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The Honourable Susan Fish, Minister of Citizenship and Culture and Emil Kolb, Chairman of the Building Subcommittee, Black Creek Pioneer Village, turn the sod to begin construction of the village's new visitors' reception centre on November 2. There were no casualties.

POLARIS Endangers Land Records

The POLARIS project of the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations is beginning to cause alarm in the heritage community. The word is an acronym for 'Province of Ontario Land Registration and Information System.' The plan is to store data from land registration records on computer tape and to couple this with microfilming of the documents. After all this is done, the books are to be destroyed.

There are many reasons for this project. The cost of storing and servicing these land records is high. The records take up a great deal of space. Microfilm and computer tape are easier to keep, more portable, and faster to use. Once the records exist in these forms, is there any need to keep the enormous volume of old books?

There are, indeed, numerous objections; underlying them is a sense of unease. There appears to have been no consultation

with the heritage community (The Ontario Historical Society was never consulted), and not much with the legal community, who are heavy users of land records. Surely the clients, who know the advantages and disadvantages of these records, should have been involved all along in discussions.

Many of us are aware of the deficiencies of microfilm. Even with the most careful checking, no one can guarantee that no page will be missed or that no frame will be out of focus. What remedy is there once the original documents are destroyed?

My purpose here is only briefly to introduce you to the project and to its justifications and problems. The OHS and many other organizations are watching developments closely. You will be kept informed of what is happening.

WESLEY TURNER
President, OHS

Northern Affairs to Publish Pictorial History

The Ministry of Northern Affairs is seeking the assistance and co-operation of all Northern Ontario residents in a northern Bicentennial project.

Northern Affairs Minister Leo Bernier, in announcing his ministry's participation in the Bicentennial celebrations, said Northern Affairs is anxious to collect, document, and preserve

as much of the history of Northern Ontario as possible.

'We have a rich and colourful heritage in Northern Ontario, but unfortunately much of that history is undocumented and, as years go by, much of the invaluable pictorial history and verbal recollections of people who were very much a part of that history, are being lost forever.

'There are many collections of old photographs, letters, and documents of historical significance, and many of our older citizens, those who lived a

residents, based on their recollections and stories that may have been handed down through their families.

'In order to accomplish this task, we require the support and co-operation of residents from throughout Northern Ontario,' said Bernier. 'Each of the 29 Northern Affairs offices has been designated as a drop-off or collection point for historical material that is being loaned or donated to this project. All of the historical material loaned will be well cared for and returned after it has been documented and photographed.'

Northern historians are conducting the research for the book under the direction of professors Matt Bray at Laurentian University in Sudbury and Ernest Epp at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. The pictorial history of Northern Ontario will be published in July.

'The success of this Bicentennial project will be measured by the support and co-operation received by northern residents and the northern media,' said Bernier. 'Over the next few months we want to involve as many northerners as we can in this undertaking. This is their Bicentennial project, about them, for them, and hopefully, by them.'

For more information, contact Bob Thomas, Ministry of Northern Affairs, at (416) 965-7577.

OHS a Hit at Centre for Deaf

Last November The Ontario Historical Society staff and volunteers presented a series of programmes at the Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf in North York. Pamela Maitland of the Centre wrote to express her appreciation to Dorothy Duncan:

'Thank you so much for coming to the Centre to give us a butter-making demonstration.

'Many of the seniors used to make butter when they were younger, and they really enjoyed the journey back to those days. But I think that I was the most excited. It was a completely new experience for me.

'I can say without a moment's hesitation that The Ontario Historical Society is truly a community organization.'

(Photographs of ice
cream making on page 3)



part of that history, have stories to tell that aren't in history books anywhere.'

Northern Affairs, working in co-operation with Laurentian and Lakehead universities in Sudbury and Thunder Bay, will publish a Northern Ontario pictorial history and establish an oral history collection — taped conversations with older

West Toronto Station Update

A year after the demolition of West Toronto Station by CP Rail, members of the West Toronto Junction Historical Society (WTJHS) are still picking up the rather expensive pieces, and legislative change to protect other threatened stations is still a long way in the future.

In the Spring 1983 issue of the *OHS Bulletin*, Heather Broadbent summarized the Ontario Historical Society's action re station preservation through the December 1982 Railway Transport Committee (of the CTC) hearing on West Toronto Station. The committee's decision, released on April 28, 1983, was that Canadian Pacific had acted wrongly. In the committee's view, tearing down the station without their permission

was a violation of the *Railway Act*, for which CP should be prosecuted. Costs were awarded to all parties who appeared at the hearing. In fact, criminal charges were laid against Canadian Pacific Ltd. in a Federal Court in Montreal on May 20.

However, Canadian Pacific appealed the committee's decision, and leave to appeal to the Federal Court of Appeal was heard on September 27, at which lawyers for the WTJHS, the Ontario Heritage Foundation, the City of Toronto, the Canadian Transport Commission, and John C. Turner *et al.* appeared.

The three judges who heard

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Executive Director's Report

As the old year ended, a number of museums and historical agencies opened new facilities and services to the public, including:

Oakville: The gala opening of the Customs House in Oakville was held on November 17, in the presence of His Excellency, The Right Honourable Edward Schreyer, Governor General of Canada. June Hooey, President of the Oakville Historical Society, and all the consultants and supporters of the Oakville Museums are to be congratulated on this fine new facility.

Lang: The official opening of the Interpretation Centre at Lang Century Village took place on Sunday, November 20, 1983 with John Hogg, Chairman of the Century Village Board, as Master of Ceremonies. Those bringing greetings included Jim Pollock, MPP for Peterborough-Hastings; Robert Bowes, Director, Heritage Branch of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture; Marlow Banks, President, Peterborough Historical Society; Jon Hobbs, architect; and Robert Allen, Warden of the County of Peterborough. The Honourable John Turner, MPP for Peterborough, cut the ribbon for the centre, and Curator Dr. Margaret MacKelvie was presented with a painting by the county, in appreciation of her work in preparation for the opening and her ongoing dedication to Century Village. About 400 guests toured the new facility.

Sault Ste. Marie: I had the pleasure of attending the official

opening of the Sault Ste. Marie and 49th Field Regiment, R.C.A., Historical Museum by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, John B. Aird, on Saturday, December 10. The opening was followed by a reception in the Civic Centre and a dinner in the Windsor Park Hotel. Both the Lieutenant Governor and Mayor Donald M. Macgregor were speakers at the dinner.

One of the highlights of the dinner was when Father Francis Reed, Chaplain, 49th Field Regiment and Diocesan Director of Religious Education for Sault Ste. Marie, gave the blessing:

O Lord, refresh our sensibilities.

Give us this day our daily taste.

Restore to us soups that spoons will not sink in, and sauces which are never the same twice.

Raise up among us stews with more gravy than we have bread to blot it with, and casseroles that put starch and substance in our limp modernity.

Take away our fear of fat.

Give us pasta with a hundred fillings, and rice in a thousand variations.

Above all, give us grace to live as true men to fast till we come to a refreshed sense of what we have and then to dine gratefully on all that comes to hand.

Through the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

As many of you know, the

Ministry of Citizenship and Culture has been reviewing the heritage organization grant programme that is available to non-profit historical organizations. The Ontario Historical Society has been involved in the review process on behalf of our affiliated members, and we look forward to further information about this granting programme within the next few weeks.

The resource book *Discovering Your Community*, supported by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, has now gone to press. Museums, historical societies, and libraries in Ontario will soon be receiving their copy in the mail. Additional copies are for sale to interested individuals and organizations, and inquiries should be directed to The Ontario Historical Society.

Nominations for the Scadding Award, described in detail in the Autumn 1983 *OHS Bulletin*, should be forwarded to the Local Societies Chairman, or the Honours and Awards Chairman, at the Society's office by February 29, 1984, and marked 'Scadding Award.'

Mark your calendars now for the Annual Meeting in Cornwall on June 15, 16, and 17, hosted by the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Historical Society. Full details of the programme will appear in the next *Bulletin*.

DOROTHY DUNCAN
Executive Director

A Year-Round Interpretation Centre for Century Village



The cover of Lang Century Village's promotional booklet. The village opened its new interpretation centre on November 20.

Workshop Co-ordinating Committee in the Works

At the last executive meeting of The Ontario Historical Society, the formation of a new committee was suggested and acted upon by President Wesley Turner. A lateral separation from the Local Societies Committee was initiated, resulting in the creation of a Workshop Co-ordinating Committee. The liaison with local societies will continue as before. At the invitation of Dr. Turner, I accepted the responsibility of chairman of the committee.

The "Saturday Workshop Series" has gained renown for

good one-day intensive learning and public awareness on a variety of topics. We wish to co-ordinate the workshops for the Museums Section, Preservation Committee, and other committees into a chronological calendar with listings for spring and fall. Publicity will appear in the spring and fall, allowing members and others to mark their date books to best advantage.

How to queue-up: A three-month lead time is required for workshop requests. Forward a letter to the OHS office, to the attention of Mrs. Dorothy Duncan, Executive Director, 78 Dunlop Road, Toronto, Ont. M5P 2T6. List your topic and give a suggested date(s), along with a bit of supplementary information about your society. In the very near future, Mrs. Duncan and I will meet to arrange a schedule. There may have to be a few calls to adjust dates etc., but all requests will be considered and taken care of as soon as possible.

In this way we hope to meet all requests, allowing time to meet objectives, gather instructors, formulate media material, and acquaint the host societies with certain responsibilities that accompany requests for workshops.

BARBARA SEARGEANT
Chairman, Workshop
Co-ordinating Committee

Preservation Committee Report

The application to redevelop the northwest corner of Park Home and Yonge streets in North York has been withdrawn; consequently, Gibson House is safe — for now. The formation of the North York Historical Society's Heritage Action Committee, along with pressure exerted by individuals, probably influenced this decision to withdraw the application. The Heritage Action Committee held a public meeting that no doubt also had an effect on the situation.

Members across the province will be pleased to hear this news. However, the fact remains that neither Gibson House nor any other heritage-designated building is ensured of preservation when a municipal council can 'de-designate' an historic site. At the present time, in Ontario, only public pressure seems able to divert this de-designation, if municipal officials of the day do not see merit in preserving our heritage.

We hope that workshops such as the one entitled 'Restoring Your Own Home,' held at Guelph in October, will increase public appreciation of our heritage buildings. It is encouraging to note that this workshop attracted over 70 participants. Unfortunately, others had to be turned away because of limited accommodation. The workshop included an architectural overview of the area, practical restoration suggestions, decorating ideas, a case history, and a tour of older homes that had been restored.

Scadding Award applications will soon be considered. One

category considered in order to reach a decision for this award is preservation. Does your society have a preservation committee? This doesn't necessarily mean that your society must have restored a building. It does mean that there should be an indication that your society is co-operating with a LACAC, helping to form a LACAC, raising funds for a particular restoration, doing research for a restoration, helping with an inventory, or engaged in some related activity.

In an attempt to promote better co-operation between historical societies, LACACs, and other heritage groups, The Ontario Historical Society is considering staging a short series of evening workshops, each within a particular region of Ontario, which will take the form of lecture and group discussion. Speakers will cover related topics, which will be followed by group discussion, in which the participants can air problems and help each other find solutions. Each session will be in a different locality so that various restoration projects can be view-

ed first-hand. If your area or group is interested in this type of workshop, please let us know.

The Ontario Hydro Route Studies are reaching the naming stage. The final recommendation of these routes is made by Hydro. The Ontario Historical Society representatives appointed to these studies in the various areas around Ontario have attended many meetings in an attempt to follow the process and offer advice on heritage issues where possible. Each representative has had problems of one sort or another to deal with. However, all are unanimous in commending the heritage consultant for Ontario Hydro on the heritage research that he presented concerning these proposed routes. It is now up to you and your Society to examine the routes in your area and to make certain that the heritage structures have been noted and will be protected.

JOYCE PETTIGREW
Chairman, OHS
Preservation Committee

Correction

Hilary Arnold has informed us of an error (not hers) in the caption accompanying the portrait of Elizabeth Simcoe on page 5 of the Autumn '83 *OHS Bulletin*: 'She is not wearing Welsh National costume, but the fashionable attire of her day (late 18th century). In the portrait she wears a lace cap (showing the date must be after her marriage), but the tall hat is not Welsh costume. Contemporary prints show that the tall hat didn't become associated with Welsh ladies until mid-19th century. The early 19th century hats were quite short and squat in the crown and Mrs. Simcoe is wearing a bonnet.'

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Osgoode Society Promotes Legal History

Cornerstones of Order: Courthouses and Town Halls of Ontario (Clarke Irwin) and *Essays in the History of Canadian Law*, Vol. II (U of T Press) are the most recent publications of the Osgoode Society. The society was founded in 1979 on the initiative of the Honourable R. Roy McMurtry, Attorney General of Ontario, and officials of the Law Society of Upper Canada. Its purpose is to study and promote public interest in the history of the law, the legal profession, and the judiciary in Ontario and elsewhere in Canada, and to stimulate research and publication on these and related subjects.

The society, which is incorporated as a charity, was established because of the paucity of research and publication in Canadian legal history. The complex issues of contemporary law in Canada have evolved over the centuries, touching Canadian society at innumerable points, yet the history of that evolution remains largely unwritten.

The society's most important early decision was to launch a national membership campaign, a venture marked by substantial success when some 800 individuals and institutions in Canada and abroad joined the fledgling organization. In return for a membership fee of \$25 a year, members receive an annual volume dealing with some aspect of Canadian legal history,



together with other rights of membership. Membership in the society is open, on application, to all interested individuals.

The first publication of the society was *Essays in the History of Canadian Law*, Vol. I. Forthcoming work includes biographical studies of the great Upper Canadian politician and jurist, Sir John Beverley Robinson and of Sir Lyman Poore Duff, the Supreme Court of Canada's outstanding leader; the letters of William Dummer Powell, an Upper Canadian Chief Justice; a volume on crime and capital punishment in Upper Canada; and an edition of the Minutes of Convocation of the Law Society of Upper Canada for the 19th-century period.

The society's 1985 volume will be a *History of the Supreme Court of Canada* by professors Jamie Snell and Frederick Vaughan of the University of Guelph. This will be the first major historical study of the court. The biographies of

Robinson and of Duff will both appear in 1984.

Other efforts to stimulate legal history in Canada include an annual lecture on legal history, given in a Canadian university; a fellowship programme, whose purpose is to allow researchers to take leave or partial leave from employment to work on worthy projects; funding support for legal history research projects; and work in archival preservation of legal records.

A particularly important aspect of the society's work is an extensive oral history programme carried out under the supervision of its director, Christine J.N. Kates. The purpose of this programme is to preserve first-hand information about the experiences of those who have contributed over the years to the development of our legal and judicial traditions. With the co-operation of the Archives of Ontario, these interviews and other legal materials are preserved and made available for use in a special Osgoode Society collection in the Archives.

For more information about the Osgoode Society, contact Dr. Peter N. Oliver, Editor-in-Chief, the Osgoode Society, Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen St. West, Toronto, Ont. M5H 2N6.

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A Tribute to Clare Hankinson

The heritage community lost a good friend and strong supporter with the death of Clare Hankinson in November of 1983. Clare first became interested in Ontario's history and the research and preservation of our architectural past when she moved to Markham in the 1950s with her husband Gerry and four small children, Dawn, Bill, Marlene, and Suzanne. Markham was still a small village with tree-lined streets, and Clare took a lively interest in the old homes that often went on the auction block as Markham began to mushroom.

She worked at Black Creek Pioneer Village and expanded her interest to researching artifacts and the social history of the province. She was an active member of the United Church and its organizations and an avid supporter of the newly formed branch of the Canadian Cancer Society, often driving patients for treatment and canvassing for funds.

With their family grown and Gerry retired from Ontario Hydro, Clare and Gerry moved to a newly acquired farm near Powassan. Clare became involved in local historical projects, serving as curator of the Nipissing Historical Museum, and as the catalyst in the organization of the Gurd and Area Historical Corporation. The Commanda General Store, threatened with

demolition, was acquired by the corporation, faithfully restored, and opened to the public as a museum last year.

Clare's dedication and resourcefulness in promoting this project, and her support and encouragement to all those involved, made it a well-known and highly respected project in Ontario, and indeed across Canada. A recent issue of *Keystone*, published by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, carried a story about the Commanda General Store project and Clare Hankinson's leadership.

Clare received the Janet Carnochan Award from The Ontario Historical Society in June of 1983, in recognition of 'being instrumental in starting the Gurd and Area Historical Corporation, now the focal heritage organization in the Parry Sound - North Bay area. Clare Hankinson headed a committee that saved the Commanda General Store from demolition, and then headed a fund-raising committee to restore it and open it as a museum.'

Clare Hankinson was a rare example of what a dedicated individual can accomplish. It was an honour to know her, and her accomplishments will live on in the memories of her friends and colleagues as a shining example to us all.

DOROTHY DUNCAN

OHS a Hit at Centre for Deaf



Barbara Dwyer, right, steadies the bucket while a participant at the Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf operates an ice cream maker.



Another guest takes a turn at ice cream making while Penny Potter, left, and Kathy Kane, right, look on.

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Last Call for OHS Honours and Awards Nominations

By now, local societies will have been notified that the deadline for nominations for the Scadding Award and all other annual awards of The Ontario Historical Society is February 29, 1984.

Members of the Society are reminded that there are several awards that they, their organizations, or others in the heritage community may qualify for. All members of the executive are involved in the selection of award winners, but scrutiny of the nominations will be by a committee consisting of Joyce Pettigrew, Otterville; Neil Patterson, Kingston; and Matt Bray, Sudbury. Heather Broadbent, Palgrave is chairman of the committee.

If you would like to discuss the nomination of an individual or organization for the following honours, please contact the committee member nearest you.

The Scadding Award is awarded to the historical society that has

made the most impressive contribution to heritage preservation and recording, over a period of years. Although affiliate and membership status is not essential, it is taken into account in selection of the award winners. Please do not forget that there are certain steps that must be taken each year to retain the important status of affiliation.

The Carnochan Award is for individuals who have made special contributions to the activities of heritage groups or preservation projects.

The President's Award is for a corporation or business that has made a noteworthy contribution to the preservation of Ontario's heritage during the year.

The B. Napier Simpson Junior Award of Merit is presented to a Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee that has made special contributions to heritage conservation in its municipality in the recent past. Nominations are not sought for

this award, but the Society does appreciate hearing about worthy recipients.

The Riddell Award selection is made by the editors and editorial board of *Ontario History* for the best article in our journal during the preceding year.

Your executive is particularly pleased to receive nominations for awards from groups who are nominating neighbouring communities or organizations. We stress that recommendations do not have to come from within the nominated community. If you feel that another organization is being modest about its achievements, or about that of individual members, let us know. It may be the only way the Society can learn of worthwhile endeavours to preserve our heritage.

All written nominations should be sent to me at the Society offices, 78 Dunloe Road, Room 207, Toronto, Ontario, M5P 2T6.

HEATHER BROADBENT
Chairman, OHS Honours and Awards Committee

West Toronto Station Update

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the case were visibly annoyed that CP's rights to indefinitely tie up proceedings in appeal was seriously being questioned. In their view the right to appeal was virtually automatic, even though the RTC's 40-page judgment, which took four months to prepare, was a model of well-thought-out argument.

Following this decision CP moved to file the appeal itself, and participants in the original RTC hearing were served with notification of it in mid- to late November. This after clandestine negotiations with a businessmen's group in the vicinity of West Toronto Station and a donation of \$200,000 to Toronto's Sesquicentennial fund by CP failed to remove any opponents from the lists.

Meanwhile, Charles Caccia was appointed Minister of the Environment and he, along with Jesse Flis, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of

Transport, have committed themselves to the task of finding a legislative solution to the station preservation problem. Both MPs' ridings adjoin the one in which West Toronto Station was situated. However, jurisdictional complexities compounded by buck-passing may mean that there will be no stations left to preserve by the time any effective legislation is passed.

This leaves WTJHS holding a rather expensive bag of court hearings that may continue to the Supreme Court of Canada. Payment of all costs, including the RTC award, is deferred until the end. If the RTC's decision stands, there are the criminal proceedings as well.

Since this attempt to bring CP Rail to justice is in the interest of everyone trying to preserve Ontario's railway heritage, we are appealing to OHS members to contribute to a special fund that has been set up to pay legal ex-

penses. Continuing the court case also helps to keep the pressure on Ottawa for legislative change and to keep the issue newsworthy.

So far, WTJHS has a \$500 debt as it goes into the appeal hearing. It is a charitable organization, and all donations are tax deductible. In the unlikely event that the case is discontinued or that any money is left over, the money will be returned to the donor or given to The Ontario Historical Society for preservation efforts.

Please send donations to the West Toronto Junction Historical Society, Station Defence Fund, c/o Annette Library, 145 Annette St., Toronto, Ont. M6P 1P3.

DIANA FANCHER
President, West Toronto Junction Historical Society

Book Notes

The Streetsville Historical Society has just published *Street: The Man, the Family, the Village*, by Mary E. Manning. The third in a series of publications produced by this society and the latest by this talented local historian and author, this book relates the story of Timothy Street from his birth into a Loyalist family during the American Revolution until his death in 1848.

Using hitherto unpublished sources, Mrs. Manning has successfully woven the story of the man, his ancestors, and his descendants into the story of the development of the community in Peel County that carries his name.

The book also contains copies of maps, illustrations, and appendices that include extremely valuable information on wills, petitions, obituaries, genealogy, land holdings, houses, and mills.

It's available from the Streetsville Historical Society, Box 498, Streetsville, Ont. L5M 2C1 for \$9.50 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling.

The House of Ontario, by Royce MacGillivray, edited by Vivian Webb and illustrated by Mark Grice, is a delightful and amusing book by the former editor of *Ontario History*. With this book Mr. MacGillivray has taken his former colleagues at the OHS (who remember him as a serious, dedicated, and conscientious editor) by surprise.

The House of Ontario is an entertaining 'leg pull,' encompassing all the oral and other family histories that any researcher or historian has ever heard and hesitated to repeat. From beginning to end, even while the reader is laughing, he or she will have the mildly un-

comfortable feeling that they nearly believed a similar story the first time they heard it.

Some of the tall tales are interlinked, as family histories are, and tell both sides of the story. The stories are delightfully complemented by the illustrations. This book is a must for every historian who has had to deal with the myths and facts of local history.

The House of Ontario is available from all good bookstores, or from Natural Heritage/Natural History Inc., P.O. Box 69, Postal Station H, Toronto, Ont. M4C 5H7 for \$9.95 plus \$1 for postage and handling.

The Maple Leaf Journal: A Settlement History of Wellesley Township, edited by Barbara J. Stewart, Phyllis Leleu Kitchen, and Debbie Dietrich, is deliberately named after the first newspaper published in the community.

It contains an excellent collection of historical information and well-produced photographs and illustrations, and excerpts of letters sent from and received by the inhabitants of this community through the years. The family histories make the book of interest to genealogists as well as historians.

That this book was ever completed is a matter deserving of mention. The publication was beset by problems since conception, and the editors deserve congratulation that this excellent publication finally came off the presses. Available from the Township of Wellesley, Box 40, Linwood, Ont. N0B 2A0 for \$10 plus \$1.50 for mailing and handling.

HEATHER BROADBENT

Clean Up!

The Ontario Historical Society is clearing books from its shelves — at prices that are hard to beat! The following ten publications are available at these prices to members only. Order now — Supplies are limited!

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OHS Bicentennial Workshop Series

Date	Topic	Location	Co-sponsor
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April 7	Oral History	Georgetown	Esquesing Historical Society Ontario Black History Society

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Registration must be received at least 10 days in advance of each workshop. Registration fees: \$20 for OHS members and senior citizens, \$25 for non-members. For further information and registration forms, contact the OHS at 78 Dunloe Road, Room 207, Toronto, Ont. M5P 2T6 or phone (416) 486-1232.

Birth of a Book

The Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society laboured for three years to produce *Cemetery Inscriptions, Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Townships*. At its launching at the society's meeting in September, Mike Carson commented, 'Many talented people joined us and worked with us. This book illustrates how persons from different walks of life can get together.'

In the summer of 1981 the society received a federal student employment grant to hire four students to catalogue the 18 cemeteries in Tecumseth and the 17 in West Gwillimbury. Under the guidance of society members Chris and Miriam Swan, the students spent eight weeks recording grave markers, some badly eroded by the elements or covered with sod.

Many members of the society were involved in the project. Some joined the summer students in collecting the inscriptions. Later, others would return to one of the 35 cemeteries to check out a date that didn't jibe or a name that looked misspelled. They took turns checking the typist's rough copy with the field notes. Then, when the final draft was completed, it too had to be reviewed and the 350 pages put in order. Rita Juraske estimates it took her about 200 hours to do the typing for the two drafts.

Past President Bernice Merrick Ellis edited the book and its introduction, conclusion, historic notes, and a brief history of each cemetery.

In the introduction Mrs. Ellis writes, 'There were already a few settlers in the two townships, now the south-east corner of Simcoe County, when they were surveyed, West Gwillimbury in 1819, and Tecumseth, starting in 1819, though not finished until 1832. The numbers grew quickly but public records of births and deaths were not required to be kept until 1869. Even then, it was a few years before the law was universally applied. Early

burials took place on family farms or in small community plots, as well as in the scattered churchyards. Many deaths were never recorded in a church registry and many such records that did exist were lost by fire or mishap over the years.

'There remain the old tombstones, often in out-of-the-way cemeteries long closed, to provide information to those searching for family records and local history and for social historians and demographers interested in life in the early communities and in the movements of peoples.

'The Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society, aware of this and knowing how quickly time, weather, neglect and vandalism were eroding the inscriptions and that some stones were even being removed from the cemeteries, determined to make a complete recording of the inscriptions on the monuments.'

Seventy-five copies of the book were printed. The first 25 were complimentary copies. They were sent to the Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury councils, who each contributed toward the printing costs. Others were sent to church archives, regional and local libraries, and to the archives in Simcoe County, Ottawa, and Toronto. The latter has the society's permission to put the book on microfilm.

Response to *Cemetery Inscriptions* has been tremendous. All copies have been sold! Requests for the book have come from the United States, Western Canada, and many towns in Ontario. A second printing is underway.

Copies of the book cost \$25. They can be ordered by writing to: Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society, Box 171, Bond Head, Ont. L0G 1B0.

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AASLH Announces 3 Ontario Award Winners

The American Association for State and Local History, headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, has given awards to local historians and historical agencies since 1944. At its annual meeting in Victoria, B.C. last October, three of those awards went to organizations in Ontario.

An Award of Merit was made to the *Hastings County Historical Society* of Belleville 'for significant and diverse contributions to the field of local history.'

The *Rideau 150 Citizens' Committee*, 'Friends of the Rideau,' of Kingston, was awarded a Certificate of Commendation 'for extraordinary contributions to public awareness of the engineering and environmental legacy of the Rideau waterway.'

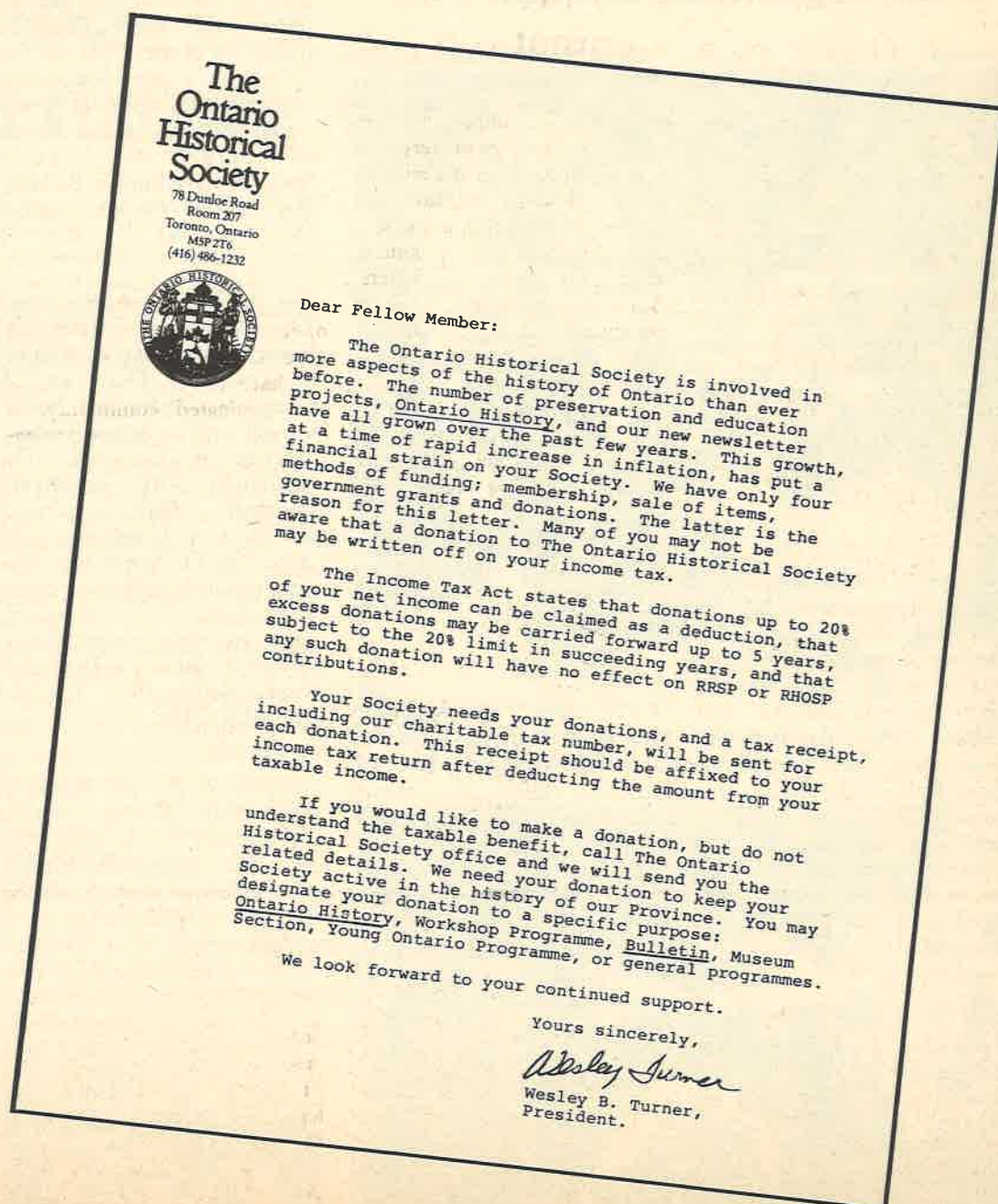
A Certificate of Commendation was also awarded to the *Toronto Area Archivists Group* (TAAG) 'for excellence of achievement in the field of local

achievement for archives.'

The AASLH, a non-profit educational organization with a membership of more than 8,000 individuals and institutions, works to advance knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of local history in the United States and Canada.

A national selection committee, composed of leaders in the history profession, reviewed 143 nominations. Thirty-seven awards of merit and 55 certificates of commendation were awarded to individuals, institutions, and historical organizations across the United States and Canada.

Nominations originate at the local level and are screened at the state and regional levels by a national network of judges. Only those nominations approved in these preliminary competitions are considered for national honours.



Beckwith Township Commissions Study

The Heritage Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture has announced that a grant of up to \$2,000 will be awarded toward undertaking a computer analysis of the *Carleton Place Abstract Index to Deeds*. This is official recognition of an ambitious local history project in eastern Ontario.

Beckwith Township ambitiously has commissioned historian Glenn J. Lockwood to write a detailed history of their community (including the town

of Carleton Place) from its early settlement in 1815 up to the present day.

In order to reveal various facets of this social history, Lockwood has proposed to reconstitute the entire society of rural Beckwith and the town of Carleton Place up to 1925. To do this, every man, woman, and child that passed through the community is being traced.

This involves searching through various routinely generated records from 1815 on-

ward to fit individuals together into families. Hence census records, newspapers, civil and ecclesiastical registers, and the *Abstract Index to Deeds* are utilized and put on computer to help trace people with greater ease.

The book should be ready for publication in 1987. Inquiries should be directed to the Beckwith Historical Project, c/o Glenn J. Lockwood, 353 Stewart St., Ottawa, Ont. K1N 6K7.

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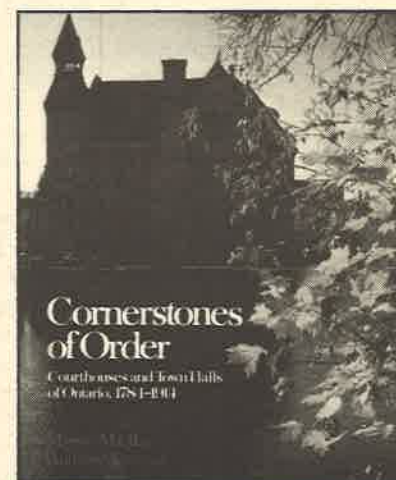
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Upcoming Events

January 11-March 2: The **St. Catharines Historical Museum** will stage a special exhibition about the life of one Loyalist family, the Fairfields, who migrated from Massachusetts to Quebec, and then to Cataraqui (Kingston) during the American Revolution. The exhibition, on loan from the City of Kingston Archives, is intended to enable viewers to understand the hardships and accomplishments of these early refugees. Contact the museum at 343 Merritt St., St. Catharines, Ont. L2T 1K7 or phone (416) 227-2962.

February 20 is **Heritage Day**, a day to commemorate Canada's architectural heritage. The Heritage Canada Foundation is encouraging Canadians to discover and preserve their historic homes, buildings, and streetscapes, and to celebrate them with tours, awards, auctions, and dinners. For more details about Heritage Day celebrations, contact the foundation at P.O. Box 1358, Station B, Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5R4 or phone (613) 237-1066.

April 14: Ontario's sixth annual celebration of the book arts, **Wayzgoose '84**, will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Grimsby Public Art Gallery. The exhibition offers demonstrations of hand printing, binding, and papermaking, as well as displays mounted by

various private presses. Contact Mary E. Misner at the gallery, 25 Adelaide St., Grimsby, Ont. L3M 1X2 or phone (416) 945-3246.

May 7-10: The fourth **Canadian Congress on Leisure Research** will be held at the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, on the theme 'Foundations of Leisure Research in Canada.' Those wishing to present papers at the congress should forward an abstract to Congrès canadien de recherche en loisir/Canadian Congress on Leisure Research, Département des sciences du loisir, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, C.P. 500, Trois-Rivières, Que. G0A 5H7.

May 30 - June 3: The **Kingston and District Branch of the United Empire Loyalists** will host a 200th anniversary celebration of the coming of the Loyalists. The celebration will be held at Victoria Hall, Queen's University in Kingston. A large area has been reserved for displays by historical, genealogical, and loyal societies. Those organizations wishing to exhibit should contact Mrs. Lois Love at 541 College St., Apt. 24, Kingston, Ont. K7L 4N1.

June 13: The **Canadian Historical Association** and **The Ontario Historical**

Society will hold a joint session during the CHA's annual meeting in Guelph. Six past presidents of the OHS will participate in a panel discussion. Nonmembers of the CHA who would like to attend are invited to contact the Learned Societies, MacKinnon Building, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ont. N1G 2W1.

June 15-17: Reserve these dates! **The Ontario Historical Society**, in conjunction with the **Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Historical Society**, will hold its Annual General Meeting in Cornwall. The meeting will celebrate Cornwall's 200th anniversary and focus on Loyalism in Ontario. The OHS will send programmes and registration forms to its members in the spring; other interested parties should contact the Society at 78 Dunloe Road, Room 207, Toronto, Ont. M5P 2T6.

September 19-23: The **Association for Preservation Technology** will hold its 1984 Annual Conference in Toronto. The conference seeks to address the issue of 'Principles in Practice' by stimulating an awareness of the technological consequences of philosophical stances in architectural conservation. Those interested in making a presentation within this framework at A.P.T. 1984 please contact Herb Stovel, Programme Director, 77 Bloor St. West, 2nd floor, Toronto, Ont. M7A 2R9 or phone (416) 965-5727.

Across the Province

The **Cataraqui Archaeological Research Foundation** has been established to develop archaeological resources in the Kingston area. The principal current project of the Foundation is the excavation of Fort Frontenac, the earliest European fortification in Ontario. This four-year project will cost more than \$4.2 million; although funding is being sought from government agencies and corporations, public participation in the project is important to its continued operation. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the Foundation at Abramsky Hall, Room 103, Queen's University, Kingston, Ont. K7L 3N6.

Oakville's **Customs House**, built in 1856, was re-opened as a museum on November 17, 1983. The gala opening was attended by Governor General Edward Schreyer, who cut the ribbon. The museum depicts the history of the town since its founding in 1827. The permanent exhibition, 'Oakville: A Port and Its People,' was researched and written by Museum Programs Collaborative. Restoration architect Peter Stokes refurbished the building and designed an entrance and reception area, and Ferguson-Todd Associates developed the design concept for the exhibits.

As part of its sesquicentennial celebrations, the City of Toronto has commissioned a study on

the feasibility of reconstructing **Fort Rouille**, either on its present Exhibition Place site or on another suitable waterfront site. Fort Rouille was built as a French military settlement on the shore of Lake Ontario in 1750.

The town of **Seaforth** has been granted \$25,000 by the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture to restore the **Cardno Opera Hall**, built in 1877. The hall is located on Seaforth's main street, which is one of the few completely historical main streets remaining in Ontario. The grant will be used to repair the exterior of the building, including the brickwork, windows, roof, and four-faced clock.

Ontario's **Secretariat for Social Development** has launched a Bicentennial programme to encourage seniors to share their knowledge of the past with elementary-school children. **Partners: 'Looking Back Ontario'** envisages seniors and students working together to create exhibits or oral or written presentations about a community's past. For more information about 'Partners,' contact Cynthia Greeniaus or Audrey Stevens at the Secretariat, 700 Bay St., 2nd Floor, Toronto, Ont. M5G 1Z6 or phone (416) 965-3165.

Essex County Historical Society News

The Essex County Historical Society recently co-sponsored The Ontario Historical Society Bicentennial Workshop held at the University of Windsor on November 12. Over 30 representatives from local museums, LACACs, school boards, and heritage organizations participated.

Two speakers were featured at the annual November meeting of the society. The Honourable Margaret Birch, parliamentary assistant to Premier Davis, spoke about Ontario's Bicentennial, and John Carter, Museum Adviser, Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, gave a slide-talk presentation on heritage buildings along the Talbot Trail. The meeting was held at the historic Dominion Hotel in Sandwich.

The society will continue its ambitious publications programme. It will be reprinting Father Ernest Lageunesse's *Windsor Border Region* and publishing the Proceedings of the Western District Conference, which was held in 1979. In addition, a new work on the history of Windsor, co-authored by Dr. Larry Kulisek, past president of the Essex County Historical Society, will soon be available. For further information on these publications contact the Essex County Historical Society, c/o The Hiram Walker Museum, 254 Pitt St. West, Windsor, Ont. N9A 5L5.

WESLEY TURNER

Two posters launched on December 14 should be popular in 1984. The Honourable William Davis, Premier of Ontario, officially declared the beginning of the Bicentennial celebrations in the Legislative Building, assisted by the Honourable Margaret Birch, his parliamentary assistant, and Arthur Gelber, Chairman of the Bicentennial Commission, at a gala luncheon. The poster, 'Great Moments in Ontario,' is available from the Government

Two New Posters Available

Bookstore, 880 Bay St. in Toronto. Mail orders to MGS Publications Services, 5th floor, 880 Bay St., Toronto, Ont. M7A 1N8. Enclose a cheque or money order for \$5.35, made payable to Treasurer of Ontario. Master Card and Visa are accepted.

The Toronto Arts Council launched the Castle Frank Project and introduced a special limited edition Sesquicentennial poster that features a rendering of the reconstructed Castle

Frank. The first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, John Graves Simcoe and his wife Elizabeth had construction of Castle Frank begun while they were in Upper Canada, hoping to abandon their tent and move into a permanent dwelling. The building vanished in the early 19th century, and the council would like to reconstruct it close to its original site near Bloor Street, overlooking the Don Valley Parkway. To accomplish this they are selling the posters

for \$20 each. For further information contact the Toronto Arts Council, 59 Front St. East, Toronto, Ont. M5E 1B3 or phone (416) 364-3333.

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St. Catharines LACAC Notes

The St. Catharines LACAC will recommend that City Council not remove the historic designation of Robertson School at the request of the Board of Education, which wants to sell the property. The school closed in 1978, and the building is not fully occupied or used at present. But it has a long and distinguished history, going back to the Grantham Academy of 1829.

Members of the LACAC will meet with the board's planning committee to discuss alternatives to the outright sale and destruction of the building. Here is a case where an imaginative approach is called for; there are many examples in other cities where historic structures have been incorporated into new buildings.

New Members

Agincourt: Susan & Don Curtis, Terry Gervais
Amherstburg: Gwen Overholt
Ancaster: Leah D. Wallace
Arliss: Mr. & Mrs. S.C. Fisher
Aylmer: Linda Caers, Jeff Watson
Bowmanville: Geraldine Baliut, Visual Arts Centre of Newcastle
Brantford: Beth L. Hanna
Brockville: John Bonser
Burgessville: Reg Cartmale, Oxford County Museum School
Campbellville: Janet Quinton
Cloyne: Pioneer Club
Deep River: Robert Barlow, Neil Burn, Barry Mitchell
Don Mills: Raydeen Marshall
Dundas: Dr. F.A. Hall
Etobicoke: Long Branch Historical Society
Fort Frances: Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre
Gloucester: Gloucester Public Library Board
Gormley: Mrs. Jim Quance

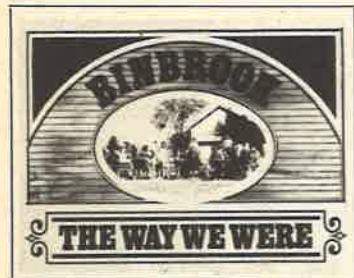
Guelph: Larry Maughan, J. David McAuley
Hamilton: H. Van Dyke
Ignace: Elmer Wick
Islington: Mrs. R.N. Hadley
Kirkland Lake: Carolyn O'Neil
Kitchener: Richard Haalboom
La Salette: Our Lady of La Salette School
London: James T.H. Connor, Stephen Lane, John Lisowski
Lunenburg: Bill Milliken
Midland: Bill Brodeur
Milton: Morris Sorenson, Liz Watson
Mississauga: J.T.S. McCabe, J. Coline McInnes
Nakina: Mrs. P. LeCuyen
Norwich: Mayor John Heleniak
Oakville: David Nelson, Barbara Sullivan
Ottawa: Heritage Canada Foundation
Pakenham: Fred Miller
Pembroke: Elizabeth Ridler
Peterborough: Kerry A. Badgley
Picton: Janice Ruggles
Sarnia: Sarnia LACAC
Scarborough: Sam Gervais, Mrs. C. Worth

Smooth Rock Falls: John J. Lemieux
Thunder Bay: John Borst, Jean Morrison, Sandra Neve
Tillsonburg: Mrs. J. Chesterman, Mary Ann Van Der Hoeven
Timmins: Stanley Kremyr
Toronto: L. Becker, Bruno Diesner, Mary E. Garbutt, Paul F. Gazik, P.D. Gilpin-Brown, Ruth Moffat, Dr. G.A. (Ken) Paterson & Mrs. Cecile A. Paterson, John H. Peters, Ray E. Stubbs, Nick Whistler
Upsala: Wayne Duncan, Upsala Community Centre
Vermilion Bay: Gail Krassilowsky
Waterloo: B. Proudfoot
Weston: Brian Smith
Windsor: Gilbert Gervais, Marie Gordon, Joan Magee, Andrea Moore

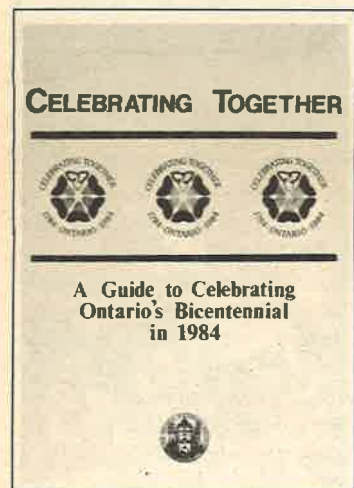
Out of Province
Edmonton, Alberta: Dan Smith
Kahnawake, Quebec: Kanien 'Kehaka Ratitiohkw Cultural Centre
Toledo, Ohio: John M. Morgan

From the Bookshelf

A Dutch Heritage by Joan Magee looks at 200 years of Dutch settlement in the Windsor-Detroit border region. Important figures such as Henry Van Allen, Col. Arent Schuyler de Peyster, and Sir William Van Horne are closely examined. The author also gives an in-depth study of Essex County's Dutch community as it exists today. (1983) 128 pp., with over 40 photographs. Available from Dundurn Press, P.O. Box 245, Station F, Toronto, Ont. M4Y 2L5 for \$12.50.



Binbrook: The Way We Were, a pictorial history of the community, is a large-format book containing a wealth of photographs illustrating agriculture, transportation, community activities, household furnishings, and more. (1982) 148 pp. Available from the publisher, the Binbrook Historical Society, Binbrook, Ont. L0R 1C0.



Celebrating Together: A Guide to Celebrating Ontario's Bicentennial in 1984 by Margot Beech presents a historical background to the Bicentennial and gives suggestions for researching historic events in your community, organizing celebrations to commemorate them, and obtaining funding and other assistance. Published by The Ontario Historical Society with support from the Experience '83 Programme of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture. Available from the Society at 78 Dunloe Road, Room 207, Toronto, Ont. M5P 2T6 for only \$2 plus 75¢ for postage and handling. (1983) 30 pp.

The Celebration of Society: Perspectives on Contemporary Cultural Performance edited by Frank E. Manning features essays on Ontario and Minnesota community festivals, Caribbean gambling, North American professional wrestling, and the Calgary Stampede, among others. This is the first book in the *Culture and Performance* series, jointly launched by the Congress of Social and Humanistic Studies at the University of Western Ontario, and Bowling Green University Press. Available from the Con-

gress at the Social Science Centre, University of Western Ontario, London, Ont. N6A 5C2 for an introductory price of \$14.50 hc and \$7.75 pb, plus \$1 for postage and handling.



Cornerstones of Order by Marion MacRae and Anthony Adamson is a richly illustrated and vividly written history of Ontario's early courthouses and town halls. The authors have drawn on diaries, archival material, and contemporary drawings to reconstruct the social settings of over 75 public buildings built between 1784 and 1914. *Cornerstones of Order* is the last volume of the trilogy that began with *The Ancestral Roof* and *Hallowed Walls*. (1983) 283 pp., with over 300 photographs and drawings, 26 in colour. Published by, and available from, Clarke Irwin (1983) Inc., 409 King St. West, Suite 401, Toronto, Ont. M5V 1K1, for \$45 plus \$1 for postage and handling.

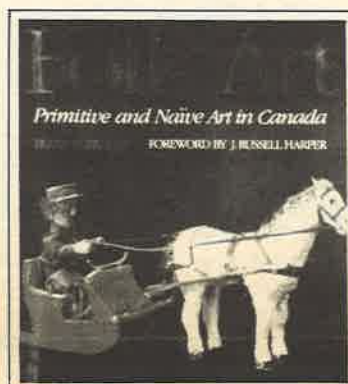
Volume V of the **Dictionary of Canadian Biography**, which covers people who died between 1801 and 1820, is the eighth volume of this valuable series to be published. All eight published volumes of the regular edition of the DCB are available at a special discount price of \$240, or a single-volume price of \$36, until February 29. Contact the University of Toronto Press at 5201 Dufferin Street, Downsview, Ont. M3H 5T8.

Discovering Heritage Bridges on Ontario's Roads by David Cuming examines the development and architecture of Ontario's bridges. It also gives information on preserving them, using examples of notable and historically significant bridges still standing today. (1983), approx. 100 pages and 100 photographs. Published by, and available from, the Boston Mills Press, 98 Main St., Erin, Ont. N0B 1T0 for \$9.95.

Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. II edited by David H. Flaherty demonstrates that the law in Canada has been more than a reactive agency reflecting social and economic forces. Blaine Baker examines the relationship between legal education and the law society, and Paul Romney discusses the impact of political corruption on equitable jurisdiction and the public interest in 19th-century Upper Canada. The courts are dealt with by Paul Craven, who reviews the Toronto Police Court; William Wylie, who writes on civil courts

in Upper Canada; and Margaret Banks, who presents a 200-year overview of Ontario courts. Constance Backhouse deals with Canada's rape laws in the last century, and R.C.B. Risk has contributed an essay on the origins of workers' compensation in Ontario. (1983) 592 pp. Published by, and available from, the University of Toronto Press, 5201 Dufferin St., Downsview, Ont. M3H 5T8 for \$45 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling.

Eunice Dyke: Health Care Pioneer by Marion Royce is a biography of the nurse who developed a system of public health care nursing in Toronto that served as a model for other Canadian and European cities. She was also a major influence in the development of modern nursing education. (1983) 256 pp. Available from Dundurn Press, P.O. Box 245, Station F, Toronto, Ont. M4Y 2L5 for \$19.95.

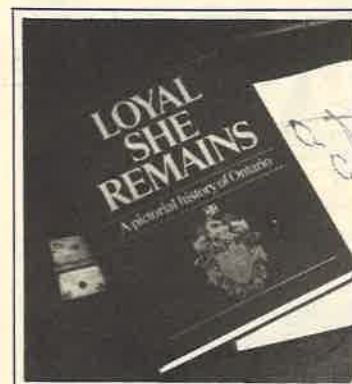


Folk Art: Primitive and Naïve Art in Canada by Blake McKendry clearly explains and illustrates the many facets of folk art in Canada. The author explores the history of the genre, defines the terms used to describe it, and deals with the directions it may take in the future. A checklist of folk artists identifies the major Canadian folk artists from the 18th century to the present. (1983) 288 pp., with 60 colour plates and over 200 black and white photographs. Published by Methuen Publications and available from bookstores for \$39.95.

From Royal Township to Industrial City: Cornwall 1784-1984 by Elinor Kyte Senior traces Cornwall's growth from its beginnings as a small military outpost to its present status as an industrial, bilingual, seaway city. Written in a scholarly yet readable fashion, Dr. Senior's work is the first complete history of the city to be written in over 90 years. (1983) 568 pp. Available from the Cornwall Bicentennial Corp., P.O. Box 773, Cornwall, Ont. K6H 5T5 for \$25 plus \$2 for postage and handling.

The Great Fire of Ottawa: 1900 by Edward S. St. John deals with the catastrophe that in many ways was a turning point in Ottawa's history. This publication is no. 9 in the Bytown pamphlet series. Available from the Historical Society of Ottawa, P.O. Box 523, Station B, Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5P6 for 50¢ plus postage.

Industry in the Wilderness by Frank Rasky is a study of 'the people, the machines, the heritage of Northwestern Ontario.' *Industry* looks at the industrial pioneers and the activities that brought them to the northwest: surveying, railroading, lumber, gold, transportation, and hydro power. (1983) 128 pp., with over 150 photographs. Available from Dundurn Press, P.O. Box 245, Station F, Toronto, Ont. M4Y 2L5 for \$9.95.

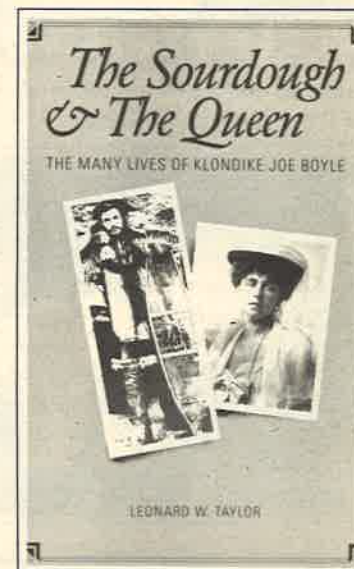


Loyal She Remains: A Pictorial History of Ontario will be published by the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada this spring to celebrate the provincial Bicentennial. This 600-page book will be a profusely illustrated, colourful, and lavish production. For more information or to reserve your copy, contact the UEL at 58 Scarsdale Road, Don Mills, Ont. M3B 9Z9.

Two Divisions to Bluewater by Peter Bowers captures the charm of rural branchline railroading in Ontario by tracing the story of the CNR line from Stratford and Palmerston to Kincardine, Southampton, Wiarton, and Owen Sound. (1983) 168 pp. Published by, and available from, the Boston Mills Press, 98 Main St., Erin, Ont. N0B 1T0 for \$24.95.

Urban Growth and Local Services: The Development of Ontario Municipalities to 1981 by Elizabeth and Gerald

Bloomfield with Peter McCaskell is a new reference handbook on Ontario's urban centres. The ten chapters deal with incorporation history, local newspapers, boards of trade, railway connections, electricity and gas supply, street railways and interurbans, waterworks and sewerage systems, libraries, hospitals, and urban population growth. (1983) 180 pp. Published by, and available from, the Department of Geography, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ont. N1G 2W1, for \$12, or \$10 if a cheque or money order accompanies the request. Make cheques payable to the Department of Geography.



The Sourdough and the Queen by Leonard W. Taylor recreates in colourful detail the life and times of Joseph Whiteside 'Klondike Joe' Boyle. Born in Woodstock, Ontario, Boyle led a fascinating life as a sailor, entrepreneur, soldier, diplomat, and spy. It was a life that took him from Ontario to the Klondike gold rush and then to Rumania, where he met and fell in love with Queen Marie of Rumania. Taylor's book includes much new information from the Boyle family archives in Northern Ireland. (1983) 394 pp. Published by Methuen Publications and available from bookstores for \$24.95.

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OHS Workshops



Two recent OHS workshops attracted great interest. Above, the Cultural Traditions and Folklore workshop at Black Creek Pioneer Village. Below, Herbs in History at Huntsville.



Information and Materials Wanted

Mary Byers and Margaret McBurney, authors of *The Governor's Road* and *Homesteads*, are currently conducting research into nineteenth century inns and taverns in Ontario. They are looking for buildings that originally served as inns and/or taverns during the stagecoach era, before the coming of the railroads.

The authors would appreciate hearing from anyone knowing of any such buildings — ones that are still standing and in reasonably good condition. Please contact Margaret McBurney, 18 Weybourne Crescent, Toronto, Ontario, M4N 2R3.

This proposed book, as yet untitled, will be published by the University of Toronto Press in 1986.

Anne Dunham requires information from families or persons wishing to participate in compiling a bed and breakfast brochure as a 1984 Bicentennial project. These homes or farms *must* have some historic interest.

Please submit the following information to Mrs. Dunham at R.R. 1, Campbellville, Ont. L0P 1B0.

- A picture or photograph of the home or farm;
- Location; nearest town, airport, etc. A map showing the location would be appreciated;
- Date of erection, and historical background;
- Places of local interest: churches, museums, etc.;
- Description of owner and family: profession, no. of people in family, hobbies and interests;
- Description of house or farm, architecture, type of garden, pool, tennis court, etc.

- Description of each room for rent: T.V., bathroom/shower available, shared or private, type of bed (twin or double, bunk), whether apartment or suite;
- Charge per night, breakfast and evening meal costs;
- Type of heating;
- Whether prepared to rent year-round or winter/summer;
- Nearby skiing areas or sports arenas, etc.

Please send all information in typed form.

The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education Library is currently cataloguing on microcomputer its extensive collection of historical textbooks. The completed catalogue will include textbooks known to have been used in Ontario before 1846, and those authorized for use in the province since 1846. The majority of titles authorized are held by the collection, but some gaps exist, particularly for the period 1850-1880. For example: *First Book of Lessons* (Irish national school books), published both in Ireland and Canada; and Hind, Henry, *Elements of the Science of Agriculture*, 2nd ed. Toronto: Brewer, McPhail, 1851. The Library is therefore interested in acquiring, by purchase or exchange of duplicates, those items needed to make the collection complete. Any individual or institution that may have relevant material to offer may contact Marian Press at (416) 923-6641, #218, or write to the Ontario Historical Textbook Project, The R.W.B. Jackson Library, O.I.S.E., 252 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ont. M5S 1V6 for a list of the textbooks wanted.

Of Interest

A new book series, *Culture and Performance*, has been launched jointly by the Congress of Social and Humanistic Studies, University of Western Ontario, and Bowling Green University Press. The series welcomes lively, theoretically informed studies of ritual, ceremony, celebration, sports spectacles, entertainment productions, and popular and folk theatre; ethnic, regional, and art festivals; and other genres of cultural performance. Canadian subject-matter is particularly appropriate, but all ethnographic areas will be considered. Especially sought are studies pertinent to a variety of social science and humanities interests. Manuscript proposals and other correspondence should be directed to the General Editor, Frank Manning, Anthropology Department, University of Western Ontario, London, Ont. N6A 5C2.

Frances G. Halpenny, General Editor of the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*, has been awarded the Canada Council's 1983 Molson Prize. The prize recognizes outstanding contributions to the arts, humanities, and social sciences. Dr. Halpenny has been associated with the University of Toronto Press since 1941 and was appointed general editor of the DCB in 1969. She was Dean of the Faculty of Library Science at the University of Toronto from 1972 to 1978.

Dr. Daniel Hill, President of the Ontario Black History Society, has been appointed the new Ombudsman of Ontario. Dr. Hill accepted the Special Award of Merit on behalf of the OBHS at the OHS's annual meeting in Sudbury in June.

R. Scott James has been appointed Managing Director of the Toronto Historical Board, effective April 1. He replaces John A. McGinnis, the board's Managing Director since its inception in 1960. James was a co-founder of the Toronto Area Archivists' Group in 1973, and is currently City Archivist and Director of Records at the City of Toronto Archives.

The National Film Board of Canada has recently begun to offer over 100 of its films in a

Clean Up!

The Ontario Historical Society is clearing books from its shelves — at prices that are hard to beat! The following ten publications are available at these prices to members only. Order now - Supplies are limited!

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Bishop Alexander Macdonell and the Politics of Upper Canada by J.E. Rea	\$1.25
The Canada Land Company by Clarence Karr	\$1.25
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Celebrating Together: A Guide to Celebrating Ontario's Bicentennial in 1984 by Margot Beech	\$2.00
How to Produce Your Own Audio-Visual Show by Roberta M. Styran and Robert R. Taylor	\$1.00
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Preserving Ontario's Heritage: A History of the OHS by Gerald Killan	\$1.25
Promoting the Past: A Handbook of Suggestions for Effective Historical Programming in Your Community by Robert Harris	\$2.00

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Dr. Edwina Taborsky, Administrator of the McLuhan Programme in Culture and Technology, University of Toronto, has been appointed Administrative Director of the Ontario Association of Art Galleries. The OAAG is a visual arts organization representing public art museums, galleries, and art centres in the province. Dr. Taborsky will assume Executive Director Rory O'Donal's responsibilities on his departure in July.

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