

ANNUAL REPORTS
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The Ontario Historical Society
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President's Report

The mandate of The Ontario Historical Society can be summarized in a few words from the Constitution: "to promote the appreciation and preservation of Ontario history amongst all the people of the Province of Ontario by promoting the communication and exchange of ideas and co-operation, and to encourage the formation of new local societies." I believe that the OHS is fulfilling its mandate in more ways today than at any time in the past.

I am proud to have served as President of an organization that works so hard to address the needs of the heritage community in Ontario. In doing so the Society has attracted members from every part of the Province, from many cultural communities and from every discipline of the heritage field and beyond.

The reports which follow speak well for the diversity and significance of the work being done by the Society, and the new initiatives that have been undertaken. Workshops, publications, the OHS Bulletin and Ontario History remain the core programmes. They have been joined over the years by initiatives in northern Ontario, the History of Ontario's Peoples Programme, the Technical Consulting Service, the Young Ontario Programme and History To Go. Each one strives to address some aspect of the preservation of Ontario's heritage, or to equip and encourage others to do so. In addition, the Society provides a myriad of less formal services and assistance.

The Society has also taken a leading role over the past few years in discussions with the Provincial Government on such issues as POLARIS, the proposed new Cemeteries Act (Bill 31), the CRESAP study on the administrative separation of the Ontario Heritage Foundation and the Heritage Branch, and the Ontario Heritage Policy Review. These important issues will affect heritage preservation over the long term, and they have encouraged heritage organizations at both the community and provincial levels to find new ways to work together for the benefit of us all.

To accomplish these many undertakings requires an enormous commitment from a great many people. Members of the Board and staff, Committee members, workshop leaders and volunteers all give a tremendous amount of time and energy to the OHS. To list them all would be impossible, but the scope of their contributions is evident in the reports which follow. My thanks to each one.

The Society appreciates many individuals and corporations whose support of its activities is made evident through their generous financial contributions. We are also grateful for the continuing support of the Ontario Ministry of Culture and

Communications and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

I would like to express my personal appreciation to the members of the Board of Directors for their hard work and support during a challenging and busy year. I would also like to express my gratitude to Dorothy Duncan for her many special talents and insight and for her unwavering dedication to the cause of preserving Ontario's heritage.

The reports which follow and the audited financial statements will demonstrate in detail that The Ontario Historical Society is in sound financial health, with its mission and objectives clearly defined and realizable.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Hanna, President

Executive Director's Report 1990

The Ontario Historical Society celebrated a century plus two in 1990 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

The Ontario Historical Society sponsored six Heritage Showcases on Saturday, February 16 in the northern Ontario communities of Bruce Mines, Cochrane, Dryden, Kenora and New Liskeard. We also took part in four other Heritage Showcases coordinated by other heritage organizations and institutions across Ontario.

POLARIS

The Advisory Committee on Land Registry Office Records for Ontario to which I was appointed to represent The Ontario Historical Society completed its meetings and report in March of 1990. It was then forwarded to the Ministers of Culture and Communications and Consumer and Commercial Relations. The Report and the recommendations were released in November of 1990 to the heritage community.

Bill 31: An Act to Revise the Ontario Cemeteries Act

Throughout much of 1990 many members of the heritage community worked thousands of hours to attempt to draft Regulations for this proposed Act. In August of 1990 The Ontario Historical Society realized it was impossible and began to lobby the Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations, then Peter Kormos, for a meeting. We were encouraged by Ministers Kormos and Marchese to suggest amendments and to forward to them our recommendations for review. A committee comprised of representatives of the First Nations, the Ontario Archaeological Society, the Ontario Genealogical Society, The Multicultural History Society of Ontario, the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and The Ontario Historical Society are developing this document and expect it to go to the Ministers in the very near future.

Technical Consulting Service

In 1990 we continued to conduct this service in co-operation with the Ministry of Culture and Communications. The following

projects benefitted from a one-day site visit from an appropriate consultant and a report outlining a future course of action:

Capital Theatre, Cornwall
Town Hall, Parkhill
339 William Street, Oakville
Erchless Estate, Oakville
Huron Historic Gaol, Goderich
Ireland House, Burlington
Albion Hotel, Gravenhurst
Old Fire Hall and Hose Tower, Paisley
Hutchison House, Peterborough
Grover-Nicolls House, Peterborough
Gypsum Mines School House, Haldimand
Market Building, Cambridge
Rickarton Castle, Picton
Town Hall, Lindsay

New Initiatives

In 1990 The Ontario Historical Society conducted two extensive surveys to determine the needs of the heritage community in northern Ontario and the First Nations. Both surveys included a questionnaire mailed to all the individuals, organizations and institutions that we could find, followed by extensive personal and telephone interviews. The responses have provided us with invaluable information on which to base the development of new programmes to serve the needs of these communities.

Beyond Ontario's Borders

The Ontario Historical Society received several invitations in 1990 to take our workshops, lectures, programmes and services to other provinces including Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. In addition, I was invited to speak at the Food Symposium at Oxford University in England in September. I continued to represent Ontario on the Board of Governors of the Heritage Canada Foundation and the Council of the American Association for State and Local History throughout 1990. These experiences have all been rich and rewarding.

We Cannot Do It Alone

The Board of Directors and the staff (both paid and unpaid) accomplished a great deal in the last year. My thanks to them all, as well as to the Ministers of Culture and Communications, Rosario Marchese and Consumer and Commercial Relations, Marilyn Churley, and Welland M.P.P., Peter Kormos. They have all brought new visions of heritage and its meaning and what we can all accomplish together in preserving the rich and diverse history of Ontario.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Duncan, Executive Director

Fund Raising Committee Report 1990

The Fund Raising Committee of The Ontario Historical Society has had an interesting year.

We started our "Wish List" in 1990. This form of fund raising has had fantastic results, gathering all sorts of supplies for our programmes and office. The "Wish List" is an ongoing programme which will be updated periodically.

The Notions and Nostalgia sale at Black Creek Pioneer Village in September 1990 featured many bargains at low, low prices and raised about \$600.00 to aid our "History To Go" programme.

"Victuals and Values", also to aid History To Go, took place on March 22, 1991 at Black Creek Pioneer Village. Everyone feasted on roast beef and apple cobbler, and then went upstairs to attend an auction sale of items that had been donated to the Society. Over \$7,000.00 was raised during the evening. We sincerely thank all those who donated their time, expertise and items for the auction which made the evening such a success.

Our membership is always very generous. Many individual members have donated to our programmes (Young Ontario, History To Go), the "Wish List" and to the general fund of The Ontario Historical Society. We thank you most sincerely.

For myself, the new Chairman and a new Executive Committee member, much of the year has been a learning experience, culminating in a fascinating seminar on Marketing and Fund Raising for the board members and staff of The Ontario Historical Society given by Margaret Genovese of Genovese and Herndorff. This extremely interesting day will enable the Fund Raising Committee to re-structure many of the methods currently used to raise funds for the Society.

To the committee - Beth Hanna and John Jung - and to Jim Clemens who served on the committee until January of 1991, a most sincere thank you.

To the staff of The Ontario Historical Society, thank you for your patience and all your hard work on behalf of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Rowena Cooper, Chair

Heritage Years Committee 1990

The Premier's Task Force on the Heritage Years was created by David Peterson in 1989. The chair, John Eakins, Victoria-Haliburton M.P.P. and vice-chair, Bruce Owen, Simcoe Centre M.P.P., requested input from the residents of Ontario on ways to celebrate a number of historic provincial anniversaries which will occur from 1991 through 1993. Ontario Together, the Report of the Task Force was released in June of 1990, however, at this point no programmes have been announced to foster or support these Heritage Years' celebrations.

The Board of Directors of The Ontario Historical Society has recommended that our observance of the Heritage Years be self sufficient and clearly focused on encouraging communities throughout Ontario to celebrate their own unique heritage. The Society's 103rd Annual Conference entitled "Ontario's Past, Present and Future: a legacy to celebrate" reinforces this theme.

The Society will concentrate on planning activities to promote the concept "every year a heritage year" to highlight the fact that all communities, large or small, old or new, have a heritage to conserve and to celebrate. For example, the Niagara-On-The-Lake Citizens Committee on the Heritage Years is well advanced in planning activities for 1992 to commemorate John Graves Simcoe's 1792 arrival in their community.

The Ontario Historical Society will continue its tradition of providing advice and encouragement to community groups, and to this end we have developed an added resource, the Society's newly revised publication Promoting the Past - A Handbook for Suggestions for Effective Historical Programming in Your Community.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy McGonigal, Chair

History of Ontario's Peoples Grant Programme 1990

Since August 1988 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". It 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 \$5,000.00 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.

In 1990 an independent Advisory Committee reviewed grant applications from all regions of the province. Thirty-one organizations and institutions were awarded grants totalling \$142,602.00. A complete list of the successful applicants, with a short description of their projects, is appended.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Leverty, Programme Co-ordinator

History of Ontario's Peoples Grant Programme

In 1990 31 organizations and institutions received grants totalling \$142,604.00 to implement the following projects:

Aylmer and District Museum

Aylmer, Ontario

\$1,960.00

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

Canadian Jesuit Missions/Holy Cross Mission

Manitoulin Island, Ontario

\$5,000.00

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

Raleigh Township Centennial Museum

North Buxton, Ontario

\$5,000.00

produce a living history display on the Black refugees from slavery who settled in Ontario

Garden River First Nation

Garden River, Ontario

\$5,000.00

research and produce a pamphlet on the history of Garden River First Nation

New Liskeard Public Library

New Liskeard, Ontario

\$5,000.00

produce a documentary based on oral history interviews with Elders of the Temiscaming and Teme-Augama First Nations

Chippewas of Sarnia First Nation

Sarnia, Ontario

\$5,000.00

develop a video and brochure on the history of their people

Strathroy Middlesex Museum

Strathroy, Ontario

\$4,730.00

produce an exhibition and education programme on the history of immigration to Strathroy

Batchewana First Nation of Ojibways

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

\$5,000.00

hold workshops on treaty commemoration which focus on the historical surroundings and traditional values of the Ojibway Peoples

St. Marys District Museum

St. Marys, Ontario

\$3,884.00

conduct oral history interviews and produce an exhibit on the history of immigration from the Netherlands to the St. Marys area

Temagami Indian Band

Bear Island, Ontario

\$4,998.00

produce an audio-visual presentation of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai Elders

Beachville District Historical Society

Beachville, Ontario

\$2,480.00

conduct interviews and collect artifacts for an exhibit on the history of Dutch and Italian immigrants in southwestern Ontario

Indian Friendship Centre

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

\$5,000.00

create a permanent display illustrating the history of the First Nations of Sault Ste. Marie

Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation

Hagersville, Ontario

\$5,000.00

produce portable display units and supporting materials on the history of the Mississaugas of the New Credit

Timmins Native Friendship Centre

Timmins, Ontario

\$4,207.00

organize a project entitled "Expanding Horizons" on the heritage of the First Nations

Big Grassy River Ojibwe First Nation

Morson, Ontario

\$5,000.00

produce an educational kit and video on the history of the Ojibways of the Big Grassy River

Town of Haldimand LACAC

Cayuga, Ontario

\$5,000.00

produce slide shows with lesson plans and design a farm tour on the history of the Mennonite settlement in Rainham Township

Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve

Wikwemikong, Ontario

\$5,000.00

create murals which will interpret the history of the local culture as it relates to children

The Ontario Black History Society

Toronto, Ontario

\$3,200.00

conduct oral history interviews on Black history in Ontario

Chiefs of Ontario

Toronto, Ontario

\$5,000.00

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

Welland LACAC

Welland, Ontario

\$5,000.00

produce a display and booklet entitled "Historical and Architectural Reflections of the Founding Peoples of Welland"

Lithuanian Museum Archives

Mississauga, Ontario

\$3,555.00

develop an exhibition and education kits on the history of Lithuanians in the development of northern Ontario and the farms of the "tobacco belt"

Italo-Canadian Cultural Club

Sarnia, Ontario

\$5,000.00

produce a permanent exhibition on the history of Italians in Sarnia-Lambton

Oneida Nation of the Thames

Southwold, Ontario

\$5,000.00

series of special events to commemorate the 150th year of the settlement of the Oneida Nation on the banks of the Thames River

North Bay Indian Friendship Centre

North Bay, Ontario

\$3,590.00

retrieve archival information and produce a catalogue on the history of the Nipissing people

British Methodist Episcopal Church

Norval Johnson Heritage Centre

Niagara Falls, Ontario

\$5,000.00

collect and display material on Black history in the Niagara Peninsula

Ojibwe Cultural Foundation

Manitoulin Island, Ontario

\$5,000.00

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

Bruce Mines Museum

Bruce Mines, Ontario

\$5,000.00

produce a slide show on the history of the Welsh, Scottish and Cornish settlers and miners of Bruce Mines

Ojibwe and Cree Cultural Centre

Timmins, Ontario

\$5,000.00

create a display depicting the history of the Nishnawbe-Aski nation

Bruce County Museum
Southampton, Ontario

\$5,000.00

undertake a project on the history of the First Nations in the region

Onake(North American Indian Travelling College)
Cornwall Island, Ontario

\$5,000.00

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

La Societe d'histoire de Toronto/Community History Project
Toronto, Ontario

\$5,000.00

produce an exhibit and display on the history of the three founding peoples of Toronto

History To Go Programme Report 1990

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 History To Go 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 1990 and January to April 1991 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 Ontario Historical Society has held mini-workshops across Ontario since 1988. The purpose of these mini-workshops is to share the Society's experience with the History To Go programme and to encourage local 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 in 1990 and 1991 to date comprises part B of this report.

A. HISTORY TO GO PROGRAMMES

January to December 1990

Feb. 19	"19th Century 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 (retirement home), 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
Sept. 16	"Notions and Nostalgia", Black Creek Pioneer Village, North York. Rummage sale held to raise funds for History To Go

Oct. 24 "19th Century Paper Crafts", Number Four
Teddington Park Avenue (retirement home),
Toronto

Oct. 31 "19th Century Paper Crafts", Highgate
Retirement Residence, Ancaster

Nov. 7 "Join Us in Celebrating Ontario's Past",
Oriole-York Mills United Church (seniors
group), Willowdale

Dec. 19 "Deck the Halls", Nine Twenty-One Millwood
Road, Toronto

January to April 1991

Feb. 25 "Lace, Lace, Lace", Number Four Teddington
Park Avenue, Toronto

Feb. 27 "19th Century Paper Crafts", Queen Elizabeth
Hospital, Toronto

March 14 "Lace, Lace, Lace", Highgate Retirement
Residence, Ancaster

March 22 "Victuals and Values: An Evening of Food,
Fantasy and Fun", Black Creek Pioneer Village,
North York. Historical dinner and auction of
antiques and collectibles. Proceeds of this
fundraising event went to History To Go

April 11 "Sheep to Shawl", Friendship Club, Farmer
Memorial Baptist Church (seniors group),
Toronto

B. HISTORY TO GO MINI-WORKSHOPS

January to December 1990

March 21, St. Mary's. Attendance: 15
April 5, St. Joseph's Convent, Willowdale. Attendance: 12
May 17, Goderich. Attendance: 12
May 30, Mount Hope. Attendance: 21

January to April 1991

January 29, Bracebridge. Attendance: 20

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Febbraro, Co-ordinator, History To Go

Honours and Awards Report 1990

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 1990 will be presented this evening, May 11, 1991, and are as follows:

Scadding Award of Excellence - Longlac Historical Society

B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award - Brockville LACAC

President's Award - The Rose Corporation, Don Mills

Riddell Award - Helen Lenskyj, for "Training for True Womanhood: Physical Education for Girls in Ontario Schools, 1890-1920, in Historical Studies in Education, Volume 2, Number 2, Fall 1990

Joseph Brant Award - John E. Zucchi for Italians in Toronto: Development of a Nation

Fred Landon Award - Joy Parr for The Gender of Breadwinners

Janet Carnochan Award - Jane Beecroft, Toronto

Dorothy Duncan Award - The Latchford/Montreal River Heritage Preservation Project

Museum Award of Excellence - The Collingwood Museum

Cruickshank Gold Medal - David McFall, Toronto

Respectfully submitted,
James Fortin, Chair

Local Societies Report 1990

When The Ontario Historical Society was created by an Act in the Legislature of Ontario, on April 1, 1899, it was given, through Section 10 of the Act, the privilege of accepting affiliated members. If an organization is accepted by the Board of Directors of The Ontario Historical Society as an affiliated member it is automatically incorporated in the Province of Ontario as a non-profit corporation. As an organization with its own corporate identity, it is then legally responsible for all its obligations and undertakings.

Once again a number of societies sought affiliation through The Ontario Historical Society during 1990. The following groups met the criteria and were accepted:

Temiskaming Abitibi Heritage Association
East Gwillimbury Historical Society
Ontario Women's History Network
Palmerston Railway Heritage Committee
The Rosseau Project - Le Project Rosseau
Bobcaygeon and District Historical Society
Friends of Peel Museum
Nestor Falls Historical Committee
Warren Historical Society
Wychwood Park Historical Society
Alliston Historical Society
Friends of Fairfield Homestead Museum
Torbolton Historical Society
Oxford-on-Rideau Historical Society

Not only does The Ontario Historical Society assist societies throughout Ontario to become incorporated through affiliation, it also holds workshops and meetings on a regular basis to help its affiliates and members stay abreast of the day-to-day considerations that must be done to remain viable.

To this end, The Ontario Historical Society has received funding from the Ministry of Culture and Communications, to set up a series of Community Meetings, throughout Ontario, to encourage good housekeeping practices by affiliated societies and any other groups that may be interested. A tentative schedule of meetings is being organized across Ontario. For more information about a meeting in your area, please contact The Ontario Historical Society or look for the schedule in your kit.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Handley, Chair

Membership Report 1990

The membership files of The Ontario Historical Society were computerized in 1985. Computerization 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, for instance, 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 not renewed. Those members are deleted after their membership has 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 realize 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 having a very positive effect and was therefore reprinted in 1990. 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 1990 we attracted over 350 new members. This fact is partially due to the increase in workshops and other programmes that give us a high profile in Ontario communities. We have received a special ruling from the Federal Government and our memberships are exempt from the new Goods and Services Tax. However, subscribers to Ontario History must pay GST on their subscriptions.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Truax, Membership Co-ordinator

Museums Committee Report 1990

In 1990-1991 the Committee assisted museum workers in the Province with continuing programmes and some new initiatives. The Ontario Historical Society's Museum Award of Excellence will be presented for the first time at the 1991 Conference. The Collingwood Museum is the winner, for excellence in community programming and involvement. We were pleased to receive ten outstanding nominations for the new award and we look forward to even more interest next year.

The Museums Committee also administers two trust funds which are used to benefit museum workers attending the annual workshop (in 1990 the OHS Conference in Sault Ste. Marie). The Ruth Home Fund provided copies of Carolyn Parry's book Let's Celebrate for the registrants, while the Bill Todd Award for the museum worker travelling the furthest went to Vickie Benn of the Allan McPherson House and Park in Napanee. This year marks the beginning of the review of Ontario's Standards for Community Museums, and the Committee is actively involved in the process, just as it was when the Standards were first introduced. We are also following with interest the Ontario Heritage Policy Review and other provincial and federal initiatives which will affect museums.

In order to more accurately reflect the museum community in Ontario, we were pleased to welcome some museum volunteers and board members to our committee this year. Thank you to all of the 1990-1991 committee members:

Bonnie Burke, Brockville Museum
Elizabeth Capogreco, Ottawa
John Carter, Ministry of Culture and Communications
Janet Cobban, John R. Park Homestead
Fred Gamester, North Bay Area Museum
Beth Hanna, The Gibson House
Jeanne Hughes, Black Creek Pioneer Village
Kathryn Schwenger, Chatham-Kent Museum

Special thanks go to Kathryn Schwenger, who, along with Meribeth Clow of the OHS staff, edited the Museums Page of the OHS Bulletin. Dorothy Duncan and Cathy Febbraro of the OHS office also capably assisted with Museums Committee work. Volunteers helped with workshops and as conference speakers.

For next year the Committee has plans for new publications and workshops. Please let us know your interests and needs.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Cobban, Chair

Ontario History Report 1990

The report on Ontario History for 1989 began saying that the journal had been published on time four times and continued to have a healthy number of subscribers. Since I assumed the editorship in September 1990, the number of subscribers has remained healthy, but the issues have been late in appearing. It is expected, however, that the June 1991 issue will go to subscribers on time.

In September 1990 12 articles were on hand. Five of these articles have been accepted for publication: two were in the March 1991 issue, two will be in the June issue, and one is scheduled for September. Three have been rejected or withdrawn, two have been returned to the authors for revision, and one is still being considered by whom I must assume is an exceptionally cautious reviewer.

Since September 1990 15 articles have been received. Two were published in the March 1991 issue and one will be in the June issue, two have been rejected, one has been returned for revision. The remainder are undergoing review.

The selection of reviewers is often difficult, however, I have been aided greatly by the advice from members of the Editorial Board and from friends and acquaintances in the historical field. I am grateful also to Freya Godard, the skilful managing editor of Ontario History.

Two events of considerable importance for Ontario History have been taking place. One is the continuation of the campaign, Endowment Plus which has raised the endowment fund of the journal from \$60,000.00 to \$100,000.00 The other is the review of Ontario History, one of the regular reviews of OHS programmes. The results of the review will be taken into account in charting the journal's future course.

It is a privilege to be entrusted with the editorship of so venerable a journal as Ontario History.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Burnet, Editor

Ontario History Review Committee 1990

Ontario History, the journal of The Ontario Historical Society, has operated continuously since its establishment in 1899, then known as Papers and Records. The journal provides a vehicle for disseminating to the public scholarly research and writing on the history of the province.

As part of its responsibility to review and evaluate programmes and services, the Board of Directors decided in 1990 to initiate a full review of the journal to ensure that it is meeting the aims and objectives of the OHS.

The Board began by identifying six client groups which the journal is intended to serve: (1) those actively involved in teaching/researching history at the university level; (2) other professionals actively involved in teaching/researching/writing history; (3) university and senior high school students; (4) as a resource for teachers of history at elementary and secondary school levels; (5) as a resource for professionals and volunteers working in the heritage field; and (6) those interested members of the general public.

A working paper on Ontario History policy was developed and adopted by the Board as an interim policy document to clearly define the relationship between the Society's Board and the journal's editors and editorial board.

A review committee was then established, chaired by the President, with the following mandate defined by the Board:

- (i) to assess the quality and impact of the journal;
- (ii) to determine future directions for the journal within the context of the statement on publications in the Society's Long Range Planning Report (David McNab, 1989): 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.
- (iii) to review the cost effectiveness of the journal.

The Committee began its task by conducting a survey of the members and subscribers, resulting in a tremendous response. The results will be analyzed, along with data that have been compiled on the operation of other journals. The Committee will also consider the journal's expenses and revenues over the past ten years. An interim report will be forwarded shortly to the Board of Directors for their consideration.

Many thanks to the members of the Review Committee: Douglas Leighton, Russell Cooper, Janet Fayle, Gilbert Stelter, Paul Delaney, James Clemens, Jean Burnet and Dorothy Duncan.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Hanna, President

Publications Committee Report 1990-1991

The 1990-1991 year has been a busy and productive one in publishing for The Ontario Historical Society. It caps some five years during which the focus of OHS publications has shifted away from haphazard production of various items at great cost that at times have threatened the finances of the Society, to a more streamlined policy operating on a cost-recovery basis.

The Ontario Historical Society is committed to encouraging the publication of scholarly work written by professionally trained historians about Ontario's past. To this end Ontario History enters its 93rd year as an OHS publication. In 1990 the OHS Board of Directors affirmed, "Ontario History provides a vehicle for disseminating to the public scholarly research and writing on the history of the province, and thereby encouraging that research and writing, and encouraging the study of Ontario's history."

To further encourage the writing of scholarly history, The Ontario Historical Society in recent years has developed two book awards. The first of these, the Fred Landon Award, encourages the historical study of how Ontario people lived both in relation to their local environments and to one another within identifiable communities. This award recognizes books that represent a fresh and innovative approach to the study of community or regional history, demonstrating excellence in research, organization, writing and production.

The second award, the Joseph Brant Award, formally recognizes both Ontario's cultural diversity and the recent growth in excellent studies of that multicultural heritage. In addition, to encourage such scholarly work, The Ontario Historical Society on a cost-recovery basis produces handbooks, technical booklets and other publications addressing the general public, children, the museum community, Franco-Ontario, the First Nations, teachers and youth leaders and local historical societies.

As part of an ongoing evaluation of various OHS programmes, a review of Ontario History began in 1990, and there has been a high response rate to questionnaires mailed out in early 1991. Members of the Ontario History Review Committee are Dr. Jean Burnet, James Clemens, Russell Cooper, Paul Delaney, Dorothy Duncan, Janet Fayle, Beth Hanna, Douglas Leighton and Gilbert Stelter.

In 1990-1991 the OHS campaign to increase the endowment fund of Ontario History from the \$60,000.00 fund set up in 1982 to \$100,000.00 has been underway. For every dollar you give to the Ontario History Endowment Plus Campaign, the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Communications will match it with a donation of three dollars. Donations are fully income-tax-deductible.

The Ontario Historical Society thanks Laurel Sefton MacDowell and Keith Walden for their contributions as editors and assistant editors, and Margaret McCallum as book review editor of Ontario History during the past three years. We welcome Jean Burnet as the new editor and James Clemens as the new book review editor of Ontario History.

The OHS Bulletin under new editor Meribeth Clow expanded from a quarterly publication to being issued six times a year beginning in the spring of 1990, providing OHS members with even more information about growing developments in the Ontario and Canadian heritage communities.

In 1990 the OHS published Promoting the Past: A Handbook of Suggestions for Effective Historical Programming in Your Community, and Consuming Passions: Eating and Drinking Traditions in Ontario. The technical booklet in the Approaching Ontario's Past series, The Artifact: What Can It Tell Us About the Past? by Dorothy was reprinted. 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 early in 1990, and also updated and reprinted in December to meet the great demand for it.

Future publications in preparation include a French translation of Discovering Your Community - a resource handbook for teachers and leaders of youth groups; a technical handbook being prepared by Ian K. Woods on Restoring Your Own Home Yourself; a booklet for children in the Rainy Day Detective series on developing an appreciation of built heritage; another technical booklet in the Approaching Ontario's Past series regarding the handling of artifacts in museums from the First Nations and other religious and cultural traditions, and possibly the re-issue of How to Produce Your Own Audio-Visual by Roberta M. Styran and Robert R. Taylor.

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Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Lockwood, Chair

Workshop Programme Report 1990

The Ontario Historical Society presented a programme of 60 one-day workshops in 1990 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 and beyond our borders.

Sixty workshops were presented in the following communities: Aylmer, Bethany, Bobcaygen, Bracebridge, Brampton, Charlottetown (2), Chatham, Chesterville, Cochenour (3), Dryden, Guelph, Haileybury, Hamilton (2), Harrietsville, Harrow, Iroquois Falls, Kenora, Kitchener, Latchford (2), Little Current, London (3), Manitowaning, Mount Hope, North Bay (2), Oakville (2), Orillia (2), Oshawa, Penetanguishene, Perth, Port Carling, Queenston, Saskatoon, Tehkumah, Timmins, Toronto (7), Windsor, Winnipeg (3).

On July 9, 10, 11 and again on August 10, 11, 12 the Society held its Fifth Annual SUMMER IN THE VILLAGE programme at Black Creek Pioneer Village in Toronto. HANDS ON HISTORY HOLIDAY was repeated twice, first on a week-day format, and then over the week-end. The attendance was 17 in July and 34 in August.

The Ontario Historical Society continued its programme of one-day meetings and workshops for LACAC's and heritage organizations, designed to provide an opportunity for interaction between these groups and to bring together experts in the field of preservation. The final segment (5) of the series of 21 were held in 1990 in the communities of Haileybury, Napanee, North Bay, Sudbury and Thunder Bay.

Approximately 3,000 people attended these workshops and over 225 instructors shared their skills with the participants and volunteered their time for the workshop programme and for that we are very grateful.

Respectfully submitted
Lorraine Lowry, Workshop Co-ordinator

Young Ontario Report 1990

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

Programmes and Events, January to December, 1990

Feb. 8	Teacher's Workshop, St. Monica's Secondary School
Feb. 10-11	Winter Past Times, Play Times, North York Winter Carnival, North York
Feb. 25	Parenting Fair, sponsored by East York Community Development Council; OHS display of services and publications for young people, parents, teachers and youth leaders
Mar. 12-16	Spring Past Times, Play Times, March Break Programme at Black Creek Pioneer Village
May 6	Forsythia Festival, Toronto; display of publications and stencilling demonstrations for children
May 10-12	Growing Up in Ontario; programme for young people, held concurrently with OHS Annual Conference, Sault Ste. Marie
June 22-24	Heritage Festival, Haileybury; programme of pioneer costumes, bran pie, bookmarks
July 22, 23	Earlton Steamshow, Earlton; programme of pioneer costumes, bran pie, bookmarks
August 4, 5	Shondecti Heritage Festival, Midland
August 4-6	D.J. Music Marathon, North Bay; Programme of pioneer costumes, bran pie, bookmarks
August 6	Simcoe Day Celebration, Fort York, Toronto; stencilling demonstration for children
August 8, 14	Early Games and Toys programme, York Public Library, Main Branch, Toronto
August 24, 25	Winnie's Birthday Festival, White River; programme of pioneer costumes, bran pie, bookmarks

Sept. 9-10	Fall Festival, Riverdale Farm; stencilling demonstration for children
Sept. 15	Pioneer Festival, Black Creek Pioneer Village; activities for children
Oct. 17	Information Sensation, York Public Library
Nov. 16	Teacher's Workshop, St. Maria Secondary School
Dec. 10	Serve it Forth/Deck the Halls, teachers' workshop, Scarborough Board of Education

Programmes and Events, January to April 1991

Jan. 17	Marketplace, Scarborough Board of Education
Feb. 9-10	Winter Past Times, Play Times, North York Winter Carnival, North York
Feb. 13	19th Century Paper Crafts, York Woods Regional Branch, North York Public Library
Feb. 20	Student's History Conference, Ellesmere Statton Public School, Scarborough
Feb. 24	Parenting Fair, East York
March 3	The Paper Trail; the Art and Culture of Paper, Harborfront; programme of stencilling demonstrations
March 11-15	Spring Past Times, Play Times, March Break programme at Black Creek Pioneer Village
April 12	Costumes and Games, St. Theresa Shrine School

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Lowry, Young Ontario Programme Co-ordinator