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## HISTORY BOOK SALE SUCCESS

The special History Book Sale held at the John McKenzie House on September 24, 2005 was a great success. Thanks to the generous donation of history books by Dr. Michael Bliss and others, this well-attended sale raised over \$5,500.

OHS volunteers Penny Potter and Jeanne Hughes worked tirelessly preparing for this special sale which included many rare and antiquarian volumes.

A variety of people attended, from history students and collectors to book dealers and researchers. Everyone seemed pleased by the selection, pricing, and their respective treasures found.

Other volunteers who made the event a fundraising success include: Barbara Kane, Marion Leithead, Jeanette Willis, Alison Hughes, Marcel Martel, Joe Martin, Jean Cole, and Dorie Billich. Thank you to all.



ABOVE: Penny Potter (left) and Jeanne Hughes (right) pose with Dr. Michael Bliss at The Ontario Historical Society's History Book Sale. Penny and Jeanne worked very hard to organize the entire fundraising event.

BELOW: Many happy book hunters, including students, collectors, and dealers look over several thousand titles for sale at \$3 each.

Photos Sheila Creighton



## SPECIAL PULLOUT EVENTS SECTION IN THIS SUMMER'S OHS BULLETIN

The Ontario Historical Society presents a great advertising opportunity for your summer events. In the Summer 2006 issue of the *OHS Bulletin*, there will be a special extra four page pullout listing Ontario summer heritage events.

Extra copies will be printed and distributed to participants. As a special for OHS affiliates, they will

receive one free event listing (max. 25 words). There will also be excellent sponsorship opportunities, display ads, OHS member event listing, and photographs (see page 8 for pricing). Space is limited and all advertising and listings are **first come, first served**.

Call to reserve your spot today. 416.226.9011, or email [bulletin@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca](mailto:bulletin@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca)



## MICHAELS BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEEDS HELP TO SAVE HISTORIC TOWNSITE

The Michaels Bay Historical Society (MBHS) is currently raising money to save the historic town site of Michaels Bay on Manitoulin Island. They need all the help they can get for this ambitious project. If they can raise \$180,000, the developer from Belgium who owns the land will sell them the 391 acres which incorporates Manitoulin's only ghost town. This is the first stage of a project which will see a museum developed as well as a re-creation of part of the town. The local residents are in full support and are helping out greatly but they need more support for a project of this magnitude.

The Michaels Bay Historical Society was formed at a public meeting on October 13, 2000 and incorporated in Ontario as an affiliate of The Ontario Historical Society in February

2001. The group was formed to preserve the rich history of Michaels Bay, one of Ontario's only true one-industry towns on Manitoulin Island.

Michaels Bay was once the largest settlement on Manitoulin Island and many of the people living there can trace their ancestry back to the people who lived and worked there. Located near the falls on the Manitou River, it had a post office, school, two boarding houses, many homes, two mills and a blacksmith shop. It was a thriving lumber town from the late 1860s to the early 1900s. Most of the village was destroyed by fire in 1910. The area is home to unique flora and fauna and the more accessible of two significant storm beach sites in the province.

In order to protect the site from possible future development, the society is attempting to raise funds to

purchase the 391 acre town site. It is believed that there are five burial sites within the town plot and the Society would like to fence and register these plots as well as mark the location of the mills and other significant structures. The site could become a unique tourist attraction and provide access to the landlocked Blue Jay Provincial Park.

The MBHS is soliciting and receiving tax deductible donations from individuals and corporations. A prominent plaque will be erected with the names of the Founders Club – those who donate \$1000 or more. This is the first stage of the long term preservation and development of this valuable historical site. If you can help, contact: Michaels Bay Historical Society, P.O. Box 95, Providence Bay ON, P0P 1T0, or Eleanor Lentir, [edlentir@yahoo.com](mailto:edlentir@yahoo.com), 705.377.4694.



ABOVE: The shingle mill in Michaels Bay seen here around the turn of 20<sup>th</sup> century. The first mill was built in 1868 and the shingle mill came later. A fire that swept through the village around 1900 destroyed most buildings.

ABOVE TOP: Seen here circa 1900 is the Michaels Bay store and post office. The post office closed in 1916.

Photos Courtesy Laura Middlebrook and the Michaels Bay Historical Society

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BRIAN OSBORNE

There were a lot of smiling faces in the John McKenzie House on Saturday, September 17. One could even say (if not embarrassed by dreadful puns!) that it was a "blissful" day. Because of the thoughtfulness and generosity of Professor Michael Bliss, the OHS mounted a sale of a large number of books donated from his extensive working library. To browse through the Bliss collection was a fascinating experience. Apart from the intrinsic value and interest of the volumes themselves, they were also markers of the shifting interests of a scholar as he prepared himself for new insights into new topics. Indeed, the underlinings and marginalia turned each volume into a palimpsest to be deciphered. Thank you, Professor Bliss. And thanks also to Penny Potter and Jeanne Hughes who, yet again, served the OHS in their role as indefatigable volunteer-organizers of this wonderful day.

A week later, there were furrowed brows to the fore as your Board of Directors and The Ontario Historical Society met for a weekend of considering priorities for the OHS in the C21<sup>st</sup>. Some use the word "retreat" for this exercise, but, to historically minded persons at least, this word prompts images of snow and ice, Napoleon and Moscow, and defeat! So we engaged in a "strategy session" that attempted to identify things we do well, things we should do better, and new initiatives that should be taken to ensure our relevance in a changing world. Of course, your Board cannot do this on its own. Accordingly, one of the actions decided upon was a survey of the OHS membership and affiliates to determine their views. Please help us in this matter of crucial importance to our organization.

In the spirit of this forward-looking gaze, I am pleased to report two events in

2006 that are of considerable interest. First, continuing the practice of trying to move the Society's AGM around the province, the Board of Directors of Simcoe County Historical Association have kindly agreed to host the OHS on the weekend of May 6. Current plans call for a program of invited speakers, fine dining, and a mystery tour of the Innisful Township area. Well done, and thanks, SCHA!

Second, members of OHS, together with members of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, have been invited to the annual Community Heritage Ontario Conference to be held on June 2-4 at Chaffey's Locks on the Rideau system. The CHO's Mission Mandate is to encourage the development of municipally appointed Municipal Heritage Advisory Committees and to further the identification, preservation, interpretation and wise use of community heritage at the local, provincial, and national levels. The conference will be honoured by the presence of the federal Minister of the Environment, Stéphane Dion, the provincial Minister of Culture, Madeline Meilleur, and the Director General of Parks Canada, Doug Stewart, all of whom will address important issues related to the protection and nurturing of Canada's historical sites. The conference will also feature papers, workshops, and bus and boat tours that will further develop this important topic. I thank our sister organization, the CHO, for inviting us to participate in a weekend of mutual interest in our shared heritage. For more information contact the CHO at [www.heritageontario.org](http://www.heritageontario.org), [conference@heritageontario.org](mailto:conference@heritageontario.org) or CHO, 24 Conlins Road, Scarborough, M1C 1C3, 416.282.2710.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PATRICIA K. NEAL [pkn@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca](mailto:pkn@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca)

Information packages about The Ontario Historical Society's two insurance programs were mailed out to all affiliated societies in late summer. Unfortunately, the toll-free contact information supplied by the insurance broker was incorrect. The correct number for information about the Comprehensive Commercial Liability Insurance or the Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance programs is 1-800-387-2628. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

If your organization is considering applying for insurance coverage under one or both programs, please advise the broker Richard Boutin at Morris & Mackenzie Inc. as soon as possible. As you may recall, a minimum participation of 40 affiliated societies is required to obtain Directors' and Officers' coverage at such reasonable rates. Although several applications have been submitted, as of this writing we are still far below our minimum participation rate. Societies with current coverage can obtain prorated policies that begin once their current coverage expires, so please contact Richard today.

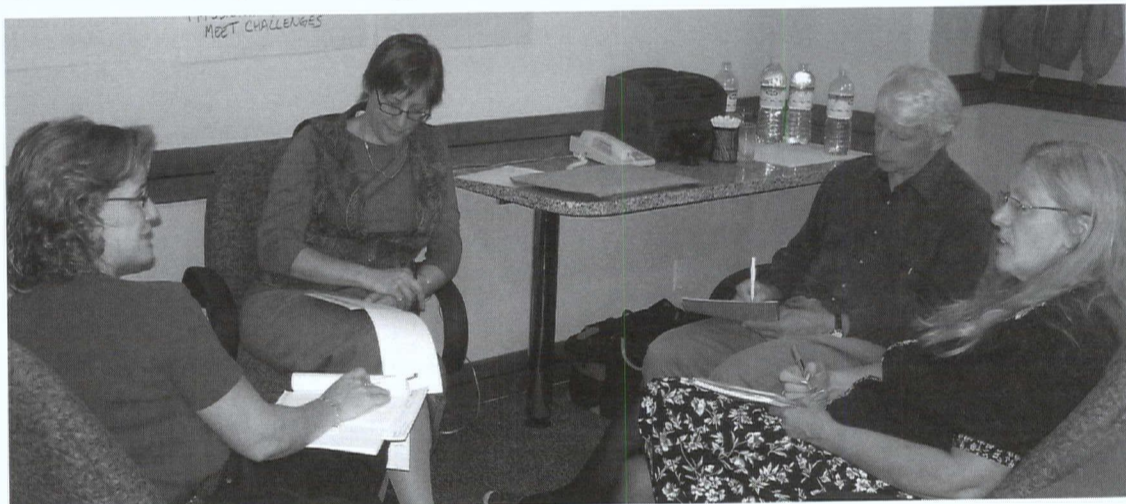
Hearty congratulations to three very special volunteers at the OHS! The Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration has awarded Ontario Volunteer Service Awards to Past President Lydia Ross Alexander, Past President Jeanne Hughes, and former Board member Penny Potter. These awards recognize the active commitment of our volunteers over many years of service. Lydia, Jeanne and Penny richly deserve their awards, as we could not accomplish many of things we do without their assistance. Congratulations, and thank you!

Promote your organization, meetings, activities or other events in the summer 2006 issue of *OHS Bulletin*! The OHS is planning a special, four-page pullout that will feature heritage tourism activities taking place across the province next summer. This promotion will be similar to the very popular *Fascinating Ontario* heritage tourism guide sponsored by the OHS and published in the *Toronto Star* in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture. Affiliated societies will have the opportunity to participate at no cost and additional copies of the pullout will be available. Further information on this initiative will appear in the February issue.

While I'm on the topic, look for changes in the *OHS Bulletin* format beginning with the February 2006 issue. The new, redesigned *Bulletin* will be easier to read and offer more flexibility for text and graphics.

Humber College offers a postgraduate program in Arts Administration – Cultural Management that is designed to provide students with the specialized knowledge and skills required to work in the cultural sector. The curriculum stresses the development of teamwork, decision-making and project management skills with particular emphasis on fundraising and resource development. Kemayla Sharp, a student in this program, is doing her field placement at the OHS this term. Kemayla is a welcome addition to our staff and we are pleased that she has joined us. Kemayla graduated from the University of Guelph with a degree in Art History. Welcome!

It is once again time to mark your calendars for the annual OHS Heritage Day Reception to thank our members, volunteers, donors and friends. Come out and help us celebrate on Monday, February 20, at the John McKenzie House in Willowdale. Details will be posted on our website [www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca](http://www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca).



ABOVE TOP: Members of the OHS Board brainstorm at the strategy session. Left to right are: Dorie Billich, Pat Neal, Edwin Rowse, and Karolyn Smardz Frost.

MIDDLE: At the History Book Sale, Dr. Michael Bliss (left) talks with OHS President Brian Osborne. Behind, Rob Levery, OHS Programs and Preservation, speaks with Brad Rudachyk (far right) a heritage consultant and member of the Simcoe County Historical Society.

Photo Sheila Creighton

RIGHT: Jeanne Hughes (left) receives her OHS Cruikshank Medal from OHS board member Dorie Billich at the Black Creek Pioneer Village education staff luncheon in September.



### PLEASE NOTE:

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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### HERITAGE DAY RECEPTION

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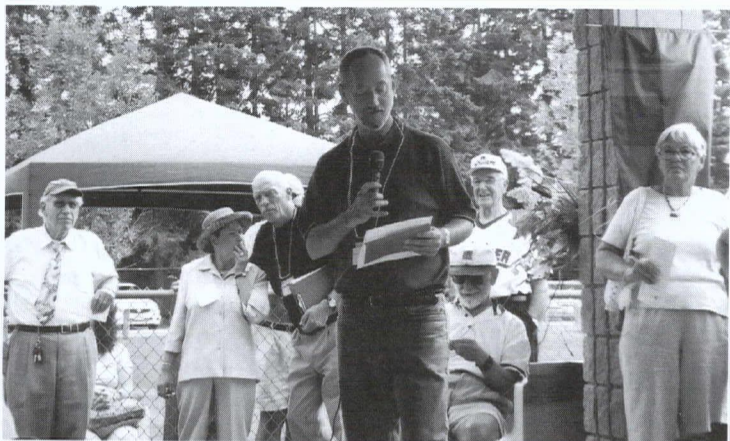
# ACROSS THE PROVINCE

RIGHT: The Manvers Township Historical Society (MTHS) recently held a Homecoming Honouring the Contributions of the Former Pontypool Jewish Community. The OHS attended this special event which attracted over 700 people from across North America. As part of the celebrations, Grant W. Curtis U.E., author, historian and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of the MTHS is seen here launching his new book *Laugh, and the world laughs with you*. In Pontypool. The response to this event and to Grant's book was so overwhelming that this publication is completely sold out.

Photo Rob Leverty

RIGHT: On September 14, 2005 the OHS participated in the Pontypool Jewish Reunion which was organized and funded by the Manvers Township Historical Society (MTHS). Katherine Wray, President of the MTHS is seen here beside the Founders Stone after it was unveiled for the Jewish Resort Days in Pontypool. This Founders Stone, originally housed in the former Synagogue in Pontypool, will be permanently displayed in the designated grain elevator in Pontypool which is now owned by the Manvers Historical Society.

Photo Rob Leverty



ABOVE: Once again Bell Canada has made a \$2,500 Grant to Seventh Town Historical Society, Ameliasburg, through its Employee Giving Program. Diane Godbout and Rod Green, both Bell retirees are able to apply for the grant. They volunteer at the Marilyn Adams Genealogical Research Centre, which is owned and operated by the Historical Society. This is the largest grant Bell Canada makes under the program and Seventh Town has received it for the past several years. This photograph was taken at the Marilyn Adams Genealogical Research Centre in Ameliasburg on Oct 11, 2005.

Front row (left to right): Christina Fuller, FMA (Friends of Marilyn Adams) volunteer receives the \$2,500 Bell Canada grant from Bell retiree and Seventh Town Historical Society Director Diane Godbout.

2nd row (left to right): FMA member Marion Powell who is the Legislative Librarian of Saskatchewan; Rita Wright, FMA member; Napanee; Jean Stather, 7th Town member and volunteer; Fred O'Hara, FMA member Kingston.

Back Row (left to right): FMA member Trevor Powell who is the Provincial Archivist of Saskatchewan; 7th Town Treasurer Hugh Heal; 7th Town Director Thelma Coulter, FMA member Ann Hayes from England; 7th Town V.P. Richard Hughes; and FMA member and researcher Don Craighead of Belleville.

Photo by Ian E. Reilly

## AN ARCHIVAL ADVENTURE

VIRGINIA ATKINS

Who would guess that after two hundred years a page of fuzzy print is still capable of generating a flurry of activity? When the George III Land Grant dated 1803 was given to the King Township Archives in 2004, it posed a bundle of questions for the young institution.

In comparing the wording of this document to what appeared to be an exact duplicate of the printed form completed in 1799, a startling difference was revealed. In the 1799 version, we read, "...George the Third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland king, defender of the faith, and so forth, to all whom these presents shall come..." but in the similar 1803 document, the word "France" is not used. What had happened in the intervening five years?

With help from the Internet and historians, we

learned that around 1801 the British and French negotiators made mutual accommodation within the terms of the Treaty of Amiens. "The British Crown gave up the title of *King of France* that was used during the American Revolution ... reference to being King of France comes from the 100 years (Agincourt, Crecy and all that) when large sections of France were ruled by Britain. All of these territories, including Normandy ... were gradually lost, the last bits going in the time of Elizabeth the First. So, by 1802 the title ... was quietly dropped ... this point had bothered Napoleon personally." (David Moore, correspondence).

The framed 1803 document had long been hanging on the wall in the dining room of the house built on land

MILTON – Congratulations to Audrea Lear-Costigan of Milton for winning a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Milton Chamber of Commerce Community Awards, presented to Ms. Lear-Costigan by Gary Carr, Halton MP. Audrea has for years been directly involved in the Waldie Blacksmith shop success and is the Town Liaison on the Board of the Milton Historical Society.



## ONTARIO SETTING THE STANDARD FOR ACCESSIBILITY

YOU CAN PLAY A PART IN CREATING AN ACCESSIBLE ONTARIO

Whether it's accessible routes and entrances into buildings, lower counter heights at cash registers, large print menus in restaurants or training for staff to serve customers with learning disabilities, you can help usher in a new era of accessibility in Ontario.

The Ontario government is now recruiting members for committees that will develop standards to improve accessibility under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). The AODA is poised to make Ontario a world leader in improving accessibility for people with disabilities. Standards will make it possible for people with disabilities to participate fully in the social and economic life of the province.

The new act will see government working hand-in-hand with the disability community and the private and public sectors to jointly develop proposed standards to be achieved in stages of five years or less, leading to a fully accessible Ontario in 20 years. Standards will be set in both the public and private sectors to address the full range of

disabilities, including physical, sensory, mental health, developmental and learning.

Members of the committees will include people with disabilities or their representatives, representatives of industries or sectors, government ministries, and professionals with relevant experience.

Application forms and terms of reference are available on the Accessibility Ontario website at: [www.mcss.gov.on.ca/accessibility/index.html](http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/accessibility/index.html). Additional information and application packages in alternate formats are available by calling 1.888.520.5828.

ABOVE: Bay of Quinte UEL Branch President, Brian Tackaberry (left); Belleville Town Crier, Bruce Beadle, and 2005 Hall of Honour recipient, Gwen Lazier (centre), are pictured during the UEL Heritage Centre & Park's Annual Legacy Dinner. Rob Leverty, OHS, was the guest speaker for the evening. The Heritage Centre & Park is a non-profit preservation project celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2006. The 72-acre site located on Adolphus Reach of the Bay of Quinte includes an original 1784 Loyalist landing site and burial ground, 1884 Loyalist centennial monument, the site of the first town hall meeting in Upper Canada, and the site of the first court of quarter sessions in Midland District. Open from May to October each year a 162-site campground and day-use beach and picnic area offer tourists an opportunity for extended exploration of the grounds and other sites along the Loyalist Parkway.

Photo Rob Leverty

## RESEARCHERS' REQUESTS

### PELEE ISLAND 1838 BATTLE

Educator and researcher Andrew Cresswell is currently working on a book about the February 26-March 3, 1838 Battle of Pelee Island. He is looking for any privately-held material such as diaries, maps or original artifacts.

A senior history teacher and History Department Head at the Humberview School in Bolton, Andrew

Cresswell can be reached at [andrew.cresswell@peelsb.com](mailto:andrew.cresswell@peelsb.com) or 25 Dunblaine Crescent, Brampton, ON L6T 3H1.

If you are researching a topic and think our readers may be of assistance, send your project information to the Editor at: [bulletin@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca](mailto:bulletin@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca) or OHS Bulletin, Researchers' Requests, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, ON M2N 3Y2. The editor reserves the right to edit submissions for length and content.

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# EVENTS & EXHIBITS

**UNTIL JANUARY 22, 2006: Let's Celebrate: Festival of Music.** Visit the St. Catharines Museum's annual holiday exhibit and make some noise. A fun outing for the whole family. Learn about celebrations from around the world, make a craft, and try recreating some different kinds of holiday music. 1932 Welland Canals Parkway, St. Catharines. **905.984.8880, info@stcatharineslock3museum.ca, www.stcatharineslock3museum.ca.**

**UNTIL JANUARY 29, 2006: Bedtime Stories.** An exhibit celebrating the elegance and strength of grand stories, fine papers, relief prints, art quilts and motherhood. Mississippi Valley Textile Museum, 3 Rosamond St. East, Almonte. **613.256.3754, textile@magma.ca.**

**DECEMBER 10, 2005: A Candlelight Christmas Evening Tour.** 6 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. sharp. Adults \$15, Children \$10. Advance tickets are required due to limited space. Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, **905.727.8954, 1.888.290.0337, www.townofws.com/museum.**

**DECEMBER 21, 2005: A Winter Solstice Storytelling Evening,** 7 – 9 p.m. Spadina Museum. A magical evening of midwinter tales! Thrill to Victorian ghost stories in the magnificent billiard room with its 12-foot Christmas tree. Listen to Lorne Brown and the Ballad Project in the Music Room. Don't miss the Icelandic tale told by Carol McGirr in our recreated Icelandic home of 100 years ago that has been fashioned by Spadina's special "Sharing Our Traditions" guests, the Icelandic Canadian Club of

Toronto. Enjoy the retelling of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas while sipping warm Yultide refreshments. Pre-registration is recommended. Adults: \$20 plus GST, Children 10 to 15 yrs.: \$15 plus GST. Spadina Museum: Historic House & Gardens, 285 Spadina Rd., Toronto. **spadina@toronto.ca, 416.392.6910.**

**DECEMBER 27 to 30, 2005: Preparing for Hogmanay** at Gibson House. Christmas is over and now the preparations for the New Year begin. Join in the celebration of David & Eliza Gibson's Scottish heritage while preparing for Hogmanay, the Scottish New Year. Enjoy a tour of the 1851 farm home by costumed guides, and tastes of holiday foods in the historic kitchen. Holiday admission applies. Gibson House, 5172 Yonge St., Toronto Limited free parking. **416.395.7432, gibsonhouse@toronto.ca,**

**JANUARY 20, 2006: Scotch Tasting Evening,** 7 – 9 p.m. at MacKenzie House. Enjoy nosings of various scotches and a buffet of traditional Scottish foods. The tasting will be led by a Scotch expert. This is a popular event and fun to attend as an early evening get-together with friends. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Fee is \$46 including tax. 82 Bond St., Toronto. For details call **416.392.6915, or machouse@toronto.ca.**

**JANUARY 22, 2006: Robbie Burns Day** at the Guelph Civic Museum, 1 – 4:30 p.m.. The day will feature Scottish music, displays and haggis. Adults \$6, Seniors, Students & Children \$5, Families \$12. Guelph Civic Museum, 6 Dublin St. South, Guelph, **519.836.1221, museum@guelph.ca, www.guelph.ca/museum.**

## SIR MACKENZIE BOWELL COLLECTION NOW ON DISPLAY IN BELLEVILLE

The Sir Mackenzie Bowell Collection, consisting of dozens of pieces of silver and china is now on display at Glanmore National Historic Site, 257 Bridge Street East, Belleville. Bowell (1823 to 1917) emigrated from England to Belleville as a young boy and became an important businessman and prominent citizen, eventually serving as Canada's fifth Prime Minister from 1894 to 1896.

The Grand Orange Lodge of British America presented this rare Canadian-made silver tea service and flatware to Bowell in 1875. The elaborate china was a gift from Queen Victoria upon Sir Bowell's retirement as Prime Minister of Canada in 1896.

This significant collection was handed down through Bowell's descendants who gifted it to the museum in May of this year. Museum staff needed several months to identify, research, and catalogue each piece – a process that was assisted by a generous financial contribution from the Grand Orange Lodge of Canada.

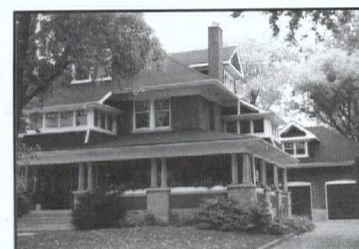
Glanmore's dining room provides the ideal setting for this impressive and important collection. The Sir Mackenzie Bowell Collection can be viewed during Glanmore's public hours: Tuesday to Sunday from 1 – 4:30 p.m. Contact Glanmore Historic Site at 613.962.2329 for more information.

**JANUARY 26, 2006: Nothing More Comforting; Canada's Heritage Food.** Dorothy Duncan discusses her new publication. 7 – 9 p.m., Presented by the Town of Richmond Hill's Parks, Recreation and Heritage Department. Elgin West Community Centre, 11099 Bathurst Street, Richmond Hill. To register for this lecture call **905.787.1441 Ext: 223.**

**JANUARY 28, 2006: MacNab Testimonial Dinner, A Victorian Cooking Workshop.** A lively workshop held in the historic kitchen of Dundurn Castle recreating menu items from Sir Allan MacNab's 1855 Testimonial Dinner. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., \$40 per person. Dundurn Castle, 610 York Blvd., Hamilton. Reservations required. **905.546.2872.**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2006: A Night For the Knights,** The Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society in partnership with the Workers Arts & Heritage Centre presents its 17th Annual Heritage Dinner. Professor Craig Heron will

highlight Hamilton's outstanding labour history, starting with the Knights of Labour who held their first public meeting in Hamilton 125 years ago. Tickets \$35, Drinks 6 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m., Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (Royal Hamilton Yacht Club), **905.549.4407, dbeland@istar.ca**



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## UPCOMING EXHIBITION CELEBRATES CANADIANS' LONG LOVE AFFAIR WITH SKATING

A new exhibition at the Canadian Museum of Civilization (CMC) in Gatineau, Quebec opening on January 27, 2006 will examine the history of skating in Canada and illustrate how the sport came to occupy its special place at the heart of Canadian society. *Lace Up: Canada's Passion for Skating* is one of the first exhibitions dedicated to an activity that is intertwined with our Canadian way of life. It features all three skating sports: figure skating, hockey and speed skating.

Drawn from the CMC collection as well as from museums throughout Canada and Europe, 250 artifacts tell the story of one of our nation's most popular activities. *Lace Up* features various kinds of skates from medieval to modern, evocative paintings and etchings, archival photographs, excerpts from 18th century journals, skating manuals, sheet music, costumes, trophies, and a wide array of sports memorabilia.

*Lace Up* will give visitors a taste of the excitement of 19th century speed skating competitions, and let them feel the thrill of fans caught up in the new sport of hockey, born

officially in 1875. The exhibit would not be complete without a look at the spectacle of the elaborate masked balls on ice that were highly popular with the social elite of Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa. *Lace Up* also pays homage to our skating athletes, including hockey, speed skating and figure skating stars, and Winter Olympics medallists.

*Lace Up* celebrates skating as a remarkable cultural bond that unites millions of Canadians coast to coast. Even for those who don't skate, the sport represents something quintessentially Canadian, and all people who endure long winters cannot help but applaud an activity that so mocks the bone-chilling cold with its speed and grace.

*Lace Up: Canada's Passion for Skating* will be on display at the Canadian Museum of Civilization from January 27, 2006 to March 4, 2007. For more information contact the CMC at **819.776.7000, or [www.civilization.ca](http://www.civilization.ca).**

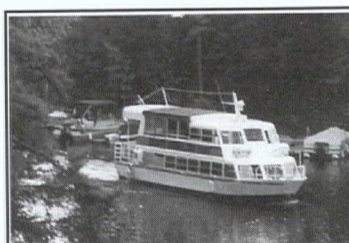
ABOVE: Skating at Rideau Hall, Ottawa, 1911. Photo: Library and Archives of Canada



## ON THE BEAT UNTIL FEBRUARY 12, 2006 LAWSON FAMILY GALLERY, MUSEUM LONDON

Museum London marks the 150th anniversary of the formation of the London Police Service with an exhibition drawn from the Police Service's historical collection. *On The Beat* follows the Service's development from a small force of constables keeping the peace with wooden batons to a technologically equipped and highly mobile force trained in the prevention and detecting of crime.

*On The Beat* includes many artifacts collected by the Service over past several years as well as loans from veterans and members of the Service and photos from The University of Western Ontario Archives, the *London Free Press* and Museum London. Produced in partnership with the London Police Service and funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.



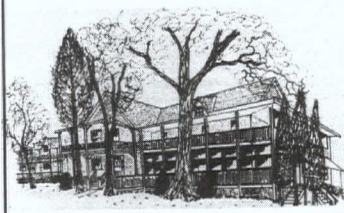
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# CEMETERY NEWS

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Congratulations to Susan Brose of Brighton. Susan is working to preserve **Covell Grove Cemetery** at Gosport. This cemetery has also been known as **Pioneer Cemetery, United Empire Loyalist Cemetery** and **Gosport Cemetery**. It is believed to be the first cemetery in the Brighton area. It is known to have been in existence in 1828 and the last known interment was in 1947. Today it is an overgrown field which Susan has worked to save from the adjacent housing development. She has done extensive research and has located names of sea captains and many local residents. Susan seeks more information from descendants. A fund has been established to erect a memorial at the site. As well, Susan manages **Mount Hope Cemetery** for the Town of Brighton. This is a large active cemetery which is well maintained. A program of stabilization has been started and work is underway on many restoration projects.

As this is written the situation with regard to the burial location known as **The Cooley Hatt Cemetery** in Ancaster remains unclear. An archaeological assessment was conducted and approximately 100 grave shafts were located, mapped and small flags placed at the site of each grave. No agreement has been reached between the developer and the descendants. The developer then suddenly covered over a portion of the cemetery thus removing the archaeologists' flags, etc. Naturally this unauthorized disturbance of a "protected dig" has further angered the descendants of the Hatt and Cooley families.

Judy Mills is working to preserve her ancestors' burial location in Murray Township, Northumberland County. The McColl family settled in the area in 1831. The tiny **McColl Family**

**Cemetery** is now overgrown in the middle of a field. The present owner has carefully ploughed around the site so it is undisturbed but in need of restoration work.

Concern has been raised about the condition of **Hughson Cemetery** on Manitoulin Island. Many years ago the cemetery was bulldozed and the tombstones placed around a tree. The Township of Assiginack will assume the cemetery when ownership has been established and plans to make it a park-like setting with a plaque with the names of those buried there. Unfortunately there are only 19 names recorded but a dowser has identified at least 58 burials. Anyone with knowledge of burials in this cemetery may contact me.

During road construction in the City of Vaughan in York Region an aboriginal ossuary was uncovered. Work was immediately halted. There is a provision under the Ontario Cemeteries Act for arbitration to determine the fate of ossuaries. The First Nations most closely affiliated with the Hurons will participate in these discussions. This area is known to have been inhabited by the Hurons 500 to 700 years ago. Research has shown that there was a Huron village in this area. In Vaughan, Markham and in Pickering there are many First Nation sites. The Humber and Rouge River valleys were important hunting and fishing grounds and the rivers were used for transportation. These sites are at risk as development in these areas takes place.

The City of St. Catharines has declined a request to designate its 13 pioneer cemeteries. However, the city has decided to erect signs at three pioneer cemeteries provided the descendants raise the money for the signs. The

three that will be allowed to have signs are **Haynes Family Burial Ground, McComb's Family Burial Ground** and **St. Andrew's United Cemetery**. The Haynes family struggle to preserve their family burial ground was chronicled by John Haynes in the December 2004 issue of *The OHS Bulletin*.

Loyalist Township Heritage Committee is hard at work restoring **Pentland Cemetery**. They seek volunteers and donations. They may be reached at P.O. Box 70, 263 Main Street, Odessa ON KOH 2H0 or 613.352.5726.

*The National Inventory of Canadian Military Memorials* is a project to photograph and transcribe every military memorial across Canada. For further information contact Derek Pullen, 20 Hilltop Drive, Caledon East, ON L0N 1E0, 905.584.2480, d.pullen@sympatico.ca.

The RCMP has established a dedicated cemetery for its members and their families within **Beechwood Cemetery** in Ottawa. This will be in addition to their cemetery in Regina. The Ottawa site will be available for civilian members and special constables. Beechwood Cemetery also has a special area set aside for our National Forces.

The **Warner Cemetery** annual meeting took place in April. Each year they meet to discuss plans for the cemetery and progress on the widening of the Queen Elizabeth Way. The newly widened section does come much closer but with addition of a berm the cemetery will be better protected.

Concern has been noted regarding **Cooke's United Church Cemetery** in Pefferlaw, established c1890. Also there has been a request for information about graves located on the former Fraser property in Point Anne near Belleville.

Congratulations to Ed Janiszewski who is seeking to memorialize those who were buried in the **Ontario Hospital Cemetery** in Mimico. Plans to designate the cemetery are underway. Several years ago the cemetery was the subject of an Ontario Municipal Board hearing as a developer wished to build a crematorium on a part of the cemetery.

The Haldimand County Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society has a project to collect pre- 1950 funeral cards for the Haldimand area. A publication is planned. For further information contact Lori Mifsud, UE, 8110 Airport Road East, Mount Hope, ON L0R 1W0 or bad\_kitty@mountaincable.net

Congratulations to Alexandra de Quimper who worked to identify an abandoned cemetery near her home. Her story appears in *Ottawa Branch News*, the newsletter of the Ottawa Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society. The community of Grant was established in the early 1800s and **Grant Cemetery** must have been established at that time. Alexandra chronicles the history of the forgotten community and cemetery and her successful efforts to maintain the cemetery, locate descendants, and initiate remembrance activities. Well done!

There have been requests for information regarding cemeteries in the Cobourg area, requests regarding **St John's Norway Cemetery** in Toronto, and concern over road widening adjacent to **St. Paul's Anglican Cemetery** in Innisfil. A reader is very concerned about the state of **Moore Cemetery** in Mississauga.

Information is sought about **Young's Cemetery** in Apsley. Anstruther Township removed all the tombstones many years ago. Some lie buried and others are stacked up along the fence. Samuel Edgar's tomb remains standing. A descendant seeks a transcription of the names or any information to locate the burial of his ancestors.

A reader has sent us a good news story. A single headstone has been located in the middle of a new subdivision under construction at the south end of Barrie. The headstone marking the grave of Jane Young, wife of David Gibbins, died 1836 has been carefully protected with fencing by the builders.

**Harrow Cemetery**, in Essex County, has been severely vandalized three times. Descendants are outraged and heartsick. At a recent meeting the municipality agreed to seek heritage designation for this cemetery and for the **British Methodist Episcopal Cemetery** also in Harrow.

The Lanark County Genealogical Society, an OHS affiliate, has commended the Reeve of Montague Township

for the decision of Council to erect signage at the site of the first **Anglican Church and Cemetery** in North Montague near Smith Falls. Ron Lyon, member of the Society convinced Council to recognize the historical significance of this church and cemetery.

The Lanark County Genealogical Society has published a series of books on the **Auld Kirk and Cemetery** in Mississippi Mills, near Almonte. This cemetery, which is still active, dates from 1836. They also have another publication featuring the Auld Kirk and its spin-off congregations in the Almonte area. This book covers the period from 1833 to the early 1900s. To learn more about these publications contact the Lanark County Genealogical Society P.O. Box 512, Perth ON K7H 3K4 or their website [www.globalgenealogy.com/LDGS](http://www.globalgenealogy.com/LDGS).

Over 300 pictures of grave markers in **St. Margaret's Cemetery** in Midland, Simcoe, County have been placed on line. Transcription will soon be available. To view these visit [www.ancestorsatrest.com/simcoe\\_county\\_ont](http://www.ancestorsatrest.com/simcoe_county_ont).

The Greater Harvey Historical Society is seeking information relating to **Nogies Creek Cemetery** at Gypsy Point, Bobcaygeon. This cemetery was affiliated with the Zion Methodist Church and has been known by several names – **Ventress, Harvey and Gypsy Point Cemetery**. The committee is seeking information from those who attended a meeting in 1963 when lack of care was discussed. Land surveyors need proof of burials and the committee urgently requires names of those buried there, or obituaries. Contact [Stephanie@i-zoom.net](mailto:Stephanie@i-zoom.net) or visit the web page at [www.ghhs.ca](http://www.ghhs.ca).

Work is finally slated to start this fall on the restoration of **Victoria Memorial Square** in Toronto. The sculpture by Walter Allward will be preserved. This cemetery is perhaps the oldest within the original Town of York.

More good news as the **Sharon United Church Cemetery** will be restored. It is located on the north side of Rexdale Blvd., west of Highway 27 in the community of Highfield, Etobicoke Township. Established in 1842, it was originally known as Hainstock's Primitive Methodist Chapel. The church closed in the mid 1950s and was subsequently demolished in the early 1960s. The surrounding graveyard remains today and the cemetery trustees have initiated a cemetery restoration project. For more information contact Randall Reid, restoration project coordinator at 416.394-6025 or Reg Kellam, secretary/treasurer at 905.880.7606.



ABOVE: At the Chatham Cultural Centre, the OHS held the third of five workshops across the Province entitled Making Ontario's Heritage Accessible for People with Disabilities. Our workshop partners were the Southwestern Ontario Heritage Council, the Chatham-Kent Accessibility Advisory Committee, the Chatham-Kent Museum, and the Ontario Accessibility Directorate. Seen here (left to right) are some of the workshop speakers: Lisa Raffoul with Ensemble, Community Living Essex County, and representing the Chatham-Kent Accessibility Advisory Committee are Rick Frances, Marg Eberle and Ralph Roels. Thank you again to all our partners and speakers.

Photo Rob Leverty

# MUSEUM NEWS

## ROM OPENS TEN NEW AND RENOVATED GALLERIES ON DECEMBER 26, 2005

The Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) recently announced the opening of the first new and renovated galleries of Renaissance ROM, the Museum's expansion and restoration project. On Monday, December 26, 2005 the public can explore 90,000 square feet (8,100 square metres) of newly renovated public space, featuring ten new galleries, in the Museum's historic buildings. The openings include a new wing for art and archaeology of China, Japan and Korea, a gallery featuring artifacts and art from Canada's First Peoples, and several renovated public areas. Two original ROM exhibitions, Déco Lalique and Korea Around 1900: The Paintings of Gisan, will also open on this date.

The vibrant 10,000 square-foot (900 square-metres) **Gallery of Canada: First Peoples** explores themes ranging from 19<sup>th</sup> century notions that Native cultures were vanishing from North America, to professional museum collecting and the development of contemporary First Peoples' art. More than 1,000 diverse artifacts provide a

cultural context for Canada's earliest societies, revealing the economic and social forces that influenced Native art and artifacts. Some of the collections, such as that started by David Boyle in the late-19<sup>th</sup> century, are among the oldest museum collections in Canada, with many of the artifacts on display for the first time. Highlights include objects chosen by the gallery's six Native advisors; a theatre devoted to film screenings, interactive programs, and live performances by Canada's First Peoples; a large changing exhibition space for contemporary Native artworks; and an area dedicated to the works and life of pioneer painter Paul Kane.

"It is exhilarating to complete the first stage of Renaissance ROM and open the doors to these important galleries," said William Thorsell, Director and CEO of the Royal Ontario Museum. "We've created a new and inviting environment in carefully restored buildings for the public to experience some of our best and never-before-seen collections. This opening also sets the stage

for the opening of the Michael Lee-Chin Crystal next year, where other substantial collections of world cultures and natural history will be presented in the context of Daniel Libeskind's stunning modern building."

Renaissance ROM is the largest heritage restoration and museum expansion project taking place in Canada today. For the first time in more than 20 years, visitors will experience the ROM's historic buildings in their original splendour. Soaring windows have been uncovered, high ceilings reclaimed and sightlines opened to allow natural light to fill the original grand vistas inside the 1914 Philosophers' Walk building to the west, and to the east, the 1933 Queen's Park Building – recently named in honour of the Weston Family.

For more information contact the ROM at 416.586.5549 or [www.rom.on.ca](http://www.rom.on.ca).

*BELOW: An artist's rendering of the new Gallery of Canada: First Peoples, opening December 26, 2005 at the Royal Ontario Museum. Rendering by Haley Sharpe Design, ROM 2005. All rights reserved*

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purchased in 1804 by William Sproule from the original grantee Andrew Wilson UEL of the Township of King, York County, Home District, Upper Canada. Several generations of Sproules lived there until the property was sold in 1968 to our donors. In 2004 they saw encroaching commercial development on all sides, decided to sell and, rather than leaving the Crown grant in the house, gave it to the KTA. Our first thought was to get a digital copy before putting the original in safe archival wrap.

We took it to a neighboring municipal archive, receiving advice to remove the document from its frame and to flatten the folded-in edges. No amount of reading about conservation methods reassured the volunteer that she could safely do the flattening necessary to prepare this treasure for photography.

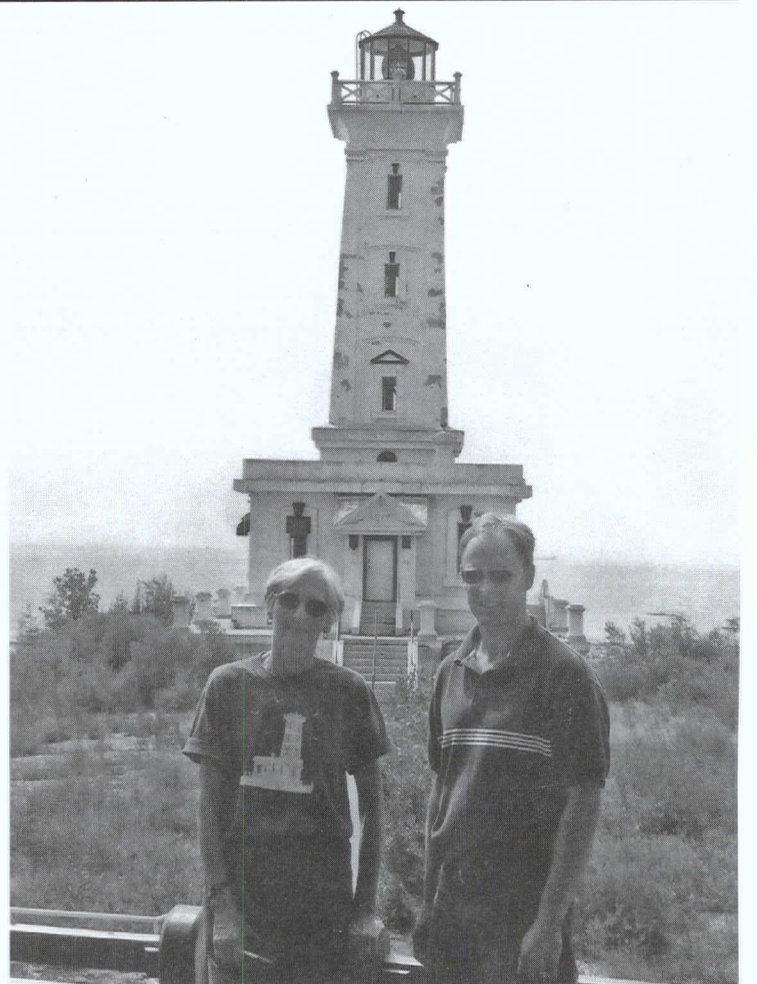
Thus the next visit was

to the McMichael Canadian Art Collection where the conservator expertly removed the frame in order to examine the document under magnification. It proved to be parchment, which was a little brittle but could be gently flattened at the



folds. The big surprise was the old backing, a piece of common cardboard, revealing on its reverse a remarkable bonus: a head-and-shoulders portrait of a handsome woman in 1880s dress (seen at left), apparently drawn in charcoal or graphite. So-called "overpainting" of photographs in that period was popular. The delicate effects were achieved by subtle hand layering of graded tones, and were probably influenced by such 19<sup>th</sup> century portraitists as the eminent French artist Ingres. This woman was identified as Mrs. Newton Sproule. Why her picture was used as backing is, of course, a tantalizing question.

Finally we took the land grant and the portrait to the Toronto Reference Library's photo lab to have digital images made, allowing King Township Archives to keep them on its own database. A full size commercial reproduction



*ABOVE: Welcome to the Point Abino Lightstation Preservation Society – A New OHS Affiliate. Charlene Nigh (left), President of Point Abino Lightstation Preservation Society, which is now incorporated in the Province of Ontario through affiliation with the OHS, will continue to support the preservation of this unique lighthouse and the keeper's dwelling. Charlene is seen here with Sean Hutton, Supervisor, Facilities, Leisure Services & Cemeteries for the Town of Fort Erie which now owns this national historic site.*

*Photo Rob Levery*

## CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF CANINE EXCELLENCE

The Ontario Provincial Police Museum in Orillia recently presented a temporary exhibition: *The OPP's Best Friend: Celebrating 40 years of Canine Excellence*. This exhibit featured an unusual series of mono print collages created collaboratively with the Ontario Provincial Police's 45 dogs, their handlers, and the museum's curator.

These unique works on paper were created much the same way a police officer takes fingerprints. The dog prints, their names and the signatures of the handlers as recorded in these works of art are a unique set of snapshots of the Unit, as of 2005. Taking the prints was sometimes a straightforward task - sometimes it was a bit of an adventure!



*ABOVE: (left to right): Sgt. Marc Lapointe with Jeti (a 14 week old German Shepherd), Museum Curator Jeanie Tummon, and S/Sgt. Wayne Jacklin with Thunder, Jeti's brother.*

*Photo courtesy the OPP Museum*

of the Crown grant was purchased for display, and at last the original parchment could be layered with tissue and put to rest in an archival box. To accompany the document the donors also gave us the original seal, overlaid with embossed paper bearing the lion, unicorn and crown, about the size of a hockey puck, formed of dense

wax-like material and meant to be attached with ribbon to the document as verification of the king's authority.

The whole exercise was a vivid lesson in Ontario history, conservation and foresight of the donors and professionals who understand the importance of seeing today the realities of yesterday.

# FROM THE BOOKSHELF

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## Please Note:

More extensive reviews of a number of books relating to the history of our province are published in each issue of *Ontario History*, a journal also published by the Ontario Historical Society.

*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.*

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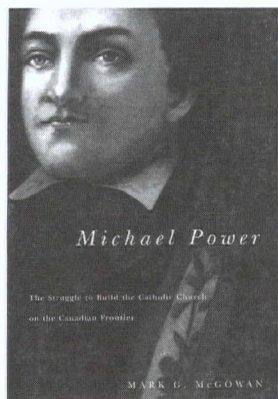
**The Thomsons of Durham: Tom Thomson's Family Heritage.** By Angie Littlefield. Durham West Arts Centre. 60 pages. Illustrations. \$20.00.

The history and mystery of Tom Thomson's art, life, and tragic death are well known. Here is a booklet that relates family stories of Tom Thomson's grandparents in Durham in the 19th century. They interconnect with the 1837 Rebellion and the American Civil War, as well as the more ordinary lives of some settler families. You need not be a Thomson relative to enjoy this attractively designed and charmingly written work.

## PROUDLY PROVINCIAL

**Sites of Power: A Concise History of Ontario.** By Peter A. Baskerville. Oxford University Press. 296 pages. Illustrations. \$34.95 softbound.

More text and fewer images in this revision of the same author's *Ontario: Image, Identity and Power*, reviewed on this page nearly three years ago. At that time we wrote: "No historically-minded home in Ontario should be without this fine volume." This version is equally good – because of its updating, perhaps even better.



## CHURCH AND PROVINCE

**Michael Power: The Struggle to Build the Catholic Church on the Canadian Frontier.** By Mark G. McGowan. McGill-Queen's University Press. 382 pages. Illustrations. \$49.95 hardbound.

The first Roman Catholic Bishop of Toronto, Michael Power, found himself in a very different political and religious environment than his previous assignments in Quebec among Native Canadians and long established French settlers. Western Upper Canada was Protestant dominated and

increasingly Irish, with a priesthood unaccustomed to strict doctrinal and sacramental supervision. Thoroughly researched and eminently readable, this volume offers insight into both Catholic ultramontane and secular Upper Canadian reforms during the post-Rebellion 1840s. It is also a sensitive portrayal of the trials of a new bishop coping with the ordeals of Irish immigrants both before and during the fatal potato famines and typhoid epidemic. Power's influence, as St. Michael's College principal McGowan aptly documents, was powerful in both city and province.

**Universalists in Ontario, Revised Second Edition.** By Louise Foulds. Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda. 202 pages. Illustrations. \$20.00 softbound.

Universalism, with its message of "hope not hell" was a small but significant religious movement in the 19th century. Here is the history of six congregations in this province, only one of which survives today as a member of the more thriving Canadian Unitarian Council.

## LEGAL EAGLES

**McCarthy Tétrault: Building Canada's Premier Law Firm, 1855-2005.** By Christopher Moore. Douglas & McIntyre. 409 pages. Illustrations. \$45.00 hardbound.

McCarthy Tétrault is today one of the most pre-eminent Canadian law firms, with offices in all the major business centres in Canada as well as in New York and London, England. It is also one of the oldest, with roots going back 150 years to Barrie, Ontario. It was there that D'Alton McCarthy, recently immigrated from Ireland, set up his law practice. By 1877, his son, the flamboyant and ambitious Dalton McCarthy Jr., had moved to Toronto. Within five years, their Toronto firm had the then unusually large number of six lawyers. Today the firm has more than 700! This book is clearly and primarily a celebration of the success of a great law firm, but Moore is an award-winning historian who can turn a corporate history into a compelling tale.

## THE EXPURGATED EDITION?

**Wacousta.** By Heather Kirk. Winding Trail Press. 270 pages. \$29.95 softbound.

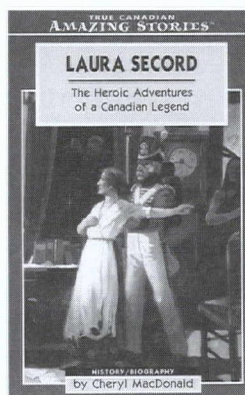
First published in 1832, Major John Richardson's three-volume *Wacousta* is a classic tale of the "Indian Wars" of 1763 and the attacks on Fort Detroit and Fort Michilimackinac. It's a great yarn, but for many readers, alas, also a great yawn. The New Canadian Library's introduction to their 1967 abridged edition speaks of the "stiff, rhetorical,

even archaic prose" of the original. Heather Kirk has dared to rewrite Richardson, using many of his phrases but also "translating" many of the passages to make them more accessible and more appealing to modern readers. Some may find this a travesty while others will thoroughly enjoy Kirk's version ... and may even be led back to check out the original!

## AROUND ONTARIO

**Top 100 Unusual Things to See in Ontario.** By Ron Brown. Boston Mills Press. 208 pages. Illustrations. \$24.95 softbound.

For many years Ron Brown has been exploring our province, finding fascinating places often overlooked by the standard histories and guidebooks. Here are a hundred of his discoveries – rocks, rivers, railways, bridges, churches, forts, churches, schools and much more – including Creemore's small jail. As with all his books, Brown tells you both what to look for and where to find it.



## HERSTORY

**Laura Secord: The Heroic Adventures of a Canadian Legend.** By Cheryl MacDonald. Altitude Publishing. 120 pages. Illustrations. \$9.95 softbound.

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**Unfolding Power: Documents in 20th Century Canadian Women's History.** By Pat Staton, Rose Fine-Meyer, Stephanie Kim Gibson. Green Dragon Press. 252 pages. Illustrations. \$63.00 softbound.

As the authors point out, the history of women in Canada is integral to all major events and issues. Decade by decade, letters, photographs, posters, flyers, legal and government documents, newspapers

clippings, and more are here reproduced. The documents speak for themselves, but the authors also include helpful commentary. Clearly, the status of women changed hugely during the 20th century, but the authors show that not all women's status improved. This is an inclusive and comprehensive collection, intended primarily for students and classroom use, but also worthwhile to all interested in a documentary history of "Canada's century."

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## INDUSTRY HISTORY

**Iron in the Blood: The Bowmanville Foundry: One Hundred Years of Innovation.** By Helen Bajorek MacDonald and Helen Lewis Schmid. Bowmanville Foundry Company. 228 pages. Illustrations. \$48.00 hardbound.

The people, the products, the profits (and losses), and the progress of the only malleable foundry left in Canada. Founded as a family business a century ago, now in new hands it continues its traditions: safety, quality, productivity. Here is both family and foundry history, carefully researched and charmingly narrated. Of interest to all students of Canadian small towns and their importance to our industrial history.

## NOT BORING!

**Canadian History for Dummies, 2nd Edition.** By Will Ferguson. John Wiley & Sons. 502 pages. Illustrations. \$29.99 softbound.

A lively chronicle of our nation's past written by an author celebrated for his humour as much as for his history. Its once-over-lightly style offers an entertaining, totally Canadian spin on everything, occasionally omitting events (like American Captain Perry's crucial War of 1812 Lake Erie naval victory) that did not go our way. The appendix listing online resources will be especially valued by those who want to learn more.

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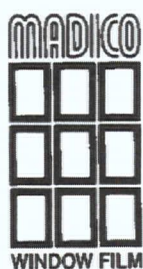


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