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President's Report 1989

Nineteen eighty nine was a busy, fruitful year for The Ontario Historical Society. The annual reports of the various committees point to the wide range and scope of the Society's activities - from publishing ventures, to producing programmes for shut-ins, to bringing workshops to members around the province and much more. All these programmes see the Society operating with a budget approaching one million dollars. That the Society was able to expand its funds on a very wide range of services and incur just a modest deficit is a tribute to the energy and the fiscal responsibility of all those involved, particularly the office staff and the treasurer.

As the expansion of programmes suggests, the Society continues to broaden its base around the province, having now some 3,000 members. We look forward to further expansion of that membership.

On behalf of the membership, a delegation of the Executive Board met with the Minister of Culture and Communications, the Honourable Christine E. Hart, on November 23. We discussed with the Minister our concerns about Bill 31 governing cemeteries and the role her ministry had played in the passage of that act. We felt that the legislation was sadly defective as it related to heritage concerns. Too, we discussed the timing of the Ministry's issuance of grants to heritage organizations as some found themselves financially embarrassed by the grants' late release. We also considered the forthcoming Heritage Years and the rumoured closing of certain regional Ministry field offices in the north with the Minister. While we were not successful in pressing all of our points, we were very grateful to the Minister for taking time to consider these matters with us. (A full account of the meeting with the Minister is available in the "PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE" in the February 1990 issue of the OHS Bulletin.)

Finally, the Board continued its search throughout the year for affordable office space. We require some 4,000 square feet to house the Society's operation. We were unsuccessful in our quest and will redouble our efforts.

In closing, I would like to thank Dorothy Duncan, the Society's Executive Director, her staff, the many volunteers and my fellow Board members for all their dedicated work. Thanks as well go to the members of the Society, indeed to all who participated in our programmes, for helping make them and the Society a success. Finally, I gratefully acknowledge the support afforded the Society and its activities by the Honourable Christine E. Hart and her excellent staff at the Ministry of Culture and Communications.

Respectfully submitted,
Colin Read, President

Executive Director's Report 1989

The Ontario Historical Society celebrated a century plus one in 1989 with an unprecedented number of projects, programmes and special events designed to serve the needs of the people of Ontario. These activities were designed to appeal to residents from all walks of life, age groups and cultural backgrounds. This brief report will only summarize these activities and members wishing more information are encouraged to contact The Ontario Historical Society office.

Heritage Showcase

On February 18, 1989, 14 Heritage Showcases were held in Belleville, Brockville, Chatham, Goderich, Huntsville, Kitchener, Midland, New Liskeard, North Bay, Ottawa, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, Thunder Bay and Toronto to launch Heritage Week in Ontario and to give heritage organizations and institutions across Ontario an opportunity to showcase their programmes and services.

Polaris

Beginning with a press conference at Queen's Park in January in co-operation with over 50 national, provincial and local heritage organizations, and continuing through 1989, the Province of Ontario Land Registration and Information System occupied a great deal of our time. The Honourable Lily Oddie Munro invited representatives from many concerned organizations to join an advisory committee and I represented The Ontario Historical Society on it. Our report and recommendations were completed and forwarded to the Ministers of Culture and Communications and Consumer and Commercial Relations early in 1990.

Bill 31: Ontario Cemeteries Act

I also represented The Ontario Historical Society at the Standing Committee on Resources Development when they reviewed this proposed new act and I made a presentation expressing the concerns of the heritage community about the lack of consultation and the sweeping changes proposed in the new act. Since the Bill received Third Reading in October I have continued to serve on committees as The Ontario Historical Society's representative in an attempt to influence the drafting of the new Regulations.

Consuming Passions: Eating and Drinking Traditions in Ontario

The 101st Annual Conference held in Ottawa in May of 1989 was a resounding success. A large and enthusiastic audience and superb media coverage made this an outstanding theme conference. Twenty-six of the lectures presented were available to be included in the publication which was launched in 1990.

Technical Consulting Services

The Ontario Historical Society continued to co-ordinate the Technical Consulting Service, initiated in 1983, in co-operation with the Ministry of Culture and Communications. This service, provided free of charge for designated properties in the Province of Ontario, is designed to give owners technical advice on specific problems related to their properties. The following projects were completed in 1989:

Brock House Residence, Belfountain
Crystal Palace, Prince Edward County
Guelph Civic Museum, Guelph
Macpherson House, Napanee
McGibbon Lumber office, Penetanguishene
Tremont Hotel, Markham

In 1990 the following projects are underway or completed:

Capital Theatre, Cornwall
Town Hall, Parkhill
339 William Street, Oakville
Erchless Estate, Oakville
Huron Historic Goal, Goderich
Ireland House, Burlington

Temiskaming Abitibi Heritage Project

To assist the newly-formed Temiskaming Abitibi Heritage Association to develop a heritage tourism district, the Society has agreed to be a partner in this exciting project. The joint proposal for support funding is currently under review by the Ministry of Culture and Communications, the Honourable Christine E. Hart, Minister.

This project would be modelled on the two districts already underway in Ontario - Manitoulin Island and Lanark County, which are co-sponsored by The Heritage Canada Foundation and supported by ERDA funding.

Publicity and Public Relations

The Ontario Historical Society participated in approximately 50 special days, festivals and programmes and presented over 25 lectures in 1989 in an attempt to reach new audiences. In addition, the Society became a partner, along with 13 other organizations, in the new CHP Heritage Centre on the upper level of Cumberland Terrace, at the corner of Bloor and Bay Streets, in Toronto. This high profile area is open to the public three days a week and provides an excellent location for exhibits, displays and special events.

As well as staffing the Centre every month, the Society presented the exhibit "1837 Rebellion Remembered" during the

month of December with a special opening on December 3. Two lectures "Rape, Riot and Rebellion: the 1837 Rebellion in Historic Memory" by Professor Colin Read and "Women and Children First? How the Forgotten Members of Society Reacted to the Rebellion" by Professor Ronald Stagg were special features of the exhibit.

The Ontario Historical Society also began a series of weekly radio presentations in September in response to an invitation from Radio Station CHAY in Barrie, FM 93.1 on your dial. This series is presented every Friday at 6:30 a.m. and 12:30 noon and is called "Turn Back The Clock with The Ontario Historical Society".

History and Heritage is Alive and Well in Ontario

During the last year I have had the privilege of serving on the Board of Governors of The Heritage Canada Foundation and the Council of the American Association for State and Local History. This opportunity to participate in a national and international forum has confirmed for me what a vital and vigorous heritage community we have in this province and how fortunate we are to be a part of it.

And Finally, Thank you

Without the strong support of every member of the Executive, the staff and the volunteers it would be impossible for The Ontario Historical Society to carry out its mandate in Ontario.

In addition, the Ministry of Culture and Communications, the Honourable Christine E. Hart, Minister, has provided ongoing financial support and for that we are grateful. Individual members of Ministry staff who already lead very busy lives have contributed countless hours to Society projects as well, joining the large corps of volunteers who teach, lead, stamp, staple and sell on our behalf.

Thank you, one and all for your support, wise counsel and patience as The Ontario Historical Society continues to change and expand to meet the needs of the citizens of Ontario.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Duncan, Executive Director

Fund Raising Report 1989

The fund raising programme for 1989 focused on three projects: History to Go, the Young Ontario Programme, and the 1990 Annual Conference.

Response to the History to Go Programme was quite positive. Of 11 packages sent to corporations, six responded with donations totalling \$1,350.00. The Ontario Historical Society extends its appreciation to the following for their support of this programme: Union Gas Ltd., McColl-Frontenac Inc., TransCanada PipeLines, Lawson Mardon Group and the Royal Bank of Canada. There was one anonymous donation.

The other two campaigns had not received support by year end, but our efforts continue.

The committee also began work on a campaign to approach charitable foundations for funding for specific projects. This has required the development of support materials for such applications. By May of 1990, eight to ten applications will have been submitted to charitable foundations in Ontario.

In April of 1989, the Society received a grant from the Ministry of Culture and Communications for the Ontario History Endowment Fund. The Ministry agreed to match, three to one, each dollar raised. This project, "Endowment Plus", will add \$40,000.00 to the Endowment Fund if the OHS can raise just one-quarter of this amount. The Society appreciates the support of the Ministry of Culture and Communications, the Honourable Christine E. Hart, Minister. I would also like to thank Jim Clemens, the Society's Treasurer, for agreeing to spearhead this campaign.

In November the OHS held "Victuals and Values: an evening of Food, Fantasy and Fun". This gala fund raising event, consisting of dinner and an auction, made a profit of \$10,000.00 which will go towards the Society's History to Go Programme. A huge bouquet of posies and many thanks go to the donors who made this event possible and to the staff and volunteers who worked hard to make it such a wonderful success.

The committee will, in 1990, continue to work on these and other fund raising projects. It is essential that the Society seek out new sources of funding and support to ensure the vitality and growth of our services to the heritage community of Ontario.

My sincere thanks go to the members of the 1989/90 Fund Raising Committee: Jim Clemens, Rowena Cooper and Dorothy Duncan, and to the staff for their ideas and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Hanna, Chairman

History of Ontario's Peoples Grant Programme Report 1989

Since August 1989, The Ontario Historical Society and The Multicultural History Society of Ontario have jointly administered a grant programme entitled "The History of Ontario's Peoples Programme". The grant programme is designed to help First Nations Band Councils and non-profit organizations and institutions, such as historical societies, museums, libraries, and LACAC's, in their efforts to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the history of the diverse peoples of Ontario.

Through the programme, funding of up to \$5,000 is available for projects such as exhibits, educational resources and audio-visual materials which raise public awareness of the history in Ontario of a particular culture or cultures. The History of Ontario's Peoples Programme is funded by the Ministry of Culture and Communications through the Multiculturalism Strategy Fund.

In 1989, an independent Advisory Committee met four times during the year to review grant applications from over 175 organizations and institutions across the province. The Advisory Committee awarded 60 organizations and institutions grants totalling \$281,586.

A wide variety of groups from all parts of the province have received assistance for a whole range of projects highlighting the history of the peoples of Ontario. A complete list of successful applicants, with a short description of their projects, is appended.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Leverty, Programme Co-ordinator

History of Ontario's Peoples Programme -- Grants Awarded 1989

Milton LACAC

Rockwood, Ontario

\$4,053

produce a display unit featuring the cultural diversity of Halton Region through an examination of its architectural heritage

National Congress of Italian
Canadians

Toronto, Ontario

\$5,000

produce an exhibit, "Sixty Years of Italians in Ontario: A Photographic Record, 1900-1960"

Parry Island First Nation

Parry Sound, Ontario

\$5,000

interview its Elders and produce educational material on the history of the peoples of Wasauksing

Historical Music and Dance
Society of Ontario

Toronto, Ontario

\$5,000

record and produce tapes reflecting the cultural melange of music in nineteenth century Ontario

Kingfisher Lake Socio-Economic
Development Corporation

Kingfisher Lake, Ontario

\$5,000

record the history of the Ojicree of Kingfisher Lake on videotapes

Woodstock Museum

Woodstock, Ontario

\$2,771

research and mount an exhibit on Oxford County's "Multicultural Past and Present"

Hispanic Council of Metro Toronto

Toronto, Ontario

\$4,993

research and collect materials and produce a display on the history of the Spanish speaking people in Ontario

Black Creek Pioneer Village

North York, Ontario

\$4,882

produce an audio-visual presentation illustrating how Christmas was observed by the different cultural groups which settled south central Ontario prior to Confederation

The Lithuanian Museum-Archives

Mississauga, Ontario

\$4,000

develop a portable exhibit and display case demonstrating the history of Lithuanians in Ontario

Norwich & District Historical Society

Burgessville, Ontario

\$3,775

produce a display and educational materials on the distinctive customs and contributions made by the Quakers in Norwich and area since 1810

German-Canadian Congress

Ottawa, Ontario

\$5,000

design a travelling exhibit illustrating the history and diversity of people of German descent in Ontario

Bearskin Lake Band

Bearskin Lake, Ontario

\$5,000

record the historical traditions and legends of the band in such areas as hunting, trapping, canoe-building and other survival skills

North American Black Historical Museum

Amherstburg, Ontario

\$4,500

produce an exhibit on the Black farm experience in Essex and Kent Counties

Guelph Civic Museum

Guelph, Ontario

\$5,000

create a display on the history and development of Guelph's multicultural community

Haldimand LACAC

Caledonia, Ontario

\$4,700

produce exhibits and an audio-visual depicting the influence of different cultures on the architecture of homes in South Cayuga and Rainham

Saugeen Ojibway Nations Territories

Southampton, Ontario

\$5,000

produce a slide show exploring the history of native settlement in Grey and Bruce Counties

Mill of Kintail Museum

Lanark, Ontario

\$1,660

produce a slide show, a walking tour brochure and an exhibit on the history of Scottish traditions and institutions in the area

West Bay Pow Wow Committee

West Bay, Ontario

\$5,000

produce a video on the history of dance and its role in illustrating the traditions, values and beliefs of the Ojibwe people

Strathroy Middlesex Museum

Strathroy, Ontario

\$3,450

produce a travelling exhibit and community program on the history of the Portuguese in Strathroy

Wikwemikong Development Commission

Manitowaning, Ontario

\$5,000

create an educational resource kit on the history of Wikwemikong for Grades 7 and 8

Heritage King LACAC

King City, Ontario

\$3,212

produce a slide show on the history of Dutch immigrants in the Holland Marsh

Islington Band

Kenora, Ontario

\$5,000

record the traditions, legends and stories of the Elders from the area

Slovak Canadian National Council

Willowdale, Ontario

\$5,000

develop a visual display on the history of Slovak Canadians and their contributions to the development of Ontario

Muskrat Dam First Nation

Muskrat Dam, Ontario

\$4,970

document the history and legends of the area, prepare radio programmes and produce maps with traditional Ojicree names

Walpole Island First Nation

Wallaceburg, Ontario

\$5,000

produce an educational exhibit documenting the cultural heritage of the Ojibwas, Potawatomi and Ottawa nations of Walpole island

Raleigh Township Centennial Museum

North Buxton, Ontario

\$5,000

prepare a slide presentation and portable display promoting greater public awareness of black history in the area

West Bay Board of Education

West Bay, Ontario

\$5,000

produce an audio-visual on the role of traditional native beliefs and practices in child-rearing

Alderville First Nation

Roseneath, Ontario

\$5,000

develop a slide presentation and educational guide on the culture of the First Nation

German Canadian Heritage Museum

Toronto, Ontario

\$3,000

present a heritage pageant portraying the 200-year history of Ontarians of German-speaking ancestry

Moose Deer Point First Nation

Mactier, Ontario

\$4,858

interview the Elders and illustrate the history of the First Nation

Can Am Indian Friendship Centre

Windsor, Ontario

\$5,000

develop a display on the history of the native peoples of southwestern Ontario

Onake Corporation (North American Indian Travelling College)

Cornwall Island, Ontario

\$5,000

produce videotapes on the relationship of music and agriculture to the history of the Mohawk people

White River District Historical Society

White River, Ontario

\$5,000

produce a slide show, display and information package on the history of the many different cultures of the area

Ojibwe Cultural Foundation

Manitoulin Island, Ontario

\$5,000

produce an exhibit, art, posters and a teacher's manual on the legend of the Seven Grandfathers - Seven Gifts

Temiskaming Art Gallery

Haileybury, Ontario

\$5,000

create a portable display documenting the history of the Ukrainians, Finnish, French, Irish, Hebrews, Lebanese and First Nations in the area

The Woodland Indian Cultural Educational Centre

Brantford, Ontario

\$5,000

develop an educational kit focusing on the Eastern Woodland Indians within Southern Ontario

Gibson House

North York, Ontario

\$5,000

mount an exhibit entitled "Scottish Influence in Upper Canada"

Ottawa Jewish Historical Society

Ottawa, Ontario

\$5,000

mount an exhibit depicting the history of the Jewish people in Ottawa and the Ottawa Valley

The Joseph Schneider Haus

Kitchener, Ontario

\$5,000

portray the lifestyle and the contributions of the Pennsylvania-German Mennonites in Waterloo County

Grand River Branch

The United Empire Loyalists' Association

Cambridge, Ontario

\$5,000

mount an exhibit depicting the history of the Indian Loyalists along the Grand River

Ojibway and Cree Cultural Centre

Timmins, Ontario

\$5,000

produce a video depicting the history of Moose Factory

PWI-DI-GOO-ZING NE-YAA-ZHING Advisory Services

Fort Frances, Ontario

\$5,000

record and document the oral traditions of the ten Bands of the Fort Frances area

The Bracebridge Historical Society

Bracebridge, Ontario

\$5,000

produce an educational kit documenting the history of Iceland immigration to Muskoka from 1872 to 1885

Grassy Narrows Band

Grassy Narrows, Ontario

\$5,000

document the history of the Ojibway within the Traditional Land Use Area of the Grassy Narrows Band

La Société historique du Nipissing

North Bay (Ontario)

\$4,800

portray the role played by francophones in the history of the district of Nipissing

Edinburgh Square Heritage & Cultural Centre

Caledonia, Ontario

\$5,000

produce a display with information pamphlets entitled "The Scottish Influence on a small Ontario town"

Woodland Cultural Centre

Brantford, Ontario

\$5,000

develop an educational kit on the history of the art of the First Nations

German-Canadian Heritage Museum

Mississauga, Ontario

\$5,000

produce an exhibit illustrating the German presence in the early history of Ontario

United Empire Loyalists
Bicentennial Branch
Kingsville, Ontario
\$5,000

undertake a project creating greater public awareness of the history of the different ethnic groups that originally settled in Essex County

Aylmer and District Museum
Aylmer, Ontario
\$1,960

produce an exhibit entitled "Neighbours" on the history of the two Mennonite communities in their area

Chippewas of Sarnia
Sarnia, Ontario
\$5,000

develop a video and brochure on the history of their people

Holy Cross Mission
Wikwemikong, Ontario
\$5,000

record all of the geneological information available on the First Nations of Manitoulin Island

Oneida Nation of the Thames
Southwold, Ontario
\$5,000

hold a series of special events commemorating the 150th year of the settlement of the Oneida Nation on the banks of the Thames River

Chiefs of Ontario
Toronto, Ontario
\$5,000

produce a video entitled "As Long as the Sun Shines" on the history of what treaties are, how they were negotiated and what they mean today to the peoples of the First Nations

Ojibwe Cultural Foundation
Manitoulin Island, Ontario
\$5,000

prepare and mount a photo exhibition on the history of the children of the First Nations

Ojibwe and Cree Cultural Centre

Timmins, Ontario

\$5,000

create a display depicting the history of the "Nishnawbe-Aski Nation"

British Methodist Episcopal Church

Norval Johnson Heritage Centre

\$5,000

collect and display material on Black history in the Niagara Peninsula

Onake (North American Indian Travelling College)

Cornwall Island, Ontario

\$5,000

research and produce a video on the history of the arts and crafts indigenous to the Mohawk People.

History To Go Programme Report 1989

History to Go is an outreach programme which The Ontario Historical Society takes out to groups with special needs. People who reside in nursing homes, who are patients in hospitals or special care institutions, the physically disabled or others who face special challenges in accessing OHS services, are reached through this programme. The goals of the programme are to stimulate interest in Ontario's heritage, to make heritage more accessible to those with special needs and to serve the community. A summary of programmes held in 1989 and January to April of 1990 is in part A of this report. In addition, part A also lists two fund raising events for which proceeds went to the History to Go programme.

One of our long term goals is to encourage other heritage groups in the province to develop History to Go programmes in their own communities. With this end in mind and with support from the Ministry of Culture and Communications, the Honourable Christine E. Hart, Minister, The Ontario Historical Society has been holding a series of mini-workshops across Ontario. The purpose of the mini-workshops is to share the Society's experience in the History to Go programme and to encourage heritage groups (historical societies, museums, LACAC's, etc.) to develop History to Go or similar programmes in their own regions. A summary of the mini-workshops held comprises part B of this report.

A. HISTORY TO GO PROGRAMMES

January to December 1989

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| March 29 | "History of Toronto", Leaside Golden Age Group (seniors group). |
| April 25 | "Confections in the Early 1900's", M.O.M.S. (Morning Out Means Socializing), St. Timothy's Church, Toronto. |
| Sept. 13 | "From Sheep to Shawl", Number Four Teddington Park Avenue (retirement home), Toronto. |
| *Sept. 17 | "Notions and Nostalgia", Black Creek Pioneer Village, North York. Rummage sale to raise funds for History to Go. |
| *Nov. 10 | "Victuals and Values: An Evening of Food, Fantasy and Fun", Black Creek Pioneer Village, North York. Historical dinner and auction of antiques and collectibles, with proceeds to History to Go. |

Nov. 28 "Deck the Halls", M.O.M.S. (Morning Out Means Socializing), St. Timothy's Church, Toronto.

Dec. 20 "Traditional Christmas Foods", Number Four Teddington Park Avenue, Toronto.

Dec. 21 "Traditional Christmas Foods", Nine Twenty-One Millwood Road (retirement home), Toronto.

* Fund raising events

January to April 1990

Feb. 19 "Paper Crafts", Ward Nine Senior Link (retirement home/seniors centre), Toronto.

March 26 "Storytelling", Ward Nine Senior Link, Toronto.

March 28 "Storytelling", Nine Twenty-One Millwood Road, Toronto.

April 25 "Sheep to Shawl", Casa Verde (nursing home), Downsview.

April 29 "From Pioneers to Penthouses: The Growth of North York", St. John's Singles Association (seniors group), Willowdale.

B. HISTORY TO GO MINI-WORKSHOPS

January to December 1989

January 9, Oakville. Attendance: 25
 March 30, Chatham. Attendance: 19
 June 13, Aurora. Attendance: 24

January to April 1990

March 21, St. Marys. Attendance: 13
 April 5, St. Joseph's Convent, Willowdale. Attendance: 13

Upcoming History to Go Mini-Workshops

May 17, Goderich
 May 30, Mount Hope

Respectfully submitted,
 Cathy Febbraro, History to Go Programme Co-ordinator

Honours and Awards Report 1989

This committee is responsible for issuing an annual call for nominations for the Society's several awards, ensuring the appropriateness of award criteria and procedures, adjudicating nominations, and recommending to the Executive Committee a recipient for each award.

The awards for 1988, presented in May 1989 at the Society's annual meeting, were as follows: Scadding Award of Excellence-Lake-of-the Woods Museum; B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award of Merit-Town of Almonte and Township of Ramsay LACAC; President's Award-Sears Canada Inc.; Riddell Award-Peter Oliver, for "'A Terror to Evil-Doers': The Central Prison and the 'Criminal Class' in Late Nineteenth-Century Ontario", published in Patterns of the Past, eds. Roger Hall, William Westfall and Laurel Sefton MacDowell; Joseph Brant award-Nin.Da.Waab.Jig, for Walpole Island: The Soul of Indian Territory; Fred Landon Award-John H. Taylor, for Ottawa: An Illustrated History; Janet Carnochan Award-Margaret Machell; Cruikshank Medal-James Keith Johnson. The Committee is grateful to Cathy Febbraro for her fine calligraphy on the award certificates.

A significant improvement in procedures was implemented in the fall for the 1989 B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award. A new nomination form was provided that simplifies matters for both nominators and the committee. The committee thanks most warmly Mary Lou Evans, LACAC Advisor, Ministry of Culture and Communications for her generosity and excellent judgement in drafting the new form and providing province-wide distribution for it.

The awards for 1989 will be presented this evening, May 12, 1990, and are as follows: Scadding award of Excellence-West Toronto Junction Historical Society; B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award-Richmond Hill LACAC; President's Award-Union Gas Ltd., Chatham; Riddell Award-Janice Potter for "Patriarchy and Paternalism: The Case of the Eastern Ontario Loyalist Women", published Ontario History, March 1989; Joseph Brant Award-Bruce Elliott for Irish Migrants in the Canadas: A New Approach; Fred Landon Award-W. H. Graham for Greenbank: Country Matters in 19th Century Ontario; Janet Carnochan Award-the late John Field, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

A new award, created on December 3, 1989 by the friends of Dorothy Duncan will be administered by The Ontario Historical Society and will be awarded for the first time in 1991.

The current (since June) chair thanks his predecessor, Beth Hanna, for her advice and assistance in the first months of his tenure and, too, his fellow-members of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
David Keane, Chairman

Local Societies Report 1989

The Ontario Historical Society was founded in 1888 "to unite the various pioneer and historical societies of the Province in one central head or organization, thereby the better to promote intercourse and co-operation on the part of all such societies and to form new societies". The Ontario Historical Society Act, passed by the Legislature of Ontario on April 1, 1899 gave The Ontario Historical Society the privilege of accepting pioneer and historical societies as affiliated members, and if affiliated they are also incorporated in the Province of Ontario as non-profit corporations.

Each year many local pioneer and historical societies apply for affiliation with The Ontario Historical Society, leading to incorporation as a non-profit corporation in the Province of Ontario. In 1989 the following organizations were accepted as affiliates of The Ontario Historical Society:

Cabbagetown Preservation Association
The Gananoque Historical Society
Mossley Post Heritage and Citizenship Society
Ontario Marine Heritage Committee
Port Rowan-South Walsingham Heritage Association
Sunderland and District Historical Society
The Tweed and Area Historical Society

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Carter-Edwards, Chairman

Long Range Planning Report 1989

The Society's Strategic Directions are intended to focus on the five year period from 1990 to 1995 and also specifically on what the Society wishes to accomplish in that time frame.

(a) Museums:

- (i) The Museums Committee will continue to produce the Museums News Page in the OHS Bulletin.
- (ii) The Museums Committee will continue to develop workshops in response to community demands.
- (iii) The Museums Committee will continue to participate in an annual workshop either separately or integrated with the OHS Annual Conference.
- (iv) The Museums Committee will continue to co-ordinate production, marketing and distribution of publications on topics related to museums.

(b) Publications:

The focus of the Society will be, in part, on Ontario History and specifically to continue to develop its quality as a contribution to the research and publication of Ontario's history both scholarly and popular.

The Society's OHS Bulletin will be modestly expanded.

The Society's links with and amongst its local constituencies and with local history in the province will continue to be developed.

The Society will undertake to publish a modest number of popular publications that attract a wide interest in the history of Ontario, the Society and its activities.

(c) Community Activities and Outreach:

The Society will foster and enhance the development of the Society with local historical societies and foster relations of local historical societies with one another.

The Society will continue to develop its provincial profile through these activities.

The Society's activities will be conducted with flexibility and financial prudence.

The Society's relationship with the Ontario and Federal Government will be enhanced through these activities.

The Society will seek to improve its relationship with other heritage groups and organizations in Ontario as well as other special peoples, Francophones and First Nations.

The Society will find a new home in keeping with its stature in the province.

The Society will continue to be a strong advocate in a variety of areas within its mandate.

The Society will continue to communicate its activities effectively throughout the province.

(d) Resources and Funding:

The Society will ensure that adequate resources and funding will continue to be identified.

The Society will develop operational plans.

The Society will continue to control its budget through sound financial management and planning.

The Society will continue to computerize its Office and extend its use throughout the operations of the Society.

The Society will continue to "put people first", whether staff or volunteers, particularly with respect to compensation and continuity of staff. The Society will continue to develop sound human resources planning, management and training for its staff at all levels.

(e) Special Events:

The Society will celebrate the Heritage Years in 1991-93 and will work with the Ontario Government on these celebrations, as appropriate.

The Society will organize and hold a conference(s), either separate or in conjunction with the proposed Heritage Years celebrations.

The Society will celebrate, either separately or in conjunction with the Heritage Years, the bicentennial of the settlement of Toronto.

Respectfully submitted,
David McNab, Chairman

Membership Report 1989

The membership files of The Ontario Historical Society were computerized in 1985. This has given us greater flexibility in our record keeping, as well as being an accurate, time saving measure.

Having our membership on computer gives us easy access to membership statistics, e.g. how many members live in certain regions, number of LACAC's, universities, museums, historical societies, etc.

The positive or negative side of computerization, depending on how you look at it, is that we can identify immediately those members who have lapsed and those members who are deleted after their membership has been lapsed for 60 days.

This feature, of course, leads to wide fluctuations in statistics at any given time. The pattern is usually as follows: a member neglects to pay, 60 days later they are sent a second notice and removed from the membership roles. Another 60 days pass and they realise that they are no longer receiving anything from the OHS. Most of them then renew their membership. As a result of this system our membership fluctuates between 1660 and 3300 depending on the exact moment the count is taken.

In 1989 a new membership brochure designed by John Hall was introduced. This brochure seems to be having a very positive effect. During the single month of March 1989, we attracted 119 new members. The other interesting point regarding the new membership brochure is that it has stimulated many people who lapsed four or five years ago to rejoin our Society. In addition, the new membership brochure has attracted our first Patron Member, Mr Ian K. Woods, of I.K. Woods & Partners Ltd., Markham, Ontario who joined in March 1989.

In 1989 we attracted over 400 new members. This is partially due to the increase in workshops and other programmes that give us a high profile in Ontario communities.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers, staff and Board members who have distributed our membership brochures for us and all of the institutions and organizations that have agreed to display our brochures in their information areas.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Truax, Membership Co-ordinator

Museums Committee Report 1989

The Society's only standing committee works to meet the diverse needs of Ontario's museum community. In 1989 we sponsored one day training sessions on subjects ranging from collections management to volunteer recruitment. For the first time, our annual workshop was combined with the Society's conference. The theme Consuming Passions attracted many museum workers both as participants and presenters.

The creative and enthusiastic volunteer members of the 1989 Museums Committee were:

Beth Hanna, The Gibson House, North York
Reva Dolgoy, Victoria School Museum, Carleton Place
Peter Ledwith, Ontario Agricultural Museum, Milton
Cathy Tester, Ontario Trappers Association, North Bay
John Carter, Ministry of Culture and Communications
Janet Cobban, John R. Park Homestead, Harrow

Special thanks go to two more committee members: Kathryn Schwenger of the Chatham Kent Museum, who co-ordinated the OHS Bulletin's museum news page, and to Jeanne Hughes, who chaired the committee from January to May 1989.

Patricia Wood of The Ontario Historical Society staff capably supported the committee's work and coped with our wide ranging activities. Dorothy Duncan kept us informed on heritage issues affecting museums in the province.

Thanks also go to the volunteers who wrote articles for the OHS Bulletin, presented papers at the conference, and led workshop sessions. Together we are working to assist all museums.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Cobban, Chairman

Ontario History Report 1989

Ontario History was published on time four times this year and continued to have a healthy number of subscribers. The range of excellent articles was broad and included articles on women's, social, rural, immigration, native, military and educational history. The articles included studies of the earliest colonial period before the creation of Upper Canada to 20th century Ontario History. The article which received the Riddell award is by Janice Potter and is about Loyalist women.

We made some administrative changes. We have raised our subscription rates slightly for the first time in many years but OHS members still get a special price. We initiated an advertising policy so that publishers can inform our readers about new books about Ontario being published. We have received additional government funding from the Ontario government for the journal's endowment fund. We take this as a vote of confidence in the journal. Unfortunately it is a matching grant and the OHS is expected to contribute \$10,000.00. Under the direction of Jim Clemens, an Endowment Plus campaign had begun to raise this money. We would appreciate it if OHS members would make a small contribution by way of supporting Ontario History, which by this time is one of the longest running journals in the country. Please let us know your views of this journal. We like to hear from our readers.

Respectfully submitted,
L. S. MacDowell, Editor

Preservation Report 1989

During 1989 The Ontario Historical Society was asked by many communities to become involved in a number of preservation issues across Ontario including:

- expansion of the Art Gallery of Ontario
- grave sites of United Empire Loyalists, Niagara-on-the-Lake
- grave site of William Caldwell
- grave site of Colonel John Butler
- right of way of CPR line from Lindsay to Peterborough
- Stephen Leacock Home, Orillia
- Victoria Playhouse, Petrolia
- railroad line Ottawa to Arnprior
- MTC bridge, Lawlor, Severn River
- Fleming home, Craig Leith
- McCowan Log Cabin, Scarborough
- plaque to Jesuit Fathers, Port Dover
- Butlers Barracks, Niagara-on-the-Lake
- bridge, Rama Township
- widening of Queen Elizabeth Way
- widening of Yonge Street
- northeastern Ontario transmission lines, Ontario Hydro
- daycare centre at The Gibson House
- Sharon Temple
- Crystal Beach rollercoaster
- expropriation of Marsh homestead, Kanata
- Parkwood, Oshawa
- re-zoning of John Street, Thornhill

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Jacobs, Chairman

Publications Committee Report 1989-1990

The 1989-1990 year has been a productive one in publishing for The Ontario Historical Society.

Two booklets were launched at the annual conference held in Ottawa in May 1989. The first of these was Consuming Passions Recipes: Eating and Drinking Traditions in Ontario. The second was Breaking The Fast: All about Breakfast by Janice Gibbins, the third in the Rainy Day Detectives series for young people that ties in with the Discovering Your Community resource binder. Discovering Your Community is being translated into French.

Production on the OHS Bulletin was moved into the OHS office in 1989, and Meribeth Clow is the new editor. We thank Sandra Sims for her many years of work as editor of the Bulletin. In the spring of 1990 the Bulletin began to be published every other month, resulting in two more issues per year.

In May 1989 the OHS Board of Directors began a campaign to increase the endowment fund of Ontario History from the \$60,000 fund set up in 1982 to \$100,000 to offset the rising cost of producing the journal. For every dollar you give to the Ontario History Endowment Plus Campaign, the Ministry of Culture and Communications will match it with a donation of three dollars. Donations are fully income-tax-deductible. As is the custom every three years or so, notices were sent out to printers in 1989 asking for tenders on the printing of Ontario History. The new printer of Ontario History is John Deyell Company of Willowdale.

Three booklets published for the OHS Museums Committee in 1989-1990 include Bear Fare, Heritage Festival Haileybury Recipes, and Museums as a Business: The Business of Museums by John Carter.

Another in the Approaching Ontario's Past series of technical booklets is in preparation. It will deal with the handling of First Nations and religious artifacts from various traditions in museums. The OHS is preparing to reprint three technical booklets that are now out of stock. These include The Local Historical Society and the Schools by Gerald Boyce, The Card-File System of Note-Taking by Jacques Goutor, and The Artifact: What Can It Tell Us About the Past? by Dorothy Duncan.

Some 4,000 copies of Heritage Day! Heritage Week! Let's Celebrate! were reprinted in English and French by the Ontario Heritage Foundation with OHS permission in 1990.

On the 23rd of March 1990 the volume Consuming Passions: Eating and Drinking Traditions in Ontario was launched at The Gibson House museum in Willowdale.

The Ontario Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the continuing support of the Ministry of Culture and Communications, the Honourable Christine E. Hart, Minister, in our various publishing endeavours.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn J Lockwood, Chairman

Workshop Programme Report 1989

The Ontario Historical Society presented a programme of 46 one-day workshops in 1989 on topics ranging from social history themes such as traditional Christmas foods and celebrations to very specific themes designed for teachers, youth leaders and museum personnel such as "Local History: Where To Find It; How To Use It". The OHS' workshops were offered on a request basis by local organizations and institutions, such as historical societies, museums, libraries, Boards of Education and LACAC's (Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committees), interested in presenting an educational programme in the local community. These groups contacted the OHS and selected a theme from the WORKSHOPS TO GO list. If the programmes on this list did not meet the group's needs, then a workshop was tailor-made. Workshops, such as these, were held in two series, the Spring and the Autumn, throughout northern and southern Ontario.

Forty-six workshops were presented in the following communities: Arnprior, Brampton, Cochrane, Haileybury (4), Harrow, Huntsville (5), Kingston, Kitchener (3), London (2), Mattawa, Milton (2), Mooretown, Napanee, Niagara-on-the-Lake, North Bay (2), Ottawa, Peterborough, Prince Edward Island (3), Stouffville, Toronto (8), Underwood, Vandorf, Welland, and White River (2). Included in the above list was a two-day workshop held in conjunction with the White River District Historical Societys' first annual Festival of Teddy Bears special event.

From July 10 to 14 the Society held its Fourth Annual SUMMER IN THE VILLAGE programme at Muskoka Pioneer Village in Huntsville. AN EDWARDIAN EXPERIENCE: ONTARIO IN THE EARLY 1900'S was composed of five workshops focusing on life in Ontario in the early 20th Century. The attendance for each day's programme approximated 20.

The Ontario Historical Society also sponsored a programme of 21 one-day meetings and workshops for LACAC's and heritage organizations in 1989 and 1990 designed to provide an opportunity for interaction between LACAC's and heritage organizations, and to bring together experts in the field of preservation.

Twenty-one workshops were presented regionally across the province in the following communities: Brockville, Burlington, Chatham, Claremont, Collingwood, Fort Frances, Haileybury, Huntsville, Kincardine, Little Current, London, Millbrook, Napanee, North Bay, North Gower, North York, Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Welland and Woodstock

Approximately 2500 people attended these workshops and over 200 instructors shared their skills with the participants and volunteered their time for the workshop programme.

Respectfully submitted,
Meribeth Clow, Workshop Co-ordinator 1989
and Lorraine Lowry, Workshop Co-ordinator 1990

Young Ontario Report 1989, 1990

The Young Ontario Programme consists of special events, programmes and publications for young people between the ages of six and 16 as well as for teachers and youth leaders.

Programmes and Events, January to December, 1989

Feb. 1	Mini-workshop for teachers, Henry Hudson Public School, Scarborough.
Feb. 10	Local History workshop for teachers, Holy Name School, Toronto.
Feb. 11-12	Winter Past Times, Play Times, North York Winter Carnival, Black Creek Pioneer Village, North York.
Feb. 21-22	Heritage Week Programmes (Early Games and Toys, Paper Crafts, What Is It?) for 12 classes (JK to grade four), Macklin Public School, Scarborough.
Feb. 26	Parenting Fair, sponsored by East York Community Development Council; OHS display of services and publications for young people, parents, teachers and youth leaders.
Mar. 20-24	Winter Past Times, Play Times, March Break Programme at Black Creek Pioneer Village.
May 5-6	Food Glorious Food! Programme for young people, held concurrently with OHS Annual Conference, Ottawa.
May 6	Book launch for <u>Breaking the Fast: All About Breakfast</u> (Rainy Day Detectives Series). Launch held during OHS Annual Conference, Ottawa.
May 28	OHS Day, Riverdale Farm, Toronto. Stencilling and paper chain demonstrations for children.
June 16	Girl Guides of Canada Conference, Waterloo. OHS display of publications, services.
June 17-18	Gibson House Garden Party, North York. Activities for children.
July 11	Early Games and Toys programme, York Public Library, Weston Branch, Toronto.
Aug. 1, 8, 15 22, 29	Summer Past Times, Play Times, Black Creek Pioneer Village.

Aug. 2	Early Games and Toys programme, York Public Library, Main Branch, Toronto.
Aug. 7	Simcoe Day Celebration, Fort York, Toronto. Stencilling demonstration for children.
Aug. 10	Early Games and Toys programme, York Public Library, Gregory Branch, Toronto.
Aug. 14	Early Games and Toys programme, York Public Library, Mount Dennis Branch, Toronto.
Aug. 18	Early Toys and Games programme, York Public Library, Jane-Dundas Branch, Toronto.
Sept. 9-10	Fall Festival, Riverdale Farm. Stencilling demonstration for children.
Sept. 16	Pioneer Festival, Black Creek Pioneer Village. Activities for children.
Nov. 12	Ontario Library Association Conference, Hamilton. OHS display of publications, services.
Nov. 22	Early Games and Toys programme, St. James Separate School, Toronto.
Nov. 23	Serve it Forth/Deck the Halls, teachers' workshop, Metro Separate School Board, Toronto.
Dec. 6	Serve it Forth/Deck the Halls, teachers' workshop, Scarborough Board of Education.

Programmes and Events, January to March 1990

Feb. 10-11	Winter Past Times, Play Times, North York Winter Carnival, North York.
Feb. 25	Parenting Fair, East York.
March 12-16	Winter Past Times, Play Times, March Break programme at Black Creek Pioneer Village.

Respectfully submitted,
 Cathy Febbraro, Young Ontario Programme Co-ordinator 1989
 Lorraine Lowry, Young Ontario Programme Co-ordinator 1990