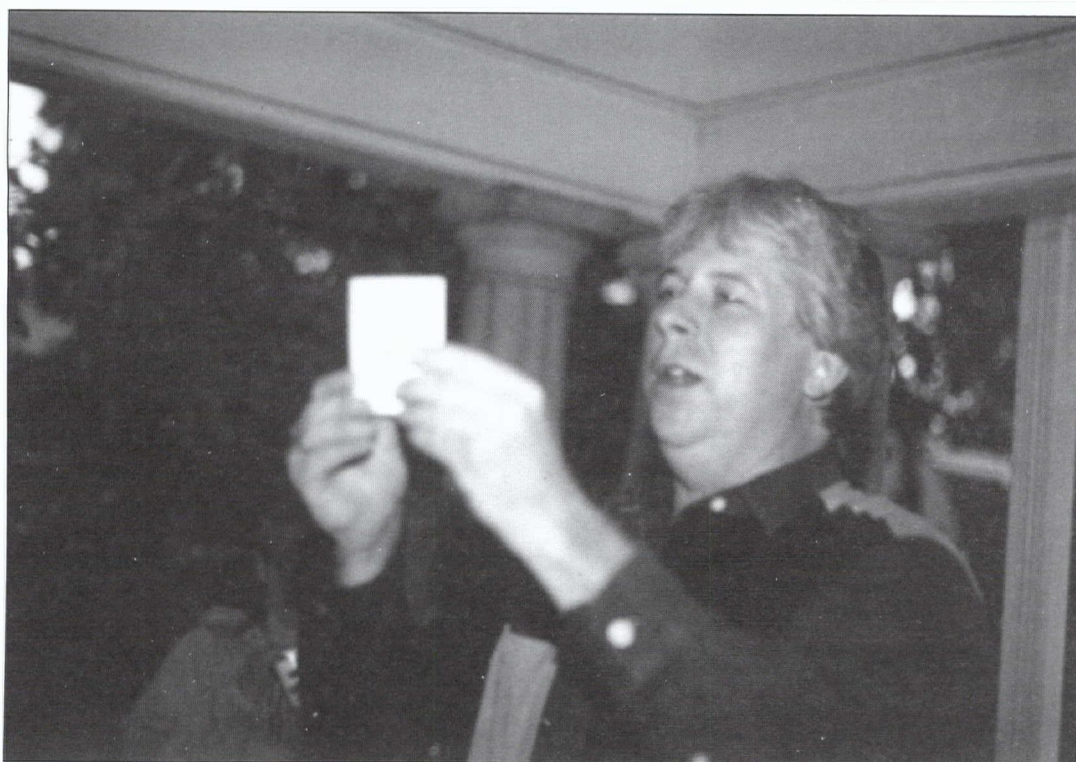




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Over 100 people enjoyed Tea on the Verandah of the OHS' new home on Monday, September 6. Friends and supporters of the Society's New Home Fund had assembled at 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale to see who would be the winners in our lucky draw. North York Councillor John Filion (pictured) assisted James Clemens, OHS Treasurer and New Home Task Force Chair in drawing the winning tickets. Susan Lapell of North York won the quilt, Charles Truax of Toronto won a framed quilt poster and a copy of *Ontario's Heritage Quilts* was won by Judy Woods of Unionville. (Photo courtesy of Cathy Febraro.)

Preserve the Pudding! a hit

Were you one of the lucky ones who attended the first Preserve the Pudding! held Monday, September 27? If you were, you will remember the wonderful meal, charming atmosphere, great fun had by all,

and of course the sumptuous puddings and sauces. If you weren't, then you still have two opportunities to Preserve the Pudding!

This event gives you an evening out, a delightful dinner and an opportunity to sample several puddings and sauces made from historic Ontario recipes.

Lords Steak House, located at 3 Elmhurst Avenue in Willowdale (beside the Yonge-Sheppard subway station) is hosting the dinners for The Ontario Historical Society on Wednesday, October 27 and Tuesday, November 30. The cost is \$50.00 per person per dinner, and includes soup or salad, a choice of three main courses (beef, chicken or fish), unrestricted access to the puddings and sauces, coffee or tea, free

lucky draw tickets, an income tax receipt for \$25.00, and a copy of *Preserve the Pudding! a book of receipts* for you to try at home.

All true supporters of history and heritage in Ontario will want to attend this tribute to the dying tradition. For generations of Canadians, puddings have been a staple. They could be savoury or sweet, the whole meal, or only a part of it. Here is your opportunity to keep history alive, enjoy a full-course dinner and a variety of these historic dishes. You will also be supporting The Ontario Historical Society's New Home Fund at the same time.

Order your tickets today before they are all gone! Contact the OHS office at 5151 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 5P5, (416) 226-9011 or by fax (416) 226-2740.

Whip up some fun with the OHS

Interested in recipes...cooking...food? Have we got an event for you! The Ontario Historical Society presents **Cook Book Caper** on Sunday, November 28 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at our new home, 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale.

Cook Book Caper provides one-stop shopping for that hard to please person on your holiday list. What's on the menu? Cook books of all descriptions, new and used, modern and historical; samples of historic recipes to taste and buy; Christmas crafts to try and buy; and free lucky

draws every half-hour for the OHS' publication, *Consuming Passions - Eating and Drinking Traditions in Ontario*. Bring the children along too so that they can write a letter to Santa while you shop!

Do you have appropriate publications you would like to donate to Cook Book Caper? Call our office at (416) 226-9011 to discuss delivery or pick-up. All proceeds go towards our New Home Fund.

This event is for anyone interested in eating, drinking and food, so come early to avoid the crowds! Don't miss it.

Recognize excellence in Ontario's heritage

BY DONALD AKENSON
AND JANE ERRINGTON, Co-
Chairs, OHS Honours and
Awards Committee

Friday, December 31 is the deadline for receipt of nominations for OHS awards. We need your help to recognize heritage preservation and interpretation efforts in your community and area of interest that are worthy of recognition and praise.

Nominations for the following categories are invited:

AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS

Cruikshank Gold Medal, presented on rare occasions to individuals who have performed with distinction on behalf of the Society.

Carnochan Award, to an individual who has contributed many years of service to the heritage community.

AWARDS FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Scadding Award of Excellence, to an historical society or heritage group that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of history.

Museum Award of Excellence, to a non-profit public museum in Ontario showing excellence in community programming and involvement. Employees, paid or non-paid, may not nominate their own institution.

Dorothy Duncan Award, to a non-profit organization which must be nominated by a First

Nations' Band Council or a municipal council, for outstanding service to its region. A cheque for \$500.00 accompanies this award.

AWARD FOR LACACs

B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award of Merit, to a Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) in Ontario for special contributions to heritage conservation in its municipality in the recent past.

AWARDS FOR AUTHORS

Riddell Award, for the best article on Ontario's history published anywhere in Canada during 1993, the award year.

Joseph Brant Award, for the best book on multicultural history in Ontario published in the past three years, 1991 through 1993.

Fred Landon Award, for the best book on regional history in Ontario published in the past three years, 1991 through 1993.

AWARD FOR BUSINESSES

President's Award, to a corporation or business that has contributed to heritage conservation in the recent past.

The awards will be presented at the OHS' annual meeting in Hamilton May 13 and 14, 1994.

Submit your nomination today, and recognize the excellent work being accomplished in Ontario's heritage community. For further information, please contact the OHS, 5151 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 5P5, (416) 226-9011 or fax (416) 226-2740.

Can you help?

The date for the move to our new home is fast approaching, however, much work yet remains to be done. Do you have a few spare hours you could devote to helping make our move easier? We are looking for volunteers who can assist with cleaning the house and the grounds, and packing at our present office, and unpacking at our new home. If you are interested, please contact our office at (416) 226-9011. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

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Executive Director's report

BY DOROTHY DUNCAN,
OHS Executive Director

Tea on the Verandah

On Monday, September 6 neighbours, friends and members joined the Board of Directors and staff of The Ontario Historical Society on the verandah at 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale to sip tea and lemonade, munch on cookies and discuss our new home.

A special thank you to Marion Lick, Mary Lick, Cathy Kennedy, Claire Tummon, Barbara Kane and Miki Clemens for providing those great refreshments for the rest of us to sip and munch!

The feature attraction was the draw for the beautiful, hand made quilt donated by Ruth Keene of Victoria, British Columbia. The lottery was conducted by Jim Clemens, OHS Treasurer and Chair of the New Home Fundraising Committee, while John Filion, Councillor for Ward 11 in the City of North York brought the lucky tickets out of the basket.

Susan Lapell of 7 Kathrose Drive, Willowdale, won the quilt; Charles Truax, 104 Melrose Avenue, Toronto, won the second prize which was a framed poster of a U.E.L. Bicentennial

quilt and Judy Woods of 47 Redwood Lane, Unionville, won third prize, a copy of *Ontario's Heritage Quilts* by Marilyn Walker. Robert Levery sold the winning ticket and therefore won a complimentary ticket to our next fundraising event series, **Preserve the Pudding!** to be held at Lord's Steak House in Willowdale. (See details on page one of this issue.)

For those of you who cannot attend Preserve the Pudding!, we have copies of the booklet by the same name available for sale at \$3.00 per copy including postage and GST. It contains the recipes for the puddings served at all three dinners, plus several other interesting and easy ones, and an assortment of pudding sauces. This very handy reference booklet is a nice gift for family and friends.

More Good News on the Fundraising Front!

Our readers will remember that, in the last issue of the *OHS Bulletin*, we told you about our application for funding from the jobsOntario programme. Since then we have learned from the Honourable Anne Swarbrick that our application was successful, ensuring that we can immediately proceed with Phases One and Two of the restoration and con-

servation of the buildings and the grounds, and we can set our moving date.

Don't Buy Those Cards!

If you need greeting cards for the holiday season, DO NOT buy them anywhere else except from The Ontario Historical Society. The six winning designs from our Christmas Card Contest have been transformed into cards with envelopes, and are for sale at the office and at all our events. Proceeds are for the New Home Fund. All entries for the contest will be exhibited beginning on Sunday, December 5, and cards will also be for sale that day.

1994 Annual Conference

Anniversaries and celebrations will be the theme of next year's Conference to be held May 13 and 14 at the Holiday Inn in Hamilton. We are finaliz-



The Sparrow Lake Historical Society held its first annual Heritage Day on Sunday, August 8 at St. Luke's Cemetery in Hamlet. The group toured grave sites of the early settlers, listened to accompanying talks and enjoyed a box luncheon. (Photo courtesy of the Sparrow Lake Historical Society.)

ing the programme, so if you have suggestions, call us immediately. Watch the next issue of the *OHS Bulletin* for details.

Thank You York Pioneers!

Our grateful thanks to the

members of the York Pioneer and Historical Society for hosting a Garden party at Woodlawn, the beautiful home of Guy Sanders, and the generous donation to the OHS' New Home Fund, as a result of the funds raised that day.

Family bible answers questions on Nellis/Nelles history

At a recent family reunion held at Stone Arabia Trinity Lutheran Church in New York, the Nellis family, many members of whom are located in Ontario, particularly in the Niagara area, were greeted with a surprise.

Kathleen McLaughlin of Bowling Green, Ohio is co-ordinating the Nellis/Nelles family history project, and has been

soliciting information from relatives. Donald Campfield of Ithaca, New York provided several important clues to questions arising from McLaughlin's work by producing an old family bible that was thought to have been sold to antique dealers years ago.

The bible, in Campfield's mother's possession, contains two family records, the oldest of

which begins in 1709. The records shed new light on many conclusions family genealogists had drawn for years.

With the assistance of this new information, McLaughlin will be able to complete a comprehensive study of several early ancestors of the Nellis/Nelles family. The project is to be published by the Herkimer County Historical Society of New York.

Information wanted

Nancy Noel of Manhasset, New York is looking for any existing personal or family letters or memorabilia on Isabel Adams Hampton Robb, born in Welland in 1860. Robb, who married an American, Dr. Hunter Robb, moved to Burlington, New Jersey, where she is buried. She was at the forefront of American nursing. Anyone with information can contact Nancy Noel, 43 Revere Road, Manhasset, New York, 11030, USA.

Randy Whiteman of Kitchener is doing research on the lumbering firm, Gilmour & Company, located in Trenton from 1852 to 1910. In addition to operating a sawmill and door factory on the Bay of Quinte, the firm also built a sawmill on Canoe Lake in Algonquin Park in the 1890's. David Gilmour, one of the resident partners, moved to Buffalo, New York in 1904 and purchased a door factory there. If you have information or photographs related to the history of this firm's various lumbering activities, please contact Randy Whiteman, 1 Cedarwood Crescent, Apt. 1201, Kitchener, Ontario N2C 2L8.

CAPHC represents heritage professionals

The Canadian Association of Professional Heritage Consultants (CAPHC) is a national organization, formed in 1987, to represent practitioners in the field of heritage conservation.

The CAPHC has the following objectives:

- to represent and further the professional interests of heritage consultants active in

both the private and public sectors;

- to establish and maintain principles and standards of practice for heritage consultants;
- to enhance awareness and appreciation of heritage resources, and the contribution of heritage consultants;
- to foster communication

among private practitioners, public agencies and the public in matters related to heritage conservation.

Members of CAPHC offer a wide range of specialties including administrators, archaeologists, anthropologists, building specialists, conservation scientists, photographers, planners and many more.

CAPHC is a professional organization with a formal Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct by which all members must abide. A grievance procedure is in place to resolve difficulties related to standards and quality of work.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact The Canadian Association of Professional Heritage Consultants, Box 1023, Station F, Toronto M4Y 2T7.

Need help with genealogy?

The Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library's History Department is offering a new service to genealogists called **Reference by Appointment**.

The project is available on a ten-month trial basis to determine the needs of genealogists who use the library's collections.

For further information, please contact Gwen Ing at the library, 789 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M4W 2G8, (416) 393-7155.

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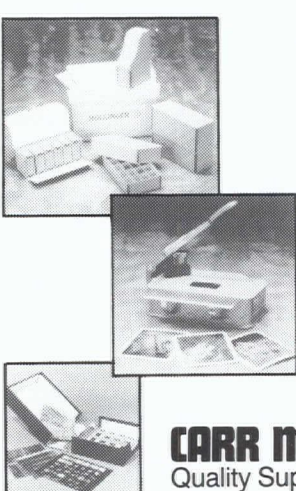
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President's message

BY KENNETH
MCLAUGHLIN,
OHS President

How Can We Know It's Us?

Nearly two decades ago, Ann Falkner made an eloquent plea for the importance of preserving Canada's built heritage. She chose as a title the haunting lament from John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*, describing the tragic emotion when, in the midst of the Great Depression of the 1930s, people were forced to leave their homes, families and their possessions to seek a new life elsewhere. "Without the things of our past," they cried in despair, "how can we know it's us?"

As in so many cases, fiction vividly brings home the reality of our lives. In 1993, we are again concerned with the reality of losing our heritage, losing our identity, and giving in to despair as museums and heritage sites are threatened with closure as their political masters seek a simple fix for the present economic crisis. Once again, it is us, our heritage, our identity, that appears to be at stake.

While it may be true that we live in a throw-away society, must we throw away our history, our traditions and our heritage? These questions are becoming all the more relevant as the Provincial Government is preparing a new set of heritage guidelines which will devolve responsibility for heritage to local municipalities. Unfortunately, since heritage is not a "mandated area", some municipalities may find it all too tempting to shirk the responsibility for their trust in this matter as they battle with shrinking budgets and growing costs. To close our historic sites and to disperse their collections of artifacts would be to cause an irreplaceable loss to the community, to the province and to the Canadian nation.

For example, in the Waterloo region, at the very time when a museum like the Joseph Schneider Haus has won the right to retain nationally significant collections in the community from which they originated, we are confronted by seemingly well-intentioned local bureaucrats with the idea that these collections - identified as

"national treasures" - may not be deemed worth the keeping.

Ironically, in the decade of the 1930s, the so-called Great Depression, Canadians turned to their history, to their heritage and to their past for strength, for guidance and for a sense of identity and reassurance. In 1993, we hear the threat, not only of massive budget cuts, but also of the permanent closure of historic sites and the disposition of artifacts that have been painstakingly collected to represent accurately the tradition of our communities and of our province. One wonders about our sense of community.

The importance of being able to reach out and "touch our past", to appreciate the values, the suffering and the care that has been taken to develop our communities and our province is never more urgent than at the present. As a society that has become accustomed to continual increases in the "consumer price index", it is important to understand the reality of other periods and of lives other than our own.

It is often said that each generation thinks itself to be



For the fifth year, the White River District Historical Society sponsored Winnie's Hometown Festival, celebrating Winnie-the-Pooh's origins in the community. Judy McGonigal, OHS second vice-president, hosted the Society's table which featured a "guess the number of bear candies in the jar" contest. Bob Lunn of Wawa made the correct guess. (Photo courtesy of Judy McGonigal.)

unique, that the problems facing us have never been encountered before. That the despair and anxiety many of us feel is not unique to this generation, is a lesson that is invaluable. That we have survived, that our community and our province have grown with tolerance and respect for the values of others is a lesson of history. To think that we can simply manipulate the present without regard to the lessons of the past is a fallacy that we should resist at all costs.

To close down our historic

sites, to disperse the collections, to destroy the trust of those who have donated the things of our past for preservation to be displayed in our museums and historic sites is incredibly shortsighted. Instead, we must strive to preserve that which gives us our identity, that which tells us who we are. The artifacts in our museums must not only be preserved, they must also be accessible to all who enquire about our past. Otherwise, "How Can We Know It's Us?"

Across the Province

BY EVERETTE MOORE,
Chair, Local Societies and
DOROTHY DUNCAN,
OHS Executive Director

The **East Gwillimbury Historical Society** has published a calendar of upcoming events: October 21: Pioneer Supper in the Temperance Hall; November 11: Catherine Thuro "A history of kerosene lamps" and December 9: Christmas party with Heritage Christmas refreshments. For information call (905) 478-2149.

The **Lennox and Addington Historical Society** has dedicated a new microfilm reader/printer in memory of the late Jim Eadie, noted Napanee historian and teacher.

The **Richmond Hill Historical Society** will hold its November 22 meeting at the Lion's Hall with Margaret Machell speaking on "Christmas Customs - Where Did They Come From?" and the Annual Christmas Party will be December 13 at Burr House.

The **Bruce County Genealogical Society** is planning a trip to the D.B. Weldon Library, University of Western Ontario on November 15. Contact Wayne Willson at (519) 832-5820.

Congratulations to the **Milton Historical Society** on its new book *Moments in History* by Jim Dills and also on 15 years of service to the community. At the November 18 meeting everyone will receive a certificate with the signatures of the seven presidents to commemorate the anniversary.

The **Esquesing Historical Society's** November 10 meeting will feature radio historian Allan Skeoch speaking about

Crewson's Corners, located where the townships of Esquesing, Nassageweya, Erin and Eramosa meet. On December 8 members are invited to bring an historic item to show and share its history. On the same evening, a Christmas cookie exchange will take place. For information contact Box 51, Georgetown L7G 4T1.

The June issue of *Scarborough Historical Notes and Comments* published by the **Scarborough Historical Society** contains two items of interest - "The Thomson Family, Early Builders in Upper Canada" by A.J.H. Richardson and Stephen Otto and "Extracts from the Markham Economist of 1889". Contact Box 593, Station A, Scarborough M1K 5C4.

The **Association for Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums** membership has been challenged by one of their P.O.O.P.s, Tom Woods, to answer the question, "How can ALHFAM remain on the cutting edge of bringing history to a public audience?" Tom wants ideas sent to him at Old World Wisconsin, S103 W37890 Highway 67, Eagle, Wisconsin, USA 53119. Tom's question for ALHFAM members is one that each and every one of us should apply to our own organizations. By the way, P.O.O.P. is an acronym for Presidents of our Past.

The **Swansea Historical Society** is looking for information, pictures and material about the Village (1926-1966) as well as pre-village material on the area's pioneers. Contact Fred Turner at (416) 769-9297.

The **West Toronto Junction Historical Society's** November 4 meeting will feature Joel Rice

presenting a slide talk show on the "History of the Great Western Railway in Canada" at Victoria Royce Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m.

Congratulations to Alix Gronau, Don Misener, Ethel Brooks and David Taylor, members of the **Prince Edward Historical Society** who have all recently received awards or medals in recognition of their public service.

The **Oakville Historical Society** hosted a gala opening for its splendid new headquarters on August 27. Located at 110 King Street in Oakville, the members have transformed the spacious quarters with thousands of hours of volunteer labour. Well done Oakville Historical Society!

The **Fairfield Homestead Heritage Association** held its Annual Meeting at 2:00 p.m. on August 29 at Fairfield House, a historic structure that celebrated its 200th birthday on July 31.

And speaking of birthdays, the **South Simcoe Railway Heritage Corporation** celebrated Locomotive 136's 110th birthday on August 22 with a "blowing out" ceremony. For further information call John Thompson (416) 759-1803.

The **Canadian Friends Historical Association** Annual Meeting will be held at the Pelham Evangelical Friends Church in Fonthill on Saturday, October 30. The business meeting will commence at 10:15 a.m., and in the afternoon, a talk on the early Friends in that area will be featured. For information call Jane Zavitz, (416) 895-1700.

The **Metro Toronto Area Heritage Groups** are planning Heritage Showcase 1994 to be

held at Sherway Gardens in Etobicoke in February. For further information call Carole Stimmell at (416) 393-0665.

The **Cochrane-Temiskaming Museums and Galleries Association** held its Fall Meeting at the very beautiful Civic Centre in Kapuskasing. This group, celebrating its 10th anniversary, will meet on Saturday, April 16 in Haileybury.

The **North Toronto Historical Society's** October 27 meeting will feature Professor J.M.S. Careless speaking on the "Town of York" and on November 27, Donald Ritchie will discuss his book *North Toronto*. Both meetings will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Northern District Library.

The Latchford and Area **Moose Call**, published by the Best Little Town by a Dam Site, brings us news of a very suc-

cessful Kid's Day held in August in Latchford. Consider a Heritage Kid's Day in your community in 1994, and get the young people involved in your organization.

The **James McCowan Memorial Social History Society** will launch *Fairs and Frolics: Scottish Canadians at Work and Play* on November 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Cliffcrest United Church in Scarborough. This book is dedicated to Jane Beecroft, who deserves a medal as well for co-ordinating the heritage groups participation at the CNE this year.

The **Society of Heritage Associates/La Société des Associés du Patrimoine** is sponsoring a series of lectures at the CHP Heritage Centre in Toronto during the month of November. For dates and details call Jane Beecroft (416) 515-7546.

Mark your calendar

The Ontario Historical Society, with the assistance of the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation, will be holding a series of community meetings throughout the province. The meetings will focus on how to get and stay incorporated, how to apply for charitable tax status, understanding and utilizing the Ministry's grant programmes and planning events for Heritage Day/Heritage Week 1994. We encourage you to attend one of the following meetings in a community near you.

- **October 27, 2:00 p.m.**, British Methodist Episcopal Church, Niagara Falls
- **November 3, 10:00 a.m.**, Burlington Arts Centre, Burlington
- **November 4, 2:00 p.m.**, Huronia Museum, Midland
- **November 11, 7:00 p.m.**, Billings Estate, Ottawa
- **November 16, 1:00 p.m.**, Mather Walls House, Keewatin
- **November 17, 3:00 p.m.**, Thunder Bay Museum, Thunder Bay
- **November 23, 2:00 p.m.**, Sault Ste. Marie Museum, Sault Ste. Marie
- **November 23, 2:00 p.m.**, Kingston Public Library, Kingston
- **November 24, 1:00 p.m.**, Brockville City Hall, Brockville
- **November 24, 7:00 p.m.**, Canada Cotton Mill, Cornwall

We will also be holding meetings in the following communities: Brampton, Kitchener-Waterloo, London, Manitoulin Island, Markham, North Bay, Peterborough, Sudbury, Tilbury and Timmins. OHS members will be receiving a detailed list of all meetings in the mail very soon. For further information, please contact the Society at (416) 226-9011.

Upcoming Events

September-mid-November: In recognition of the International Year of Indigenous Peoples, the Joseph Brant Museum in Burlington presents **The Dream Catchers: An art exhibit featuring Native Canadian Women Artists.** The exhibit explores the diversity of First Nations cultures and showcases several women artisans’ work. Contact the Museum at 1240 North Shore Blvd., (905) 634-3556.

September-November 14: An extraordinary collection of 50 framed prints by photographer John Reeves is displayed at Heritage House Museum in Smiths Falls. **Inuit Artworld** reveals a spiritual and cultural way of life threatened with extinction. Contact the Museum on Old Slys Road, (613) 283-8560.

October, November: The Continuing Education Department and the Records, Archives and Museum of the Toronto Board of Education are sponsoring **Meet the Authors.** Prominent historians discuss their writings on five Mondays at brown bag lunch-time lectures beginning October 18. The lectures take place at the Sesquicentennial Museum, 263 McCaul Street. Contact the Continuing Education Department of the Board for information.

October 1993-February 1994: The Market Gallery of the City of Toronto Archives presents **Art for Enlightenment: The Toronto Board of Education’s Heritage Collection,** bringing together a spectrum of traditional to experimental works which Toronto’s public schools acquired as gifts from graduating classes, parent groups and staff. Included are art works and artifacts representative of Toronto’s many communities. Contact the Gallery on the second floor, South St. Lawrence Market, 95 Front Street East, Toronto or call (416) 392-7604.

October 22-24: Working Together in the 90’s is the theme of the Ontario Co-operating Associations workshop hosted by the Friends of Saint-Marie Among the Hurons in Midland. Any group linked on a non-profit basis to an historic site, park, canal, museum or other institution working toward the preservation, interpretation and continued public access to such sites will find this seminar valuable. Contact Susan Lucas at the Friends of Saint-Marie, Box 160, Midland L4R 4K8.

October 23, 24: Fanshawe Pioneer Village in London presents **Pioneer Pumpkin Party** as its special event weekend in October. December features two special weekends on the 11th and 12th and 18th and 19th. Come for a **Victorian**

Village Christmas and stroll through more than 20 restored and reconstructed buildings decorated for the festive season. Contact the Village at R. R. #5, London, (519) 457-1296.

October 24: Hutchison House Museum in Peterborough presents a **Scottish Halloween.** Return on November 28 for **Scottish Literature Day.** On December 4, the festive season is featured at a **Craft and Bake Sale.** Contact the Museum at 270 Brock Street, (705) 743-9710.

October 29: The Heritage Resources Centre of the University of Waterloo presents the workshop **Sustainability in the Hudson Bay-James Bay Region.** The indepth programme is valuable to those interested in the North and in sustainable development, whether in government, education or the private sector. On November 18 and 19 the Centre offers **Biodiversity, Ecosystem Health and Planning for Lake Erie Area,** of particular interest to persons concerned with planning for ecosystem and environmental health in the Lake Erie region. Return to the Centre on December 2 for **River Ecology, Use, Planning and Management,** which focuses on more effective planning and management of rivers. Preregistration is required and a fee must be paid. Contact the Heritage Resources Centre at (519) 885-1211, ext. 2072.

October 31: Don’t miss Muskoka Pioneer Village’s **Pumpkin Trail.** Return on December 11 and 12 for a glimpse at simpler festive traditions in **Victorian Christmas.** Contact the Village in Huntsville, (705) 789-7576.

October 31: The Clarke Museum and Archives presents **Harvest Hallowe’en** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Explore the history of Hallowe’en, tracing its origin back to the ancient Celts and Druids. Games, contests, special exhibits and demonstrations fill the afternoon. Contact the Museum at 7086 Old Kirby School Road in Kirby, (905) 983-9243.

November, December: Visit the Hastings County Museum for several **Make and Take Christmas Workshops and Festive Sundays.** On November 14 enjoy **Victorian Christmas Crackers.** On December 5 join one of the three sessions of **Annual Wreath-making.** Bring the children to the **Children’s Christmas Programme** on the 12th, and on the 19th, relax at **Yuletide at Home.** The Museum is also joining with the Belleville General Hospital on December 15 for the **Tree of Lights Ceremony and Carolling.** Contact the Museum at 257 Bridge Street East, (613) 962-2329.

November 2-23: On Tuesday evenings throughout the month, Montgomery’s Inn presents its Fall Lecture Series, **Wonders of the Age.** Four illustrated evening talks explore some technological breakthroughs of the Victorian and Edwardian periods. Preregistration for the series is required. Contact the Inn at 4709 Dundas Street West in Etobicoke, (416) 394-8113.

November 6: In a day-long symposium, six speakers illuminate the luxurious lifestyle of the wealthiest inhabitants of the ancient Nile Valley. **The Good Life in Ancient Egypt,** sponsored by the University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies and The Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities, takes place at the St. George Campus of the University of Toronto. To register call (416) 978-2400 or contact the Registrar’s office at 158 St. George Street in Toronto.

November 6: Todmorden Mills in East York is presenting **Festive Foods and Crafts,** a day-long hands-on workshop featuring Christmas crafts and recipes. A special booklet of recipes and ideas for Christmas planning is available to all participants. To register, contact the Mills at (416) 425-2250.

November 10: This monthly meeting of the North York Historical Society features a “trip” you won’t want to miss. **Riding the Rails of the 1800’s in 1993** is an illustrated talk by John Thompson on the revival of live railroading in Ontario. The December meeting of the Society takes in the atmosphere of The Gibson House. Enjoy recollections, music, story telling and seasonal refreshments at **Christmas and Holiday Programme at Gibson House.** Contact Frank Whilsmith, Programme Convenor for the North York Historical Society, (416) 225-4421.

November 19-21: “What about the workers?” is the question the Ontario Workers’ Arts and Heritage Centre wants more people connected with history and the arts to contemplate. To encourage discussion on the topic, the Centre is sponsoring **Working Heritage - An Organizing Conference,** to be held at the Steelworkers’ Hall, 25 Cecil Street in Toronto. The event features lectures, panel discussions, workshops and cultural events. Contact Working Heritage, 254 Rusholme Road, Toronto M6H 2Y8.

November 22-December 31: Enjoy a quiet moment amidst the holiday rush and discover a 19th century Christmas at The Gibson House in North York. Children can discover how Christmas was celebrated in the 1850s on November 27 at **Christmas Adventures.** Preregistration is required. Help

prepare food, decorations and gifts for a 19th century Christmas on December 4 and 5 at **Mincemeat, Pomanders and Paper Chains.** From December 27 to 30 the House celebrates the Gibson’s Scottish heritage at **Hogmanay Preparations.** On the 31st from noon to 4:30 p.m., celebrate The New Year at **Hogmanay.** Contact the House at 5172 Yonge Street, (416) 395-7432.

November 25: The Ontario Archaeological Society presents **Ronald Wright** reading from his new book *Home & Away* at the Royal Ontario Museum Planetarium Theatre, 100 Queen’s Park in Toronto. To register, contact the OAS at (416) 730-0797.

November 26, 27: The Seagram Museum hosts the **Waterloo Potters’ Workshop Annual Christmas Pottery Sale.** Contact the Museum at 57 Erb Street West in Waterloo, (519) 885-1857.

December 2, 3: Discover **Christmas by Lamplight** at Black Creek Pioneer Village. From 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. each day, enjoy an exclusive evening with the special ambience of candle and kerosene light. Magical entertainment, carollers and music, Christmas crafts and samples to savour are featured. For an extra fee, begin with a traditional Christmas dinner in the Half Way House Dining Room. To order tickets, contact Lina at the Village, 1000 Murray Ross Parkway in North York, (416) 736-1733, ext. 404.

December 5: The Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum presents a **Grand Old Christmas Festival,** a special homespun celebration of the season. The event features festive items for sale, carollers,

Christmas Pudding and children’s activities. Contact the Museum at 280 King Street in Port Colborne, (905) 834-7604.

December 5: From 12 noon to 4:00 p.m., enjoy a **Christmas Festival** at the Wellington County Museum and Archives. Contact the Museum at R. R. #1, Fergus, (519) 846-0916.

December 5, 12, 19: Visit **Christmas in the Country** at the John R. Park Homestead in Essex County. Home made natural decorations, music, a live nativity scene, fireplace baking and a gift shop stocked for Christmas are featured. Contact Janet Cobban at the Homestead, (519) 738-2029.

December 11: Feel the joyous magic of Christmas past at the County of Grey-Owen Sound Museum. **A Christmas to Last** takes place from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., when costumed staff serve light homemade festive fare by lamp and candle light. Don’t miss the horse drawn sleigh rides and Christmas tree candle lightings throughout the evening. Tickets are required. Contact the Museum at 975 6th Street East in Owen Sound, (519) 376-3690.

December 12: The Burford Township Historical Society presents a **Bicentennial Olde Fashioned Christmas Concert** at Harley Hall from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Contact Marion Sheridan at (519) 458-4172 or Bill Johnston at (519) 449-5478.

December 19: Visit Father Christmas at the **Lang Christmas Festival.** Enjoy making decorations, music, horse and sleigh rides, snow-shoeing, skating on Millpond, a giant bonfire, and don’t forget the Gift Shop. Contact Lang Pioneer Village at R. R. #3, Keene, (705) 295-6694.

Upcoming OHS Workshops

DATE	WORKSHOP	LOCATIONS
October 23	Milestones in 19th Century Family Life	Orono
October 30	Ontario’s Industrial Heritage	East York
November 13	Ontario’s Industrial Heritage	Windsor
March 4	How to Produce an Effective Newsletter	Timmins
March 5,6	Let’s Bake Bread	Timmins
June 17,18,19	With my own hands: Crafts of the First Nations and Newcomers	Manitoulin Island

For further information on these workshops, and others in the planning stages, please contact Lorraine Lowry, Workshop Coordinator, The Ontario Historical Society, 5151 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 5P5, (416) 226-9011 or fax (416) 226-2740.



The Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Historical Society unveiled a plaque at a special ceremony this summer to commemorate the local accomplishments and services of John Sandfield Macdonald, the first premier of the province and a mayor and MP for Cornwall. Descendants of the family attended the unveiling which took place at the site of Ivy Hall, the residence of the Macdonald family. (Photo courtesy of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Historical Society.)

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BY JAMES CLEMENS, Chair, New Home Task Force

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Through the eyes of a visitor - part I

This article was written by Goff Mason-Apps of Brighton, England in 1992 while visiting his sister here in Ontario. His thoughts show us that as Canadians we can be proud of our unique heritage in this 'young' country. Thank you Mr. Mason-Apps for taking the time to remind us.

It was purely coincidental that it was that particular day that my sister suggested we drive over to Millbrook. Though only a small country town with limited shopping facilities, it was the nearest possible source of the few things we needed, which she felt didn't justify the much longer trip to Peterborough. Recently arrived at her small farm on holiday from England, I wanted post cards to send home. My sister was concerned principally to find suitable bread. She also thought it an opportunity to call on a female friend.

As we entered the town we found it decked with bunting, banners across the main street proclaiming this - Saturday, June 13 - to be the day of the annual fair and parade, made especially significant by 1992 being the 125th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation.

Valerie's friend was out but her next-door-neighbour, seeing us there, invited us over to see her garden and then, to take tea on her porch. As we sat there, various participants in the parade began to drift past, headed for the collection area. One of the last of these was a young, heavily be-spangled 'cowgirl' and be-ribboned horse, competing with and complementing each other in their beauty and demand for attention.

On the opposite side of the road, the animated scene I had taken to be some kind of family get-together turned out to be a garage sale - apparently being re-enacted across the town and all part of the occasion. It seemed to be doing pretty well. Eventually after taking up another local invitation, we left to do our shopping.

On the way back, noticing a build-up in anticipation (and traffic), we asked when the parade was to begin. When told "Now!" we decided to stay and watch from the corner where the parade, held back in a side road behind a police car, was waiting to turn into the main street while non-participating vehicles were waved through or diverted.

Finally, the signal was given and with a couple of short bursts from its siren, the police car moved out, followed by the parade. First out was a fire engine, then other public service vehicles, all so shiningly immaculate as to cause one to wonder if they were brand new, or just freshly painted - as was a fire engine of earlier years.

There were antique tractors and a great many other historic vehicles: Model As, Model Ts and others of the 1920s and early 1930s, Studebakers, Oldsmobiles and Buicks of the 1940s and early post-war years - all making manifest the years of loving care and devotion lavished on them by their proud owners. There were horses and traps and other drawn vehicles, including a covered wagon. There were clowns, one 'walking an invisible dog', while amongst the many children were two girls dressed as brides, whose husbands had "left us for Millbrook Fair!"

There were of course many animals: 'The Luke and Duke Boys' introducing the fifth set of twins born on a local farm in two years. There was a model fire engine swooping in and out, its smiling driver spraying unsuspecting watchers (like me) with water as he passed close by. Eventually, among the other

horse riders, there was the re-appearance - much anticipated by me - of the girl seen earlier.

This year's slogan: 'Let's keep the country in the country fair!', could be given a second, unintended, meaning - the country being Canada. It was the very 'Canadianness' of the parade that drew my interest. While fairs and 'carnivals' of course take place in England, this type of event is peculiarly North American. The most obvious examples of this were seen in the hayrides and 'The Old Time Fiddlers and Dancers' - something belonging here and nowhere else. Indeed, looking on, I felt that participants in the original fairs 140 odd years ago might not have felt themselves so very out of place.

There was a lot they would have recognized, such as the open, friendly spirit. As one of the historic cars was passing where we stood, the driver reached over and opened the passenger door, signalling, it seemed, for me to come up and join him. As a lover of old vehicles, there is little I would have liked more, but I held back for three reasons: Firstly, being severely disabled, I would have needed my sister's help to get there (she, like me, was taken by surprise); secondly, I thought that perhaps, as childhood polio had left me small, he might have imagined I was a child; and thirdly, although I felt sure it was me he was signalling to, there remained a lingering doubt that perhaps, after all, it wasn't.

Eventually, frustrated, he closed the door and continued on his way. It makes me unhappy to think that he might believe his kindness was rejected as unwelcome - the very last thing that is true. Perhaps I might attend another year. Perhaps then I might be invited to join the be-spangled cowgirl. I would enjoy that even more!

Read the conclusion of Through the eyes of a visitor in the next issue of the OHS Bulletin.

Welcome new members

The Ontario Historical Society welcomes new members:

Bowmanville: Alex Rough
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Have we got a deal for you!

In 1987, the OHS published the papers presented at the 1837 Rebellion Remembered conference, which was sponsored by the Society on the 150th anniversary of the rebellion.

We still have a quantity of these publications available, and in an effort to sell them before we move to our new home, we are presenting this special offer. If you buy ten copies or more, each book sells for \$1.00 each. This offer only applies to orders that are picked up at the OHS office.

December 7 is the 156th anniversary of this turning point in Ontario's history. Take this opportunity to learn more about the rebellion. Drop in to the office and pick up your order today! Call (416) 226-9011 for further information.

Service disruptions at Archives of Ontario

Public services at the Archives of Ontario at 77 Grenville Street in Toronto will be interrupted for brief periods until the end of March 1994. Short disruptions and closures will be in effect in the library and main reading room. Some parts of collections may be unavailable, and delays may be experienced in the interloan service.

For further information, please contact the Archives at (416) 327-1607 or toll free in Ontario and Quebec at 1-800-668-9933.

Distinguished historian will be missed

Dr. Angus Duncan Gilbert of Laurentian University in Sudbury passed away this past August. Dr. Gilbert was a distinguished Canadian historian, who had served as chairman of the Department of History, as Dean of Social Sciences, and as Vice-President Academic at Laurentian. He was a long-time member of The Ontario Historical Society, and in the early 1980s, served on the editorial board of *Ontario History*.

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Museum News



Tadmorden Mills Museum's new orientation exhibit, *By the Sweet River Don* officially opened on July 13, in conjunction with the museum's Springtime in the Valley special event. The exhibit introduces the East York site's industrial, social and natural history through photographs, artifacts, first person accounts and audio-visual presentations. Pictured are (left to right) Sandra Black, exhibit designer; Bill Helliwell, family descendant and Susan Hughes, curator/administrator of the museum. The project was funded by The Ontario Historical Society and The Multicultural History Society of Ontario through the History of Ontario Peoples Grant Programme. (Photo courtesy of Susan Hughes.)

Head Church restoration

The Lake Scugog Historical Society is proceeding with restoration of Head Church built circa 1860. The Head Church is located in Scugog Shores Historical Museum located on Scugog Island, Port Perry, Ontario. The name for Head Church was derived from its location at the head of Scugog Island. It was closed as a place of worship in 1969.

Through the years, Head Church suffered some serious decay thereby leading to this restoration. The church roof needed to be re-shingled, a new foundation constructed as well as replacing the main support beams. Initially the project was slated to cost \$68,000.00, but according to Paul Arculus, President of the Lake Scugog Historical Society, once it was realized the main sill beams had to be replaced, the cost of the project is more in the neighbourhood of \$88,000.00.

A significant contributor to the project was the federal Department of Employment and Immigration which granted the historical society \$48,000.00 under a Section 25 grant. This grant enabled the Society to hire at least six workers to conduct the restoration. The workers are employing construction techniques dating to the mid-19th

century, and some period tools are being used to prepare beams. Investments such as using Douglas fir for the base beams rather than pine should ensure the church lasts for at least another 100 years.

A substantial amount of money for the restoration project was raised by the Lake Scugog Historical Society with a variety of fundraising endeavors. Response to the Head Church Restoration Fund Drive from the public was encouraging. For a donation of \$500.00 or \$1,000.00, people could become either a patron or benefactor of the church. Plaques will honour those who participated in the fund drive. Members of the public were also able to purchase a roof shingle in their name for \$2.00.

Apart from the restoration of the church, Scugog Shores Historical Museum is also reaping other rewards from the project. Many other upgrading and maintenance jobs around the museum are being attended to by the workers on their down time. The printshop is being restored, and maintenance for the Lee-Greenbank House is being undertaken. The restoration work was on target for completion by mid-September, and the grand re-opening celebration was scheduled for October 3.

Vital statistics

Communications Canada and Statistics Canada have released a fact sheet entitled *Museums in Canada: A Numerical Overview*, containing many interesting statistics on museums and heritage institutions in the country.

The report indicates the number of museums and art galleries is 1,235, and these institutions employ 11,279 people. Community museums account for 705 of the institutions, followed by 186 art galleries. Ontario has the most museums (309) and the Yukon the least (6).

In terms of employment

most museum professionals are employed in art galleries and community museums. There are 5,269 full time positions, 6,010 part time staff members and 27,957 volunteers in the museum field.

The fact sheet was prepared by the Heritage Branch, Communications Canada and the Culture Statistics Program using data derived from the Survey of Heritage Institutions, 1989-1990 and Survey of Government Expenditures on Culture, 1989-1990. For copies of the fact sheet call Statistics Canada at (613) 991-5457.

Review of MAP underway

A review of the Museums Assistance Program (MAP) and the Cultural Initiatives Program (CIP) is underway to assess their effectiveness in meeting their mandates, and the needs of the cultural community.

Both MAP and CIP are important sponsors of programmes in Canadian museums, and they seek to promote awareness and access to museum collections by the general public. In 1991-1992, MAP provided museums in Canada with over \$14 million in grants. Programmes funded by MAP

include training seminars, conservation, outreach activities, planning, marketing and travelling exhibitions.

The firms of Ernst and Young Management Consultants and N.L. Hushion and Associates will be carrying out the review. Questionnaires are being sent to applicants of MAP and CIP for the years 1990 to 1993. Some of the issues raised by the questionnaire deal with the applicant's understanding of the programmes, and how they work. Other aspects of the review

process will include interviews, focus group meetings and analysis of case studies.

The Canadian Museums Association is strongly urging all museum professionals to participate in the review process if called upon, or to submit views and comments to the CMA office. Any changes to these federal programmes will affect all museums. Take this opportunity to let your views be known. Contact the CMA at 280 Metcalfe Street, Suite 400, Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1R7.

Woodstock Museum gets facelift

A sod turning ceremony on August 9 launched the restoration of the Woodstock Museum, located in the Old Town Hall on the main street of this southwestern Ontario town.

The Old Town Hall is a nationally, provincially and locally designated site built in 1853. The original building included a public market on the first floor and a social hall on the second. Later uses included

municipal offices and Council Chambers, a lockup and police department and firehall, before becoming the permanent home of the Woodstock Museum.

The Old Town Hall Restoration Project will correct structural problems and restore much of the interior and exterior of the site. It will also address public access, public facilities and provide needed storage for the museum's collection.

In January of this year, the project received \$368,050.00 in funding from the Department of Communication's MAP programme, and a \$488,000.00 jobsOntario grant through the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation.

The Woodstock Museum is temporarily housed at 514 Peel Street while its permanent headquarters undergo the restoration.

A time to celebrate - Women's History Month

The Honourable Mary Collins, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, declared in 1992 that October was to be recognized a Women's History Month.

The choice of October coincides with the annual commemoration of the Person's Case of 1929 in which five women waged a legal battle for recognition of women as persons under the British North America Act. Such recognition would enable women to be appointed as Senators.

The theme for the second annual Women's History Month is "Herstory of Work: Recognizing Women's Contributions" and is intended to highlight the importance of increasing women's participation in all sectors of the work-

force. This celebration is a great opportunity for museums and community groups to highlight the achievements of local women and their impact on the community.

As 1993 is Year of the Indigenous Peoples, possibly the achievements of First Nations women would be an interesting aspect to highlight.

The Heritage House Museum in Smith falls celebrated October with a special fundraising event called "In praise of Women" on the 20th at the Legion Hall. Two noted female authors, Kathleen O'Reiley Scanlon and Joyce

Hibbert, were the featured speakers. Kathleen recounted the experiences of female teachers in Canada, and Joyce related some of the humorous anecdotes that she is collecting from women across Canada. A wine and cheese reception followed the programme.

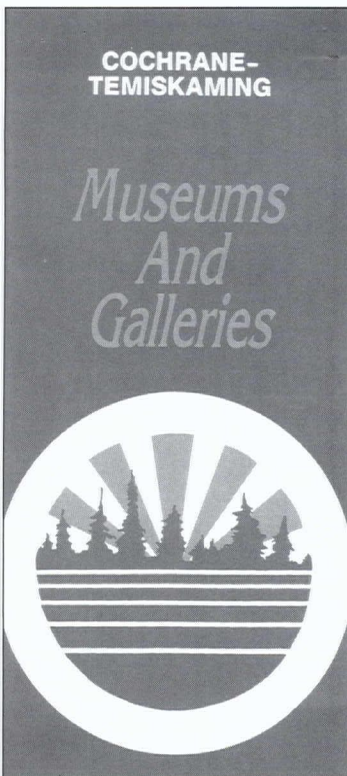
The Ministry Responsible for the Status of Women is interested in hearing from all groups who have planned activities for the month of October. Contact them at Status of Women Canada Communications, 360 Albert Street, 7th Floor, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1C3.

Congratulations CTMGA

The Cochrane-Temiskaming Museums and Galleries Association has just produced a splendid brochure describing 14 heritage sites in northeastern Ontario.

CTMGA was formed in 1983 to bring together the numerous museums and galleries located from Kapuskasing to North Bay. The Association focuses on sharing experiences and expertise, professional development for staff and volunteers and co-operative ventures such as the production of the brochure.

OHS members will be receiving your own copies in a future membership mailing, so that you can plan your visits to this area of the province. Congratulations CTMGA for a job well done!



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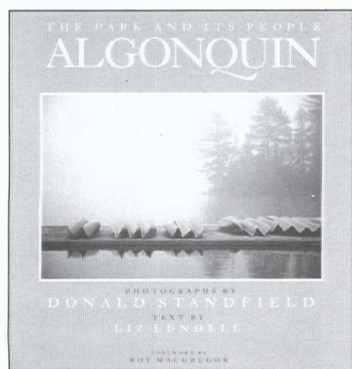


Photo Feast

Algonquin: the Park and Its People. Photographs by Donald Standfield; text by Liz Lundell. Markham: McClelland & Stewart, 1993. Illustrations. \$50.00 cloth.

In celebration of the Park's centennial, this stunning picture book captures the essence of Algonquin in all its haunting beauty: a solitary dock on a misty summer morning; the riotous colour of autumn leaves; sunlight filtered through the forest's green canopy; the shoreline mirrored in a lake. Liz Lundell's text, enhanced by archival material, folk songs and personal memories, captures the Park's rich diversity. In all, a fitting tribute to this special place.

Walking Tours

Capital Walks: Walking Tours of Ottawa. By Katharine Fletcher. Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, 1993. 252 pages. Maps, Illustrations. \$16.99 paper.

Eight walking tours that delight in "the cosy communities and grand boulevards that set the tone and mood of Ottawa." The walks include: Parliament Hill, Sussex, Lowertown, New Edinburgh, Canal, the Glebe, Sandy Hill and Rockcliffe. Each tour features an easy-to-follow map, a brief history of the neighbourhood and architectural highlights.

Historical Walking Tour of Kensington Market and College Street. By Barbara Myrvold. Toronto: Toronto Public Library Board, 1993. 44 pages. Illustrations. \$5.00 paper.

This helpful booklet covers the area between Major Street and Palmerston Boulevard. It includes homes, hospitals, churches, banks and businesses. Of added interest is the section "Origins of Local Street Names".

1837 Rebellion: A Tour of Toronto and Nearby Places. By Mark Frank. Toronto: Red Robin Press, 1993. 75 pages. Maps, Illustrations. \$7.95.

Seven walking or "wheeling" tours, a guide to sites connected with William Lyon Mackenzie and the 1837 Rebellion. Six of the tours are in Toronto, and the seventh takes the explorer as far afield as Sparta (the Friends' Burying Ground) and Prescott (the Battle of the Windmill).

A Canadian Chicago?

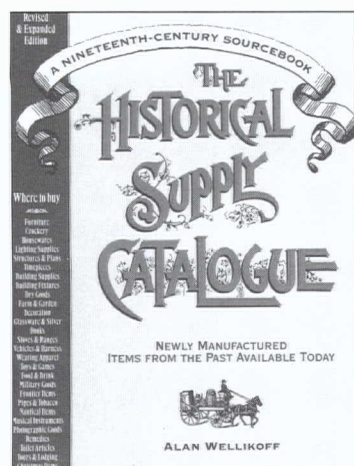
Guardians of Progress: Boosters & Boosterism in Thunder Bay, 1870-1914. By Thorold J. Tronrud. Thunder Bay, Ontario: Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society, 1993. 74 pages. Illustrations. \$9.95 paper (plus \$2.00 postage).

The story of those energetic and often colourful boosters - land speculators, real estate promoters, pioneers, journalists, merchants - who endeavoured to transform two small Lake Superior settlements (Fort William and Port Arthur) into a Canadian version of Chicago. Ultimately they failed, but, in trying, they left an indelible mark on the community they helped to create - Thunder Bay.

Doctor's Dilemma?

John Rolph: Rebel with Causes. By Charles Godfrey. Madoc, Ontario: Codam Publishing, 1993. 266 pages. \$21.95 cloth.

Physician, lawyer, politician, John Rolph's life (1793-1870) parallels this province's formative years. This first full-length biography chronicles Rolph's often controversial career, presenting an essentially sympathetic picture of the man who championed reform, conspired in the 1837 Rebellion, fled the country, but eventually returned to create the Toronto Medical School and become part of the Reform government.



Nostalgic Presents

The Historical Supply Catalogue: A Nineteenth-Century Sourcebook. By Alan Wellikoff. Charlotte, Vermont: Camden House (distributed by Firefly Books), 1993. 256 pages. Illustrations. \$17.95 paper.

An intriguing selection of 19th century designs and patents still being produced or reproduced (alas, almost entirely in the U.S. and rather pricey). Everything from housewares and building supplies to military and nautical items; plans and patterns; musical instruments; farm and garden implements; wearing apparel and more! How much and where to buy. Fun to browse, too.

History Refined

Let Redpath Sweeten It. By Richard Feltoe. Toronto: Natural Heritage/Natural History, 1993. 240 pages. Illustrations. \$24.95 cloth.

For 150 years, Redpath has answered Canada's call for the sweet taste of sugar. This handsome second volume continues Redpath's story, starting with the emergence of the rival Dominion Sugar Company - the two eventually merged - and continuing through the Depression, World War II, and the post-war era up to the present day.

Pioneer Spirits

Letters of Love and Duty: The Correspondence of Susanna and John Moodie. Edited By Carl Ballstadt, Elizabeth Hopkins and Michael Peterman. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1993. 360 pages. Illustrations. \$35.00 cloth.

A new selection of Moodie letters and papers, resulting from a recent "find" in New York state. They confirm an enduring and endearing mutual love and respect throughout the Moodies' courtship, emigration, rough life in the bush and easier times in Belleville. An extensive section reveals their fascination with spiritualism. Essays and accompanying notes put the letters into helpful perspective.

The Big Nickel

Sudbury: Rail Town to Regional Capital. Edited by C.M. Wallace and Ashley Thomson. Toronto: Dundurn Press, 1993. 230 pages. Illustrations. \$19.99 paper.

Published in honour of the centenary of Sudbury's incorporation, this book examines the forces shaping the city's destiny, showing it to be an influential regional centre of government, business, social, educational and professional services. Of interest to both general readers and urban historians.

Marine History

The Ships of Port Weller. By Skip Gillham. St. Catharines: Riverbank Traders, 1993. 96 pages. Illustrations. \$17.95 paper.

A recounting of the development of shipbuilding at Port Weller, including the history of each of the 60 vessels built there from 1946 to 1992.

Banking

The Bank of Canada: Origins and Early Development. By George S. Watts. Don Mills: Oxford University Press Canada, 1993. Text in English and in French. 112 pages, 123 pages. \$19.95 paper.

Founded during the Depression (relatively late in the country's history), the Bank of Canada played an important role in Canada's monetary policy. Originally published in the 1970s in the *Bank of Canada Review*, these seven articles provide an informative account of the Bank's early history and the pivotal role of central banking in Canada.

Turning the Pages

The printed word is very much a part of the Historical Society of St. Catharines. Its newsletter regularly features notes and reviews of recent books about St. Catharines and the whole Niagara region. The Society itself is about to create its "first ever" historical calendar, and in the past it has published a number of booklets, several of which are still in print:

St. Catharines A to Z by Junius 1856, reprinting from the *Journal*, the community's newspaper in the 1850s, columns crammed with details of life in St. Catharines in the middle of the last century. \$2.50.

Our Great Age of Destruction ca. 1960-1989, the sad story of the loss of so many of the city's heritage buildings. \$2.50.

Map of the Town of St. Catharines, Canada West...1852, a reprint of a wonderfully detailed, 140-year-old map. \$1.00.

St. Catharines: the Contribution of the City to Two Hundred Years of Ontario Life, published in recognition of our province's bicentenary celebrations. \$2.50.

Publishing also is very much part of the mandate of the Ontario Genealogical Society. A steady stream of useful research works emanates from the Society, most recently:

The Emigrant Ancestors of a Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, documenting the ancestry of Henry N.R. Jackman. \$18.00.

Lost Names and Places of Ontario, listing all the abandoned (or renamed) communities in 13 eastern counties of the province. \$5.00.

Reprints of Index to the 1871 Census of Ontario for the counties or areas of Halton-Peel, Huron, Kingston-Frontenac-Lennox-Addington, Lincoln-Niagara-Welland and Simcoe, priced from \$13.50 to \$16.50.

Directory of Surnames 1993 Edition, designed to assist genealogists searching specific family names to connect with each other. \$12.00.

All the publications of the OGS and of its many branches are listed in an extensive (110 page) catalogue, **Publications for Sale 1993**. \$6.00.

The Toronto Branch of the OGS has recently reprinted the long out-of-print volume **Toronto Illustrated 1893**. The sub-title suggests something of the purpose and scope of the work: "Its Growth, Resources, Commerce, Manufacturing Interests, Financial Institutions, Educational Advantages and Prospects: Also Sketches of the Leading Business Concerns which Contribute to the City's Progress and Prosperity". All this for \$27.95.

The branch has also just published:

Researching your Family Tree, a beginner's guide by Diane E. Clendenan and Jane E. Thompson. \$7.00.

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Historical societies need to re-activate architectural preservation role

BY GEORGE DUNCAN

Long before the Ontario Heritage Act and Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committees, or the authority for heritage designation, historical societies were the driving force behind the preservation of historic sites. In fact, historical societies can be credited with providing the impetus for the creation of formalized preservation measures in the mid 1970s.

After the Heritage Act was passed, the preservation activities of many local societies faded away to be left to the new "official" guardians of built heritage in the province. Some historical societies changed their focus to programming and other pursuits.

It is often forgotten that LACACs act in an advisory role only, and as Council-appointed committees, are not always free to lobby for the preservation of threatened sites. This problem quickly becomes apparent when the aims of LACACs and their Councils are strongly opposed.

Cases have existed where the efforts of LACACs alone have not been sufficient to convince public officials and property owners of the importance of preserving significant sites, resulting in some tragic losses.

In other cases, buildings of importance to certain specific interest groups, such as a neighbourhood, have not been targeted by LACACs as priorities for designation and preservation. The general public may

not even be aware of a potential threat to an historic site until they happen to see the wrecking crew arrive. Greater public input and improved communication would help to alleviate these problems.

It is clear that the involvement of local historical societies can be an asset to the work of LACACs by presenting a broader base of public support for heritage conservation issues. Also, LACACs can be made more responsive to their communities if an organized voice represents that community's wishes. Greater co-operation between these groups is particularly important at a time when other issues are in the forefront, and the heritage conservation movement has lost some of its momentum.



Ontario's Industrial Heritage was the topic of a recent OHS workshop held on Saturday, September 18 in Copper Cliff. Ted Nicholson, Councillor for the Region of Sudbury (standing) welcomed participants. MPPs Sharon Murdock, Sudbury (left) and The Honourable Shelley Martel, Sudbury East, (centre left) were in attendance. Nellie Lanteigne (centre right) was among the delegates at this programme co-sponsored by the Sudbury LACAC held at Bryston's-on-the-Park. If you have not yet attended one of these thought-provoking sessions, come to East York on October 30 or Windsor on November 13. You will never look at industrial heritage sites in the same way again. (Photo courtesy of Lorraine Lowry.)

New plaque commemorates Sir Mackenzie Bowell

The Hastings County Historical Society and the Department of Canadian Heritage (Parks Canada) will be unveiling a bronze plaque to mark the gravesite of Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Canada's fifth Prime Minister, on Sunday, October 24.

The ceremony will take place in the Mausoleum at the Belleville Cemetery, west of Belleville on the Trent Road at 2:00 p.m. Gerald Boyce, noted Belleville historian, will give the address on Bowell. Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony and the reception to follow.

A series of plaques is being erected at the gravesites of for-

mer prime ministers across the country. The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada recommended this special project to recognize the important role played by the former PMs in the evolution of our nation. The plaques were originally unveiled in March of this year by then Prime Minister Brian Mulroney at a special ceremony on Parliament Hill. They are subsequently being unveiled in local ceremonies across Canada, such as the one in Belleville.

For further information, please contact Leona Hendry, President, Hastings County Historical Society, (613) 968-6731.

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