage gallery to house and exhibit large items such as fire fighting equipment.

In addition, there are plans to restore the building's facade to its 1911 appearance. More than \$170,000 is needed to complete the work.

You may wish to consider a gift to complete the work and support the valuable community work of the Society. Contact the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society, 425 Donald Street East, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7E 5V1 (807) 623-0801.

New White River Museum to open during Festival

Cindy Crawford

After only ten years the White River Museum is about to move into a new location and undergo a slight name change. When the ribbon is cut on Friday, August 18 at 4:30 p.m., the White River Museum becomes the White River Heritage Museum.

"We're quite excited about moving into this larger space," says Bernice Makepeace, on behalf of the White River District Historical Society. "We've got approximately five times more space plus we'll be keeping our former location as a work area."

"We've had a local collector donate his collection of 100 Winnie items so one room has been named The Pooh Room," says Bernice. Other items in the

museum's collection includes six books autographed by Christopher Robin, three by his father A.A. Milne, several Winnie the Pooh bears from around the world and a 262-piece collection donated from the estate of an American gentleman.

Bernice expresses some disappointment at the fact that despite the larger space, the museum still isn't able to exhibit more of its overall collection, such as pieces from Domtar or the Canadian Pacific Railway, but is quick to note that the space has been well utilized.

"Our other location was so tiny and when the bank announced it was vacating its premises, they knew we were in

search of a larger location," says Bernice. With no budget for taxes or renovations, the Town accepted it on their behalf and a grant from Northern Ontario Heritage Fund covered the interior renovations.

The Museum will be a special place for this special bear in Ontario's history.

Reminder

Submissions for the Museum Page should be sent to Cindy Crawford, St. Joseph Island Museum, R R # 1, Richards Landing P0R 1J0 (705) 246-3223 or e-mail at sjmuseum@canada.com



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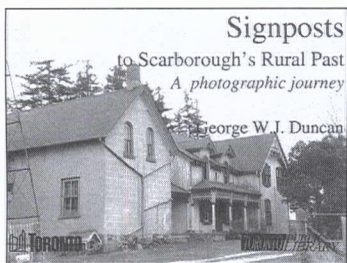
From the Bookshelf

Chris and Pat Raible

Memories/Histories

Tallying the Tales of the Old-Timers. By Joan Finnigan. General Store Press, 1999. 270 pages. Illustrations. \$29.95 softbound.

Joan Finnigan has written dozens of books, many of them inspired by the Ottawa valley. Several are compilations of the memories of long-time residents. They speak in their own words, telling about events in their own lives. Whether or not such storytelling is entirely factual, it is nonetheless very human, very true. Readers with an interest in the valley, or simply those who enjoy a good yarn, will welcome this fifth volume of social/oral histories that testify to the unique identity of the area.



Rural to Urban

Signposts to Scarborough's Rural Past. By George W. J. Duncan. City of Toronto Economic Development, Culture & Tourism Department with the Toronto Public Library. 38 pages. Illustrations. \$5.00 softbound.

There are still traces of Scarborough's 19th and early 20th century past, but not many. Architectural historian George Duncan set out ten years ago to capture with his camera a selection of them (some are now gone). Each of these wonderful photographs is accompanied by a brief historical commentary and, most usefully, suggestions as to where the reader can search for more.

Leaside. Edited by Jane Pitfield. Natural Heritage Books. 324 pages. Illustrations. \$24.95 softbound.

Leaside—from the Lea family that gave it its name, to its absorption into East York, to the amalgamation of metropolitan Toronto—has always been a community. More than a hundred residents and former residents combined their memories and their writing skills to create this intriguing and engaging volume.

One Town's Tale

Nelson's Falls to Lakefield: A History of the Village. Lakefield Historical Society. 188 pages. Illustrations. Price not given, hardbound.

A fine compilation of many, many details in the history of this one community. There are chapters on churches, schools, and cemeteries, and chapters on trains, fairs, and newspapers, as well as chapters on doctoring, policing, banking, and more. Here is a book to make its villagers proud and the rest of us want to visit.

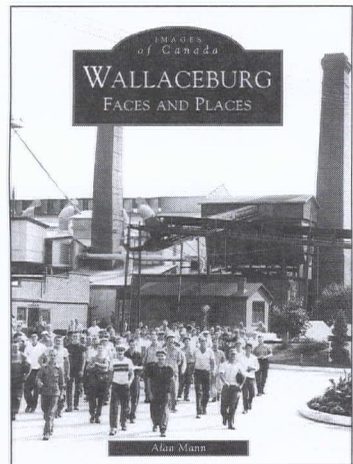
Two For One

Windermere: The Jewel of

Lake Rosseau. By Richard Tatley. Boston Mills Press. 72 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound.

Windermere House: The Tradition Continues. By Susan Pryke. Boston Mills Press. 96 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 hardbound.

The first book, the history of a tiny Muskoka community, ends where the second book, the story of a grand hotel, begins. Early in 1996, Windermere House burned. The village of Windermere was created in the middle of the 19th century by the cutting of a colonization road, but early settlers had a hard time trying to farm Canadian granite. Tourism changed it all as urbanites sought to escape from hot cities to the cool summer solace of Lake Rosseau. Windermere flourished, then declined (with the Depression and the War) and then recovered in the affluence of the 1970s and since. Most activity focused around a huge hotel, Windermere House. Its death and resurrection is the theme of the second book. With both, Boston Mills Press continues producing notable records of historic areas in our province.



Pictures Perfect

Wallaceburg Faces and Places. By Alan Mann. Arcadia Publishing for the Wallaceburg and District Museum. 128 pages. Illustrations. \$29.75 softbound.

Mid-century Wallaceburg—from the 1930s to the 1970s—is presented through pictures. More than two hundred period photographs, most of them of people engaged in activities, tell the story of this southwestern Ontario industrial community. Each image is cleverly, but not too cutely, captioned to put it in context. The result is quite splendid. Even if you've never been to Wallaceburg, you'll enjoy perusing this book.

Any community planning a photographic history may be interested to know that this book was produced by an American publisher in its "Images of Canada" series and, reports local museum director, Ian Mason, "it did not cost our historical society more than \$100... Proofs were sent to North Carolina, the printing was done in England... We receive a 40% discount for the books we buy... We did not have to find a publishing company—they approached us." There were conditions: they had to provide a local author/compiler (who do-

nated his time); they needed a target population of 15,000; the author had to promise not to produce a similar publication; and at least one local commercial operation needs to sell the book. Get in touch with Ian Mason at the Wallaceburg and District Museum if you want further details.

Dear Diary

From the Inside Out: The Rural Worlds of Mennonite Diarists, 1863 to 1929. Edited and with an introduction by Royden Loewen. University of Manitoba Press. 350 pages. Illustrations. \$24.95 softbound.

This fascinating selection is culled from the diaries of Mennonites living in Manitoba or (perhaps of more interest to *OHS Bulletin* readers) in Waterloo County, Ontario, during the last part of the 19th century and the first part of the 20th century. Generally speaking, these diary entries avoid the "emotion and introspection" common in diaries; instead they record the facts of everyday life. Their writers are preoccupied with work, food, crop selection, marketing, weather patterns, and the comings and goings of friends. Births, deaths, weddings, funerals, church services and politics inform the entries. From them we can gather a true sense of rural life of this period "from the inside out."

From Lochnaw to Manitoulin: A Highland Soldier's Tour Through Upper Canada. Edited by Scott A. McLean. Natural Heritage Books. 96 pages. Illustrations. \$18.95 softbound.

Early in 1838, a Scottish regiment, the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, arrived in Canada, sent over to put down the remnants of the 1837 Rebellions. One officer, Andrew Agnew, kept a diary of one episode in the regiment's tour, a trip to Manitoulin for the annual "gift-giving" to the native population. Agnew enjoyed the journey, but was unimpressed by the culture of the Chippewas. Day to day first person accounts can be fascinating, and this is no exception.

Much to Be Done: Private Life in Ontario from Victorian Diaries. By Frances Hoffman and Ryan Taylor. Natural Heritage Books. 278 pages. Illustrations. \$21.95 softbound.

This skillful compilation of 19th century diaries was first published in 1996 and quickly went out of print. Those who missed it now have a second chance.

Stately Home of Oshawa

Parkwood. By Stephanie Beatty and Susan Gale Hall. Boston Mills Press. 64 pages. Illustrations. \$9.95 softbound.

Parkwood is now a National Historic Site, but it was built in 1917 as the private home of the McLaughlins who made their millions manufacturing motor cars. This picture book sketches

the family's life and especially its social life as revealed by the well-preserved house and gardens. The modern and archival photographs are marvellous.

Museum Management

Business Planning for Museums: A Workbook for Museum Managers. By J. Patrick Wohler. Pat Wohler and Associates. 46 pages. \$12.00 softbound.

The author has long experience in the heritage field, especially as related to museums. In an era when all museum managers are under stress to find ways to do more with less, this workbook may well provide a useful tool.

A Place Not Cruel

Canada's Big House: The Dark History of the Kingston Penitentiary. By Peter H. Hennessy. Dundurn Press. 216

pages. Illustrations. \$22.99 softbound.

In 1833 an Upper Canada citizen's report called for the construction of a penitentiary near Kingston, "a place not cruel... but so irksome and so terrible that during [an offender's] lifetime he may dread nothing so much as a repetition of the punishment." Its prime purpose was to be reform—a place for reflection and penitence. In practice, "punishment" soon surpassed "penitence." Hennessy sketches the prison's 165-year history as a backdrop to more recent insalubrious events. A member of the penitentiary's Citizen's Advisory Committee for six years, he feels the institution still suffers from "confusion of purpose and faulty leadership." A thought-provoking look at one aspect of our criminal justice system.

History Noted

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

Some of It Was Fun: Memoirs of the Canadian Army 1933-1970. By Lieutenant W. E. Girard (Retired). Pentland Press. 88 pages. \$22.50 A retired Canadian Army officer describes everyday life of a soldier both on and off duty.

History of the Guild Inn. By Carole M. Lidgold. \$20.00 The history of the Guild Inn is a love story between owners Rosa and Spencer Clark.

Illustrated Guide to Monuments, Memorials & Markers in the Kingston Area. Kingston Historical Society Plaque Committee. 258 pages. Illustrations. 24.95 Information on more than 190 plaques—people, events, military history, and historic architecture.

Association Management by Herb Perry and Robert Kelly

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Historic stagecoach to ride again between Toronto and Kingston

Ross Frame, Upper Canada Gazette

Plans are underway for a horse-drawn stagecoach to once again travel the historic route between Toronto and Kingston, stopping at many points along the way. It will follow the route taken by William Weller, the Stagecoach King, and his stagecoachs in the 1830s to 1860s. A replica of the stagecoach, known as the William Weller will make the journey. William Weller, was born in Carrying Place near Trenton in 1800, and later settled in Cobourg. With his successful business he had offices in many of the towns along the route.

With the arrival of the stagecoach in each community there will be numerous festivities in town centres to greet it, and whenever possible, a recreation of the conditions, styles and excitement that accompanied similar runs during the 1800s.

To help publicize this unique journey, a commemorative broadcast newspaper will be produced, highlighting each town along the route and it's history. The newspaper will also contain a fictionalized narrative of the trip containing colourful characters, issues and debates of the period, descriptions of the travelling conditions, and geography of the time.

The distribution of 250,000 copies in advance of the stagecoach run should generate con-

siderable interest and bring people out to witness this historical event, bringing a greater understanding of the growth and development of the modern communities on this well-trod lakeshore route.

Many details continue to be finalized, but a sampling of the journey includes the following:

At the beginning of August the Stagecoach commences its journey at Fort York, visiting modern downtown Toronto, and stopping for an evening reception at the Enoch Turner Schoolhouse complete with good food, period costumes, and entertainment.

A stop in Scarborough highlights the history of Kingston Road and the Guild Inn.

In Pickering, a three day promotion in the Pickering Mall is planned.

In Ajax, a reception in the Old Village of Pickering is in the works.

The stop in Whitby includes a reception.

In Port Hope, a reception will be held at the 100 year old Port Hope Golf and Country Club, including the 1859 Penryn House.

On Saturday, August 5, the stagecoach tours historic Port Hope.

The town of Cobourg welcomes the stagecoach with a two day festival, 'Weller Days.'

The next destination is the Grafton Village Inn, an original stagecoach stop in the early days.

A reception is planned for the Colborne stop, and another for Trenton.

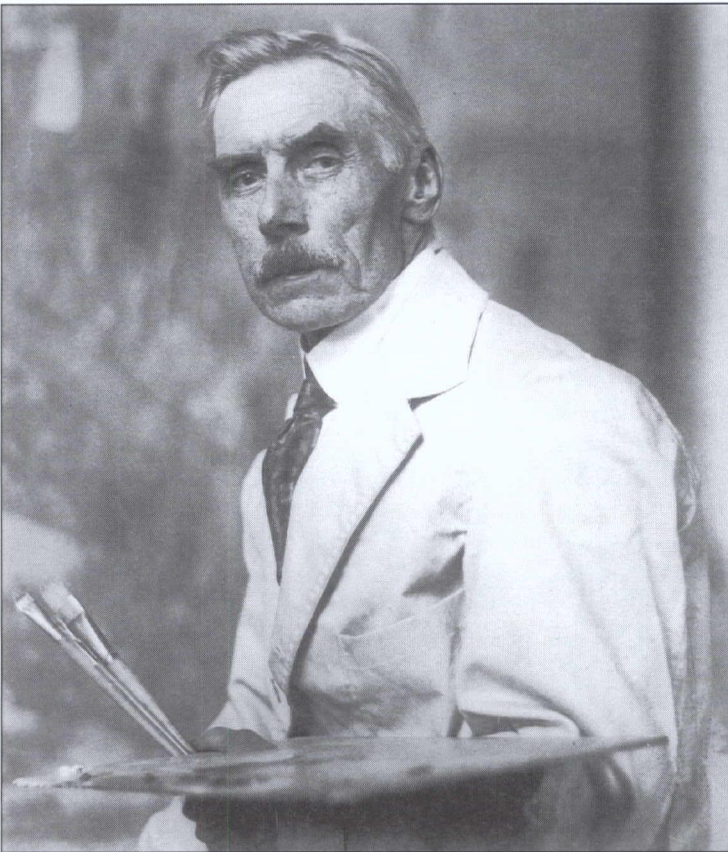
The city of Belleville's stagecoach visit on August 12 includes the Farmers Market and other historical sites, ending with a reception at the Belleville Club hosted by *The Intelligencer*, the local newspaper.

Another reception is planned for the stop in Napanee.

The City of Kingston and historic Old Fort Henry is the final destination. The stagecoach will tour several historic downtown locations, ending appropriately with a special event at Old Fort Henry.

For this project to succeed with greatest impact, support of the business communities along the route is required. You or your company are invited to participate in this historic, entertaining, educational, and exciting millennium project. The communities along the route between Toronto and Kingston have already committed their support.

For further information on this unique venture, contact Ross Frame, Upper Canada Gazette, 2 North Drive, Suite 402, Toronto, Ontario M1N 1Z2 (416) 691-6130, Fax (416) 691-3691.



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Honouring C. W. Jefferys

Penny Potter, North York Historical Society

To honour Charles William Jefferys, O.S.A., R.C.A., LL.D. 1869-1951, perhaps Canada's foremost historical illustrator, the North York Historical Society will be unveiling a statue of him on October 21, 2000, in York Mills, where he lived and worked for almost fifty years. Cast in bronze, it will show him in his later years, holding in his hands the tools of his trade: brush, pen and pencil.

The sculptor, Adrienne Alison, B.Sc., A.A.M., studied art in England, after working in the development of facial prosthetics at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and teaching in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto. Her portrait busts are in private collections in England and Canada, and

her Sionie Woman may be seen at the Ontario Science Centre.

Jefferys' illustrations of Canada's past from the Viking presence to the beginning of the twentieth century span nearly the last millennium. His drawings reflect the meticulous research that took him across Canada, into museums, ruins, archives, journals. He was a President of the OHS, and a founding member of the Toronto Arts and Letters Club, as well as a member of the Royal Canadian Academy, the Champlain Society, and the Canadian Authors Association.

OHS members are cordially invited to join us in Toronto on October 21 as we honour one of our most important historians. Contact (416) 222-3485 for tickets and information.

Old Town Heritage Community with new ideas

Shirley E. Hartt, Enoch Turner Schoolhouse

Those of us who are involved with heritage know that it can be an ongoing struggle to interest the general public in heritage issues and activities. Those who work in the smaller heritage organizations often wish for more contact and information flow among the groups. About a year and a half ago, The Old Town Heritage Community was formed to help deal with these concerns.

At the 150th Anniversary Celebration for Enoch Turner Schoolhouse, Nancy Mallett of St. James' Cathedral and I talked about ways to foster greater contact among local groups such as museums, historic sites, and heritage attractions. We were especially interested in sharing information regarding educational programmes for both school children and adults.

Nancy organized the inaugural meeting at the Parish House of St. James' Cathedral on February 4, 1999. Fourteen representatives of heritage groups located in or near the early Town of York attended, as well as representatives from the Board of Education, the Ontario Museum Association, and the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation.

The Committee soon expanded its mandate. It became clear that a common problem for our groups was financing publicity, especially in the highly competitive Toronto market. Along with its information-sharing function, the Old Town Heritage Community's main goal was "to facilitate co-operative promotion of operations and activities for tourists, residents, and learners of all ages."

We have just completed a major step toward that goal; a handsome brochure that invites visitors to "Come and explore where Toronto began." The brochure features nine museums and historic sites, including Toronto's First Post Office, The Market Gallery, Redpath Sugar Museum, and Mackenzie House. Also featured is the Citizens for the Old Town office, located in St. Lawrence Market Hall which provides information and assistance for visitors, residents, and businesses.

Each site has an illustration and brief description, with its location shown on a handy map. The map also includes 16 other historic sites of note in the Old Town area. The brochure, was produced with the assistance of

Human Resources Development Canada.

The Old Town Heritage Community wants to distribute the brochure as widely as possible, and had 100,000 copies printed. If you would like to learn more about Toronto's Old Town and/or distribute brochures, please call Shirley Hartt at (416) 761-9007, Fax 761-1630 or the Citizens for the Old Town office at (416) 861-1793, Fax 861-8728.

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