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WE WON ... AGAIN!

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The Ontario Historical Society has again won an historic victory in the struggle to maintain burial sites and cemeteries in their original locations. The Ontario Licence Appeal Tribunal, in a unanimous decision, has ruled that it is *not in the public interest* to dig up and move the St. Alban's Anglican Church Cemetery in Palgrave, Ontario.

On June 7, 2001, the Registrar for Cemeteries in Ontario issued a provincial order that it was *in the public interest* to close and move part of the St. Alban's Church Cemetery. On June 28, 2001, the OHS appealed "the order to close and move" to the Licence Appeal Tribunal on the grounds that this closure order only served private interests rather than the *public interest*.

The Licence Appeal Tribunal held pre-hearing meetings in October 2001 and March 2002. On April 5, 2002, the Tribunal ruled in the matter of *The Ontario Historical Society v. Registrar, Cemeteries Act, Province of Ontario*, that the Anglican Church of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto and the developer should be added as interested parties to the hearings. The Church supported the Province of Ontario's order that it is *in the public interest* to relocate St. Alban's Anglican

Church Cemetery so that a developer could build on it.

From April 22-26, 2002, The Province of Ontario and the Anglican Church presented evidence in support of relocating St. Alban's Cemetery. Their witnesses included Michael D'Mello, the Registrar for Ontario Cemeteries; Heather Broadbent, a former Heritage Resource Officer for the Town of Caledon; David Ostler, the City Solicitor for the Town of Caledon; Ms. Bonnie Glencross; the Venerable Archdeacon Harry Huskins; and Rev. Canon Donald Bone. In September and December 2002, Dorothy Duncan, Marjorie Stuart, Paul Johnston (Kentridge Johnston Planning Ltd.), Dr. Douglas Leighton and Diane Clendenan testified on behalf of the OHS. All parties presented their final arguments in January 2003.

In March 2003, the Licence Appeal Tribunal released their final decision. Three Provincial Hearing Officers ruled, "The Tribunal finds on the evidence that there has been noncompliance with the *Cemeteries Act* and further finds that the partial closing of St. Alban's Cemetery is *not in the public interest*. The Registrar's Order is not correct and is not reasonable." None of our opponents appealed the Tribunal's decision to Divisional Court within the 30-day limit.

In response to the Tribunal's decision, OHS lawyer Catherine Bray (Borden Ladner Gervais) declared, "This decision only serves to strengthen the historic and landmark win we achieved in April 1999 on the Clendennen case because this decision involves a cemetery connected with a religious institution. Now developers have real and significant obstacles to overcome before closing and moving cemeteries in Ontario!"

This is a tremendous victory for both the heritage community and descendants of the ancestors buried at St. Alban's Anglican Church Cemetery. For the first time in the history of this Province, a religious institution testified that relocation of a cemetery was *in the public interest* and should be sanctioned by the state.

We remain indebted to all our witnesses who so generously donated their time in preparing for and testifying at these hearings.

Thank you again to all the descendants for their support and to Catherine Bray for her masterful preparation and presentation of the OHS case.

Unfortunately, the unexpected addition of the Anglican Church and the developer as interested parties to these hearings dramatically increased our legal costs. Other tactics by our opponents, such as the Province of Ontario's failed attempt to impose a publication ban on the OHS, the Church's unsuccessful motion to block the descendants' testimony and the demand to strike from the official record OHS evidence concerning the last will and testament of James Rowley, who is buried at St. Alban's Cemetery, prolonged these hearings and further increased our legal costs. Therefore, our members and donors will understand why we are still encouraging donations for the OHS Cemetery Defence Fund so that we may pay all our expenses for this hearing.

More Good News to Celebrate!

You will remember that in April 1999, after lengthy and costly hearings (1995-97), a Provincial Tribunal ruled in

favour of the OHS and the Ontario Genealogical Society that it was *not in the public interest* to relocate the Clendennen Cemetery. The Province of Ontario, the Town of Markham, and a development company had all argued that it was *in the public interest* to dig up and move this pioneer cemetery. Our opponents had also vigorously opposed the full participation of the Clendennen descendants.

On April 16, 2003, the Mayor and Members of Markham Council passed the following motion: "That Heritage Markham's recommendation to designate the Clendennen Cemetery under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* be approved." In the heritage report to Markham Council, it states, "The Clendennen Cemetery is a significant heritage resource to the Town of Markham. The site represents the last resting place of some of Markham's earliest settlers and is a significant example of an early pioneer homestead cemetery. The Clendennen Cemetery would be the first cemetery (in the Town of Markham) individually designated entirely on its own

merits." Congratulations to the Town of Markham, its citizens and the Clendennen descendants!

In the past four years, six Provincial Hearing Officers, appointed by different governments formed by different political parties, have ruled that the position of OHS on burial grounds and cemeteries represents *the public interest*. Now, a former adversary on this issue, the Town of Markham, has officially endorsed all the arguments that the OHS presented on behalf of *the public interest* at the Clendennen Hearings.

To the members of the OHS and to all those individuals and organizations who have donated to our Cemetery Defence Fund – these are your victories and you have every reason to be proud of them. These achievements are part of your legacy to preserving and promoting Ontario's history. Yes, it is time to celebrate! But history has also shown us that victory presents new responsibilities and challenges that require leadership. The struggle for *the public interest* will depend on your continued support and dedication.

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The Ontario Historical Society presented the annual Honours and Awards on May 4, 2003. Seen here are a few of the recipients. L to R: Lieutenant Governor of Ontario James K. Bartleman, who won the Joseph Brant award for his book *Out of Muskoka*, poses with Guelph Museums winners Val Harrison, John Lawrence, Paul Taylor and Ken Irvine. See pages 2 and 3 for details, and photographs of the Honours and Awards.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JEAN MURRAY COLE

My path to the presidency of the OHS has been an enlightening and enriching one. It has involved working with a varied group of committed Board members, all of whom bring their own special talents to bear on the work of the Society. It has been meeting with members of many heritage organizations around the province in my capacity as chair of the Local Societies Committee, participating in some of the numerous special OHS events held at John McKenzie House, and responding to all the challenges the Board has faced in the past few years. My own efforts as a Board member have been coloured by many years of experience at the local level with historical societies, museums, archives and libraries, as well as my professional work as a writer and historian.

We are in a time of change in the society, and with our new executive director well into her second year with us, we are looking forward to continuing the long-standing OHS activities so well established by the legendary Dorothy Duncan: the valuable regional workshops that

bring our members together with their neighbours in different parts of the province, the *OHS Bulletin*, our journal *Ontario History* and other publishing projects, the museums initiatives, the cemetery advocacy, heritage preservation efforts, and the annual *Honours & Awards* that recognize outstanding contributions in the field of Ontario history.

At the same time, we want to hear your views and suggestions – to learn what our membership feels about the role the OHS plays and how it meets your needs – or could meet them better. If you have any thoughts on the future directions of the Society, we urge you to discuss them with any of the Board members listed elsewhere in this *OHS Bulletin*. It would help to guide our deliberations.

The society has evolved and progressed since it was founded in 1888, and as we mark its 115th year we look forward to continuing in the traditions it has so long espoused. I am grateful to you all for the opportunity to have a part in furthering this important pursuit.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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We've won! Again! The Ontario Historical Society successfully fought the closure of St. Alban's cemetery in Palgrave. Details of this legal victory are contained elsewhere in this issue. Although we are pleased with this victory, we now have the legal bills to contend with. The cost to take on this battle was substantial. Your donation is needed today. If you can spare \$10, \$20, \$50 or more please do so. Dig deep in your pockets and help us bury our debt! Tax receipts are issued for all donations.

It seems the majority of phone calls from affiliated societies lately have to do with insurance. Local groups are seeing their insurance rates skyrocket. In some cases, policy renewal is not an option. Members may recall that the OHS looked into providing insurance to affiliated societies some years ago. At the time, it was dropped due to lack of interest. We are again working with an insurance broker to determine whether we can offer a range of insurance to our affiliates at a reasonable price. It must be flexible enough to accommodate the various needs of our local societies. A questionnaire will be circulated to our affiliated members shortly to gauge your interest in this proposal.

Recently, the Ministry of Culture held an information session to report back to stakeholders on the proposed changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Included in the long-awaited changes to the *Act* is the development of criteria for assessing provincially significant property of cultural heritage value, minimum standards for maintenance, and interim control measures within study areas for heritage conservation districts. The Honourable Minister of Culture David Tsubouchi assured those in attendance that passage of this legislation was a priority and that he will "try his best" to see it through. This can only be achieved with the support of the heritage community. Please write, fax, phone or email Ernie Eves (at webprem@gov.on.ca) and your local MPP and request

their support "without debate." We've waited too long for changes to the *Act*. We need it passed before another election is called.

Our inaugural bus tour to Peterborough was a great success. The first stop on the tour was a visit to the Canadian Canoe Museum. A delicious lunch and tour of Hutchison House Museum preceded our final stop at Lang Pioneer Village. Goodie bags, door prizes and other treats helped pass the time on our luxury coach. Plans are already underway for a fall outing to the Niagara area. Join us for a behind the scenes tour of Willowbank School for Restoration Arts, the Niagara Historical Society & Museum, and lunch at a local winery. We expect another sold-out event so book early!

Society staff and volunteers had a busy weekend in May with our Annual General Meeting on Saturday and our annual Honours & Awards presentation on Sunday. Congratulations to incoming President Jean Murray Cole and her new Board of Directors. Farewell and best wishes to outgoing Past President Frank Bartoszek and outgoing Treasurer Jo Marie Powers. Thank you both for your dedication and service to the OHS over the years. Jo Marie has offered to continue as organizer of our annual Cookbook Caper in November and Frank is willing to volunteer as needed. Thank you. Sunday's Honours & Awards presentation was well attended and the weather was beautiful.

Congratulations to the recipients of The Ontario Historical Society's 2002 Awards. Mary Angela Tucker, Chair of the Honours & Awards committee, hosted the event. Deputy Minister of Culture Terry Smith brought greetings from the Province and presented the awards with President Cole. The Honourable James K. Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, attended with Her Honour Madam Marie-Jeanne Bartleman to receive the Joseph Brant Award for his book *Out of Muskoka*. Special thanks to Ann Marie MacLennan for her decorating talents and her work on the reception as well as to the

other volunteers and bakers who helped make the weekend a success. The deadline for nominations for the 2003 awards is October 31, 2003. Nomination forms will be available soon.

We are planning a number of fundraising events for the near future. An antique sale in the fall is being planned. Perhaps you have something in your home that you no longer want or need? Let the OHS sell it for you for a small commission fee or donate it outright and receive a tax receipt for its fair market value. Linens and Lace is another upcoming event. Is there an item in your closet that you could part with to help the Society? Arrangements can be made for pick-up from various locations across the Province.

In the past few months I visited local societies in Manvers Township, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Belleville, South Dumfries and Brantford. This represents a small portion of the invitations I receive monthly. I do try to accommodate your requests but unfortunately I have to be considerate of travel costs as well as time. My apologies if I was unable to attend your special event. I do hope to meet you all soon.

Order your copy today of our new *Ontario Heritage Directory*. The soon-to-be-released *Directory* contains all the information you need, including email and Web addresses, to locate and contact heritage organizations, museums, First Nations and institutions in the province. The new *Directory* is easy-to-use with information arranged by region and cross-indexed by municipality as well as organization name. Save 20% by ordering before June 30.

In closing, I would like to thank outgoing Editor Gabe Scardellato for maintaining high standards over the years in the production of our journal *Ontario History*. Gabe has agreed to contribute book reviews and editorial advice to R.B. Fleming, the new editor of *Ontario History*. Rae Fleming is a biographer and historian who resides in Argyle, Ontario. Welcome, Rae! For more information on Dr. Fleming, visit his Web site at www.rbfleming.net.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL HONOURS & AWARDS RECIPIENTS

On May 4, 2003, The Ontario Historical Society presented its annual Honours and Awards at the John McKenzie House in Willowdale. These awards acknowledge excellence in the heritage community. The awards and winners for 2002:

Scadding Award of Excellence is given to an historical society or heritage group that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of history. The winner for 2002 is the **Brampton Historical Society**.

Museum Award of Excellence in Community Programming is presented to a non-profit public museum in Ontario showing excellence in community involvement and programming. The 2002 winner is **Guelph Museums**.

Dorothy Duncan Award is awarded to a non-profit organization nominated by a First Nations' Band Council or a Municipal Council for outstanding service to its region. The 2002 winner is the **Thunder Bay Public Library** for its project *Gateway to Northwestern Ontario History*.

Joseph Brant Award is given for the best book on multicultural history in Ontario published in the past three years. The winner for 2002 is **James K. Bartleman** for his book *Out of Muskoka*. James K. Bartleman is the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

Fred Landon Award is for the best book on regional history in Ontario published in the past three years. **Susan Pryke** is the 2002 winner for her book *Huntsville With Spirit & Resolve*.

Alison Prentice Award is presented for the best book on women's history in the past three years. The 2002 winner is **Gaye I. Clemson** for her book *Algonquin Voices: Selected Stories of Canoe Lake Women*.

J.J. Talman Award is for the best book on Ontario's social, economic, political or cultural history published in the past three years. The 2002 winner is **J.T.H. Connor** for his book *Doing Good: The Life of Toronto's General Hospital*.

Carnochan Award is presented to an individual who has contributed many years of service to the heritage community. The 2002 winner is **Mike Burns** for his 40+ years of work in Bancroft and the northern Hastings district.



Seen here at the Honours & Awards Ceremony in May are left to right: Jean Murray Cole, the new OHS President; Terry Smith, Deputy Minister of Culture, and Susan Pryke, the Fred Landon award winner for her book *Huntsville With Spirit & Resolve*.

Photo Rob Leverty

ACROSS THE PROVINCE



ABOVE: The OHS was honoured to participate in the Rants, Rails and Rogues Living History Conference at Fanshawe College St. Thomas Campus, Saturday, March 29, 2003. Left to right are: David White, Ph.D. one of 25 presenters at the conference (as Dr. Dee and the Antler River Medicine Show); Diana Player, Secretary of the Talbot Settlement Bi-Centennial Committee; and the Rev. Nick Wells (as Col. Thomas Talbot, the founder of the settlement). One hundred and sixty-five participants reflecting the history of the settlement from the French and Indian War to WWII enjoyed an excellent program of workshops, re-enactors, film, historic merchants, historic sites, Museums and Societies.



Corporal Brown and Sergeant Kingsway of the 10th Royal Veterans are seen here at the recent Talbot Bi-Centennial Living History Conference held in St. Thomas. Honouring the original unit raised in 1807 by Isaac Brock, the 10th Royal Veterans are a re-enactment group portraying British soldiers in the War of 1812. For further information: 10th Royal Veterans, P.O. Box 1153, Ayr, Ontario N0B 1E0.

Photos Rob Leverty

COMMUNITY PEELING BACK COVER FROM LONG-HIDDEN MURALS

JOHN KEATING

There is an important bit of Toronto history hidden under layers of house paint at a library near the corner of St. Clair Avenue W. and Dufferin. A campaign by a local residents' group is about to bring part of that history back into public view.

The Dufferin /St. Clair Branch of the Toronto Public Library is home to large murals by two of Canada's most famous mural artists. In 1926, George Reid, the Principal of the Ontario College of Art, painted his vision of idealized family and community life on the walls of what was then Earls Court Library. Six years later, Doris McCarthy, one of Reid's former students and now one of Canada's most celebrated artists, painted a fantasy mural in the adjoining children's room. Both works were painted over during renovations in 1964.

Then, in 1998, John McAuley and David Self, two members of the Regal Heights Residents'

Association, began a campaign to bring the paintings back. After a year of planning, they invited prominent art restorer Laszlo Cser to determine whether the works could be saved. Tests on a section of wall above a library fireplace revealed a small glimpse of Reid's panel *The Family*. Further tests uncovered a small portion of a McCarthy panel *Cinderella*.

The Toronto Public Library Foundation threw its support behind the project and the restoration is slated to begin this year. Laszlo Cser will carry out the work in two phases, beginning with *The Family*.

The whole project is expected to cost about \$50,000 and fundraising efforts are underway. The involvement of the Library Foundation means donors will receive tax receipts.

For more information or to make a donation, contact John McAuley or David Self at 416-652-5556 or mcauley.self@sympatico.ca.

GODOLPHIN FLAG STATION RECEIVES HISTORIC PLAQUE

The annual Open House of the Warkworth-Percy Historical Society (WPHS), on April 26, was the occasion of the dedication of an historical plaque commemorating the Godolphin Flag Station. From 1916 to 1953, Percy Township residents could stop the train at this station by raising a green and white flag. They could then travel westwards to Peterborough and on to Toronto or eastwards to Belleville and beyond for schooling, work or shopping. Farmers could ship their milk or produce to market. Ruth Sykes Nelson told the assembled crowd how this rail link was essential to her mother's education; in the 1920s she travelled first to high school in Campbellford and then to Normal School in Peterborough to obtain her teaching certificate. Jack Oliver related stories of his aunt travelling from her job in Toronto home to Godolphin for weekend visits. On one occasion, she thought the fare quoted was rather expensive and discovered that the ticket agent had mistaken Godolphin for Dauphin, Man. A one-way trip from Godolphin to Toronto

took five hours because of the many stops – perhaps this is the origin of the phrase "milk run."

Minister of Culture, the Hon. David Tsubouchi, on hand for the ceremony, thanked the members of the WPHS for their work and stressed the importance of preserving our history. Recognizing the stories presented by the participants in the afternoon's program brings this past to life. Northumberland MP Paul Macklin, MPP Dr. Doug Galt, County Warden Fred Holloway and Trent Hills Mayor George McCleary each added their own examples of how, in Dr. Galt's words "tradition serves as a rudder to guide us through modern life." Retired CNR employee Eric Sommers of nearby Hastings, appropriately attired in his striped coveralls and cap, spoke of his experiences working for the railroad. He then unveiled the striking green and white plaque, which will be installed shortly at the site of the Godolphin Flag Station.

This new plaque marks the eighth historical plaque project initiated by Aureen Richardson, a WPHS life member. This latest project was

completed with the support of the society, the Ontario Heritage Foundation, the J.D. Kelly book fund, and many interested members of the community. Mrs. Richardson was teacher at S.S. #13, Godolphin School from 1960 to 1963. During the dedication program she read a poem about spring in Godolphin written by some of her former pupils. One such pupil was Maria Battaglini Fitzgerald, a retired music teacher, who sang "The Rolling Hills of Northumberland." Each of the guests added such humorous tales of their own connections to the railroad or the local area that the audience frequently dissolved in laughter. Mrs. Richardson concluded that in her many years as an avid preserver of local history she had never known it to be so light-hearted and entertaining.

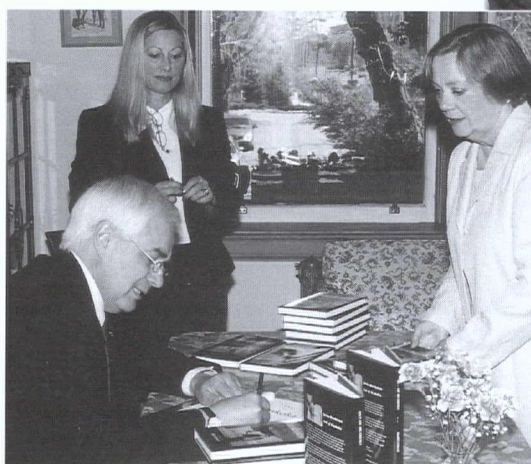
After the ceremony guests were invited to view the displays of railway memorabilia. Several local family histories including early photographs were also on display.



ABOVE: Honours & Awards recipients for 2002 are, left to right: Peter Murphy, Brampton Historical Society; Gaye I. Clemson, Author; James Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Author; Susan Pryke, Author; Melanie Burns, on behalf of her father Mike Burns; Leslie Piekarz, Thunder Bay Public Library; and Val Harrison, Guelph Museums.



ABOVE: Left to right are Jean Murray Cole, OHS President; Terry Smith, Deputy Minister of Culture; and Melanie Burns, who accepted the Carnochan Award on behalf of her father Mike Burns who, sadly, passed away earlier this year.



LEFT: James Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Author of *Out of Muskoka*, signs copies of his book. Assisting is Christina Perfetto, OHS Membership Coordinator, and purchasing a book is Mary Angela Tucker, Director, OHS Board.

Photos S. Creighton

EVENTS & EXHIBITS

UNTIL AUGUST 30: *Colonel Thomas Talbot: A Bicentennial Exhibit*, Elgin County Pioneer Museum, 32 Talbot St., St. Thomas, For info: 519.631.6537

UNTIL AUGUST 30: *The Story of Canadian Tire Money*, an exhibit at the Elman W. Campbell Museum presented by the Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club. See 50 years of Canadian Tire memorabilia. 134 Main St. South, Newmarket, open Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – noon and 1 – 4 p.m. For info 905.953.5314

UNTIL AUGUST 31: *The Gilded Cage: Women's Fashion and Accessories, 1850-1950*, an exhibit at Woodstock Museum. Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., \$3 adults & seniors, \$1 youths, children 12 & under free. For info 519.537.8411, museum@city.woodstock.on.ca

UNTIL AUGUST 31: *Early Sail on the Great Lakes, The Marine Art of Peter Rindlisbacher*, Lawson Family Gallery, Museum London. For info 519.661.0333 or www.museumlondon.ca

UNTIL AUGUST 31: *An exhibit of clocks made by The Snider Clock Corporation of Toronto*, features Harry Snider's clocks made between 1950 and 1976 from the *House of Snider* – "Canada's largest manufacturer of modern clocks". The Canadian Clock Museum, 60 James St., Deep River, open daily. For info 613.584.9687 or www.canclockmuseum.ca

UNTIL SEPTEMBER 28: *The Neighbourhood Store*, the story of Guelph's neighbourhood stores from 1828 to today, photo exhibition by Dean Palmer. For info 519.836.1221 or www.museum.guelph.on.ca

JUNE 21: *National Aboriginal Day*, a celebration of historical and contemporary contributions of Aboriginal Peoples in Canada. For information on events in your area visit www.ainc-inac.gc.ca.

JUNE 28: *Grey County Black History Event*, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Centennial Hall, 818 Albert St., Ayrton. For info contact Greta Kennedy 519.369.3119, or Grey County Archives 519.369.3245, archives@greycounty.on.ca, www.greycounty.on.ca/archives

JUNE 28 & 29: *Fenian Raids Re-enactment*, Old Fort Erie, 350 Lakeshore Road, Fort Erie, In June of 1866, The Irish Republican Army attacked British North America and unintentionally helped create Canada. For info 905.871.0540, www.oldforterie.com

JULY 5: *7th Annual Heritage Day*, presented by the Stayner Heritage Society, Station Park, events all day, pancake breakfast, parade, food fair, children's musical, cart & carriage rides, heritage activities and crafts. For info 705.428.2917

JULY 5: *Annual Meritt Day Celebration and Walking Tour of Downtown*. Meet at the corner of St. Paul and McGuire Streets, The Historical Society of St. Catharines, www.niagara.com/~dmdorey/hssc/hssc.html

JULY 5 & 6: *Whodunit? Murder Under the Big Top*, Backwoods Players present an annual evening of mystery dinner, hosted by the Pickering Museum Village Foundation, 5 p.m., Dinner theatre tickets \$40, For info and tickets 905.683.8401

JULY 6: *Glanmore National Historic Site 30th Anniversary Celebration*, 1 – 4 p.m. A special book, *Glanmore National Historic Site*, will be on sale. Entertainment and refreshments, 257 Bridge St. East, Belleville. For info 613.962.2329

JULY 18, 19 & 20: *Shakespeare Under the Stars*, Driftwood Outdoor Theatre Group performs *Love's Labour's Lost* at Benares Museum, Mississauga, 8 p.m. For info 905.822.1569 or www.museumsofmississauga.com

JULY 26: *1950s Fun Day for Children*, Jordan Historical Museum, 1 – 3:30 p.m. 50's games, crafts and fun for ages 6 – 10, \$6 per child, 3802 Main St., Jordan, Town of Lincoln, For info 905.562.5242 or jhnt@vaxxine.com

JULY 27: *Battle of Lundy's Lane Commemorative Service*, 12:30 p.m., Drummond Hill Cemetery (where War of 1812 heroine Laura Secord is buried), Lundy's Lane Historical Society, Niagara Falls.

AUGUST 1 – 9: *Brighton History Week*, celebrate Brighton's rich history, 100 years of change reflected in the *Looking Back Posters*, events conducted throughout the week. For info www.brightononline.ca

AUGUST 9 & 10: *Ross Museum Country Garden Tour*, 12 gardens, \$10, hosted by Ross Museum, Foresters Falls. For info 613.616.2622

AUGUST 9: *Lumberman's Picnic*, to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Pioneer Museum (after its recent face-lift & expansion), 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., antique demonstrations and displays, competitions, entertainment, pork BBQ, games for kids. Cloyne and District Historical Society, 613.336.2203, pioneer@mazinaw.on.ca

SEPTEMBER 7: *Among the Green Hills of the Don: Canadian Pacific Railway Camps and Sites at Todmorden (8); Food, Entertainment and Work, 1888-1889*. Meet at southeast corner of Sumach and Winchester Sts. at 3 p.m. (Cabbagetown Festival). For info 416.593.2656

Fridays, JULY to SEPTEMBER, *Brockville Ghost Walks*, \$12 (2½ hours), \$9 (1½ hours), no reservations, cash only, Brockville Museum. For info 613.342.4397, www.brockvillemuseum.com


DOORS OPEN IN ONTARIO

Doors Open is the province's newest heritage touring adventure. Dozens of communities across Ontario put out the welcome mat and open the doors to architecturally significant buildings and other heritage treasures, free of charge. A 64-page booklet is available by calling 1.800.ONTARIO. Upcoming participants in *Doors Open* are:

- JUNE 14 – 15, OWEN SOUND
- JULY 25 – 27, RED LAKE
- WEEKENDS IN AUGUST, MACDONELL-WILLIAMSON HOUSE (HAWKESBURY)
- AUGUST 23 – 24, MARKHAM
- SEPT. 6 – 7, VAUGHAN
- SEPT. 13, THUNDER BAY
- SEPT. 13 – 14, MISSISSAUGA
- SEPT. 13 – 14, CORNWALL-SEAWAY VALLEY
- SEPT. 20, WATERLOO REGION
- SEPT. 20 – 21, CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY
- SEPT. 20 – 21, BRAMPTON
- SEPT. 27, BRANT
- OCTOBER 4, AMHERSTBURG
- OCTOBER 4, PETERBOROUGH
- OCTOBER 4 – 5, LONDON
- OCTOBER 5, WINDSOR
- OCTOBER 18 – 19, BINATIONAL NIAGARA

JOIN THE OHS AT THESE 2003 EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	HOST/SPONSOR/ LOCATION
JUNE 28	OHS AT 2ND ANNUAL GREY COUNTY BLACK HISTORY EVENT – FAMILY HISTORY: YOUR LIFE LINE	CENTENNIAL HALL, AYTON, ON
JULY 13	NATIONAL YOUTH HERITAGE FAIR -WORKSHOP-	OHS AT ANDERSON FARM MUSEUM SITE, LIVELY, ON
JULY 15	HISTORY & CULTURE OF BLUEBERRIES IN NORTHERN ONTARIO - WORKSHOP-	OHS AND CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY HERITAGE MUSEUMS
OCTOBER 3 & 4	ARTIFACT IDENTIFICATION CLINIC,	OHS & THE TEXTILE MUSEUM OF CANADA, TEXTILE MUSEUM, TORONTO, ON
OCTOBER 4	PRESERVING FAMILY PHOTOS -WORKSHOP-	OHS AND VOYAGEUR HERITAGE NETWORK HOSTED BY COMMANDA GENERAL STORE MUSEUM, COMMANDA, ON
NOVEMBER 3	ONTARIO HISTORY SCENES	OHS AUTUMN BUS TOUR TO NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE



FOR INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE EVENTS CALL 416.226.9011

A SAMPLING OF TORONTO'S MANY SUMMER HERITAGE EVENTS

HISTORIC FORT YORK, *Canada Day Celebrations*, July 1, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Celebrate our country's birthday at the birthplace of Toronto. Learn how to be a soldier, like in the 1800s, try English country dancing, enjoy guided tours, musical demonstrations, musket firing and historic cooking. Free parking, Adults \$5, Seniors & Youths \$3.25, Children \$3. 100 Garrison Rd., 416.392.6907, fortyork@toronto.ca, www.toronto.ca

GIBSON HOUSE MUSEUM, *Summer on the Farm*, Saturdays and Sundays in July & August, noon to 5 p.m. Each weekend interpreters in the historic kitchen will be using seasonal produce from the garden to explore a variety of preserving techniques. Fruit, berries, and vegetables will be pickled, dried or made into jams and jellies. Meat and fish will be dried and salted in preparation for the long winter to come. Enjoy a tour of the historic house and sample the day's cooking. Limited free parking, Adults \$2.75, Seniors & Youths \$2.25, Children \$1.75, 5172 Yonge St., 416.395.7432, gibsonhouse@toronto.ca, www.toronto.ca

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Toronto has many different heritage sites you can visit this summer. Most offer events each weekend in July and August. From exhibits and tours to children's programs and food traditions, there is a lot going on. For information about all of Toronto's heritage sites and their summer events check out www.toronto.ca

CEMETERY NEWS

MARJORIE STUART

Richview Cemetery in Etobicoke has been designated a heritage site by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. This unique cemetery, located in the middle of the 427 and 401 network of highways, is the first cemetery to be designated since the "new" City of Toronto was amalgamated. Extensive restoration is underway with a completion date of 2004. For more information call Randall Reid at 416.394.8113.

Lt. Col. Kenneth Collins, a long time member of the Ontario Genealogical Society, passed away recently. Thirty years ago, Ken Collins initiated a cemetery recording project, which has identified the location of over 5,000 known burial locations in Ontario. The inscriptions on the tombstones in many of the cemeteries have been transcribed. Ken Collins had the foresight to preserve these important records, many of which are no longer visible or legible.

The Waterloo Region Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society has initiated a program to take digital photographs of cemetery markers that are in danger of having engravings erased. This will create a permanent record for

these endangered tombstones.

St. Philip's Anglican Church and Cemetery in Etobicoke are celebrating their 175th Anniversary. A tour of the church and cemetery will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 8. Tickets are \$5 and are available from Montgomery's Inn at 416.394.8113. Ticket includes afternoon tea at Montgomery's Inn until December 1, 2003.

Victoria Memorial Square, located near Bathurst Street and Clarence Square in Toronto, is to be restored. This cemetery was established in 1794 "on the Garrison Common near the old Fort and on the east side of the Niagara Street Bridge" outside of the Town of York. Time and progress have taken their toll on this burial ground – one of the earliest in Ontario. Katherine, the 7th child of Lt. Gov. John Graves Simcoe was among the first to be buried here. Soldiers from the fort, their wives and children were also interned at this site. It is not to be confused with the burial grounds adjacent to the fort. There are few records but estimates are that there were at least 500 burials. Most were

marked with wooden or metal crosses. At the end of the War of 1812, about 1814 or 1815, Capt. Battery was ordered back to England. He owned several very fine horses. Just before his departure he shot them and had them buried in the cemetery. It is believed that the final burials were about 1863. Restoration costs for this cemetery and the nearby St. Andrew's Playground are estimated at \$1.5 million, half of which must be raised by the local community. A transcription and history of Victoria Memorial Square is available for \$8 from Toronto Branch O.G.S., Box 518, Station K, Toronto, ON M4P 2G9.

Concern has been raised that tombstones of Malvern Emanuel Methodist Church Cemetery in Scarborough are missing. A 1969 transcription shows many more stones than are presently visible. The family of Robert Simpson, founder of Simpsons, were buried here. It is planned to probe the cemetery later in the summer.

The 200th Anniversary of the Talbot Settlement (1803-2003) is being celebrated by local museums, historical and

tourism organizations, and ten municipalities in the Elgin and London District. On September 28, there will be a ghost walk *When We Dead Awaken* at Old St. Thomas Church Cemetery. To meet the ghosts check the Web site at: <http://home.golden.net/~talbot2003>

Cemetery Trustees are reminded that volunteer help is available in some communities. High school students are required to do community service. Many service organizations will arrange cleanup crews and plan for ongoing maintenance. Employees of some firms such as Proctor & Gamble in Brockville donate their time. Proctor & Gamble employees cleaned abandoned cemeteries, moved soil to level the ground and did much heavy work. Navy League Cadets from Napanee assisted the Town of Stone Mills by clearing brush, etc. in several abandoned cemeteries. Ken Turner is President of Essex County Historical Cemeteries Preservation Society and is restoring small family plots throughout Essex County.

On Saturday, October 25, Rob Leverty will speak on *Ontario's Cemeteries: The Struggle*

for the Public Interest at a symposium presented by the Ontario Archaeological Society, the Ontario Provincial Police and the OPP Museum & OPP headquarters in Orillia. For further information call Jeanie Tummon, OPP Museum 705.329.6889.

Good News! The Town of Richmond Hill is designating Horner Cemetery. Horner Cemetery is a farm burial ground established on Lot 21, Concession 2, Markham Township in 1825. The Horners were early Pennsylvania German settlers in the area. The cemetery, now part of an open space zone owned by the Town of Richmond Hill, is currently being designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. There are seven known burials on this site overlooking the Rouge River. This will be the third historic cemetery in the Town protected by a heritage designation. The other two designated cemeteries are the Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church Cemetery and the Headford United Church Cemetery. Both are in the ownership of historic churches. In the case of Headford, both the church and the burial ground are designated.

COMMON GROUND: EXPLORING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN DISCIPLINES – ARCHAEOLOGY, FORENSICS, FIRST NATIONS, POLICING, MUSEOLOGY

This is a symposium presented by the Ontario Archaeological Society, the Ontario Provincial Police and the OPP Museum, OPP General Headquarters, Orillia, Ontario. For more information about the *Call for Papers* and the symposium itself check out the Ontario Archaeological

Society's Web site at: www.ontarioarchaeology.on.ca or call Ellen Blaubergs at 705.326.2071 or Jeanie Tummon, OPP Museum 705.329.6889. Come hear the OHS's own Rob Leverty present *Ontario's Cemeteries: The Struggle for the Public Interest* on Saturday, October 25.

PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROGRAMS

The Town of Richmond Hill and the Ontario Archaeological Society have partnered to offer unique public archaeology programs. This partnership began in the fall of 2001 and has been successful in delivering educational and informative archaeological programs to the public.

Hands-on excavation can be experienced through the summer *Day on a Dig* programs which are offered on designated Saturdays throughout the summer.

For adults interested in a more lengthy archaeological experience, an *Adult Learning Vacation* is offered from August 18 – 22, 2003. During the week, participants will engage in excavation, site survey, lab activities and a visit to an off-site educational area. Summer day camp experiences will also be offered to the younger generation.

For more information on these interesting programs and for registration details, call 905.787.1441 Ext. 224.

SEND US YOUR SUBMISSIONS

Do you have an upcoming event or exhibit that you would like to publicize? Do you have an interesting story to tell from Ontario's past? The *OHS Bulletin* is always looking for submissions from members.

If you have something that you would like to submit for an upcoming issue, send us a copy. Please include a hard copy and an electronic copy in MS Word (if possible). Send your submissions to Editor, *OHS Bulletin*, The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Ave., Willowdale, ON M2N 3Y2. The *OHS Bulletin* reserves the right to edit all submissions for length and content.

COMMUNICATING WITH QUEEN'S PARK & OTHER POLITICIANS ABOUT THE FIRST PARLIAMENT SITE

You may feel obliged to communicate with the Premier, the Minister of Culture and other government officials at the Provincial, Municipal and Federal levels to express your concern about the future of the site of Ontario's First Parliament Buildings. To assist you, the First Parliament Site Steering Group has developed a check list of some points that you could include in your communications.

1. There are three organizations taking the public lead in the effort to create an appropriate commemoration of the site of Ontario's First Parliament buildings. These organizations are: Heritage Toronto, Citizens for the Old Town, and SEDERI (South East District Economic Revitalization Initiative). The office of City Councillor Pam McConnell is assisting with the work and acting as liaison with City of Toronto departments.
2. This work began with the decision of the Ontario Municipal Board to grant the application for the site plan approval of a Porsche dealership on the lands of 265 Front Street East but to withhold that approval until December 1, 2002. The intervening time was to be used by the community to get a commitment for the public acquisition of the site. It was understood, but not stated, that the leadership of the province would be needed in this effort.

3. As a first step, the organizations held an "options charette" in late September at which over forty individuals representing various provincial ministries, city departments, local community organizations and groups including volunteer organizations, individuals, business groups and private developers came together. Their task was to determine what form the commemoration might take and how best to move forward to that point. Basic principles were then adopted:
 - The site must be accessible to the public.
 - The site must be held by the public.
 - The site must sustain continuing archaeological investigation.
 - The site must address the needs of the surrounding community.
 - The site should serve as a catalyst and a focal point for the development of the neighbourhood.

It was also agreed that the ideal solution would be to bring all of the lands at 265 Front St. E. and 271 Front St. E. into public ownership. This was essential if the proper commemoration was to be achieved.

4. From the charette, a First Parliament Site Steering Group was formed. Comprised of representatives of the lead organizations plus several other individuals, the Group has been meeting to plan and implement the strategy that will lead to action by the Province, the Federal Government, the City and the Private Sector.
5. The Steering Group continues to work on a commitment from Ontario and will also start to move forward on the rest of the plans which call for involvement by the Federal Government and the private sector.

For further information, go to www.heritagetoronto.org or www.firstparliament.ca

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MUSEUM NEWS

EXPLORE CANADA’S NEWSPAPER HISTORY AT THE MACKENZIE HERITAGE PRINTERY & MUSEUM

Canada’s *Newspaper Story* will be the feature exhibit this year at the newly renamed Mackenzie Heritage Printery & Newspaper Museum owned and operated by The Niagara Parks Commission on the scenic Parkway at historic Queenston.

The Canadian Newspaper Association, a non-profit organization which represents 84 Canadian daily English and French newspapers, is the latest corporate body to support the operation of Canada’s only working printing museum where the rebel editor, William Lyon Mackenzie, published the *Colonial Advocate* in 1824.

The 2003 newspaper exhibit will include award winning photographs that were originally published in Canada’s daily newspapers. Historical

newspapers will also be displayed along with mastheads from daily newspapers from across the country.

Now open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on June 22 extended summer hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until September 1st when it will close to the general public, but remain available for tour groups during the off-season.

The Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA), which represents 265 community (weekly) newspapers throughout Ontario, is also an active member of the Mackenzie Heritage Printery & Newspaper Museum and will exhibit information regarding community newspapers. This will include the *Upper Canada Gazette* published in 1793 at Newark (Niagara-on-the-Lake).

Various working presses are displayed and demonstrated as well as the Linotype and Ludlow equipment. The gem of the heritage collection is Canada’s oldest press built in Britain in the 1770s, which printed the *Upper Canada Gazette* at Newark 210 years ago. As an artifact it is not operated, but it is the centre of attention.

Since 1993, annual exhibits have identified the contribution of printing to Canada’s culture and economy.

The Canadian Newspaper Association participation will introduce to the Printery a new variety of information related to the history and progress of Canada’s newspaper publishing story. For info visit www.niagaraparks.com



On Saturday, April 12, 2003, the OHS co-sponsored a Victorian Gardening Workshop with Voyageur Heritage Network (VHN) and the Clark House Museum in Powassan. Left to right: Frances Michelutti, Treasurer VHN (Northern Ontario Railroad Museum, Capreol); Linda Kelly, President VHN (Centennial Museum, Shesquiandah); Dennis Pollock, OHS speaker and Head Gardener, Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto; and Mary Heasman, Clark House Museum, which graciously hosted the workshop.

Photo Rob Leverty

ARABELLA’S TEA ROOM IN PORT COLBORNE CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

“There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea.” Henry James, (1843-1916) *Portrait of a Lady*.

Visitors to *Arabella’s Tea Room* in Port Colborne would no doubt agree with James’ civilized viewpoint.

2003 marks the 25th Anniversary of the volunteer-run *Arabella’s Tea Room* in the heritage village at the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum. Begun in 1977 with the formation of the Museum Auxiliary who researched and restored the 1915 rental home on Williams’ Estate, the Tea Room was officially opened July 1st, 1978, with Lieutenant Governor Pauline McGibbon cutting the ribbon.

Named after Arabella Williams, who bequeathed the buildings and property to the Town of Port Colborne upon her death in 1950, the Tea Room adopted a cameo as their logo. Arabella lived her whole life in the Georgian Revival-style home built by her parents in 1869, which today serves as the main museum building.

The program for *Arabella’s* Grand Opening in 1978 read, “The Museum and Auxiliary are grateful to the many individuals and businesses who have supported the venture. We hope you will enjoy it for many years to come.” The Tea Room Ladies as they are affectionately called, dressed in Edwardian fashion, have served

close to 45,000 visitors since then.

The success of *Arabella’s Tea Room* is a result of their dedication, good business sense and vision. Much like their namesake Arabella Williams, who was described as “an accomplished woman with good business sense.” As the Museum has grown over the years, so too has the Tea Room. It expanded in 1991 to include a sun porch for more seating, a washroom, and a wheelchair ramp for greater accessibility. Over the years the Tea Room’s main focus has remained constant – to support the Museum and provide afternoon tea and hot homemade biscuits and jam between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. daily, June to September. An added feature that is highly anticipated all year is Christmas pudding week each in December.

This spring the ladies continued to be innovative with the June 1 launch of Arabella’s product line to be sold in Arabella’s Carriage House. The line includes chocolate, tea, biscuit mix, tea ephemera and souvenirs. Renowned wood engraver Wesley W. Bates has been commissioned to do an engraving of Arabella Williams based on the 1890s chalk portrait that hangs on the Tea Room wall. This engraving will be used on the heritage press to package and label the product line.

For more info about *Arabella’s Tea Room* and the Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum call 905.834.7604.

CHRIST CHURCH COMMUNITY MUSEUM CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Christ Church Community Museum (CCCM) in Lakefield Ontario is planning celebrations throughout 2003 for the 150th Anniversary of the historic Christ Church.

Lakefield, 10 kilometres north of Peterborough, is home to Christ Church, which was built in 1853 under the leadership of Col. Samuel Strickland, and today is still an active church as well as a seasonal museum.

The museum houses important historical artifacts and displays of Christ Church and Christ Church burial ground, Lakefield’s literary history, the Strickland family history, and pictorial displays of industry, business, education, religion, health, the military, tourism, sports, and local families from the mid 1800s.

Lakefield is known as the “Cradle of Canadian Literature”

because of the many famous writers who were residents, such as Margaret Laurence, Catherine Parr Trail and Susanna Moodie.

Upcoming events include: June 28, CCCM opening day, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. (open daily until September 4); July 19 & 20 *Literary Festival*, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; August 2 & 3, *Lakefield High School 50th Reunion*; August 12, *Strickland Homecoming Week*.

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Huntsville With Spirit & Resolve by Susan Pryke, published by Heritage Huntsville, 705.789.1751, www.huntsville.ca/heritage.html
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FROM THE BOOKSHELF

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The prices of books referred to on this page may or may not include GST or postage charges. All prices are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

REFLECTION ON A DECADE

This *From the Bookshelf* page marks the beginning of our eleventh year as editors. In our time thus far we have reviewed and referred to more than nine hundred books on this province's history. Most of them, as regular readers will recognize, were the publications of historical societies, community groups or individual authors themselves. Indeed our combined list of publishers over the past ten years totals 372 different publishers. Such totals are ample proof that historical writing is alive and well, and living in all parts of Ontario!

There are, of course, several trade publishers who put out books every year – Dundurn, McGill-Queen's, Natural Heritage, Robin Brass Studio. One is exceptional in its output: University of Toronto Press (UTP). Of all the books noted by us this past decade, one in ten was a UTP publication. Some were province-wide – *The Economic History of Upper Canada*. Some were national in scope but had major Ontario content – *Canada Dry: Temperance Crusades before Confederation*. Some were biographical – *William Osler: A Life in Medicine* or volumes of the indispensable *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*. Many were very specific in their subject matter – *The Iroquois in the War of 1812*. Most (but certainly not all) of the forty-nine books of the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History were published in association with the UTP.

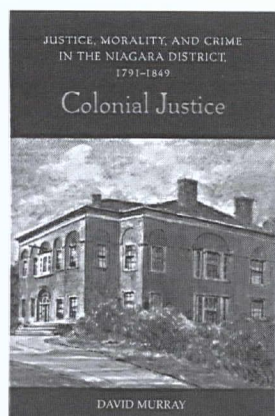
All UTP books are thoroughly researched, indeed are scholarly and academic. Many also have a wider appeal. Although some are specialized in their subject matter, they each contribute to our understanding of the past of our province. Those of us who truly care about Ontario's history owe the UTP an immense debt of gratitude.

It thus seems appropriate for our page in this issue of the *OHS Bulletin* to feature a number of recent UTP books.

HISTORY IN HARMONY

Begins with the Oboe: a History of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. By Richard S. Warren. University of Toronto Press. 287 pages. Illustrations. \$60 hardbound.

The TSO has been a vital part of the Toronto arts scene for more than eighty years. This splendid book was clearly a labour of love for its author, archivist Richard Warren. It is an insider's view that celebrates as it evaluates the Symphony's history – its challenges as well as its triumphs. There are chapters on each of its great conductors, from Luigi von Kunits to Jukka-Pekka Saraste. Warren has also included stories of world-famous artists who have performed with the orchestra. Tours through China, the U.S., Britain, Japan, Australia and Europe are nostalgically remembered. The many fine photographs evoke the Symphony's past and will inspire happy memories for all who over the years have appreciated this fine orchestra, truly an icon of Canadian culture and heritage. Bob Rae outlines the opportunities for its future in an afterword.



MORALITY AND HISTORY

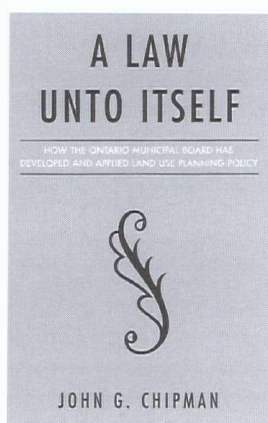
Colonial Justice: Justice, Morality, and Crime in the Niagara District 1791-1849. By David Murray. University of Toronto Press for the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History. 281 pages. Illustrations. \$55.00 hardbound.

With the creation of the province of Upper Canada, John Graves Simcoe sought to demonstrate the superiority of British institutions, especially in matters of justice. Historians ever since have argued about the degree of his success. Were the early years, dominated by Loyalist ideologies, golden and comparatively crime-free? Or are dramatic cases like the banishment of Robert Gourlay or the persecutions of William Forsyth evidence that, in Niagara at least, politics dictated judicial decisions? This careful study focuses primarily on the more common and less controversial workings of the system in actual practice, especially the role of magistrates – untrained and government appointed – as well

as the decisions of juries and their supposed impartiality. Murray concludes that while there were a number of instances of discrimination against women and African Canadians, there is little evidence of widespread corruption and partiality in Colonial justice.

Courted and Abandoned: Seduction and Canadian Law. By Patrick Brode. University of Toronto Press for the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History. 252 pages. Illustrations. \$45.00 hardbound.

The first two cases Brode refers to in this sensitive and thoughtful study were hearings in the Niagara District assizes in 1824, covered at some length by William Lyon Mackenzie in the columns of his newly-created *Colonial Advocate* newspaper. In one, a farmer sued for damages – his daughter claimed to have been seduced resulting in the birth of a child. In another, a young woman claimed damages against the man who fathered her child but refused to marry her. Both stories were sad and sensational and in each case the verdict was controversial. Then, as now, the legal system struggled to deal with questions of morality and justice. The history of criminal seduction, Brode concludes, “for the most part has been a carnival of absurdities, from the moral idealists who tried to control young women in the nineteenth century to the zero-tolerance rules of the late twentieth.”



POLICIES THROUGH HISTORY

A Law unto Itself: How the Ontario Municipal Board has Developed and Applied Land Use Planning Policy. By John G. Chipman. University of Toronto Press. 259 pages. \$60 hardbound.

The OMB plays a part in the life of every community, frequently overturning municipal planning decisions and imposing its own policies. (“We’ll take it to the OMB!” is the cry of outraged citizens as they march out of the planner’s office.) It is, Chipman claims, an important example of an unelected administrative agency, creating

and implementing policy through its own decision-making. The Board was created in 1906 as the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, specifically to deal with and regulate street railway companies in the rapidly expanding cities. From then it has grown in power and influence. Using a number of case studies, Chipman analyses almost 900 of the Board’s decisions during two time periods (1971-78 and 1987-2000). His conclusion is that the OMB has outlived its usefulness as a planning appeal tribunal.

SECURITY AND HISTORY

Canadian State Trials, Vol. II: Rebellion and Invasion in the Canadas 1837-1839. Edited by F. Murray Greenwood and Barry Wright. University of Toronto Press for the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History. 499 pages. Maps. \$75.00 hardbound.

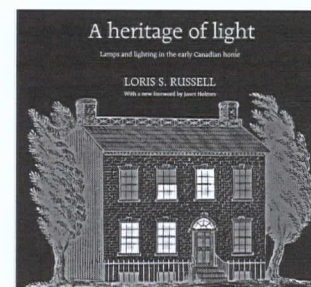
The drama of the 1837 Rebellion did not end with the routing of rebels at Montgomery’s tavern – that battle marked only the end of the first act. Hundreds of rebels and supposed sympathizers were rounded up and jailed. In the course of the next year, from Windsor to Prescott, Upper Canada was invaded by Canadian exile rebels and their Yankee supporters. Most of these incursions resulted in the capture of invaders, Canadian and American. All these prisoners – both initial rebels and later invaders – were charged and tried for treason or similar capital crimes. This volume, the combined scholarship of a number of experts, examines the crimes, the trials, and the sentences – execution, banishment, transportation, imprisonment. Half of this heavy volume deals with Upper Canada, half Lower Canada. All of it raises questions about the response of the state when its security is threatened.

LOTTERY HISTORY

At Odds: Gambling and Canadians 1919-1969. By Suzanne Morton. University of Toronto Press. 272 pages. Illustrations. \$24.95 softbound.

“Everywhere we look in modern-day Canada,” says the author, “we see games of chance that lure us to purchase a specific product, to be entertained, to help raise funds for non-profit organizations or charities, and to finance the welfare state.” And yet until the federal government’s revision to the Criminal Code in 1969, which permitted lotteries under certain conditions, virtually all forms of public gambling were illegal. Morton suggests that we are

again experiencing another period of moral concern, and in this book she seeks to contribute a historical perspective. She shows that a general secularization of society resulted in a shift in social attitudes as well as a wider tolerance for “acceptable gambling” whose purpose was to raise funds for patriotic and or philanthropic causes. (Today, of course, Ontario lotteries and casinos raise huge sums for public purposes!)



LIGHT HISTORY

A Heritage of Light: Lamps and Lighting in the Early Canadian Home. By Loris S. Russell. University of Toronto Press. 344 pages. Illustrations. \$70 hardbound.

Long out of print, this classic has now been reissued with a new foreword by Janet Holmes. By profession a geologist and paleontologist, Dr. Russell was fascinated with lamps and lighting fuels, and with the wonderful assortment of progressively more efficient lighting devices – from splint and rushlight to electric bulbs – that profoundly affected the daily lives of 19th century Canadians.

An avid collector himself, Russell also drew on the collections of others, and he documented his research with Canadian and U.S. patent papers, trade catalogues, newspapers, magazines, memoirs and books. The chapters of the book are organized around the development of new fuels that made practical lighting applications possible. Black and white photographs and reproduced advertisements show the many ingenious devices that lit our forebears’ homes – and make us grateful for a handy light switch!

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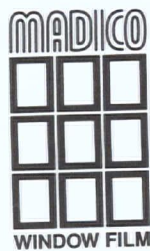
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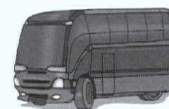
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