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ANNUAL HONOURS AND AWARDS PRESENTED IN ORILLIA

On Saturday, May 6, 2006, The Ontario Historical Society presented their Annual Honours and Awards at the Orillia Museum of Art and History. These awards are presented to individuals, organizations, and businesses in Ontario who have contributed significantly to the province's heritage. A hearty congratulations to this year's winners.

The Museum Award of Excellence, awarded to a non-profit public

museum in Ontario showing excellence in community involvement and programming, was awarded to The OPP Museum, Orillia.

The Dorothy Duncan Award, awarded to a non-profit organization nominated by a Municipal Council or First Nations Council for outstanding service to its region, was awarded to the Greater Harvey Historical Society.

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Above: Winners of The Museum Award of Excellence, from The Ontario Provincial Police Museum, Orillia, are, left to right: Sgt. Marc Lapointe, OPP Museum Curator Jeanie Tummon, and S/Sgt. Wayne Jacklin. The OPP Museum was selected as the 2006 recipient because of its truly innovative and engaging programming resulting from successful partnerships with other departments of the OPP as well as outside organizations. Police business, by its nature, encompasses a range of potentially disturbing yet vital services for the public. The OPP Museum's sensitive and highly creative treatment of these subjects successfully provides a friendly, fun and interactive environment for the public of all ages to explore the history of the OPP and current policing practices.

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LAW AND ORDER: SELECTIONS FROM THE RUSSELL K. COOPER COLLECTION AT PEEL HERITAGE COMPLEX THIS SUMMER

Brampton-born Russell Cooper worked during the 1940s and '50s as a freelance journalist and photographer. This special exhibition, *Law and Order: Selections from the Russell K. Cooper Collection* highlights examples from the Region of Peel Archives' extensive holdings of Cooper's photographs, from his police and newspaper work to family and wedding portraits.

In 1944, while an engineering student, Russell Cooper needed a summer job. He found work with the local *Conservator* newspaper and was trained in photography by his co-workers. Cooper enjoyed the work so much that he changed his career plans and stayed with the paper. As his talent and reputation grew, he freelanced for the

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MAKING ORANGE-AID ROSEMARY O'FLAHERTY

"If life hands you a lemon, make lemonade." If the Township of North Glengarry hands you an orange, get aid. So goes the tale of the lonely, little Orange Lodge on the western fringes of Dunvegan, half-hidden by towering pines and a tangled thicket of bush-roses. Its move to

the Museum grounds speaks to committed volunteers informed by a lofty vision and a lot of heart. Add to this that master of persuasion, Bill Gilsdorf, and the Terrible Williams Trio (Blair, Ben and Matt) and you have a homegrown

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President's Report

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Spring has arrived and with it the long-awaited return of summer. The arrival of spring also brought some changes to the Board of Directors of The Ontario Historical Society. This is my first message to you as President of the Society. I am looking forward to working with the Board of Directors, OHS staff, affiliated societies, and the general membership, in the continuation of past, present and future efforts to preserve and promote Ontario's rich and diverse history.

The Annual General Meeting, held on May 6, 2006, in Orillia, was a tremendous success. Many thanks to our hosts: the Simcoe County Historical Association, the Ontario Provincial Police Museum, and the Orillia Museum of Art and History. Thanks also to our guest speaker Charlie Garrad and to all those who worked behind the scenes to ensure that our meeting and other events ran smoothly. Congratulations are also in order to those who received recognition during the annual Honours and Awards Ceremony.

Past President's Report

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Well, it's over! My two years of "savage entertainment" as President of the illustrious institution, The Ontario Historical Society. As I leave, I look back on the Society's patriotic and nativist origins in the 19th century, its adjustment to the new concepts of heritage throughout Eric Hobsbaw's "short" 20th century (1918-1989), and try to anticipate where the Society should be going in the increasingly complex world of the 21st century.

These adjustments are going on everywhere. I've just returned from an Ireland preoccupied with its commemoration of the 90th anniversary of the Easter Uprising in 1916. It was no mere jingoistic celebration of the blood of an emerging ethnic nation state. Rather, Taoiseach [Prime Minister] Bertie Ahearn used it as a prompt for a call for a "new culture of active citizenship" and a "great national conversation" on what it means to be Irish. Certainly, it was a week of remembrance. But Ahearn was concerned that it also be about reconciliation and renewal and an "inclusive occasion" advocating that being a citizen in the new Ireland requires "being tolerant, being respectful of the views of others, having a real civic responsibility and being welcoming to the new Irish who are coming to make their homes here."

These thoughts are to the fore whenever I leave Toronto's Union Station and see Francesco Perilli's wonderful sculpture commemorating Canada's multiculturalism, unveiled on Canada Day 1985 by Toronto's Italian community. These thoughts are also underscored by the writings of two of Canada's leading culture theorists, Charles Taylor and Will Kymlicka. For Taylor, the answer for Canada's future is a celebration of its "deep diversity." For Kymlicka, it is "cultural pluralism" that emerges from the "recognition of the diversity of the histories and backgrounds we come from."

These issues were also addressed by the OHS Board in its Fall 2005 strategy session as we considered what the Society had accomplished to date, what we needed to do better, and what our future mandate

should be. The outcome was several initiatives refining guidelines and structures for the Board and its various committees to ensure efficient and responsible governance. But we also attempted a better understanding of the future role of a heritage organization such as ours in an increasingly culturally diverse Ontario. To date, our journal has led the way for change. Several articles have been published in French in recognition of our Franco-Ontario constituency. Last year, a special edition of *Ontario History* was devoted to the contribution of First Nations to our collective identity. And in 2007, plans call for a special issue on the theme of "Black History" to be guest-edited by OHS Board Member, Carolyn Smardz Frost, whose article, "The Birth of Black History Month," appeared in *Heritage Matters* in February of this year. Clearly, there are so many other new cultural constituencies in our new Ontario that are also contributing to our new provincial history.

I regret that I am unable to hand over the leadership of the Society to my successor with the contentious issue of the Banting property resolved, a matter that has perplexed the OHS long before most were members of the Board. To this end, we have taken advice from heritage experts and pursued a strategy that is fiscally responsible and sensitive to commemorative objectives. To date, however, all of our well-intentioned initiatives have been blocked by a local interest group that has maligned the Society and slandered its officers. While the dozens of diatribes have emanated from a handful of critics, the Society derives considerable satisfaction from the strong support of our membership who understand our motives – and those of our detractors. All of this has hardened our resolve to achieve a solution that conforms to the broader mission of OHS, considers the interests of the local community, and honours the wishes of our benefactor, Edward Knight Banting.

Finally, I wish to close this final message by stating how proud I am to have been allowed to serve you as President and how much I appreciate the support of the OHS Board, staff, and membership at large over the last two years.



Above: Mel Swart (centre), MPP for Welland-Thorold from 1975 to 1988, receives the prestigious Lyn MacMillan Award for Niagara Escarpment Protection at an April 11 reception in St. Catharines. The award from the Coalition on the Niagara Escarpment (CONE) founded in 1978 is named for CONE's founder and is awarded to recognize outstanding contributions to protecting the Escarpment from inappropriate development. Presenting the award to Swart are Rob Levery (OHS Director, Programs & Preservation), a former co-chair and former executive director of CONE, who worked closely with Swart in the late 1970s and the 1980s to secure passage of the Niagara Escarpment Plan, and Linda Pim, CONE's current conservation policy analyst and a former CONE co-chair. The Niagara Escarpment Plan, enacted in 1985, was Canada's first large-scale environmental land use plan. Swart worked relentlessly and courageously for decades defending and protecting Ontario's natural heritage. Congratulations Mel for making Ontario a more decent and civilized society!

Photo Phyllis Lee

Executive Director's Report

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Take advantage of the beautiful weather this summer to visit Ontario's historical sites, museums and art galleries. Our Summer Heritage Events supplement in today's OHS Bulletin features activities and events that are sure to please every family member. Perhaps you'd like to tour the MacLachlan Woodworking Museum in Kingston to view their new exhibit on sash windows, or visit Ross Museum in Foresters Falls for the Antique Festival? There are many special activities taking place at our National Historic Sites, too. How about a blueberry breakfast at the Ermatinger-Clergue National Historic Site in Sault Ste. Marie? Our Summer Heritage Events supplement is made possible through the generosity of our sponsors. We truly appreciate the support of the Simcoe County Museum, Hamilton Civic Museums and the United Empire Loyalists Heritage Centre and Park in Adolphustown, as well as all of our advertisers. Start planning your outings today!

Planning for the Society's Antique Auction on August 12 is well underway. Andrea Izzo has been hired through the University of Toronto Arts & Culture Management Co-op Program to coordinate this

special fundraiser for us. Some of you may already be familiar with Andrea as he worked for the National Historic Sites Alliance for Ontario last summer. Photos of some of the items available for sale are posted on our website www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca. Check back regularly to see what's been added. If you would like to contribute an item to this event, or volunteer to work the day of the sale, contact Andrea. Arrangements may be made to have items picked up. Tax receipts will be issued for the value of your donation.

In April we said goodbye to our Office Coordinator Natasha Uric. Natasha began her association with the OHS as a summer student in 2002 and soon became an indispensable member of our team. Natasha moved to London, England with her partner Ryan. We wish them both much success and happiness in their new home.

This is my last report as Executive Director of the OHS. I am proud of the Society's achievements over the past five years and have appreciated your support and encouragement. As a member of the OHS since 1986, and currently a Life Member, I remain committed to the mission of the organization and its vision to foster an interest in all aspects of Ontario's heritage.

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Across The Province

MUNCEY ROAD SCHOOL GIVEN NEW LIFE

A dedicated group of community volunteers, led by the South Caradoc United Church, have successfully restored a beautiful old Ontario schoolhouse, one of the few in the province that is still in public hands and used regularly by the community.

In School Section #13, Caradoc Township, the Muncey Road School was built in 1877 and served the community until school consolidation in 1960. It was then purchased by South Caradoc United Church for use as a community centre. Routine repairs and maintenance were looked after by the church and the community. By 2004, more intense work was needed on the structure, and a generous Trillium Foundation grant was received to cover the cost of brick repairs, a new furnace, new

windows, and roof painting. Community fundraising covered the costs of a walkway, electrical upgrades, and interior painting. The project was completed with the planting of a historical garden.

Volunteer Frances Kilbourne writes, "We are in the Communities in Bloom effort in Strathroy-Caradoc, and judges are most impressed by our architectural conservation efforts. The garden is coming into its own this year, and we are proud of the state of our school today. It looks much better now than it did in a photo from 1909. Muncey Road School is south off the Longwoods Road (#2 highway) west of Delaware (near London). It is a beautiful quiet setting, but if you listen carefully you may hear the sound of long-ago children out for recess."



In March, the OHS was the guest speaker at the AGM of the Fieldcote Society held at Ancaster's Old Town Hall. Seen here are, left to right: Arthur Bowes, Past President, Ancaster Township Historical Society; Margaret Anderson-Herrmann, President, Fieldcote Society; Dr. Grant Huber, President, Ancaster Township Historical Society; and Robin McKee, Hamilton Historical Board. Robin also conducts historical cemetery tours. For further information call 905.544.9559 or email historical-perceptions@hotmail.com

Photo Rob Leverty

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The B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award of Merit, awarded to a municipal heritage committee for special contributions to heritage conservation in its municipality, was awarded to the Windsor Heritage Committee.

The President's Award, honouring a corporation, business or executive that has contributed to heritage conservation in the recent past, was awarded to Dr. L.R. ("Red") Wilson.

The Cruikshank Medal, presented on rare occasions to individuals who have performed with distinction on behalf of The Ontario Historical Society, was awarded to Professor Fred H. Armstrong.

The Carnochan Award, awarded to an individual who has contributed many years of service to the heritage community, was awarded to Marie Smale of Chatham.

The Fred Landon Award, honouring the best book on regional history in Ontario published within the past three years, was awarded to John Honsberger for *Osgoode Hall: An Illustrated History*.

The Alison Prentice Award, honouring the best book on women's history published in the past three years, was awarded to Laura Brandon for *Pegi by Herself: The Life of Pegi Nicol MacLeod, Canadian Artist*.

The J.J. Talman Award, honouring the best book on Ontario's social, economic, political or cultural

history published in the past three years, was awarded to Guy St-Denis for *Tecumseh's Bones*.

The Riddell Award, honouring the best article on Ontario's history published during the award year, was awarded to Dr. Christabelle Sethna for "The University of Toronto Health Service, Oral Contraception, and Student Demand for Birth Control, 1960 - 1970".

The Donald Grant Creighton Award, honouring the best book of biography or autobiography highlighting life in Ontario, past or present, published within the past three years, was awarded to A. Donald MacLeod for *W. Stanford Reid: An Evangelical Calvinist in the Academy*.

Congratulations everyone!



Honours and Awards winners are, from left to right: Jeanie Tummon, Curator OPP Museum; S/Sgt. Wayne Jackin, OPP; Pam Dickey, President, Greater Harvey Historical Society; Sgt. Marc Lapointe OPP; Dr. L. R. Wilson; Guy St-Denis; John Honsberger; and A. Donald MacLeod.

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Above: Muncey Road School, built in 1877, underwent a careful restoration which was a community effort led by the South Caradoc United Church and funded by a Trillium Foundation grant and community fundraising efforts.

Photo Frances Kilbourne



North York Historical Society members (left to right): Penny Potter; Glenn Bonnetta, Secretary and Archivist; and Maggie Demeter, President; are seen here with David Zimmer, MPP for Willowdale. This group helped welcome visitors to the Toronto 101 Day organized by Kathleen Wynne, MPP for Don Valley West. Toronto 101 Day is a valuable initiative to bring rural constituents to Toronto for a day of information and dialogue about the realities of an urban setting. The photograph was taken on the patio of The Miller Tavern on Yonge Street. Penny Potter, also an OHS member and volunteer, gave the guests a thumbnail history of York Mills, pointing out its rural village roots.

JEAN MURRAY COLE WINS AWARD

Congratulations to historian and writer Jean Murray Cole of Indian River for being awarded the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship. At a Queen's Park ceremony on February 7, 2006, the Honourable James K. Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, presented the award to Murray Cole, who is a past president of The Ontario Historical Society.

Jean Murray Cole has been active in her community and the province's cultural organizations for the last 40 years. She has chaired numerous boards including several museum and library boards, and was instrumental in the creation of the new Peterborough Public Library and Hutchison House Museum. She has written many books and articles.

This award recognizes outstanding public contributions and exceptional contributions to community life.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Wolfe Island Historical Society

Exhibits & Events

See the special four page pullout section in this issue for a list of summer heritage events.

UNTIL JULY 30, 2006

A Common Thread: A History of Toronto's Garment Industry, an exhibit at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum, Almonte, Ontario. Presented by the Beth Tzdec Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum. 613.256.3754 or www.textilemuseum.mississippimills.com

JUNE 25, 2006

House & Garden Tour, hosted by the Millbrook & Cavan Historical Society. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tickets \$15 per person in advance, \$20 on the day. Enjoy a drive to the country and tour five beautiful homes and two exceptional gardens. Also a quilt show and sale, and box lunches for \$5. Millbrook, Ontario. 705.932.2345, jhickey@nexicom.net

JULY 29, 2006

Book Signing by Margaret Atwood and Graeme Gibson, 3 – 5p.m., Orillia Museum of Art & History. This appearance is in conjunction with Charles Pachter's exhibition *Regarding the Lake*, hosted at OMAH from June 29 to September 4. The Journals of Susanna Moodie, Pachter's celebrated art and poetry collaboration with Ms. Atwood, will be available in the museum's gift shop. 705.326.2159, www.orilliamuseum.org

AUGUST 19 – 25, 2006

If Walls Could Talk, an exhibit featuring 75 paintings of Kingston Wall Scenes by Shirley Gibson-Langille, Bethel Church Gym, 314 Johnson St., Kingston. Official opening August 19, 11 a.m. features a history talk by Dr. Brian Osborne. For more information 613.549.8360 or shirley.gibson-langille@sympatico.ca, <http://shirleygibsonlangille.homestead.com>

JOIN THE OHS AT THESE 2006 EVENTS! FOR MORE INFORMATION 416.226.9011

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AUGUST 5

OHS at 144th Emancipation Festival, Harrison Park, Owen Sound.

AUGUST 12

OHS Antique Sale at the John McKenzie House, Willowdale. Sale starts at 10 a.m. Preview from 8 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 26

OHS presentation at Bruce and Grey Branch OGS, Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre, Southampton.

OCTOBER 24 – 25

Canadian Conservation Institute Workshop, Allan MacPherson House, Napanee.

NOVEMBER 12

Cookbook Caper. Annual cookbook sale at the John McKenzie House, Willowdale.

FUNDRAISING ANTIQUE AUCTION AUGUST 12, 2006

The Ontario Historical Society is excited to announce its first Antique Auction at the John McKenzie House on Saturday, August 12 at 10 a.m. with a preview to start at 8 a.m. the same morning. The live auction will be held by a professional auctioneer.

There are many interesting and valuable items for sale including: a late 19th century Canadian made mahogany and fruitwood credenza with fall front secretaire drawer over two panel doors, with molded and carved decoration, 47" wide (seen below);



or a circa 1920 Type 'A' Model 7 Dictaphone that was used to transcribe speech to text in an office setting, 38" tall (seen top right); or a decorative chair, part of a parlour set circa 1900 (seen bottom right); other items include: a 44" wide Red Seal cedar blanket box from Milverton, ON; an original Shannon file clipboard from Newmarket, ON; a circa 1900 roll top desk for office use, 48" tall; a wooden handled industrial meat chopper; a wooden snow sleigh; china and silverware; crafting materials and much more.



The OHS website will feature more details and preview items so be sure to check it regularly as more items are added. See www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca.

The OHS welcomes you to contribute to this sale and is currently accepting donations and seeking volunteers. Please contact the event's coordinator Andrea Izzo at 416.226.9011 or aizzo@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca to arrange for pick-up or for more information. Tax receipts will be issued for the value of your donation, and the proceeds of the Antique Auction will go towards the regular maintenance of the John McKenzie House, as well as an upcoming project to address the house's accessibility.



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Toronto Telegram and became the official Ontario Provincial Police photographer in Peel. At any time of the day or night Cooper could expect a summons to photograph a gruesome accident, natural disaster, or other crisis.

Press photography was demanding – it required working under tight time constraints and having a competitive edge over rival photographers from the *Toronto Star* and the *Globe and Mail*. Cooper produced many award-winning photographs and received two prestigious assignments: the Royal Family at Windsor Castle and the "Big Three" Conference in Bermuda. When he found himself sitting at a desk more often than taking photos, he turned his energies to other areas. From 1965 until his retirement in 1991, he made great contributions in the field of heritage preservation as the Administrator of Black Creek Pioneer Village.

Law and Order: Selections from the Russell K. Cooper Collection runs from 5 July – 2 September, 2006 at the Region of Peel Archives in the Peel Heritage Complex, 9 Wellington St. East, Brampton. For more information phone 905.791.4055 or visit www.peelheritagecomplex.org

Above: Russell K. Cooper, 1952. This image was taken at the time when Russ won a National Newspaper Award for spot news photography for his photo of the the Guelph Reformatory Riot.

Front Cover Image: Shooting at Langton, June 21, 1950. Herbert James McAuliffe held up the Imperial Bank at Langton, near Simcoe, Ontario. Chased by a tobacco farmer and hired hand, McAuliffe shot and killed his pursuers, and evaded the police for five days before being captured. By including the grim faces of officials and the bullet-strewn car, Cooper captures the tension of the hunt for the killer.

Photos Region of Peel Archives
– Russell K. Cooper Collection



Mike Buss, retired MNR wildlife biologist and amateur fur trade historian, displays a beaver pelt, along with his collection of trade goods which were part of his hands-on show-and-tell interpretative talk at the recent workshop organized by the Sturgeon River House Museum in collaboration with the OHS and the Voyageur Heritage Network. Workshop registrants enjoyed a practical description of the whys and hows of the fur trade. His session focused on the ecology of the trade, its material culture, its business practices and its impact on First Nations and European participants. Local journalist and historian Doug Mackey also gave an excellent presentation on the Hudson's Bay Company and the history of the fur trade. Thank you to Mike and Doug and the staff and volunteers at the Sturgeon River House Museum.

Photo Rob Leverty

Summer 2006

Heritage Events Across Ontario

Welcome to THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY's Summer 2006 Heritage Events Across Ontario special four-page pullout section of the *OHS Bulletin*. This is the first time the OHS has put together a special extra section in the *OHS Bulletin* – which also serves as a stand alone piece – we hope it is useful and you enjoy having it as a handy guide this summer when planning your outings. Please let us know your thoughts about this special pullout section by visiting our website at www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca

Thank you to all our advertisers who made this possible. Please visit them this summer and see what each has to offer! It would also be helpful if you were to mention that you saw their event listed in this special pullout section.

Our main sponsors in this first special pullout section are: Simcoe County Museum, UEL Heritage Centre and Park, and Hamilton Civic Museums.

SIMCOE COUNTY MUSEUM

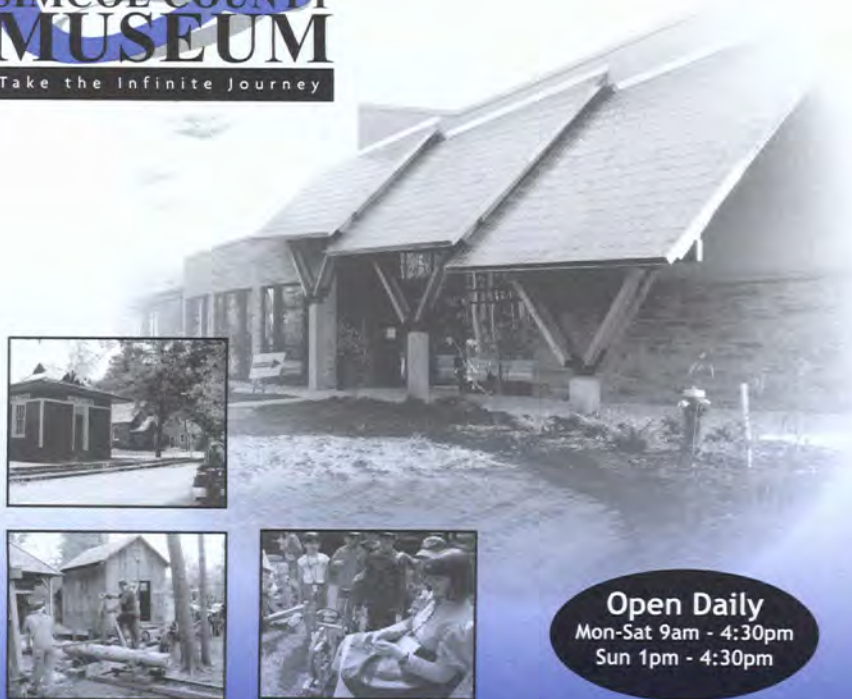
In 1928, members of Simcoe County Women's Institutes saw a need to preserve local history in a museum setting. From this beginning, the Simcoe County Museum was created. An expansion to the museum was completed in 2005, creating over 10,000 square feet of additional space for museum exhibitions, interpretation, and community use. The stories of our past are now displayed in the Museum's six indoor galleries and 16 outdoor buildings.

Inside our main building, explore our Orientation gallery, visit our reconstructed longhouse, stroll down our Victorian Village Street and discover displays depicting the natural and human history of Simcoe County. Outside, wander through our many historical buildings including our train station, log house, church and schoolhouse.

Bring a picnic and spend the day! Events during the year include Wheels and Tracks in June, Summer Sundays through July and August and the Quilt, Rug & Craft Fair in September. Contact the Simcoe County Museum at 705.728.3721, museum@county.simcoe.on.ca, or www.county.simcoe.on.ca

U.E.L. HERITAGE CENTRE AND PARK

Robertson Davies, a Loyalist descendant, once said that "Extraordinary people survive under the most terrible circumstances and they become more extraordinary because of it." The history of Ontario is constant with the image of women and children surviving refugee camps and then being given the tools to survive in their adopted province.



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In June 1784, two-hundred-and-fifty people arrived in the Bay of Quinte where "the boats were hauled up; and among the trees, the white tents were duly ranged.... While they were yet living in their tents one of their numbers died, a child" and was buried close by "under a tree."

Today that Landing Site and the Burial Ground are part of the U.E.L. Heritage Centre & Park, a preservation project of the UELAC Bay of Quinte Branch. The entire 72-acre heritage site and campground is operated by descendants of Loyalists.

U.E.L. Heritage Centre and Park is located at 54 Park Road on the Loyalist Parkway at Adolphustown. For more information contact them at 613.373.2196, email: 1784@uel.ca, www.uel.ca



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September 8, 2006



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U.E.L. Heritage Centre & Park

Loyalist Parkway at Adolphustown

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Michael Lee-Chin
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Oshawa Community Museum - see Ongoing events

JULY

July 1
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613.646.2622.

July 1
Canada Day Strawberry Social, 2 - 4 pm at Mather Walls House, 1116 Ottawa St. Keewatin, history@netv.ca, 807.547.2870

July 7, 8, 9
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July 8
Clearview Idol Singing Contest in Station Park, Stayner. Presented by the Stayner Heritage Society. This 10th annual event starts at 10 am. damillsap@rogers.com

July 8, 9
Annual Book Sale at Glengarry Pioneer Museum, 1645 County Road #30, Dunvegan, 613.527.5230,
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July 9
Games of Long Ago at the John R. Park Homestead & Conservation Area, Essex Region Conservation Authority, 915 County Rd. 50 E., RR#1, Harrow, 519.738.2029,
jrph@erca.org, www.erca.org

July 14
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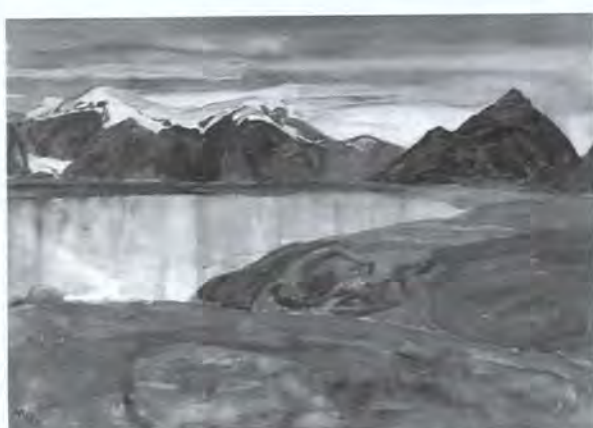
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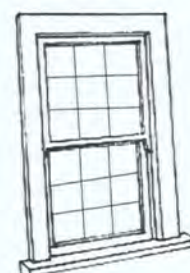
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estead – see July 14

July 30
Blueberry Breakfast, Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site, Sault Ste. Marie, old.stone.house@cityssm.on.ca, 705.759.5443

AUGUST

August 5
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August 6, 7
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August 19, 20
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August 27
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Doors Open Kincardine – see October 14, 15

SEPTEMBER

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September 16
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September 17
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Cemetery News

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In 2005, Jim Brownell, MPP for Stormont-Dundas and Charlot-tenburgh tabled a Private Members Bill in the Ontario Legislature entitled, "An Act to preserve the gravesites of former Premiers of Ontario". He wants each gravesite to be preserved with an Ontario flag and a plaque. He sought the support of OHS and Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) members who were invited to write to the Premier and the Minister of Culture, as well as their own MPPs. Mr. Brownell was very surprised and pleased that many of our readers did make these contacts.

Bill 25 had second reading on April 6th and Mr. Brownell personally invited Rob Levery and me to the Legislature to witness this historic debate. While Bill 25 will only protect the gravesites of the former Premiers, Mr. Brownell also recognizes that the burial sites of all Ontarians are deserving of respect and dignity. During the debate in the Legislature other MPPs spoke, including Norm Miller, Peter Kormos, Rosario Marchese, Khalil Ramal, Bob Runciman, Dave Levac, Lorenzo Berardinetti and Laurie Scott. Most cited the need to recognize the people who came from all parts of the world and worked hard to build this province, many of whom are unacknowledged and in unmarked graves. They were not just an elite group of 18 premiers who served in the Legislature. Several suggested that this is only the first step in recognition of the deceased. Mr. Marchese, a former Minister of Culture, raised the point that in 2004 the present Government refused to make changes to the Ontario Heritage Act to preserve cemeteries and that changes were promised to protect cemeteries under the Cemeteries Act. He issued a direct challenge to Mr. Brownell to lead the debate on preserving all cemeteries in their original locations as a part of our heritage. Rosario Marchese stated in the House that the NDP, "are seeking changes that would make the protection of cemeteries a permanent feature, that would make the Ministry of Government Services (formerly the Ministry of Business and

Consumer Services) no longer the ministry in charge of them because they're unfit to govern cemeteries.... that they have been unwilling to protect them and they are being threatened by development. I'm looking forward to seeing the Liberals protect our cemeteries in the way they want to support this bill." Bill 25 received all party support and the OHS and OGS support Mr. Brownell's initiative as we see it as an important step in our ongoing struggle for the public interest to protect all of Ontario's cemeteries.

A Notice of Partial Closure was received for Bertram's (Old Zion) Cemetery in Brampton. Both OHS and OGS appealed and requested that archaeological assessments be carried out to determine if there were burials within the area under discussion. This was completed and it was determined that there were no burials. Road widening will proceed.

Congratulations are in order for Mary Mackay. We have followed Mary's work to restore Rusk's Cemetery in Bruce County for some time. Mary cleared the brush, and repaired stones and fences in what was once declared an abandoned cemetery. In order to help finance the repairs, Mary has written and published six books about the families, most of whom came from the Isle of Colonsay, and are buried within the cemetery. These may be purchased directly from Mary Mackay at jms.mackay@bmts.com All proceeds go to the ongoing restoration work.

The Directors of Warner Cemetery hold an annual potluck lunch and general meeting. Their committee worked closely with the Ontario Ministry of Transport to preserve this heritage cemetery during the widening of the Queen Elizabeth Way near Queenston. A berm was constructed to provide a buffer and there is still cleanup required before the promised topsoil and planting. This cemetery, established in the 1700s, has been designated as a heritage site. The hardworking group seeks donations towards the upkeep. These may be made to Warner Cemetery c/o Sandra Gregovski, 8 Regent Drive, St. Catharines, ON L2M 3L5.

Word has been received that the Friends of Terrace Lawn Cemetery



Laurie Scott, MPP for Victoria-Haliburton-Brock, with Jim Brownell, visit the grave of Leslie Miscampbell Frost at the Riverside Cemetery in Lindsay, Ontario, April 21st 2006. Leslie Frost (1895-1973) was the Premier of Ontario from 1949-1961. Born in Lindsay Ontario, Frost personified small-town Ontario values. He was a lawyer and a Conservative who was first elected to the legislature in 1937. His government introduced the Ontario Human Rights Code, the 400 series highways, as well as provincial sales tax. Frost had a keen interest in history and authored several books.

Photo courtesy Jim Brownell, MPP

in North Bay are hard at work again. Last summer, in a few short weeks, this amazing group did an incredible job of cleaning up and restoration. They welcome volunteers and donors. For more information contact the group at: <http://home.cogeco.ca/~terrace/index.htm>. Donations may be made to Friends of Terrace Lawn Cemetery, 975 McKeown Ave., 5a, Suite 407, North Bay, ON P1B 9P2

The City of Peterborough has applied to close Confederation Square Cemetery, also known as Pioneer Park or Old Methodist Cemetery. This cemetery was the burial ground of early pioneers between 1820 and 1854. The Kawartha Branch of OGS and their associate, Peter McConkey, have assembled burial information of 464 deaths and burials in Peterborough prior to 1852 who may have been interred at this location. Confederation Park is a designated heritage property under the Ontario Heritage Act and the key attribute for that designation was the early pioneer burial ground. The reason for the requested closure and removal of the remains of Peterborough's early pioneers is for the construction of a memorial wall to honour veterans who served in both World Wars and Korea. There is already a war memorial known as the Peterborough Cenotaph on the site. This nationally significant memorial was designed by Walter S. Allward, the Canadian sculptor and internationally famous designer of the Vimy Ridge Memorial in France. This alone is a feather in the cap for the community. Many citizens of Peterborough

and others are horrified at this latest proposal. The decision now rests with the Registrar for Cemeteries.

Vandals once again targeted Park Lawn Cemetery in Etobicoke. The costs of vandalism can not be measured in dollars and cents. There is the obvious cost of repairs or restoration, if this can be done. But these repairs usually leave permanent "scars". Unfortunately, a monetary value can not be placed on the personal anguish of families and others who come to pay their respects. Sadly, we hear very regularly about vandalism and can only urge families to work with cemeterians and others in their community to help develop ways to prevent this ever increasing crime.

The appeal hearings for St Alban's Anglican Cemetery are in progress again. A lengthy Tribunal for the partial closure of this cemetery took place between 2001-2003. The Licence Appeal Tribunal ruled in 2003 that the partial closing of St Alban's Cemetery "is not in the public interest". The owner of the property subsequently applied to have the entire cemetery closed and moved for the purpose of constructing a residence. In November 2005, the Registrar for Cemeteries ordered that it was in the public interest to dig up and relocate this cemetery. The OGS have joined the OHS in appealing this decision to the Licence Appeal Tribunal.

This column has been edited due to space restrictions. Please visit our website for the full version, plus a list of cemeteries hosting a Doors Open event this summer.



In Ancaster, the OHS toured the exhibit A Grave Matter - Cemeteries of Ancaster at the Fieldcote Memorial Park and Museum. Seen here are Lois Corey, Site Supervisor of the Museum and local historian Jim Green. Congratulations to everyone who produced this first-class exhibit documenting Ancaster's history for future generations

Photo Rob Levery

OHS CEMETERY DEFENCE FUND

As you read this column you will see that the resources of the OHS are constantly challenged as we try to defend the cemeteries that are threatened across the province. We are fortunate that many of our members donate their time and expertise but there is much we must pay for such as material called "Freedom of Information". This is not free! Legal advice has to be sought and when these cases drag on so do the bills. So we are forced to ask our readers for their assistance. We can't do it alone. All donations will receive a tax receipt.

Museum News

SAULT STE. MARIE MUSEUM'S OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

In May 1902 the Federal Government had approved \$20,000 to build a new Dominion Building in the town of Sault Ste. Marie. The location of Queen and East streets was chosen as it was the centre of the commercial district at the time and was located close to the river for delivery of mail from incoming vessels.

Mr. David Ewart, Chief Dominion Architect, designed the building and construction began May 1st, 1904. The first storey of the building is built of Lake Superior sandstone and the other storeys of pressed brick. The rough cut sandstone was obtained from John Coulter's farm on Base Line at a cost of \$75 and a bottle of scotch (average of 3¢ per stone).

The building has a combination of architectural styles. With Romanesque arched windows, Italianate decorations and classical cornices, it is a prime example of eclectic Ontario architecture.

The Post Office on the first

floor was just one component of the new Dominion Building and officially opened March 31st, 1906, at a final cost of \$85,000. The second floor housed the Customs Agent, Indian Agent, Weights & Measures Agent, and the Algonquin Rifles. The caretaker lived on the third floor.

This magnificent building served the community as a Post Office until 1949. The building was still used for government offices.

In 1982 the City of Sault Ste. Marie purchased the building and entered into an agreement with the Sault Ste. Marie and 49th Field Regiment R.C.A. Historical Society to operate a community museum in the building. The museum officially opened in the building on December 10th, 1983, and welcomes visitors year-round to explore three floors of exhibit galleries depicting the heritage of Sault Ste. Marie. On October 25th, 1985, the "Old Post Office" was designated a heritage building.



Seen here shortly after construction in 1906, the old post office building, home to Sault Ste. Marie Museum, is celebrating 100 years. July 1 – September 30, visit the museum and see the exhibit 100th Anniversary of the Old Post Office. A special celebration event is planned for September 28 at the Marconi Club. Contact the museum for more information at 705.759.7278 or www.saultmuseum.com

Orange continued from page 1 recipe for "Orange-Aid."

In the summer of 2004, Ben Williams, with a crew of four Katimavik participants, deconstructed the Orange Lodge, log-by-log, numbering each log and moving them to the Museum site where they wintered beneath an old piece of tin. That autumn, along with Brian Campbell and his backhoe, a crew of volunteers dug and poured the foundation to let it settle over the winter. Enter Mallory Franklin in late April, 2005, who laid the ground floor in one day with his 16-year-old son.

Then in May, Bill and the Terrible Trio cobbled together another crew of 15 volunteers to begin the task of reconstruction. But first, Susan Joiner had to relocate Mama Raccoon and her bevy of babies who had made the logs home over the winter. Over a single weekend these volunteers laid out the logs, cut wedges and blocks, and erected 10 feet of wall, thanks to Chad MacRae's super-sized tractor. The following Tuesday, Adrian St. Denis came ploughing in with a special triangular rig to put the last two rows of logs in place. Blair hung onto one end while Ben and Matt sat on the top logs to hold them in place. The Museum's only regret is that it did not capture on film the three sets of daddy long-legs swinging in the

air. Eric Dauner got busy putting the roof structure in place, the finishing touches to the north and south end walls, and laying the upper floor, using original flooring from the Lodge. Ian MacLennan scrambled to the top of Dunvegan's only high-rise and, with the help of Mac Williamson and Brendan Joyce, nailed the cedar shingles in place. A little quirk of fate intervened here. Many moons ago Joan P. MacDonald of our sister museum, Nor'westers, donated an original Glengarry hand-woven carpet to an auction held to defray the cost of the Star Inn roof.



Above Right: Museum volunteer Matt Williams fastens temporary bracing to the Loyal Orange Lodge's log wall.

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Right: Almost complete, the Loyal Orange Lodge hall awaits some finishing touches. It will serve as the new administration building and visitor centre for the Glengarry Pioneer Museum.

Photo Tamarack Creek

Front Cover Image: A volunteer crew uses a tractor's front end loader to raise the logs of the Loyal Orange Lodge hall into position.

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The Joiner-Gilsdorfs bought that carpet which they are re-donating to the Museum to cover the second floor of the Lodge.

During the summer, the 2005 version of Katimavik chinked the outside of the building, followed by 17 volunteers who chinked the inside in a record five days. Finally three doors and several windows were donated to the Museum and the remaining four large windows and double door were hand-made by a Casselman octogenarian, Leo Groulx. In the fall, Matt Williams had his eleventh grade Industrial Arts Class from Vankleek Hill Collegiate build the wrap-around veranda.

Do drop by and admire the finished product, the result of some very special volunteer efforts. For more information contact Glengarry Pioneer Museum at 613.525.5177 or www.glen-net.ca/museums/dunvegan.html

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Above: Serge Ducharme, Director, The Sturgeon River House Museum and Nature Trails, is seen here at their historical cranberry marsh. As early as 1856 this 'cranberry meadow' was recognized as an important natural and economic asset by the Hudson's Bay Company. The Sturgeon River House Museum has an annual cranberry festival to highlight the rich history of this colourful and nutritious fruit. In 2005, over 10,000 visitors to the museum utilized the 4 kms of nature trails for educational and recreational activities, which are located in three hundred acres of provincially significant wetlands. The OHS toured this unique natural heritage site and met with museum staff prior to the Voyageur Heritage Network's Spring General Meeting and Workshop on the Fur Trade.

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The OHS visited Gwen Robinson, Historian, The Chatham-Kent Black Historical Society (OHS Affiliate) who showed us a message that resonates with many organizations. Gwen and her team at the Chatham-Kent Black Historical Society continue to make a unique difference as they recently celebrated the official twinning of Chatham-Kent and Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. Their hard work, dedication and commitment have led to the formal recognition of the historic link between these two communities.

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From The Bookshelf

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LEST WE FORGET

Rare Courage: Veterans of the Second World War Remember. Transcribed and edited by Rod Mickleburgh. McClelland & Stewart. 186 pages. Illustrations. \$34.99 hardbound.

The Memory Project of the Dominion Institute, an organization dedicated to promoting Canadian history, has conscientiously and carefully collected the personal memories of men and women who served in the war that ended over fifty years ago. Veteran journalist Rod Mickleburgh distilled twenty of these personal stories – ten people living in Ontario – to create a thoughtful and sensitive volume which will keep their stories alive for generations to come.



CHURCH'S FOUNDATION

The Founders: The Twenty-two Persons Who Established Old Hay Bay Church in 1792. By J. William Lamb. Old Hay Bay Church. 140 pages. Illustrations. \$20 softbound.

"As Almighty God has been pleased to visit us in this wilderness land with the light of a preached Gospel, we think it requisite to build a Meeting-house or church for the more convenient assembling of ourselves together for social worship before the Lord..." declared the subscribers of £107 to create a church in Aldolphustown. Diverse in geographic origin and religious heritage, they were now all Methodists. Their stories – culled from church records, public and private archives, family papers and history books – tell of the ordeals of the American Revolution, the trials of settling Upper Canada, and the triumph of the first Methodist church in the province. Neatly written, carefully organized, attractively published, this labour of love (the fourth in a series about Old Hay Bay Church) is a pleasure to read.

AS CANADIAN AS...

The Maple Syrup Book. By Janet Eagleson and Rosemary Hasner. Boston Mills Press. 96 pages. Illustrations. \$24.95 hardbound.

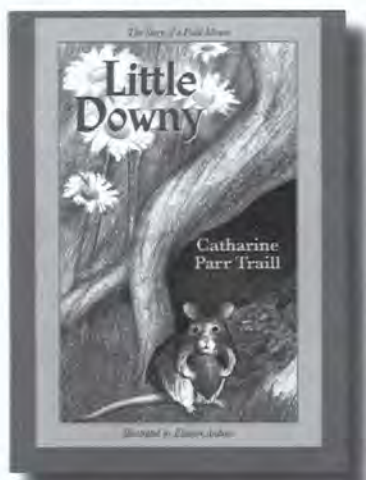
In an age that is so global and technological, it is refreshing to ponder the wonders of a truly Canadian and organic substance, maple syrup. Native oral traditions relate legends of early people discovering the mystery of making it,

and European settlers eagerly adopted the techniques for creating sugar from the juice of trees. Old ways in time became more sophisticated, but the basic process of boiling down sap remains the same. This volume is much more than a taste of nostalgia – it is a guide to making maple syrup if you have a few trees to tap, to buying it if you don't, and to cooking with it in ways you might not have imagined.

LOVELY LUCAN

Lucan: Home of the Donnelly's. By Terry Culbert. General Store Publishing House. 192 pages. Illustrations. \$24.95 softbound.

The author, retired television journalist Terry Culbert, grew up in Lucan. Though he left in his late teens, he took with him a host of memories and anecdotes. Hence this work is, in part, a review of the oft-told tale of the Donnelly massacre, with a few side-bar stories that perked Culbert's interest. But mostly this is a volume of vignettes of the village's history – buildings, events, curiosities, personalities – all related in a friendly style, often quoting the words of long-time residents. Part of the book's appeal is its being so very warm and human. Culbert may have moved away from Lucan, but, as this book testifies, Lucan remains very much with him.



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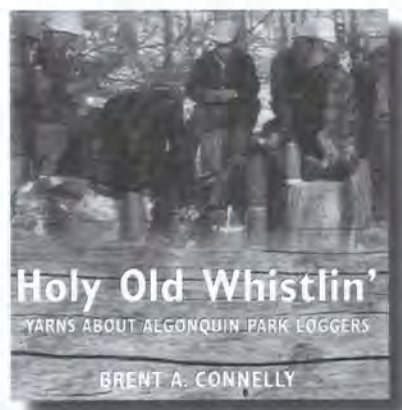
Little Downy: The Story of a Field Mouse. By Catharine Parr Traill. Illustrations by Eleanor Andrew. Edited by Ruth Bradley-St-Cyr. Winding Trail Press. 92 pages. Illustrations. \$12.95 softbound.

Poor little Downy! In spite of her good and gentle nature she, like the rest of her family, comes to a sad end. Bradley-St-Cyr has brought back for our enjoyment and edification Traill's book, originally sub-titled "A Moral Tale," and first published in 1822. Young Alfred is distressed because a mouse has eaten his cake so he begs his mother to set a trap to catch that "ugly brown mouse!" The story that Mamma tells her young son is indeed "a moral tale" helping him understand that we should never thoughtlessly kill any creature and most certainly not because of it simply wanting to satisfy its hunger. It might be interesting to see what youngsters today would make of this story. But adults will most likely find it quite charming and will enjoy Eleanor Andrew's delightful illustrations.

MYSTERY

Quarrel with the Foe. By Mel Bradshaw. Rendezvous Press. 229 pages. \$18.95 softbound.

Returning to Toronto after surviving the horrors of the Great War, police detective Paul Shenstone is faced with the hum-drum task of dealing with petty crimes. Then someone murders Digby Watt, a prominent and respected industrialist. Several possible motives come to light. Perhaps Digby Watt wasn't so honourable after all – certainly some of his wartime shells were shoddily defective. Shenstone has promised Watt's attractive daughter that he will find her father's killer, but when he uncovers unexpected connections between Watt and soldiers from his former regiment, the plot thickens. Those who enjoy this well-crafted tale should also look for Bradshaw's first book, *Death in the Age of Steam*, set in Victorian Toronto.



LOGGING, MINING & MORE

Holy Old Whistlin': Yarns about Algonquin Park Loggers. By Brent A. Connelly. General Store Publishing House. 142 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound.

Most of what is written about Algonquin Park is about the scenery, the flora, the fauna – the natural beauty to be viewed on vacation visits. This is a book about some of the people – human labourers whose lives were spent cutting trees in the park. One of them, author Brent Connelly, worked in the woods for nearly forty years, shared the loggers' work and remembered their words from the bunkhouse sessions of storytelling. Here are their tales – some, no doubt, tall tales, embellished by narrators who turn events into adventures. Thank goodness Connelly wrote them down and thank goodness General Store has published them – along with other fine works of Ontario human history – for us all to read.

Schumacher: Voices in the Gold Fields. By Louise Nightingale Smith. General Store Publishing House. 157 pages. Illustrations. \$24.95 softbound.

In the midst of three major gold producers – the McIntyre, the Hollinger and the Dome mines, the new town of Schumacher came into being in 1912. Spurred by the vision and money of an American, it soon attracted a population extraordinarily diverse in language and culture – the single largest group were immigrants from Croatia. This book is a people's reminiscences of school and mine and sports and much more. Literally scores of individuals made their contributions, but one creative woman resident, Louise

Nightingale Smith wove the strands of their memories together into a vivid and varied tapestry. Town founder Frederick W. Schumacher may have resided in a large stone mansion in Columbus, Ohio, but his true legacy is a vital community in northern Ontario.

ON THE HOMEFRONT

Home, Work, and Play: Situating Canadian Social History, 1840-1980. Edited by James Opp and John C. Walsh. Oxford University Press. 361 pages. Illustrations. \$59.95 softbound.

This is a collection of twenty-two articles exploring the lives of Canadians in the 19th and 20th centuries by reviewing three central spaces: the home, the workplace, and the various settings of recreation, sport, and play. The boundaries between these activities are not necessarily rigid, of course: tourism and sport fishing may be play for some, but for hotel staff and wilderness guides they are work. The articles are illustrated by magazine advertisements, newspaper photographs, and even architectural plans for "your dream home", all depicting graphically the social milieu of the time. For example, a 1950s ad was designed to sell Eveready flashlight batteries, not mirror the times, but looking at it fifty years later we are struck by its depiction of women in the kitchen, men at work, and teenagers on camping trips – all of them apparently middle class and white. An intriguing approach to history.

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