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OHS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND 38TH ANNUAL HONOURS AND AWARDS PRESENTATION TO BE HELD IN HISTORIC KINGSTON

This year, The Ontario Historical Society's Annual General Meeting and the 38th Annual Honours and Awards Presentation will be held in Kingston on Saturday, May 7th. Seen above is a photograph taken in 1923 of members of The Ontario Historical Society who met at the Royal Military College in Kingston. This year's meeting will take place at the historic Fort Frontenac in Kingston.

Kingston has a long and interesting history. Champlain first explored the region in 1615, and the French built a fort and trading post in 1673 on the site they called Cataraqui which developed into Fort Frontenac. Its strategic location at the junction of the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes has been

crucial to its history. The fort was captured in 1758 by the British.

Fort Frontenac has been the scene of an intensive program of archaeological and historical research since 1982. The investigation, sponsored by the Cataraqui Archaeological Research Foundation, has received funding through a number of federal, provincial, and municipal agencies, corporate sponsors, private memberships, and donations.

Archaeological and archival research has placed the original Fort Frontenac in downtown Kingston, at the

confluence of the Cataraqui River and Lake Ontario. The fort lies beneath and adjacent to the intersection of Ontario and Place d'Armes Streets, and extends east from the intersection under the present Fort Frontenac complex. Due to its location, only a small portion of the site, specifically the northwest bastion and adjacent curtain walls, can be investigated archaeologically. During the spring of 1984, the City of Kingston redesigned the intersection providing access to the eastern end of Place d'Armes for the purpose of excavation and, ultimately, reconstruction of

the northwest bastion of Fort Frontenac.

Kingston's present day charm with its more than 350 buildings designated as historical or of architectural interest. It is an excellent place to explore, and if you attend the OHS AGM and Honours and Awards Presentation you will be treated to interesting talks. For \$30 per person a luncheon is available. Also, a walking tour is planned for Sunday morning.

See Page 2 for more information about this year's Annual General Meeting in Historic Kingston.

BANTING HOMESTEAD UPDATE

March 14th, 2005

An open letter to the members of The Ontario Historical Society regarding the article: A Nobel home, neglected, in March 5th, 2005, *Toronto Star*

As representatives of The Ontario Historical Society (OHS), we read with concern Roberta Avery's article on the Banting Homestead in Alliston. The Ontario Historical Society is a non-profit corporation founded in 1888, and we are very proud of the work we do to preserve Ontario's heritage. We would like to clarify a few points concerning the homestead.

The life and work of Sir Frederick Banting is recognized at the Banting House (a National Historic Site) in London, Ontario. The Banting Homestead in Alliston was the place of his birth, not his home. It is also important to point out that the actual structure that remains on the property was not the original home in which he was born; that structure was torn down in 1925 and rebuilt using some of the materials from the original home. When Edward Banting bequeathed this property to the OHS in 1998, it was, unfortunately, in a state of disrepair. The OHS has tried to maintain this property to the best of its ability, although, as a not-for-profit organization, it does not have the necessary resources to do so fully. The OHS has also tried to obtain recognition of the site's historical significance from government agencies and other historical organizations. These attempts were unsuccessful.

Currently, we are working with the province and the municipality of New Tecumseth to find the best solution for the property. Our most recent proposal was to transfer the main house, all farm structures, and a substantial portion of the homestead land to the Sir Frederick Banting Legacy Foundation, once it has been fully incorporated into a not-for-profit corporation. This offer was not accepted. The proposal essentially offered to give the

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ABOVE: Enjoying the annual Heritage Day reception hosted by The Ontario Historical Society are (left to right): Marcel Martel, Secretary, OHS Board of Directors; David Zimmer, MPP Willowdale; and Brian Osborne, President, OHS Board of Directors. David Zimmer, who has a great interest in history, brought greetings from the Minister of Culture and the Premier of Ontario. For more photographs of this well-attended annual event, see Page 5.

Photo: Sheila Creighton

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

BRIAN OSBORNE

RIDEAU CANAL A WORTHY WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Another Heritage Week has been celebrated with considerable success all across the province. Historical societies, museums, and other organizations have exercised their imaginations in demonstrating the importance of heritage to the social cohesion of their communities at the local, provincial, and national levels. As noted later in these pages, the OHS event at the John McKenzie House was a great success: a convivial group of members, friends, and volunteers welcomed Mr. David Zimmer, MPP for Willowdale, who brought greetings and congratulations from the Minister of Culture, and the Premier of Ontario.

Certainly, Ontario is doing much to mark its rich heritage and is well endowed with sites of national historical significance. But have you noticed that not one of Canada’s thirteen World Heritage Sites is in Ontario? Worldwide, over 750 sites have been designated as places of “outstanding universal value” to the international community because they are sites of creative genius, distinctive cultural traditions, outstanding beauty, or ecological distinctiveness. In Canada, Alberta leads the pack with three such sites (and shares two others) with B.C., the Territories, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland and Labrador also being represented.

But at last there is hope for an Ontario World Heritage Site. On 28 January 2005, the Honourable Stéphane Dion, Minister of the Environment, announced that Canada had nominated the Rideau Canal to be considered a World Heritage Site. It is argued that because of its “unique design and innovative technology” it constitutes “a wonderful example of 19th century engineering achievement in Canada” and that by safeguarding this “heritage treasure” and “historic legacy of our rich past” it will convey a

sense of Canada to the world. Subsequently used for commerce, and most recently for tourism and recreation, the original rationale for the Rideau Canal was strategic and its upper terminus was anchored by the impressive Harbour Fortifications at Kingston. The former French fort, Fort Frontenac, was integrated into these defences and members of OHS will have an opportunity to visit them later this year. On 7 May 2005, the Society’s AGM will be held at Fort Frontenac (details below).

Several of my predecessors have argued for a return to the practice of moving the AGM around the province and this year’s event will, hopefully, be followed by future meetings in such locales as North Bay, London, Ottawa, Cornwall, Niagara, etc. It may be that we will also be able to revive the annual OHS conference on these occasions. For 2005, we will be quite modest. A late start for the AGM (11.00 a.m.) will allow participants to drive to Kingston; a lunch will be followed by an address by former OHS President, Ian Wilson, and current National Archivist and Librarian; the presentation of the OHS awards for 2005; and optional walking tours of Kingston.

This schedule will allow an early evening departure for those not wishing to stay overnight. For those who do wish to stay, favourable rates have been obtained from local hotels. Indeed, some people may wish to incorporate travelling on to Ottawa for the opening ceremonies of the new National War Museum on Sunday, 8 May. I look forward to welcoming you to Kingston, “Where the Confederation Dream began!”

As the photograph on the cover shows, the Annual General Meeting held at Kingston’s Royal Military College in 1923, attracted an enthusiastic group. Let’s try to make the 2005 venture an equally successful event.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL HERITAGE DAY

How did you spend your Heritage Day? This year’s Heritage Day reception at the John McKenzie House on February 21st was another fun, well-attended, event. More than 125 friends, volunteers, donors, and heritage partners weathered the annual Heritage Day snowstorm to join the OHS for our third annual celebration of Ontario’s heritage. David Zimmer, MPP Willowdale, participated in the event and brought greetings from Premier Dalton McGuinty and Minister of Culture Madeleine Meilleur. Guests were treated to the soothing background music of harpist Jean Malyon, a choice of cakes from Nino D’Aversa Bakery, and tasty fare from Sue Pye of Pye Dough Inc. who provided such tempting treats as Moroccan lamb meatballs with coriander-mint riata, cheddar dill gougers, and cream cheese crostini with onion marmalade. Yum. Penny Potter provided the floral arrangements throughout the house. Our wine samplings were courtesy of Willow Springs Winery in Stouffville. Heritage Day is a great opportunity to meet the OHS Board members and staff who work hard year-

round in support of the Society. It also provides a great networking opportunity. Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate Heritage Day 2005!

We had hoped that our Heritage Day celebrations would serve as the platform to announce the passing of Bill 60 – the *Ontario Heritage Amendment Act*. Heritage supporters from all spectrums had been very impressed with the progress of the Bill, including how quickly the Bill passed through the Committee stage. Unfortunately, as of this writing, the Bill appears to be stalled. Heritage groups across the Province are coordinating yet another letter writing campaign to encourage their government representatives to move ahead on this important initiative. Let’s hope we’re not disappointed.

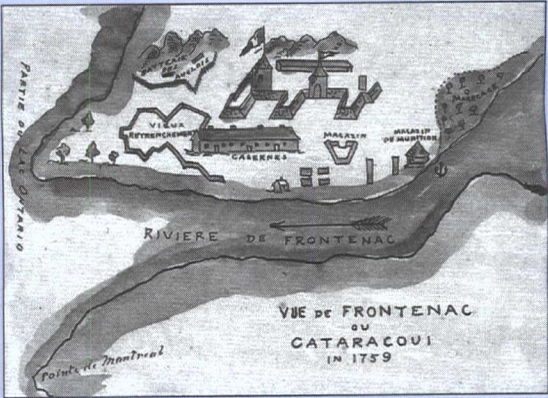
As we patiently await the passing of Bill 60, perhaps it is time for heritage groups in Ontario to organize a ‘heritage information day’ for our government representatives. March 1st is Preservation Lobby Day in the United States. Over 200 preservation advocates from across the nation gather in

Washington, D.C. to meet with Members of Congress and their staff to promote issues of importance to the preservation movement. Preservation Day is designed to raise awareness of preservation concerns among policymakers, to keep or increase funding for existing programs, to support new programs, and to educate members of the preservation community about national issues with local impact. Ontario’s ‘heritage information day’ could provide the opportunity for heritage groups to raise awareness and demonstrate their interest in Ontario’s rich heritage.

The John McKenzie House, home of The OHS, was profiled in the award-winning series *Structures*, produced by Rogers Television. Focusing on Toronto’s dynamic historical buildings, *Structures* is produced with the assistance of The Ontario Heritage Foundation. Filming took place at the McKenzie House late fall 2004. You can tour this beautiful historic building during Toronto Doors Open, May 28th and 29th held in conjunction with our Annual Book Sale.

THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY’S
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AND
38TH ANNUAL HONOURS & AWARDS
PRESENTATION

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH, 2005
11:00 A.M.
FORT FRONTENAC, KINGSTON



This year’s Annual General Meeting of The Ontario Historical Society will take place at Fort Frontenac, in historic downtown Kingston, on Saturday May 7th, at 11:00 a.m. **The AGM is open to all members of The Ontario Historical Society.**

The AGM will be followed by lunch, served at 12:30 p.m. in the Officer’s Mess. A cash bar will be available. Dr. Ian E. Wilson, Librarian and Archivist of Canada, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Wilson will speak on the theme “**The gift of one generation to another: Reflections on Heritage and Identity.**”

The 38th Annual Honours and Awards presentation will begin at 2:30 p.m. Individuals, organizations and businesses that have worked to preserve, interpret, or raise awareness of Ontario’s history will be honoured during this event. Following the awards’ ceremony, Susan M. Bazely, Executive Director & Senior Archaeologist with Cataraqui Archaeological Foundation, will present “**Fort Frontenac, 1673-2005: Five centuries of Canadian History**”. A reception will immediately follow.

A guided walking tour of downtown Kingston is scheduled for Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

Preferred room rates have been negotiated with three downtown waterfront hotels. **Please make arrangements directly with the hotel and identify “The Ontario Historical Society Annual General Meeting” when making your reservations.**

Radisson Hotel Kingston Harbourfront – 613.549.8100, 1.888.548.6716
Four Points by Sheraton Kingston – 613.544.4434, 1.888.478.4333
Holiday Inn Kingston-Waterfront – 613.549.8400 Ext. 2660, 1.800.HOLIDAY

For information on other accommodations in the area visit www.cityofkingston.ca/visitors/city-info.asp

REGISTRATION FOR LUNCH

A fee of \$30.00 (includes GST) applies should you wish to join us for lunch on May 7th and hear Dr. Ian Wilson speak on the theme of “The gift of one generation to another: Reflections on Heritage and Identity.” **Pre-registration is required. The deadline to reserve your lunch ticket is Monday, May 2nd.** Please forward your payment of \$30.00 per person to:

The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, ON M2N 3Y2

Payment by Visa, MasterCard, or American Express can be faxed to: 416.226.2740. Please complete the form enclosed, or visit our website to print additional copies. www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca
There is no charge to attend the AGM or the Honours and Awards presentation.

ABOVE IMAGE: Map of Frontenac or Cataracoui in 1759. Watercolour with pen and black ink on paper laid down onto light card. This is one illustration in an album, compiled by Alfred Sandham. The series of albums is titled Magnificent Collection of Extra-Illustrated Books on Canadian History and Biography. Library and Archives Canada – Image C006017K.
COVER IMAGE: The Ontario Historical Society at the Royal Military College (R.M.C.), Kingston, July 1923. Photograph by M.O. Hammond, Digital Image Number: 10001202.jpg, Archives of Ontario

ACROSS THE PROVINCE

LOCK 27 AT PORT MAITLAND UNDERGOES A GOOD CLEANUP – LOTS MORE TO DO

BY WILLIAM WARNICK

Most people know about the Welland Canal that passes through the Niagara Peninsula from Port Colborne to St. Catharines. How many know about the Feeder Canal that once played a vital role in operation of the larger canal? The Feeder was as it is named, a *feeder of water* for the main canal. It ran from Dunnville on the Grand River, taking a southerly route indirectly towards Port Maitland for approximately three miles, before turning east. From this point at Broad Creek, now known as Stromness, it went as straight as an arrow until it reached the Junction, the present day city of Welland, where it then fed the main canal, providing sufficient water to work the many locks descending the Niagara Escarpment to Thorold. Today, it is filled with silt, water plants, rough fish, and is generally a very tired old waterway! Most of it still exists in this form.

While still being dug as a feeder, it became obvious it should be deeper and wider to be used as a ship canal. This was completed very quickly and for years it provided a highway for hundreds of schooners, barges, and various methods of marine transport on an annual basis. 'Tis a long and complicated explanation to describe the engineering involved. This is a short story, so I will skip the details. If you really want to know more, write to the editor and tell her how this article sparked your interest and who knows, maybe I will be asked to write another article! What I will tell you is this: the Feeder Canal provided a waterway for carrying many tons of varied cargo, including lumber to rebuild the city of Chicago after its historic fire. Plaster of Paris, cheese, plaster, ashes, lumber, fish, firewood, honey, eggs, livestock, live fowl, and sand and gravel, are but a few of the many products recorded to have been shipped on the Feeder Canal.

Due to a dam built at Dunnville which raised the water level sufficient to create a natural

flow in the Feeder, the lower river became cut off from the upper river. This meant no shipping could take place between Port Maitland and Paris or other Grand River communities above Dunnville. The solution was to build a by-pass canal and lock from Stromness to Port Maitland. This was completed in 1842, when Lock 27 was constructed at Port Maitland. Soon it became apparent that by using Port Maitland as a port into Lake Erie, the shipping season could be extended a few weeks at both ends of the season. This is due to the fact that Lake Erie does not ice up as quickly at Port Maitland as it does at Port Colborne, or in the Niagara River at Chippawa. The reverse is true in the spring, allowing for an earlier shipping season at Port Maitland.

The history of Lock 27 is not well known. Questions remain as to when it was last used. Questions as to what happened to its wooden gates, and why supposedly years after the main Feeder Canal was closed the lock was rebuilt in 1904. It sat collecting all manner of debris including household garbage. Overgrown, and almost no longer visible from the road which is only a few feet away, it was forgotten. As a result of an article I wrote about the Feeder Canal in my private publication, *The Grand Dispatch*, the old lock became of interest to me. Soon a letter was sent off to the Mayor of Haldimand. This led to many conversations with municipal staff, until in the winter of 2004, I met with the Southern Grand River Advisory Committee (SGRAC), a citizen's committee to advise council on matters relating to tourist and economic concerns in Haldimand County. I had already received implied approval to begin some remedial action, and had already begun the process in the fall of 2003, when the first phase began with the removal of seven large dump trucks full of debris. I still needed to formally propose my vision to council. Phase One continued into the spring of 2004, with yet another two loads and twenty-two volunteers in

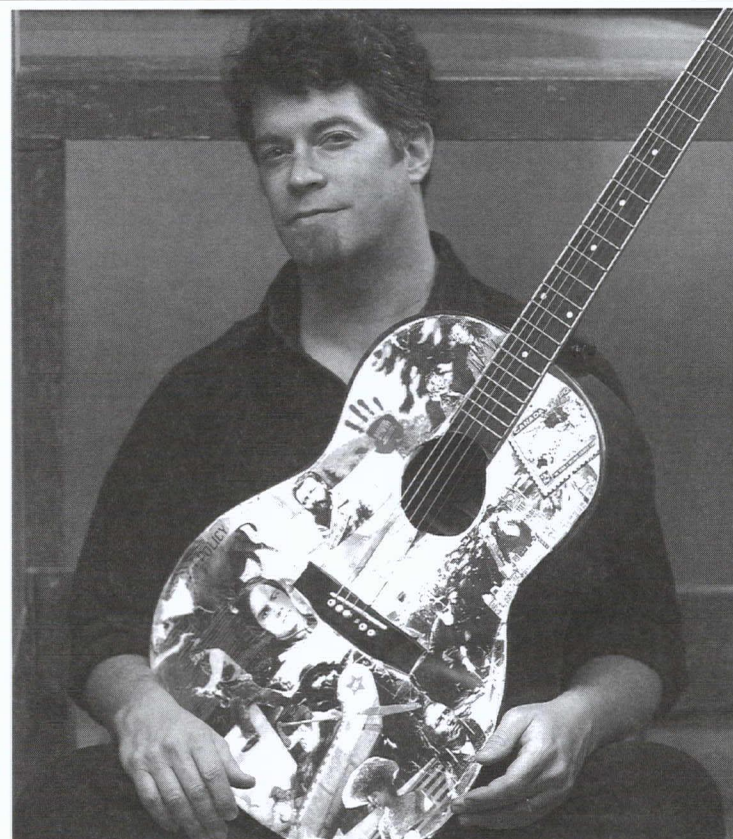
the water and on the banks. Even our Mayor and one of our councillors got down and dirty!

It is my plan to meet again with SGRAC before the spring of 2005, when I will outline my suggestions for the second phase. Phase Two will include dredging a section of the Feeder Canal at both ends of the lock as well as the lock itself. There is more to Phase Two than I am prepared to write about here as I have not yet made my formal proposal.

In the spring of 2004, with the help of a couple of good friends, Mike Walker, who is very involved in the restoration project of the Mohawk Island lighthouse, and Jamie Dickson, a tabletop sign was erected. This sign measures four feet by eight feet, and, through the use of photos and text, provides a beginner's history of Lock 27 and other historic sites in the area. If the test for success is measured in interest, we passed! I am told by just about everyone who talks to me about Lock 27 that they spent an hour or so looking over the information on the sign and toured the lock. While there, they tell me two, three and even four more people stopped to take a look. The old lock is finding new life and the interest in it is growing.

Today, though much still needs to be done, the old lock is, for the first time in years, looking as if it has potential to teach a new generation the value it once served to the County of Haldimand and the local area. Still rough, the landscaping has improved ten-fold. It still needs a lot of work but the potential for wonderment is clearly there.

Financial support for the work at Lock 27 comes from the **Port Maitland Festival of History**, which will be held for the fifth time, this year, at the Dunnville Airport, at Port Maitland, on July 23rd. Mark this date on your calendar to make a visit to the Festival and while there take a look at Lock 27, as it prepares to be restored.



ABOVE: **Singer-songwriter Mike Ford**, one-fourth of Canadian folk-pop-vaudeville band *Moxy Fruvous*, is following his muse. For the last four years, Ford has been writing and collecting songs about various characters and events in Canadian history. He's been performing these songs as a special guest in schools across the country, and they are now available on the CD *Canada Needs You (Volume One)* from MapleMusic Recordings. "It's a musical journey through our collective past," says Ford. "I love reading, learning, talking about aspects of this country's history. Lately, more than anything, I've been singing about it. I love exploring the lives behind these names that populate our national legends." Among those included on *Canada Needs You (Volume One)* are songs about D'Arcy McGee, Louis Riel and Sir John A. Macdonald. The album focuses on fascinating elements from Canada's history, pre 1900 (Volume Two will explore Canada in the 20th Century). For more information or to order a copy of Mike Ford's CD contact MapleMusic Recordings at 416.961.4332 or www.maplemusicrecordings.com



ABOVE: The Orillia Museum of Art and History held its 7th Annual Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner on Saturday, January 15, 2005. The guest speaker for the evening was Sean Conway, a former cabinet minister in the Ontario Legislature. In his outstanding address, Mr. Conway paid tribute to Sir John's many accomplishments and skills, most notably his sense of humour and fairness, characteristics which he felt contributed to Sir John's political success, and his ultimate achievement, Confederation. Shown here from left are: Sean Conway; Hugh Gainsford, Sir John's great-grandson; and the co-founders of the Dinner, Dr. Dick Johnson and Dr. Jim Angus.

Photo: Beth Kudar

Bill Warnick writes a monthly history column for the Dunnville Chronicle and he also submits a local vintage school photo in search of names of missing students. He is also hoping to locate more Haldimand County School class photos. Bill has also written for a number of other publications including *The Grand Dispatch*, a history letter he published for the Port Maitland area. Bill started the Port Maitland Festival of History in 2001. It has grown from five displays to over sixty-five for the summer of 2005 and is expecting a crowd of up to 5,000. You can reach Bill at 905.549.6086 or at wwarnick@cogeco.ca.

LEFT: Seen here are volunteers who helped clean the lock in May 2004. Bill Warnick (third from the left in the front row) organized the cleanup. Some of the volunteers entered the cold murky water while others cleared away brush and debris along the banks. The heavy equipment was provided by George Barnes & Sons Excavating of Stromness.

Photo: Shirley Topolinski



RESEARCHERS' REQUESTS

Author James Elliot is currently working on a book about the Battle of Stoney Creek to be published by Robin Brass Studio and would like *Bulletin* readers' help: **Battle of Stoney Creek, 6 June, 1813 and Engagement at Forty Mile Creek, 8 June, 1813**. James Elliott seeks any privately-held original material relating to actions at Stoney Creek and the Forty such as diaries, letters, maps or artifacts. Elliott, author of *Billy Green* and *The Battle of Stoney Creek* and *If Ponies Rode Men* and longtime heritage writer for the *Hamilton Spectator* can be reached at jelliott11@cogeco.ca, 905.544.7980 or 85 Barnesdale Blvd., Hamilton, L8M 2V5.

Send your Researchers' Requests to: bulletin@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca

EVENTS & EXHIBITS

ONGOING: The Archives of Ontario has launched a new online exhibit exploring the history of papermaking in the Province of Ontario. Few industries have played a more significant role in Ontario's history than the manufacture of paper. For nearly two hundred years the industry has been vital and influential in the growth and development of the Province both economically and geographically. The exhibit can be found on the online exhibits section of the Archives of Ontario website at www.archives.gov.on.ca.

APRIL 16 - 17, 2005: The Canadian Association of Professional Heritage Consultants presents its 2005 Annual Conference *Expanding Boundaries – Exploring Cultural Landscapes* in Niagara-on-the-Lake. For more information visit the conference website at www.caphc.ca/conference/index.htm or contact the Conference Committee at admin@caphc.ca or the CAPHC office **416.515.7450**.

APRIL 23, 2005: The 4th Annual Grey County Black History Event, *Freedom Fighters: The Anti-Slavery Movement*. Durham Arena and Community Centre, 451 Sadler St. W., Durham, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Feature presentation by Afua Cooper: *The Impact of Henry Bibb and Mary Ann Shadd, Abolitionists*. For information and registration **519.369.3119** or greta@bmts.com

MAY 7 & 8, 2005: Special Guided Tours of Historic Hamilton Cemetery, 777 York Blvd., Hamilton, during Doors Open Hamilton. 11 a.m. -1 p.m., meet at gatehouse, \$5 Adults, Children and Seniors \$3, rain or shine, no reservations required. Other tour dates include: June 11 and 25, July 9 and 23, August 6 and 20, September 10, October 1 and 22. **905.528.0136**, historical_persepc@yahoo.com.

MAY 8, 2005: VE Day, the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe. In commemoration, there will be a reflective ceremony, a parade at Toronto's Exhibition Place and other events. For information on this and other events see the Ontario Remembers website www.ontarioremembers.ca.

MAY 22, 2005: Rededication of Rare Steam Locomotive at Westfield Heritage Village, 1049 Kirkwall Rd., Rockton. After a decade of restoration by Bob Bratina, MC., the T.H. & B. #103 Steam Locomotive will be rededicated. 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. (Ceremonies 2 p.m.). **5 1 9 . 6 2 1 . 8 8 5 1 , west@noline.net, www.westfieldheritage.ca.**

MAY 28, 2005: Celebrating London: 150 Years of Rejoicing at Fanshawe Pioneer Village, 2609 Fanshawe Park Road E., London. For 150 years, Londoners have been coming together to celebrate family, civic and national events. Learn about some of London's past celebrations in this year's special sesquicentennial exhibit, which will be officially opened at 1 p.m. **5 1 9 . 4 5 7 . 1 2 9 6 , info@fanshawepioneervillage.ca, www.fanshawepioneervillage.ca.**

MAY 28 & 29, 2005: *Doors Open Toronto*. 6th Annual, FREE city-wide event with over 100 buildings. **416.338.3888, www.doorsopen.org.**



ABOVE: Doors Open Hamilton, May 7 & 8, will include the building shown above. Auchmar is the former mountain brow estate of Sir Isaac Buchanan. At this year's event, 32 sites of historical, architectural and/or cultural significance will open their doors to the public for guided tours and special events. Everyone welcome. FREE. New sites this year include the former Bank of Montreal building, Century Manor part of the former Hamilton Asylum, Auchmar and many more. For full listings visit www.doorsopenontario.on.ca and under events click on Hamilton or email doorsopenhamilton@sympatico.ca for a site list. Guidebooks available through Tourism Hamilton April 1, 905.546.2666. Photo: Donna Reid

In 2003 Richview/Willow Grove Cemetery in Etobicoke was designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. Over \$50,000 has recently been spent towards the restoration of this cemetery. On Sunday afternoon June 12, 2005 a commemorative plaque unveiling ceremony will be held. The tentative time is 2 p.m. For more information contact Randall Reid, Project Co-ordinator at **416.394.6025**.

JUNE 13, 2005: Tea & Literature at McFarland House. Enjoy a leisurely literary afternoon in a 19th century atmosphere. Other dates include July 18 & August 22. Three insightful discussions by literary scholar Yvonne McMorrough, accompanied by a delightful Afternoon Tea, will be presented at the McFarland tea Garden. 15927 Niagara Parkway, Niagara-on-the-Lake. **9 0 5 . 4 6 8 . 3 3 2 2 , www.niagaraparks.com.**

JUNE 19, 2005: Tea on the Bluffs, hosted by the Bronte Historical Society, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sovereign House, 7 West River St., Oakville. **905.825.5552.**

manageculture.com LAUNCHES ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Centre for Cultural Management at the University of Waterloo is launching *manageculture.com* this spring. It will offer online professional development courses leading to Certificates of Completion and Specialist Diplomas for arts and heritage managers.

The courses are intended for administrative staff and managers of cultural organizations who are interested in enhancing their skills while they are working. As well, the courses will be of special interest to mid-career managers who may be moving into a new area of management and want to upgrade their knowledge in that area. The content of the courses is broadly-based, dealing with principles of management that apply to all areas of arts and heritage.

There are 25 courses in all, covering a wide range of management responsibilities, with more coming online in the future. The registration fee of \$99 per course will lead to a Certificate of Completion. Specialist Diplomas will initially be offered in the areas of Fundraising/Revenue Generation and Leadership, and will be awarded on the basis of demonstrated competency in five related courses. The registration fee for Specialist Diplomas is \$995.

For more information about *manageculture.com*, please contact Sylvia Hannigan at mcc@uwaterloo.ca or **519.888.4567, Ext. 5058**.

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THE 2ND ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN-CANADIAN HISTORY IN PRINT

Meet Authors-Editors-Publishers
Readings-Book Displays-Refreshments

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2005
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at
Mackenzie House Museum
82 Bond Street, Toronto, Ontario

Mackenzie House Museum is part of Museum
and Heritage Services, Culture Division, City of Toronto

RSVP By Wednesday, June 8th
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FOR INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE EVENTS CALL **416.226.9011**

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CEMETERY NEWS

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The existing Ontario Heritage Act was enacted in 1975. In 2004, the Ontario Government introduced Bill 60 – An Act to amend the Ontario Heritage Act. It was the first serious attempt in 30 years to strengthen the law to protect Ontario's heritage. However, despite many promises over the years to those concerned with the protection of cemeteries, Bill 60 obviously failed to offer clear, adequate protection to over 4,500 of Ontario's inactive cemeteries. Many heritage organizations and institutions across Ontario requested public hearings on Bill 60 to argue for cemetery protection. The following is an excerpt from my presentation given on December 1, 2004 to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy at the Legislative Assembly, Queen's Park.

Editor's note: Marjorie Stuart spoke on behalf of The Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS), a provincial non-profit corporation and registered charity established in 1961 with 30 local branches in communities across Ontario with a current membership of over 5000 individuals, organizations and institutions. The OGS' mission is: To encourage, assist, and bring together all those interested in the pursuit of family history. Marjorie Stuart is a family historian who has volunteered for over 50 years across Ontario preparing family histories, recording cemeteries and assisting cemetery boards, historical societies, museums and other heritage organizations to preserve and protect Ontario's cemeteries – especially Ontario's inactive cemeteries.

Since 1989, she has been the OGS representative on all legislation affecting cemeteries particularly the Heritage Act and the Cemeteries Act and also represented OGS when it appealed the Ontario Government's 1995 order (Cemeteries Act) that it was in the public interest to dig up and move the Clendennen Cemetery (in the Town of Markham) for a luxury condominium development. At those Provincial Appeal Hearings, Marjorie Stuart was recognized by the Tribunal as an expert witness in the heritage value of cemeteries.

Few realize that tombstones and grave markers in inactive cemeteries are very often the only record of a person or even a whole family. Civil Registration did not come into effect until 1869 but it was not compulsory to register a birth or death until 1912. The first census which recorded all family members was in 1851. Those of us who research in a cemetery often find an entire family that died in a short period from smallpox or other diseases. Their tombstones stand as a silent sentinel and are the only record of that family's existence. Those who administer a cemetery are custodians of an outdoor archive with records carved in stone that do not exist elsewhere. These are original, authentic, irreplaceable heritage documents that are not protected by the Cemeteries Act, the Heritage Act or the proposed amendment to the Heritage Act (Bill 60) as presently worded.

The OGS position is that all inactive cemeteries are of equal importance to the heritage of Ontario and that they must be protected by the Province. It is our experience that many local municipalities in Ontario do not have a heritage conscience or the inclination to preserve these cemeteries. Our members see escalating land values and a variety of threats and pressures to relocate our cemeteries. For example, since last April the Haynes cemetery (1784) in St. Catharines has been under siege at great cost emotionally and financially (including legal costs) to the family. There was no legislation that clearly protected this cemetery.

In Northumberland County there are two cemeteries, Russ' Creek and Red Cloud that have outstanding natural features with native grasses that are endangered species. The only other place that some of this plant life remains today is Walpole Island. At Russ' Creek Cemetery descendants urged the municipality to preserve this cemetery. In the end the descendants took the municipality to court which cost local taxpayers almost \$100,000. They won their case but the unique natural features are still at risk!

In fact, in recent years my colleagues and I have donated our time to work tirelessly with families on countless cases where their ancestors' final resting places were and continue to be threatened by development. Those who contact us cannot fathom that a burial place is not sacred.

I could cite many recent examples today but there isn't time! ... Across Ontario families are spending their money to defend cemeteries. Since 1995, OGS and The Ontario Historical Society have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars at appeal hearings to stop the Province of Ontario from relocating cemeteries for private real estate development (I refer to The Clendennen Case and the St. Alban's Anglican Church Cemetery Case). And, we estimate that in those two cases, it cost taxpayers close to \$1 million dollars to argue that it was in the Public Interest to dig up and move these two pioneer cemeteries so private developers could benefit....

In the Clendennen case, The Town of Markham joined the developer and the Province of Ontario in vigorously opposing full participation in the public hearings by the Clendennen descendants. OGS believes that this is a disgraceful situation and that the Legislative Assembly has a duty to include cemeteries in the Ontario Heritage Act – Bill 60 so that very scarce private and public resources and volunteer time are spent on more productive projects.

OGS is very alarmed and disturbed at the increasing rate of vandalism and incidents of racism in our cemeteries. A new Heritage Act that clearly fails to recognize and protect our vulnerable and threatened cemeteries is unacceptable. It sends a message that the Province doesn't really care and that is clearly not in the public interest.

The Ontario Heritage Act does recognize Ontario's built heritage and, when passed, will help to preserve that important part of our heritage built with respect to cemeteries. Your Government inherited a terrible mess. Now, you have a rare and historic opportunity to address these problems and chart a new direction for our ancestors and our descendants.

Therefore, OGS recommends that Bill 60 – An Act to amend the Ontario Heritage Act:

1) State clearly that all inactive cemeteries are of Provincial interest and importance and are a significant part of the cultural, historical and natural heritage of Ontario

2) State that it is in the public interest that all of Ontario's inactive cemeteries be protected, preserved and maintained in their original locations.

I am confident that if these changes are adopted, the OGS and its members will join the Government in a new partnership to preserve Ontario's heritage.

Conclusion: If you would like to read other presentations on Ontario's Cemeteries at the public hearings and the official record of clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 60, go to the Hansard link at www.ontla.on.ca/hansard/committee_debates/38_parl/session1/justicepol and click on the proceedings for November 25th and December 1st and 2nd. I can assure you that it makes for very interesting reading, particularly the deliberations on December 2nd.

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Legacy Foundation 20 acres around the house to establish a diabetic camp and education centre for children. The proposal also offered to give the foundation a considerable sum of money towards the start-up of this project and also to cover the cost of restoring the buildings. Under this agreement, the rest of the land would remain in the hands of the OHS.

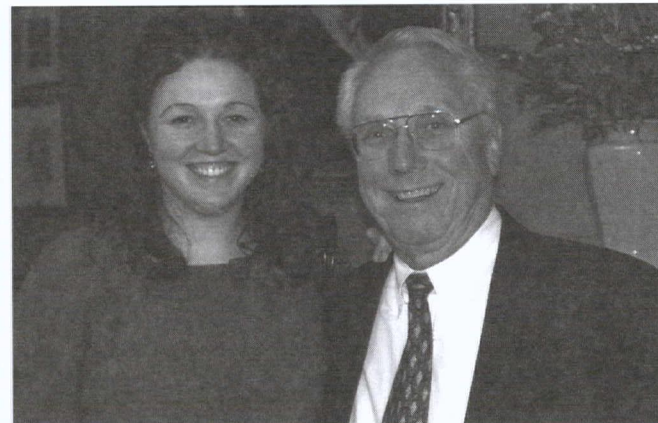
The final point we would like you to appreciate is the spirit of Edward Banting's original gift to the OHS. He bequeathed the property in good faith, acknowledging that part of it could be sold in the future. In large part, his gift reflected his belief in our Society's ongoing work in maintaining and preserving Ontario's history and heritage.

We are proud of the important role the OHS has played in Ontario's history. We sincerely hope Ontarians understand and recognize the challenges associated with maintaining historic properties and that they continue to support us as we search for a solution to honour the Edward Knight Banting Homestead appropriately while

continuing to pursue our broader mission throughout this great province. Sincerely, Brian Osborne, President, The Ontario Historical Society; Chris Oslund, Chair, The Ontario Historical Society Foundation; Patricia Neal, Executive Director.



HERITAGE DAY 2005



The Ontario Historical Society hosted a Heritage Day reception on February 21, 2005 at the John McKenzie House. Despite the cold, snowy weather many people showed up to help celebrate with delicious food, excellent wine, lovely harp music, tasty cake, and best of all great company. The diverse crowd of over 125 people included members, donors, volunteers, heritage partners and friends of The Ontario Historical Society. ABOVE (clockwise from the left) are: Caterer Sue Pye of Pye Dough Inc.; Dorie Billich, OHS Board of Directors; Julie Testa and Grant McLeod of Willow Springs Winery; Harpist Jean Malyon; Elizabeth Gjerek and Norm Thomas of Harmony Printing Ltd.; and Christina Perfetto of The Ontario Historical Society.

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MUSEUM NEWS

VOICES SOAR AGAIN IN CALEDON'S 'STONE CHURCH'

BY MARK McELWAIN

This past Easter Sunday, 25 residents of Peel County in Ontario were singing (in hymn-writer John Wesley's words) lustily and with a good courage at a sunrise service in a small rural church. It was a scene being repeated in many churches, large and small, across the country.

But at this service, there was a noticeable difference: there was no minister leading worship. The congregation had, in fact, been dissolved in 1965. Furthermore, until recent restoration work, the building had stood empty for more than three decades.

asleep during the sermon in the Stone Church – the original seats were fashioned by cutting sections of tree trunks and placing boards across them. Considered a classic example of early Protestant church architecture, St. Andrew's was designated a heritage structure in 1983 (its 130th anniversary) by the Town of Caledon on the recommendation of the local architectural conservation advisory committee.

Little has changed in the church over the years. The pews are simple and devoid of decoration. Two side aisles lead

bureaucrats." After years of negotiations, the church was eventually bought by the Town of Caledon from the Presbyterian Church for \$2, on the understanding that the Friends would restore and run the building. "But now," said Pratt, "We are in the enviable position of planning what activities, including services, can best involve the community."

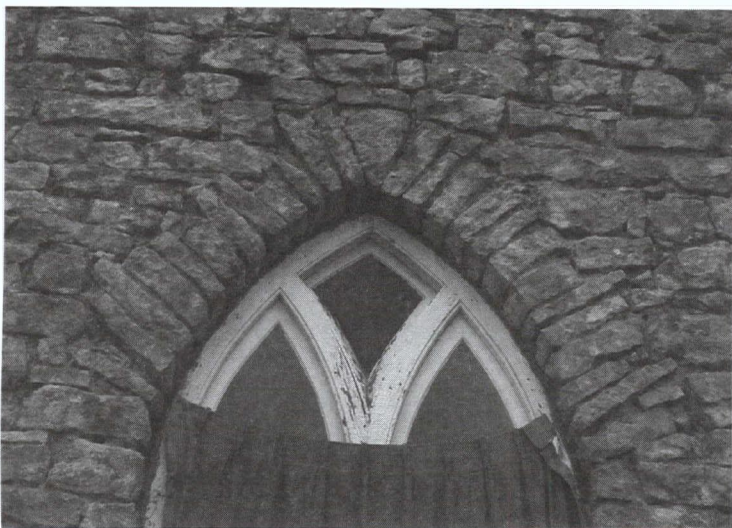
It's perhaps the new role that the Stone Church fulfils in the community that makes this story most intriguing. For during the year, there have been as many as four services in the church: Easter, a cemetery service, and two Christmas carol services, so popular they were split into afternoon and evening segments to accommodate 200 people. The Friends have also made donations to a local shelter.

All these activities, including upcoming fundraising events are described at www.standchurch.org – an impressive website.

So is this project primarily about preserving an architecturally significant structure or constructing an authentic memorial to Caledon's original settlers? Or as this area repopulates into an affluent suburb, is there something of a spiritual community taking shape again on the foundations of the Stone Church? Only time will tell.

When asked if the Stone Church would still be there 50 years from now and whether people would be worshipping in it, Ms. Pratt replies quickly and affirmatively: "Oh, definitely," she says. "There will always be a spiritual need for people to gather together."

While Mark McElwain lives in Toronto, several generations of his family grew up near the Stone Church. A version of this article first appeared in the May 2004 issue of The Presbyterian Record.



Both the service and the restoration came about from the efforts of the Friends of St. Andrew's Stone Church, an enterprising group made up of descendants of the original congregation as well as local residents from other denominations who admired the grace and heritage of the abandoned building.

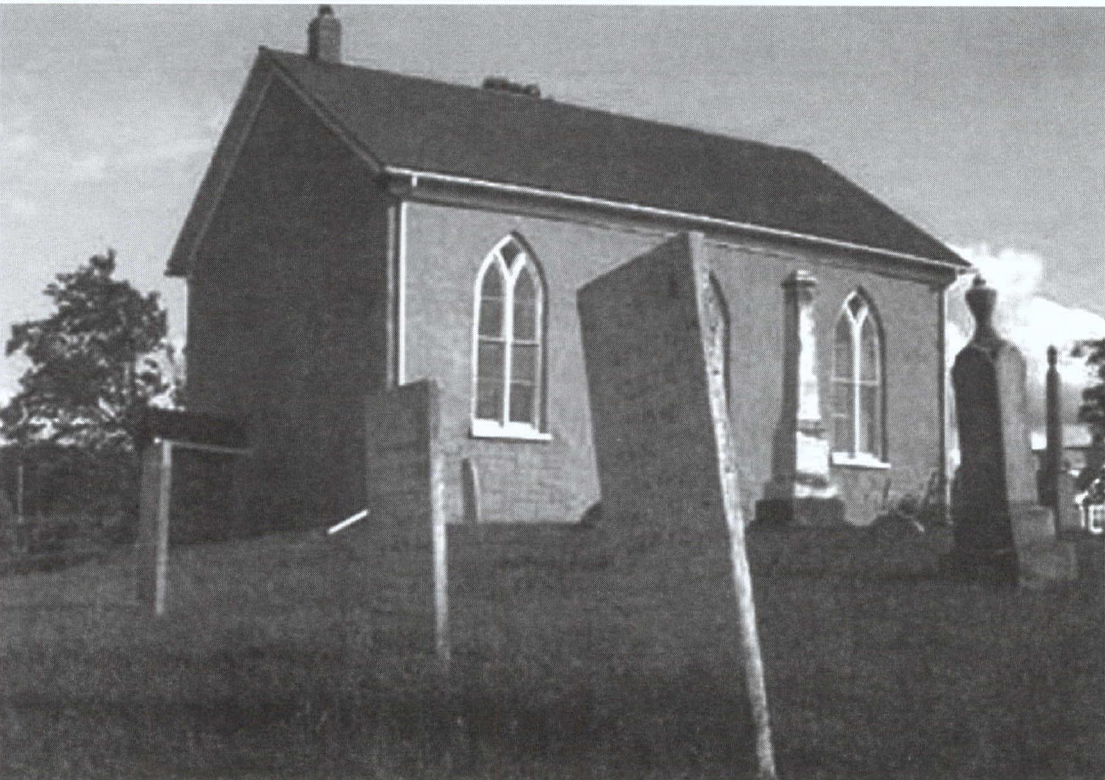
Built in 1853 by the congregation of St. Andrew's, Caledon East, Ontario, the church was constructed of local fieldstone employing a stonemason's technique of square-cutting stones called "ashlaring."

To locals it became known simply as the Stone Church. It is unlikely many people fell

to a platform on which stands the 1906 Estey pump organ, several pressback chairs and a lectern. Yet it will take money and hard work to restore and repair the building to its original simple beauty.

The Friends are currently in the middle of extensive restorations that include structural repair, removing recent paint to uncover the original stencilling and a careful refurbishing of the pump organ.

Erica Pratt, a volunteer with the Friends, says the most difficult challenge faced by the group initially wasn't fundraising or the actual process of restoration but "the painstaking work of dealing with



ABOVE: In January the OHS attended 'Farewell to a Friend' – an evening to celebrate and honour Lorraine O'Byrne's 33 years of service to Black Creek Pioneer Village. Lorraine was given a Memory Book of her adventures at Black Creek lovingly created by the staff. In tribute to Lorraine, the OHS wrote, "She has been a unique and tireless steward and advocate for the protection and preservation of Ontario's History. A devoted friend and supporter of the OHS, we recognize her significant contributions to Ontario's Heritage and salute her outstanding work. On behalf of all the membership of the OHS, thank you Lorraine."

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ABOVE: Despite a cold wintry night in January, there was a splendid audience at the John McKenzie House, Willowdale for Alison Norman's presentation Bushladies and Children of the Forest – Cultural Exchange in Upper Canada. A former OHS summer student, Alison is now a PhD candidate, History of Education, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto. Seen here left to right are: Dave Marlowe, Pickering Museum Village; Alison Norman; Ninette Gyorody, Georgina Pioneer Village; and Kathleen Fry, King Township Museum.

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ABOVE: Re-pointing the west wall of Caledon's stone church.

LEFT: A summer view of the Stone Church in Caledon. Thanks to a \$75,000 Trillium Grant in 2004, The Friends of St. Andrew's Stone Church were able to complete an extensive amount of restoration including replacing the electrical service, removing and replacing the ceiling, putting in a new wood stove, and stripping and staining the wood wainscoting. Ceiling fans were installed and light fixtures replaced. With the Trillium money spent, funds are continuing to be raised in the community. Many dedicated volunteers have spent countless hours bringing this beautiful stone building back to life. If you are interested in donating funds or for more information visit www.standchurch.org.

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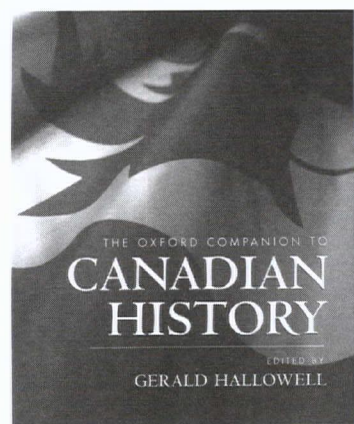
WIND AND FURY

Hurricane Hazel: *Canada's Storm of the Century.* By Jim Gifford; foreword by Mike Filey. Dundurn Press. 104 pages. Illustrations. \$19.99 softbound.

Although always a topic of conversation, by and large the weather in southern Ontario isn't all that unusual. Not so on October 15, 1954, when Hurricane Hazel battered southern Ontario, leaving thousands homeless, causing \$25 million in property damage, and, worst of all, eighty-one people dead. Jim Gifford has assembled archival photographs and first-hand accounts of a number of those who survived the terrible storm.

Rain Tonight: A Story of Hurricane Hazel. By Steve Pitt. Illustrated by Heather Collins. Tundra Books. 48 p. Illustrations. \$16.99 softbound.

In a retelling of the Hurricane Hazel story for the younger set, Steve Pitt focuses on the experiences of nine-year-old Penny Doucette and her family as their house was swept away by the storm waters and it was touch and go for them. The exciting story of their rescue is augmented by facts about hurricanes and typhoons.



COMPANIONABLE HISTORY

The Oxford Companion to Canadian History. Edited by Gerald Hallowell. Oxford University Press. 783 pages. Illustrations. \$79.95 hardbound.

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is Canada-wide (articles range from the Fraser River gold rush to the complexities of the Notwithstanding Clause) but Ontario is also well represented. If you want a quick review of the Constitutional Act of 1791 which created Upper Canada, or of the 1946 Rand Formula which resulted from a strike at the Ford motor plant in Windsor, you will find it here.

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Thoreau MacDonald's Sketches of Rural Ontario. By George W. J. Duncan. Illustrated by Thoreau MacDonald. The Ontario Historical Society. 35 pages. Illustrations. \$12.00.

George Duncan has selected a number of Thoreau MacDonald's black and white sketches evoking the rural scene — barns, houses, farmyards, gateposts, fences, trees — seemingly so simple yet so beguiling. Duncan adds accompanying text of explanation and appreciation, often including excerpts from MacDonald's own journals. The result is a charming celebration of Ontario's cultural landscapes, reminding us of the importance of cherishing our heritage. It would surely be welcomed as a thoughtful gift.

NEVER ENDING

Constitutional Odyssey, Third Edition: Can Canadians Become a Sovereign People? By Peter H. Russell. University of Toronto Press. 364 pages. \$60.00 hardbound; \$27.95 softbound.

It may be hard for some of us to believe, but controversies since the patriation of our Constitution have gone on long enough to be the stuff of history. This work covers not only our long struggle to have a written Constitution, from passing of the Quebec Act of 1774 to its culmination in 1982, but it also reminds us of the turmoils of the Meech Lake Agreement, the Charlottetown Accord referendum, and the more modest but nevertheless constitutional implications of debates since. Required reading for anyone wishing to trace this aspect of our nation's history.

GO FOR THE GOLD

A Sporting Chance: Achievements of African-Canadian Athletes. By William Humber. Natural Heritage Books. 156 pages. Illustrations. \$22.95 softbound.

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HISTORICAL REFLECTION

"The Work of our Hands": Mount Pleasant, Ontario, 1799-1899: A History. By Sharon Jaeger. Heritage Mount Pleasant. 278 pages. Illustrations. \$30.00 softbound.

This work deftly focuses on one Grand River valley community, Mount Pleasant, its individual families and specific events. Yet nearly all the social and political issues of Ontario's nineteenth century — struggles in settlement, differences over war, grievances against the government, rivalries of religion leading to bitterness and division, movements for social change — are mirrored in the story (and the stories). Sir Wilfrid Laurier University historian Sharon Jaeger, using the disciplines of her profession, yet avoiding the jargon of academia, shows how engaging the history of one town — and of our whole Province — can be.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Ipperwash Beach 1900-1950: Images of a Bygone Era. By John E. Smith. 130 pages. Illustrations. \$30.00 softbound.

His own family memories prompted the author to embark on an Ipperwash inquiry of a very special sort, a search for evidences of an era long gone but not yet forgotten. The result is this lovely reminiscence, in scores of photographs and a few words, of summers spent at cottages and hotels on Ipperwash Beach. Here are swims and sails, cars and casinos, picnics and beach fires, all to be treasured by anyone who has ever enjoyed Lake Huron's shores.

DEAR DIARY

The Selected Journals of L. M. Montgomery Volume V: 1935-1942. Edited by Mary Rubio and Elizabeth Waterston. Oxford University Press. 439 pages. Illustrations. \$37.95 hardbound.

This final volume in an extraordinary series covers the last seven years of Lucy Maud Montgomery's life. She and her husband have moved to Toronto upon his retirement, and there seems to be an opportunity for less stressful living and a new opportunity to enjoy all the city has to offer. But, sadly, these last years also have their difficulties. World events (the Great Depression, Edward VIII's abdication, storm clouds leading up to the Second World War) combined with frustrations on the home front (her own and her husband's recurring bouts of

depression, distress over her sons' behaviour, servant troubles) weigh heavily upon her. Nevertheless, all is not doom and gloom; she takes great satisfaction in her house and garden, her many friends, welcome outings, and continuing honours and accolades. Readers of the first four volumes will have been waiting expectantly for this final volume, but it can also well stand alone and bring great pleasure to new readers.

UP NORTH

Up the Great North Road: The Story of an Ontario Colonization Road. By John Macfie. Boston Mills Press. 160 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound.

With high hopes, emigrants moved up to Ontario's 'settlement' roads — the Great North being the most western — lured by government promises of free land. Alas, shield acreage cleared of its trees provided poor farmland. After years of hard labour, many sold out (if they could) or simply abandoned their homesteads. Others managed to make a living in the lumber business and later in the dairy industry. Parry Sound survives as an attractive community and magnet for summer residents. Much of the district has been reforested. Here are the images and memories of the settlers of a hundred years ago, their history lovingly preserved and presented.

TORONTO: ONE GENERATION

Toronto Between the Wars: Life in the City 1919-1939. By Charis Cotter. Firefly Books. 224 pages. Illustrations. \$29.95 softbound.

City and provincial archives store and preserve photographs, but it took a diligent researcher and author to bring them to light (and to life).

HISTORY NOTED

Since our last issue of *From the Bookshelf*, we have received these flyers and notices describing publications of interest:

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John E. Smith, Box 496 Altamont, New York 12009, USA, www.atthebeachbook.com

Fully as important, additional research and thoughtful commentary serve to put each picture in context. Here are buildings, wheels, furnishings — but mostly people, people, people. It is a compilation to be cherished by all who care about Hometown's heritage. Three quarters of a century later, these vignettes show how much things change, and how much they stay the same.

TORONTO: ONE LOCATION

The Annex: The Story of a Toronto Neighbourhood. By Jack Batten. Boston Mills Press. 160 pages. \$39.95 hardbound.

A tour of a small but significant part of a big city, conducted by one who knows it geographically from living there four decades and historically from researching its past. Originally forest, deeded as farmland, the area was subdivided and 'annexed' by Toronto in the 1880s. Grand homes for the Eatons, the Masseys, and their friends soon rose on parts of it, while other streets housed the working class. Over time it has witnessed murders, political battles, and architectural transformations, but it continues to be a very pleasant place to live. Ideas and images are neatly intertwined.

SCOTTISH SAGA

After the Hector: the Scottish Pioneers of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton 1773-1852. By Lucile H. Campey. Natural Heritage Books. 376 pages. Illustrations. \$27.95 softbound.

The experiences of Scottish emigrants to Upper Canada/Ontario have been well documented. Here, emigration and genealogical scholar Lucile Campey examines settlers in the Maritimes, recording the many ways these Highlanders remained distinctively Scottish.

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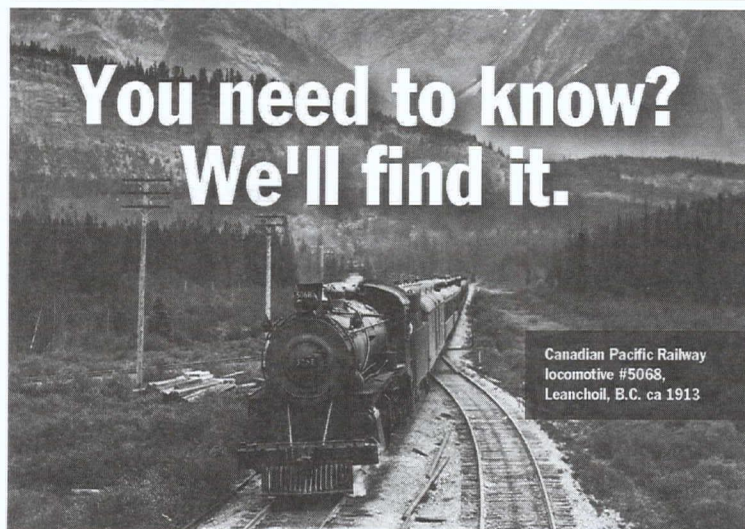
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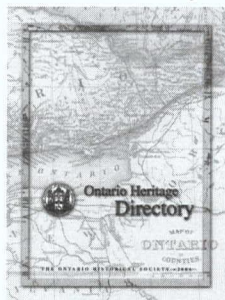
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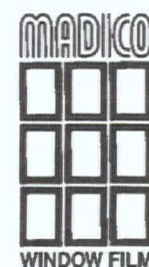
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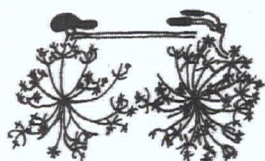
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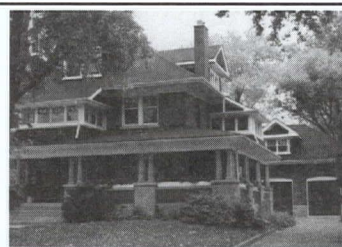
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