

**Manitoba Historical Society
Annual Report
2004-2005**

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**Manitoba Historical Society
2004-2005**

Executive

Gordon Goldsborough	President
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John Bumsted	First Vice President
Harry Duckworth	Second Vice President
Ken Zealand	Treasurer
Judith Hudson Beattie	Secretary
William J. Fraser	Ross House Museum Liaison
Stephanie Middagh	Co-Chair, Dalnavert Management Committee
Jim Blanchard	Co-Chair, Dalnavert Management Committee

Governing Council

Judith Hudson Beattie	Simon Lucy
Jim Blanchard	Stephanie Middagh
Peter Bower	Margaret Morse
Shirley Bradshaw	Sarah Piercy
Garry Brickman	Steven A. Place
John Bumsted	Carol Scott
Gillian Covernton	Irene Shaw
Harry Duckworth	Scott Stephen
William J. Fraser	Robert J. Sutton
Gordon Goldsborough	Ken Zealand
Carl James	Mary Louise Zorniak

The Manitoba Historical Society Executive and Council extend their sincere thanks to all Members, Volunteers, Contributors & Staff for their continued support and dedication to the Society.

President's Report

The year 2004-2005 has been one of numerous changes and exciting initiatives by the Society, starting with its administrative complement. I took office as President last June, joined by new Vice-Presidents Jack Bumsted and Harry Duckworth. Additions to the Council were Simon Lucy, Gillian Covernton, and Scott Stephen. At the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting, we will say goodbye and sincere thank-you to Judith Hudson Beattie, who leaves the Executive after several years of service as Secretary. We also lose the input on the Council of Jim Blanchard (former Past President), Peter Bower, Shirley Bradshaw, Garry Brickman, and Irene Shaw. I am grateful to these folks for their dedicated service, and hope that we can count on their active participation in other aspects of Society operations in the years ahead. Remaining members of the Executive and Council likewise deserve our support and thanks, for their numerous hours spent attending meetings as well as other functions, and for moving forward the Society agenda.

The MHS staff continue to be challenged to provide a range of services with less-than-unlimited resources, and they have done so cheerfully and diligently. I wish to especially acknowledge Jacqueline Friesen for her dedication and professionalism as the all-important "public face" of the Society at our office, particularly during the disruptive period after the move. Linda Neyedly and Monique Woroniak have recently joined the staff at Dalnavert, and Victor Sawelo returns as the seasonal manager at Ross House. Thank you all.

In a largely volunteer-based Society such as ours, it is difficult to acknowledge fully the hard work of people on committees, without whom many of the benefits that members enjoy would be severely curtailed. I refer you to the reports elsewhere in this document for details on the activities of these committees during the past year. I draw special attention to the Dalnavert Management Committee, chaired jointly by Jim Blanchard and Stephanie Middagh, which has faced special challenges over the past year during construction of the Visitors Center.

In June 2004, the Society celebrated its 125th anniversary with a ceremony at the provincial Legislative Building. Our relationship with the provincial government was strengthened when The Honourable John Harvard, P.C., O.M., who took office as Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba last June, accepted an invitation to become our patron, continuing the practice of his predecessor. Mr. Harvard indicated that he was keenly interested in promoting Manitoba's history during his term of office, and we look forward to working closely with him in this respect. He attended several of our functions during the year, including the Macdonald Dinner, our annual awards ceremony (where he presented the Centennial Organizations and Margaret McWilliams awards), and the Dalnavert Visitors Center ribbon cutting. We also worked closely with Mr. Harvard to present, along with Canada's National History Society, a "Lieutenant-Governor's History Pick of the Week" on his web site.

The 2005 Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner was a rousing success. The featured speaker was The Right Honourable John N. Turner P.C., C.C., Q.C., 17th Prime Minister of Canada. Mr. Turner spoke about his recent visits to Ukraine to monitor the national elections there, and he spoke passionately about Sir John A, including his initiation of a commemorative dinner in Kingston, Ontario. A new item on the evening's agenda, a silent auction of over 40 donated items, was generally well received and lucrative.

Many thanks to the committee which organized the dinner, chaired by Margaret Morse. They acquitted themselves admirably despite the unexpected death of committee member (and MHS Councillor) John Bovey just before the dinner.

A new Membership Committee was struck, consisting of Councillors Carol Scott (chair), Bill Fraser, Steve Place, and Gillian Covernton, to develop a strategy to increase membership. We trust that the committee's efforts will bear fruit in the coming year. Results of a survey conducted by the committee indicated, among other things, that members favor more frequent publication of our newsletter and journal. As a step toward fulfilling this desire, the Society also formed a Publications committee, chaired by Jack Bumsted and consisting of the newsletter editor (Bill Fraser), journal editor (Bob Coutts), webmaster (myself), and member-at-large Laird Rankin. Its purpose will be to foster greater coordination between the Society's publications. One of the committee's first recommendations, approved by the Council in May, was to increase the publication frequency of *Manitoba History* from two to three times per year. It is hoped this will be the first step on the way to making the journal a quarterly.

In July, the MHS office was moved from the Grain Exchange Building on Lombard, where it had been located for over 12 years, to the Merchants Building on McDermot. The move was precipitated by the ever-increasing rent in our former location. The new office is situated within the historic Exchange District, in a refurbished early 20th century garment factory. It is about the same size as our former space but it is better suited to the public display (and use) of our library books. New shelving was acquired using funds provided by a bequest to the Society, and the library was formally designated the Edwin Nix Memorial Library. A library acquisition policy developed by Jim Blanchard was adopted in early 2005, under which we will de-accession books deemed not directly pertinent to the Society's mandate, while acquiring a more comprehensive collection of local history books.

The MHS constitution has not been reviewed for several years, with the result that it now contains several obsolete sections. A constitutional review subcommittee consisting of Councillors Garry Brickman, Alan Crossin, Steve Place, and Harry Duckworth was struck, and it drafted a comprehensive new constitution which has been endorsed by the Council and will be brought for ratification to an upcoming Special Meeting of the membership. Meanwhile, formal policies were developed by the Executive and Council on the reciprocal benefits accruing to affiliated societies and the MHS, and the protection of member privacy and personal information. A policy respecting the acceptance and disposition of gifts-in-kind is being developed.

Perhaps the most significant changes in 2004-05 took place at Dalnavert Museum, where construction of a \$1.5 million Visitors Center was completed recently. The building, designed by conservation architect Wins Bridgman, features numerous aspects of "green technology" for minimizing resource consumption. It will give the Society a great facility for hosting meetings, exhibits, and other functions, and we anticipate that it will be an important catalyst of renewal at the museum. In May, the Council approved the naming of the meeting space in the Visitors Center as the C. Steward Martin Auditorium, in time for the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony on the 14th. Another change at Dalnavert was the departure of long-serving staff members Tim Worth and Nancy Anderson. In recognition of Tim's nearly 30 years of service as Curator at Dalnavert, he was given an Honorary Life Membership at a retirement party held at the University Womens Club.

The MHS is occasionally approached by members of the general public to offer moral support to one project or another. In response to one such inquiry, we became actively engaged in the public debate over plans to develop a multi-family residence building at 500 Taché immediately adjacent to the St. Boniface Museum. The MHS Council carried a motion opposing this project on the grounds that it unduly compromised the site. Regrettably, the proposal was upheld on appeal by the Winnipeg City Council and construction is anticipated to commence soon.

Looking toward the future, the Margaret McWilliams award will be presented for the 50th consecutive year in 2006, making it one of Canada's oldest book prizes. A committee is being organized to develop plans for a special commemoration of this milestone. Meanwhile, a former offshoot of the MHS is coming to an end. The Manitoba Record Society, formed in 1960 to publish rare and important documents relating to our province's past, will wind up its operations later this year and transfer its remaining physical and financial assets back to the MHS. As part of this process, the MRS is having its twelve books converted into digital form, which will enable us to deliver them free-of-charge on our web site. This will be the first step in the development of an online library of rare and unpublished manuscripts which we hope will continue the legacy of the MRS in the digital realm.

In conclusion, it was been an honour to serve as your President for the past year, during which time I have learned a lot, and met many great people in the heritage community. I pledged at the beginning of my term to offer new ideas for your consideration, and to actively solicit discussion. I look forward to further progress on these fronts during the coming year.

L. Gordon Goldsborough
President

Treasurer's Report

The general operating revenue of the Society for the 2004 – 2005 fiscal year, including the net revenue from projects, decreased from \$69,728. to \$61,552. If we remove the bequests received from both years, the operating revenue increased from \$53,978, to \$56,552. Revenue from membership fees and donations increased from \$17,284. to \$22,397., an increase of \$5,113. This increase is primarily due to an increase in donations and is a welcome increase as memberships fees and donations have been decreasing in the past.

The general expenditures of the Society increased from \$67,482. to \$73,586., an increase of \$6,104. A major portion of the increased expenditure was due to the library shelving in the new offices. This was funded by a portion of the bequest received in 2003 – 2004 which had been allocated to this expenditure. Other one-time costs related to the move of the office and upgrading the accounting system amounted to approximately \$3,200. This was partially offset by a reduction in the rent in the new location.

Net revenues from projects declined from \$11,011. to \$4,099. Part of the decrease is attributed to the method of accounting for the Province of Manitoba operating grant. The full amount of the \$25,200. grant has been treated as general revenue while in the past, \$4,300. of the grant was attributed to the Manitoba History project. In addition, net revenue from the Sir John A. Macdonald dinner declined from \$10,678. to \$7,353., a decrease of \$3,325. The exact details of the changes in net revenues from projects is outlined in Note 5 to the financial statements. We continue to look for sponsors for several of the projects, in particular Centennial Farms and Centennial Organizations.

With respect to Dalnavert, comparison of the operating results is difficult because of the substantial changes due to the closure of the house to the public during the period of construction. However, due to an increase in the transfer of funds from the Heritage Trust to \$50,000. for the year and an excess of expenses over revenue of only \$2,770., the Dalnavert surplus has increased from \$25,927. to \$73,157. which will be of assistance in the next couple of years as the new addition to the house and the changes in programming are put into place.

As I have expressed in the past many times, we continue to experience a lack of sustained growth in the areas of membership revenue and donations for operations. The current basic operating expenses of the society, excluding Dalnavert costs but including the net costs of the Centennial Farms and Manitoba History projects, amounted to approximately \$72,000.00 for the 2004 – 2005 year. If we reduce that by the \$25,000. grant from the Province, we need to raise approximately \$47,000. from membership, donations and fund raising such as the Sir John A. Macdonald dinner just to meet these basic costs. For 2004 – 2005, these three sources of income amounted to approximately \$30,000., leaving a shortfall of about \$17,000. to be raised or will become a further reduction of our surplus.

The areas of membership and donations need to be increased substantially to support the day-to-day operations of the Society so that our reliance on the fundraising for operating expenses can be diminished and fundraising can be channeled for new initiatives of the Society. Our surplus has been diminishing due to the deficits of the past few years and every effort must be made in the years ahead to ensure at least a break-even position each year.

To all those that have “gone the extra mile” in the last year to support the Society, particularly those involved with the Dalnavert addition, I once again can only extend my gratitude and look forward to your continued support in the future. In particular, I would once again thank Jackie Friesen for all of her dedication to the society over the past years.

Kenneth A. Zealand, C.A.
Treasurer

Award Programs

Centennial Business Awards

In 1999 the Manitoba Historical Society initiated the Manitoba Centennial Business Awards to recognize businesses that contributed to the development and character of the province for over one hundred years. Kenneth A. Zealand Chartered Accountant has sponsored the award since its inception. The firm he is now working with, Meyers Norris Penny, is continuing that sponsorship, for which we are very grateful.

This year three businesses received the award: Christie's Office Plus (1881 in Brandon), Ash Temple Limited (1895) and Winnipeg Supply Service Experts (1904). They join the eighteen previous recipients: Hudson's Bay Company; The North West Company; Burrows Lumber Inc.; Wilson Furniture Ltd.; Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company; H.P. Tergesen store in Gimli; Brown and Rutherford; Hartney Machine and Motors; Winnipeg Free Press; Arctic Glacier; J.J.H. McLean & Co. Ltd.; Pringle's Men's Wear in Boissevain; Trim Services Ltd.; Thomson Funeral Services; Reesor's Jewellery of Brandon; James Richardson and Sons, Ltd., and the law firms Pitblado and Aikins, Macaulay, Thorvaldson.

Last year one special joint award with the Manitoba Community Newspapers Association was presented to The Western Canadian of Manitou, founded in 1900. Nineteen other newspapers have been honoured in the past.

In celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the MHS, special awards were presented in May 2004 to the following hotels: the Woodbine (1878); the Winnipeg (1881); the Queens of Rapid City (1881); the New Occidental (1886); the Vendome (1898); the Windsor (1903); and Mariaggi's (1903).

We would welcome suggestions of worthy recipients for future awards.

Judith Hudson Beattie, Chair

Committee Members:
David Deane
Ken Zealand

Centennial Farms Awards

Forty –seven (47) Centennial Farm applications were approved during the year, with the plaques prepared and one set of certificates. Most were presented by members of the Centennial Farm Committee at family gatherings throughout the province.

The continuing assistance of Marlene Baskerville and Ann Johner of the Manitoba Agriculture, Food & Rural Initiatives is much appreciated. The Department's Century Farm program and the Manitoba Historical Society's Centennial Farm Program work in co-operation to recognize the pioneer farm families throughout Manitoba.

The Members of the Centennial Farm Committee spend many week- ends travelling on behalf of the Society to present Centennial Farm plaques. Many thanks to Lee Treilhard, Mary Perfect, Corinne Tellier, David McDowell, Jac Heibert and the late John Bovey. Members also provide assistance with research, record keeping and their invaluable counsel with decisions. The committee provided over 800 hours of volunteer time to this program in 2004-05.

The Committee was saddened by the death of John Bovey in January 2005. He and his wife Pat have been helping with presentations in the past few years.

The following families have been recognized with Manitoba Historical Society Centennial Farm plaques. Most of the plaques carried the 125th anniversary seal of the Society.

Anne MacVicar, Chair

Committee Members:

Lee Treilhard

Mary Perfect

Corinne Tellier

David McDowell

Jac Heibert

Centennial Farm Awards

Arborg

Leonard & Christine Finnson
N.W. 36-23-1 E.P.M. 1904

Robert & Gladys Gudmundson
S. W. 24-22-1 E.P.M 1903

Cory & Star Johannesson
S.E. 36-23-1 E. P. M. 1904
S.W. 36-23-1 E. P. M. 1904

Austin

Roy & Gwen Storie
S. W. 33-11-12 W. P. M. 1904

Beausejour

Adolph & Elizabeth Kondratiuk
Legal Subdivisions 3, 4 & 6
of S.W 32 - 14- 9 E.P.M 1904

Binscarth

Ralph & Irene Pizzey
N.E 16 - 18 - 28 W.P.M 1904

Birtle

David & Ainsley Nettle
E.14-17-27 W. P. M 1904

Clandeboye

Brenda McRae
S.W. 35-14-4 E.P.M 1882

Dauphin

Alex & Diane Paul
S. W. 15-24-19 W.P.M. 1898

Deloraine

Robert & Alice McGee
N. E. 1-4-23 W.P.M. 1904
Bradley & Mona McGee
S.E. 1-4-23 W.P. M. 1894

Dominion City

Ronald & Marlys Pearse
S. E. 22-3-2 E. P. M. 1884
N. E. 22-3-2 E. P. M. 1890

Gilbert Plains

Homer & Wilma Stewart
James & Tammy Stewart
S. W. 32-24-22 W. P. M. 1903

Gladstone

Colin & Mona Burnside
S. E. 34-14-13 W. P. M. 1904

Grandview

David & Darlene Barnett
N. E. 34-24-24 W. P. M. 1904

Sidney & Marion Hayes
S.W 28 - 25 - 24 W.P.M 1897

Hamiota

Bruce Cochran & Dorothy Van Achte
S 35 – 13 – 23 W.P.M 1899

Melvin & Janice Dixon

Darryl & Penny Dixon
S. W. 14-14-23 W. P.M. 1902
N. W. 11-14-23. W.P.M. 1902

Keld

Ron & Myrna Koshowski
N. E. 31-23-20 W. P. M. 1900

La Broquerie

Bernard & Marge Fournier
N. N. E. 7-7-8 E. P. M 1899
W. S. E. 18-7-8 E. P. M 1903

Langruth

Murray & Linda Johanson
N. W. 14-17-9 W. P. M. 1904

Ted & Lynne Jonasson

S. W. 36-16-19 W. P. M 1901

La Salle

Oscar & Eveline Lagacé
Jacques & Lori Lagacé
S. N. E. 21-8-2 E. P. M. 1904

Lundar

David Bjornsson
Darlene Bjornsson Skibinski
S. W. 35-19-5 W. P. M. 1902

MacGregor

Jack Nash & Gladys Tucker
N. W. 32-8-11 W. P. M. 1900

Malonton

Diane (Obach) & Gisli Jonasson
S.E. 32-18-2 E. P. M. 1903

Miniota

Blaine & Tracey Peel
N. E. 21-13-27 W. P. M. 1898
N. 22-13-27 W. P. M. 1904

Minnedosa

Eleanor (Shenk) & James Graham
S. E. 34-14-19 W. P. M. 1903

Mountain Road

John & Helen Zwarich
Harry Zwarich
N. E. 2-18-17 W. P. M. 1903

Neepawa

Elvis & Connie Sumner
Mark Sumner
N. 23-13-16 W. P. M. 1904

Plumas

Victor & Shirley Stinson
S. E. 15-16-13 W. P. M. 1898

Plum Coulee

Elvira (Klassen) & Cornelius J. Giesbrecht
Westerly 53 acres of N.W. 25 – 2 – 3 W.P.M 1903

Portage La Prairie

Alex M. & Shirley McKay
N.W. 17-12-7 W. P. M. 1904

Rapid City

Darcy & Tracy Bramley
N.E. 30 – 14 – 19 W.P.M 1899

Rorketon

Walter & Victoria Werbiski
S. E. 16-28-17 W. P. M. 1904

Reston

William & Ruby Busby
S. E. 20-7-27 W. P. M. 1887
S. W. 20-7-27 W. P. M. 1897

St. Alphonse

Celest Delichte
N. E. 35-5-12 W. P. M. 1901

Henry & Meredith Delichte
N. E. 28-5-12 W. P.M. 1896

R. M of Sifton

Raymond Ray
N. W. 17-7-25. W.P.M. 1889

Souris

Laurence & Margaret Edgerton
K. Robert Edgerton
9-7-21 W. P.M. 1904

Starbuck

Roy & Inga Livingston
Shawn & Carla Livingston
Scott Livingston & Linda Chale
S.W 20 –9 – 1 WPM 1903

Teulon

William B & Olga Demery
E.N.E. 15 – 17 – 2 E.P.M 1898)

Walter & Bernice Tomchak
S. E. 32-17-2 E. P. M. 1900

Virden

James & Fay Tapp
S. W. 19-11-26 W. P. M. 1889

Waskada

Janice (Lowe) McClelland
Linda (Lowe) Ford
Vernon Lowe
S. E. 15-1-25 W. P. M. 1901
S. W. 15-1-25 W. P. M. 1903

Winkler

George & Nettie Froese
E.N.E 14 – 2 – 5 WPM 1889

Certificate**RM of Strathcona**

Fern E. Lockerby
N.E 36- 3 – 15 W.P.M 1899 – 2004

Centennial Organizations Awards

Presentation of Centennial Organizations were made at our second annual awards ceremony, held again this year at St. John's College (University of Manitoba) on 3 April 2005. This year's recipients, listed in order of their founding year, are shown below.

Name	Founding year
<i>St. Mary's Academy</i>	1874
<i>Winnipeg Press Club</i>	1887
<i>The Winnipeg Humane Society</i>	1894
<i>The Women's Musical Club of Winnipeg</i>	1894
<i>Child & Family Services of Western Manitoba (Brandon)</i>	1899
<i>Holy Trinity Anglican Church (Miniota)</i>	1900
<i>St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church (Winnipeg)</i>	1901
<i>The Brandon Club (Brandon)</i>	1904
<i>The Parish Church of Saint Michael and All Angels (Winnipeg)</i>	1904
<i>St. Johns Lawn Bowling Club (Winnipeg)</i>	1904
<i>Le Club Belge (Winnipeg)</i>	1905

Brief profiles on each of the eleven recipients have been posted on the MHS web site at www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/organization/index.shtml. This brings to 25 the number of Centennial Organizations which have been recognized in the two years that this program has existed. Several other qualified organizations have been identified and these will be invited to apply during the next year. We suspect that many more groups – especially churches – are eligible.

Gordon Goldsborough

Margaret McWilliams Awards

The Manitoba Historical Society Margaret McWilliams Award was established in 1955, through the generosity of former Lt. Governor Roland F. McWilliams, as a memorial to his late wife, Margaret McWilliams.

Margaret McWilliams served as president of the Manitoba Historical Society, and, along with W. L. Morton, is credited with revitalizing the Society after the war years. Margaret McWilliams made many significant contributions to Manitoba during her lifetime, as a journalist, politician, activist and historian.

The 2005-06 Awards will be the 50th Anniversary of the award program, making this award one of the oldest in Canada. To commemorate this occasion as well as the 125th Anniversary of the Society in 2004, the program has undergone many exciting changes. The award criteria has been updated to meet a wider range of publications and print media, as well as audio, visual, and web based projects. Our subject matter remains Manitoba based, however, and submissions are sought worldwide, as long as they are in keeping with our criteria. In addition, a \$25.00 submission fee has been introduced for the book category only.

Award presentations were made at the Society's second annual awards event held at St. John's College, (University of Manitoba) on April 3, 2005, by the Honourable John Harvard, P. C. , O. M., Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba and Patron of our Society; with Ron Robinson of CBC radio as master of ceremonies.

J. Friesen, MHS Staff

Margaret McWilliams Juror Panel

Jim Richtik, Chair

Barry Bills

Lyle Ford

Anne Morton

Ron Kirbyson.

**Margaret McWilliams
Award Recipients**

Historical Fiction Category

Honourable Mention

Louis, fils des Prairies

Author: Noëlie Palud-Pelletier

Publisher: Les Éditions des Plaines

Local History Category

Saint. Laurent, Manitoba: Evolving Métis Identities, 1850-1914

Author: Nicole St-Onge

Publisher: Canadian Plains Research Centre, University of Regina

Organizations Category

One Hundred Years at the St. Charles Country Club

St. Charles Country Club: A Centennial History

Authors: Barbara Huck & Doug Whiteway

Publisher: Heartland Associates Inc.

Popular Category

A Store Like No Other: Eaton's of Winnipeg

Author: Russ Gurluck

Publisher: Great Plains Publications

Scholarly Category

Formidable Heritage: Manitoba's North & the Cost of Development

Author: Jim Mochoruk

Publisher: University of Manitoba Press

Article Category

Title: *Indigenous Knowledge, Literacy and Research on Métisage and Métis Origins
on the Saskatchewan River: The Case of the Jerome Family*

Authors: Ruth Swan & Edward A. Jerome

Publication: Prairie Forum 29, no. 1 (Spring 2004) : pp.1-24

Young Historians Awards

In 2004 the Society received 100 entries for our annual competition, with 38 winners. As in the past, entries from private schools dominated (1 from St. John's Ravenscourt, 8 from Holy Ghost, 22 from Balmoral, 24 from St. Mary's). However, a growing number of schools from across the province participated, including St. Francois Xavier, Deloraine, Shoal Lake, Langruth, Roseau Valley, Portage and Yellowquill, and the city schools of General Byng, John Taylor, Lord Wolseley, Robert H. Smith and Gordon Bell. We are working with Heritage Fairs to recognize different skills. MHS focuses on written papers, and includes Senior 3 and 4 students while Heritage Fairs emphasize oral presentations and exhibits. Our decision to restrict the competition to Manitoba history has not resulted in any reduction in the quality or number of submissions, and fits with the Society's mandate. We plan to continue this policy.

The Awards ceremony was held in Grant Park High School on 24 October 2004, with more than 200 attending. Doug Taylor, former MHS President and Vice-Principal of the school, welcomed us and Susan Moffatt-Rozniatowski, chair of the school's Parents Advisory Council and a Committee member, managed the arrangements. Awards were presented by MHS President Gordon Goldsborough, Irene Shaw, Dr. Kenneth Thorlakson, and the members of the Young Historians Committee. Manitoba Living History members Rick and Anne Lindsay and Bob Kennaugh provided exciting historical activities for those attending. The school's custodial staff set up chairs and tables, the Committee prepared the refreshments, and all the participants brought their enthusiasm. Special thanks to Jacqueline Friesen who did much of the preparatory work.

Certificates go to all winners, book prizes to first place, and the Dr. Edward Shaw award went to Kimberley Hawes of Portage for her impressive study of Yosh Tashiro, a Portage photographer. Each winner and each school received a bag of historical items in honour of MHS's 125th Anniversary. Donors included MHS and Dalnavert Museum; Canada's National History Society; Costume Museum of Canada (Dugald); Hbc (Toronto); H.P. Tergeson (Gimli); Heartland Press; Heritage Winnipeg; Historica (Toronto); J.J.H. McLean; Manitoba Culture, Heritage & Tourism; Manitoba Record Society; Mariaggi's Hotel; Musée de Saint-Boniface; The North West Company; Pavilion Gallery (Assiniboine Park); Wawanesa Insurance; Sipiweske Museum (Wawanesa) and Western Canada Aviation Museum. We plan to repeat this popular feature.

Grant Park High School provided an ideal setting, publicized the awards in the school system, and subsidized the cost, for which we are very grateful. The Committee also worked hard to reduce costs. Nevertheless, the Young Historians Committee needs a sponsor. If anyone can suggest an appropriate source of funds, please let us know. Working in conjunction with Heritage Fairs and Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism, and with increased school contacts, we hope to reach even more budding historians.

Judith Hudson Beattie, Chair

Committee Members:

Nancy Anderson	Virginia Johnson
Shannon Stunden Bower	Susan Moffatt-Rozniatowski
Janelle Reynolds	Jacqueline Friesen, Staff

**Manitoba Historical Society
Young Historian Awards 2004**

Level C

Research Papers Category

Shaw Award & First Place

Student: Kimberley Halwas
Title: Life of Yosh Tashiro
School: Portage Collegiate Institute
Teacher: James Kostychuk

Second Place

Student: Grant Lucas
Title: The Winnipeg General Strike of 1919
School : St. John's Ravenscourt
Teacher: Alan Levine (Independent)

Third Place

Student: Lauren Stone
Title: Duff Roblin
School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: Donna Alexander

Honourable Mention

Student: Lacey Jade Collins
Title: The Forks: A History
School: Gordon Bell
Teacher: Prema Bursa

Family History Category

First Place

Student: Ken Marleau
Title: My Family Migration Project
School: John Taylor
Teacher: Elsebeth Hansen-Kriening

Historical Fiction Category

Honourable Mention

Student: Vanessa Mancini
Title: Diary of Alice Spencer
School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: Donna Alexander

Level B

Research Paper Category

First Place (Tie)

Student: Rhéanne Marcoux
Title: For the Love of the Language
School: St. Mary's Academy
Teacher: Bernice Lucas

First Place (Tie)

Student: Kathryn Marcynuk
Title: Lake Winnipeg: Manitoba Great Lake
School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: Teresa Friesen/Donna Alexander

Second Place

Student: Lauren Danielle Hay Hurst
Title: Dr. Charlotte Whitehead Ross
School: St. Mary's Academy
Teacher: Marie Desaulniers

Third Place

Student: Heather Olynik
Title: Thomas George Prince (1917-17)
Canada's Most Aboriginal War Hero
School: St. Mary's Academy
Teacher: Deb Nickel

Honourable Mention:

Student: Daniel Zettler
Title: Manitoba Wheat Pool
School: Yellowquill
Teacher: Rochelle Rands

Historical Fiction Category

First Place

Student: Lauren Henderson
Title: Living in 1919 Winnipeg during the
Winnipeg General Strike
School: Balmoral Hall School
Teacher: Teresa Friesen/Donna Alexander

Second Place

Student: Kelcey Vossen
Title: Fighting the Flood: 1950 Flood Diary of
Jacqueline St. Hilaire
School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: Teresa Friesen/Donna Alexander

Third Place

Student: Breanna Armstrong
Title: History of Assiniboine Park Zoo
School: St. Mary's Academy
Teacher: Marie Desaulniers

Family History Category

First Place

Student: Samara Preun
Title: The Preun Bentler Family
School: St. Mary's Academy
Teacher: Marie Desaulniers

Second Place

Student: K.K. Ho
Title: A Family History
School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: Teresa Friesen/Donna Alexander

Third Place

Student: Tom Morris
Title: My Family Tree
School: John Taylor
Teacher: Elsebeth Hansen-Kriening

Honourable Mention

Student: Kara Nadeau
Title: The Life of Claire Bernardin
School: St. Mary's Academy
Teacher: Bernice Lucas

Posters & Paintings Category

First Place

Student: Amy Boese
Title: The March West
School: Roseau Valley
Teacher: Richard Maslanka

Second Place

Student: Sarah Knight
Title: The Sarah Sommer Chai Folk Ensemble
School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: Teresa Friesen/Donna Alexander

Third Place

Student: Natasha Zloty
Title: Winnipeg General Strike of 1919
School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: Teresa Friesen/Donna Alexander
(Independent)

Project Category

First Place

Student: Madelaine Stefanik (Mother accepting)
Title: The Ukrainian Labour Temple
School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: Teresa Friesen/Donna Alexander

Level A

Research Paper Category

First Place

Student: Adnan Makamel
Title: The Mennonites in Manitoba
School: Robert H. Smith
Teacher: Tina Hellmuth

Second Place

Student: Victoria Taylor
Title: The Grey Nuns and Marguerite d'Youville
School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: Marguerite Baker

Third Place (Tie)

Student: Toria Rankin-Friesen
Title: Mennonites in Canada
School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: Marguerite Baker

Third Place (Tie)

Student: Stephanie Webster
Title: Louis Riel
School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: Marguerite Baker

Historical Fiction Category

First Place

Student: Maegan Bond
Title: The Diary of Merlyn Cooper
School: General Byng
Teacher: Bonnie McCann

Second Place

Student: Katherine Dobosz
Title: Polish Immigration in Manitoba After WW2
School: Holy Ghost
Teacher: Laura Gentile

Third Place

Student: Breanne Bourns
Title: Diary of Henry Coleaux
School: St. Francois Xavier Community
Teacher: Bill Grant

Posters Category

First Place

Student: Marg-Jo Ramos
Title: Louis Riel, Father of Manitoba
School: Holy Ghost
Teacher: Laura Gentile

Projects Category

First Place

Student: Connor Fry-Sykora
Title: Louis Riel
School: Robert H. Smith
Teacher: Tina Hellmuth

Second Place (Tie)

Students: Christel Wilson & Amanda Kopp
Title: History of the Schools of the Langruth Area
School: Langruth Elementary
Teacher: Clint Cannon

Second Place (Tie)

Students: Stacy Wilson & Stephanie Jackson
Title: The Hungarian Church
School: Langruth Elementary
Teacher: Clint Cannon

Family History Category

First Place

Student: Krystal Nguyen – Hua
Title: Canadian Immigration: My Dad's Story
School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: Marguerite Baker

Second Place

Student: Jennifer Friesen
Title: The History of My Great Grandparents
School: St. Francois Xavier Community
Teacher: Bill Grant

Third Place

Student: Carl Hyde
Title: A Tale of Two Grandpas
School: Shoal Lake
Teacher: Susan Moffatt

Douglas Kemp Award

The Douglas Kemp Award was established in 1988 in recognition of the outstanding contributions to the Manitoba Historical Society by Douglas Kemp. Mr. Kemp served as Society President from 1959 to 1961.

This year, as part of our 125th anniversary celebrations, the Society honoured three individuals, volunteers who have worked tirelessly for the Society for over ten years or more. The awards were presented at during the 125th anniversary reception, held June 24, 2004, in the rotunda of the Manitoba Legislative Building.

The following recipients were honoured:

Ms. Anne MacVicar, Chair, Centennial Farm Committee

Anne MacVicar has been involved with the Centennial farm committee for the past 20 years. She has served as chair of the Committee since 1986. Since that time, Anne has been and continues to be a dedicated volunteer for the Society, spending countless hours working with the Centennial Farm applicants, research, and presenting plaques. She serves as a Society ambassador to the communities and residents of rural Manitoba.

Robert (Bob) Coutts, Co-Editor, Manitoba History Journal

Robert Coutts has served as volunteer co-editor of the Society's well-respected journal, Manitoba History, since 1988. He has given freely of his expertise, and has expended hundreds of hours to produce this quality publication, which has an international as well as national and regional readership. He is an author of books on Manitoba History, and is a historian, employed with Parks Canada.

Dr. John (Jock) Lehr, Past MHS President, Field Trip Chair

Dr. John Lehr, Professor of Geography at the University of Manitoba, has served as MHS President 1998-2000. He has organized and hosted several Society History Conferences, and has spent countless volunteer hours over the past decade, organizing and leading the Society's popular historic tours and field trips throughout Manitoba and beyond.

J. Friesen, MHS Staff

Programs

Program Committee

The Program Committee met six times in the past year.

The first program of the 2004-2005 season was the Prairie Dog Central train ride to Warren and return for the 125th Annual General Meeting and Luncheon. Attendance (approximately 60) was less than our target of 100 but the event was judged a success. The train ride was enjoyable (no derailments, no Indian attacks), the luncheon provided by the Warren community was excellent and the talk by railway historian Fred Headon was most interesting. The people at Warren later told us that we had the best day of the summer for our event.

Other programs included a Stained Glass Church Tour of St. Luke's Anglican and Trinity Baptist churches; Film Night 2004 in co-operation with the Manitoba Archives with a presentation by Professor James Hanley of the 1953 Manitoba made film *Road to Recovery* our popular Multicultural Dinner at the Winnipeg Chilean Association Hall with MHS member Francisco Valenzuela as the speaker.

With the completion of the Dalnavert Visitor Centre, we look forward to working with the Dalnavert Management Committee to establish a regular schedule of programs at that venue.

Once again, sincere thanks are due to Patricia Forsythe and Nancy Anderson, resource persons for the dinners and publicity respectively, also to Jackie Friesen for all the help provided by the MHS office.

Thanks are also due to President Gordon Goldsborough who has faithfully attended all our programs and welcomed those present on behalf of the Society.

Alan Crossin, Chair

Committee Members

Harry Duckworth

Carol Polson

Dan Furlan

Carol Scott

Carl James

John Selwood

Margaret Jensen

MHS 125th Anniversary Committee

The Committee was established by the Council in 2001, to generate ideas that could be implemented to help celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Society in 2004. The Committee determined that each standing committee of the Society would develop special programs or events which would highlight and commemorate this special anniversary.

An exhibit of the past and current activities of the MHS was researched and prepared by MHS volunteers, Corinne Tellier and Judith Hudson Beattie. The exhibit was displayed in various museums, libraries and Society events throughout the anniversary year: Sports Hall of Fame (The Bay) Wm. Stephenson Library, Pembina Trail Library, St. Vital Library, St. Norbert Provincial Heritage Park, Ross House, Treherne Museum, Dufferin Museum, Elizabeth Dafoe Library (U. of Manitoba). The Society is grateful to these participating partners for their support in promoting the Society and its work.

In March, instead of honouring a specific culture as is the custom, the Program Committee hosted a special Manitoba 1879 themed dinner, with guest speaker, Jim Blanchard, author, *1000 Miles of Prairie* and MHS Past President, with musical entertainment by Sierra Nobel.

A special 125th Anniversary Celebration was organized and hosted by the 125 Celebration Committee on June 24, 2004, at the Manitoba Legislature Rotunda. We were honoured by the presence of Minister of Education, Hon. Peter Bjornson, who read a special provincial proclamation, and brought greetings from the province.

Past President Alan Crossin, an active member of the Society since 1949, gave an interesting address, a retrospective look at the past 50 years of our organization. Douglas Kemp Award presentations were made during the evening, to honour the outstanding contributions to the Society made by Mr. Robert Coutts, Dr. John Lehr, and Ms. Anne MacVicar. Sierra Nobel and Dave Lavalee provided musical entertainment, and a reception with anniversary cake and punch was held after the formal presentations. All guests in attendance received a gift of a special edition MHS Manitoba Atlas to mark the occasion.

The committee wishes to thank all of the MHS standing committees, volunteers and individuals who assisted and participated in helping us to celebrate our anniversary year.

J. Friesen, MHS Staff

Committee Members:

Carl James, Chair

Céline Kear

Judith Hudson Beattie

Bob Sutton

Bill Fraser

Margaret Morse

Corinne Tellier

Field Trips & Historical Tours

Field Trip Committee

Two field trips were organized this year. The theme of the spring field trip was “Women’s History”, and the contribution of women in Manitoba history was explored. The tour included a visit to Sipiweske Museum, in Wawanesa, home of an extensive collection of Nellie McClung artifacts. While in Wawanesa, the group enjoyed lunch at Kurt’s Schnitzel house.

The fall trip “Heritage Icons of Manitoba’s Prairie and Parkland” was a special event, an overnight trip to the heritage sites on the south slopes of the Riding Mountains and in Manitoba’s Parkland region. We were most fortunate to have Ed Ledohowski, Heritage Designation Officer, Provincial Historic Resources Branch and long time Society member, lead the trip. Guided by Ed’s enthusiasm and knowledge of the area, the group learned of the settlement history of the area and the cultural geography of the people who created the spectacular heritage sites visited.

Financially, both trips yielded a small surplus to the Society’s revenue.

J. Friesen, MHS Staff

John C. Lehr, Chair
Field Trip Committee

Sir John A. Macdonald Anniversary Fundraising Dinner Committee

The Committee was greatly shocked and saddened by the sudden loss of John Bovey, long time Society member and member of the Sir John A. Macdonald Fundraising Committee, just a prior to our event. John worked very hard on our committee, and for the Society, and we miss him greatly. His crisp sense of humor, wisdom, and gentleness will not be forgotten.

The annual fund-raising dinner was held Saturday, January 15, 2005, in the Provencher room of the Hotel Fort Garry, with 143 guests in attendance. Our guest speaker was the Right Honourable John N. Turner, whose talk on Sir John A. Macdonald was met with a standing ovation. Musical entertainment was provided by the Jason Munro Trio.

This year, a silent auction replaced our raffle, which was very well received. Carl James coordinated the auction, with assistance from Maria Zibigniewicz, Sandra Mott James, Bob & Evelyn Sutton, Gordon Goldsborough, Bill Fraser and Jackie Friesen. Jose Koes acted as our charming M. C. We are very grateful to all the business, organizations and individuals who either donated and/ or solicited items for the silent auction on our behalf, and a list is provided in the contribution section of this report.

Our grateful thanks are extended to our annual sponsors, Mrs. Steward Martin, The Hotel Fort Garry, and the Winnipeg Free Press. The success of our events is attributed to their continuing generosity, and it is very much appreciated.

The Committee raised approximately \$ 7, 400. 00 for the operations of the Society from the event this year.

The Committee recommends that the number of silent auction items be increased next year. The Committee requires additional members to assist with the many tasks involved in organizing of the event, in particular the silent auction. Preparations for the event, especially the silent auction, should begin earlier in the year.

Work has begun on this year's dinner, and we look forward to another successful year.

Margaret Morse, Chair

Committee Members:
Shirley Bradshaw
Bernie Wolfe
Mary Louise Zorniak
Jacqueline Friesen, Staff

Communications & Publications

Publications Committee

The committee, which consisted of J. M. Bumsted (chair), Bob Coutts as editor of *Manitoba History*, Bill Fraser as editor of the Newsletter, Gordon Goldsborough as editor of the Website, and Laird Rankin as a member-at-large, held its organizational meeting in September 2004.

At its first meeting, the committee drafted its terms of reference, which were passed on to the Executive and Council for approval.

The committee met a number of times during the year, making a number of recommendations for improvement to the Society's publications programme. For *Manitoba History*, it recommended an expansion of publication frequency from two issues to three (for 2005) and eventually to four (for 2006). It also recommended that the expanded journal carry advertising and increase its prices.

For the Newsletter, the committee recommended a change of name, with *Timelines* ultimately decided upon as the new name on the masthead. The committee also recommended that the Newsletter consider making itself available in on-line format for those who would prefer to receive it electronically.

The committee urged the Dalnavert Management Committee to stock MHS publications in its new shop.

Because the Council had decided in the autumn to withdraw the Society's McWilliams awards from the "Brave New Worlds" prize-giving event, the Publications Committee agreed to serve as the interim organizer and co-coordinator of the newly separated McWilliams Prize giving for 2005. It also recommended that the terms of reference of the McWilliams Prize committee be revised to reflect the new situation, changing from one serving solely as a jury to adjudicate the McWilliams prizes to one that would not only supervise the adjudication of the prizes but would organize and co-ordinate the prize giving event. It was noted that 2006 would represent the 50th anniversary of the McWilliams Prizes, which should be commemorated accordingly.

J.M. Bumsted, Chair

Committee Members:

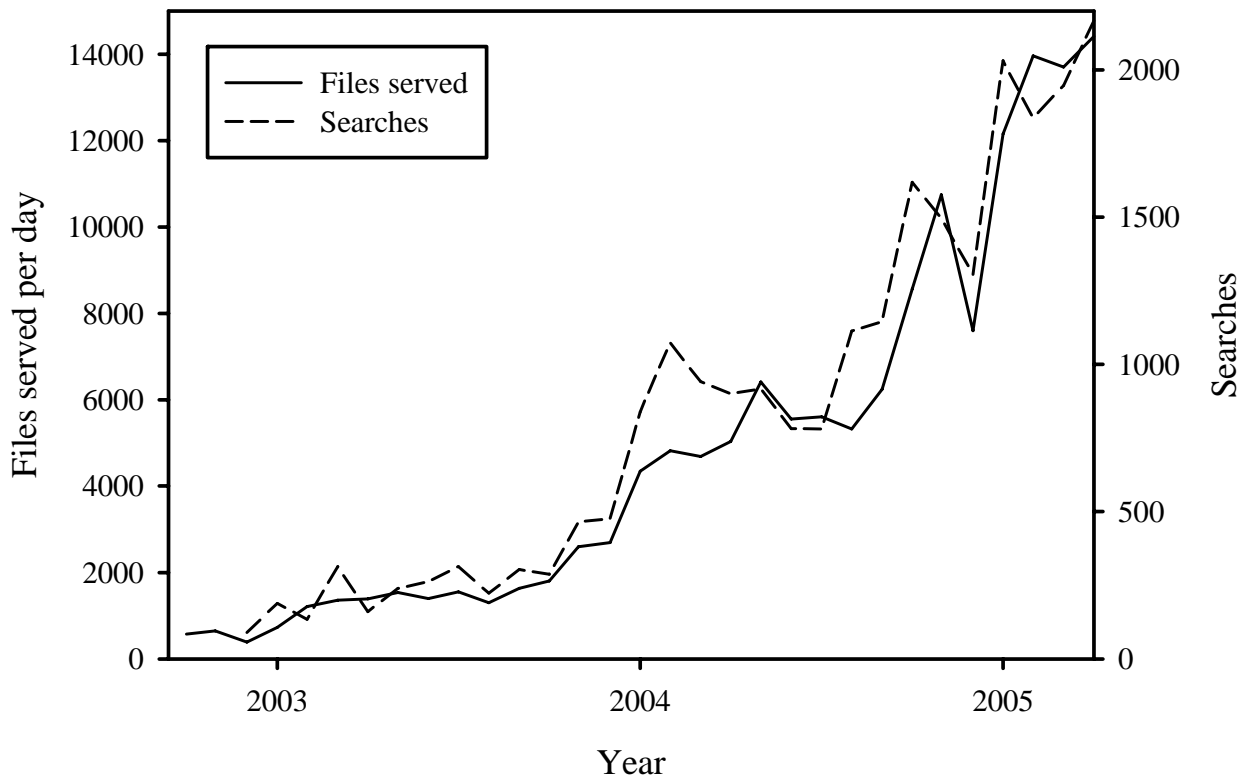
Bill Fraser

Gordon Goldsborough

Bob Coutts

Web Site

The web site (www.mhs.mb.ca) has expanded greatly in the last year, its traffic continues to increase (see graph), and we are receiving an increased volume of public inquiries arising from material on the web site. Manuscripts have been submitted for publication in *Manitoba History* as a result of publicity gained through our web site.



In

June 2003, we began a long-term project to provide online access to as many of the Society's publications. The project subsequently received the support of Heritage Grants from the provincial government in Fall 2003 and Spring 2004 which enabled us to employ students to assist with the work. I volunteer a substantial amount of time to complete the work of converting digitized documents into a format that can be displayed on the web site.

At present, all but a handful of the *Transactions of the Manitoba Historical and Scientific Society* (1882 to 1980) are online, the exceptions being ones that were republished in book form by the University of Manitoba Press in 2002. (We are withholding these temporarily so as not to interfere with book sales.) All *Manitoba Pageant* issues are online. We have begun the digitization process for our present journal, *Manitoba History*, and have completed the first fifteen issues (1980 to 1988). We anticipate completing all issues of the journal by the end of the summer. All but the most recent five years (which are provided online by commercial services, for which the Society receives royalties) will be made available.

Development of content for the web site, especially digitization of our publications, was made possible through grants received from the provincial government's Historic Resources Branch. The grant required us to work at two bingos at the city casinos. Thanks are due to volunteers who helped: Judith Hudson Beattie (x2), Jim Blanchard (x2), Harry Duckworth, Mary Lynn Duckworth, Peter Bower, Bill Fraser, Len Goldsborough, Carl James, Margaret Morse, Elizabeth Place, Steven Place, Victor Sawelo (x2), Bob Sutton, Evelyn Sutton, and Maria Zbigniewicz.

Some of the other additions to the web site over the past year were as follows:

- A forum (www.mhs.mb.ca/forum) was created on which people can post questions and information, exchange ideas, and discuss Manitoba history.
- A series of short articles based on documents on the web site were provided to the Lieutenant-Governor's office to be featured on his web site as "Manitoba History Pick of the Week" along with a link back to the originals on our site.
- Photographs for the "Manitoba History Photo of the Day" feature were uploaded to cover an entire year.
- Descriptions and photographs of the Dalnavert Visitors Center were provided during the period of construction.
- All past recipients of Margaret McWilliams awards, from 1960s to present, were tabulated. Brief profiles on all Centennial Business and Centennial Organization award recipients were uploaded.
- The federal top-level domain "mhs.ca" was registered for a period of three years after we were informed that an unknown person was attempting to register it. We were concerned that confusion could occur if www.mhs.mb.ca and www.mhs.ca referred to different web sites. Visitors will be able to use either domain to reach our site.
- We are working with the Manitoba Record Society to obtain digital copies of its twelve books, published over the past forty years. Free access to these books will be provided on our web site, probably in the fall, along with other rare and unpublished manuscripts relevant to Manitoba and Canadian history.

Gordon Goldsborough, Webmaster

Newsletter

The newsletter has undergone some changes in 2004:

The size of the newsletter has increased from 8 to 12 pages as more material came in for the 125th anniversary year.

When the MHS office moved, the preprinted blue colour printing on the back page had to be changed to show the new address. This led to discussion of changing the masthead and the name of the newsletter. After discussion in the executive and council and suggestions came in from members the name of the newsletter was changed from *Key Words* to *Time Lines*, starting with the February/March Issue in 2005. A Permanent masthead will be designed in the near future.

One mailing was combined with the mailing of Manitoba History and more joint mailings are expected in the future as a cost-saving measure.

The newsletter now operates in association with the MHS publications committee.

MHS Members are encouraged to provide material for the editor and to make suggestions on improvements for future newsletters.

Bill Fraser, Editor

Manitoba History Journal

The Manitoba History Journal has been published continuously since 1980, and in 1996, won the Certificate of Merit from the Canadian Historical Association. As it has been since the first edition, the magazine's editorial staff is comprised of a group of dedicated Society volunteers.

The Spring/Summer issue (number 47) published in early April, was a special issue commemorating the founding of the Faculty of Science of the University of Manitoba, and entitled "Science comes to Manitoba", guest edited by Gordon Goldsborough.

The Autumn/Winter issue (number 48) contained articles by Lyle Dick - *Nationalism and Visual Media in Canada: The Case of Thomas Scott's Execution*, and Sarah Carter- *Your Great Mother Across the Salt Sea: Prairie First Nations, The British Monarchy and the Vice Regal Connection to 1900*.

With this issue, we bid a fond farewell to long time Gazette editor, Rosemary Malaher, and we thank her for her dedication over the years. Rosemary has submitted many articles to the Journal, and we hope she will continue to do so. This issue debuts and welcomes our new Gazette editors, Gillian Covernton and Scott Stephen, both members of MHS Council.

In 2005, the Journal will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary. With this milestone, many exciting developments have been initiated to enhance our publication. An editorial board has been formed, the journal will be published 3 times per year instead of 2 issues and the journal will now carry advertising, starting with the Spring/Summer issue in June 2005.

We would like to acknowledge the funding support from the Department of Culture, Heritage and Tourism, as a portion of the operating grant of the Society is allocated towards the publication of the Journal.

We extend our sincere thanks to Paul Burns, for layout and design, and to Shaw Printing.

J. Friesen, MHS Staff

Manitoba History Volunteer Editorial Staff:

Bob Coutts, Co-Editor

Morris Mott, Co-Editor

Jim Blanchard, Book Review Editor

Gillian Covernton – Gazette Co-Editor

Scott Stephen, Gazette Co-Editor

Editorial Board

Jack Bumstead, History Department, University of Manitoba

David Carr, Director, University of Manitoba Press

Robert Coutts, Historian, Parks Canada

Lyle Dick, Historian, Parks Canada

Jean Friesen, History Department, University of Manitoba

Peter Geller, University College of the North, Thompson

Sharon McLeod, University College of the North, Thompson

Morris Mott, History Department, University of Brandon

Jim Mochoruk, History Department, University of North Dakota

Michael Payne, Director of History, Alberta Community Development

Adele Perry, History Department, University of Manitoba

Heritage Preservation Committee

The Manitoba Historical Society's Historic Preservation Committee is composed of Co-Chairs Ashleigh Drewett-Laird and Irene Shaw, with members - John Gunn, Carl James, Rob Kadolph, Glenn King, Victor Sawelo, Lily Stearns, Cindy Tugwell and Tim Worth.

Tim Worth represents the Society on the City of Winnipeg Historic Buildings Committee, and Ashleigh Drewett –Laird serves as an alternate member. While the committee 's focus on heritage preservation is not limited to the City of Winnipeg, representation on City's Historic Building Committee gives the Society an opportunity to provide a voice on civic, federal and provincial heritage issues.

During the year, a number of structures were added to the City's conservation list. Buildings that saw a change in status during this past year included the Scott Fruit Company Warehouse (319 Elgin Avenue), the Bathgate Block (242 Princess Street), the former All People's Mission (119 Sutherland Avenue), the Raleigh Apartments (340 Vaughan Street) and the former Oldfield K. Gardner Building at 234 Portage Avenue.

The Committee continues the work of developing the North Point Douglas Walking Tour, and the Committee is pleased to advise that the first walking tour will take place on July 1st, coinciding with the Canada Day celebrations at the Ross House Museum.

Tim Worth, Committee Member

Ashleigh Drewett-Laird, Co- Chair
Irene Shaw, Co – Chair

Committee Members

John Gunn	Victor Sawleo
Carl James	Lily Stearns
Rob Kadolph	Cindy Tugwell
Glen King	Tim Worth

Museum Operations

Dalnavert Museum

It is hard to believe that a mere year ago, in April 2004, the Dalnavert Visitor Centre was only a hole in the ground with part of the foundations poured. Now the building is complete and the Grand Opening on May 14. The \$1.5 million project, which came in on budget and is completely paid for, will expand the types of programs and activities that we can offer at the Museum, as well as providing some much-needed income.

It has been a year of enormous change at Dalnavert and both Curator Tim Worth, who retired, and Assistant Curator Nancy Anderson, whose position was discontinued as part of the restructuring, have left the employ of the Society. Linda Neyedly is the new Director of Dalnavert and she began work on April 18, 2005. Linda was formerly the Development Officer of the Western Canada Aviation Museum and has held a number of other management and information officer positions in the City.

There is a new Management Committee in place as well. The co-chairs are Stephanie Middagh, a long time Dalnavert volunteer who is a professional Curator and Jim Blanchard, past President of MHS and a Librarian at the University of Manitoba. Sara Hoole is on the Committee. She is part owner of Jigsaw Accessories, a boutique on Corydon Avenue. Other members are Judy Wakefield, a Chartered Accountant employed by Royal Canadian Securities, and Sarah Piercy, an Information Officer at the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce.

With all the changes, Dalnavert is on the threshold of completely reinventing itself. Keeping the best of the old programs and developing exciting new ones, changing and improving the way in which the house is interpreted and offering a new, upgraded gift shop and a beautiful room for events, the Museum is poised to begin its second thirty years of life with a spring in its step and a twinkle in its eye.

Jim Blanchard, Co-Chair

Stephanie Middagh, Co-Chair

Ross House Museum

Ross House Museum opened for the season on June 1, 2004. The museum is located in Joe Zuken Heritage Park at 140 Meade St. E between Euclid and Sutherland avenues. The house, built of oak logs between 1852 and 1854, was originally the home of William and Jemima Ross and the first post office in the northwest. The building is owned by the City of Winnipeg and the artifacts belong to the Manitoba Historical Society. The house was moved to its present site in 1984. The City pays a grant to the Society to operate the museum. The museum is a valuable learning resource on the lives of the people in the Red River Settlement as interpreted through the Ross family. The museum also helps the residents of Point Douglas to enhance their pride in the cultural heritage of their community.

Under the direction of museum manager Victor Sawelo several improvements have been made to the museum. Updated wiring and new lighting fixtures have enhanced the displays of the gallery. The alarm system was upgraded. A Canadian flag flies on our new flagpole to announce that the museum is open. The city has made repairs to the building and replaced boards on the front deck and the walkway. Two bronze plaques were remounted on the pillars at the entrance walk to the house. With the support of a special grant from Manitoba Hydro, more trees have been planted in the park.

A highlight of 2004 was the 150th anniversary of the construction of Ross House. The event was celebrated at the annual Canada Day barbecue, and over 100 people enjoyed a free meal. In addition to the usual hot dogs, we cooked up 70 pounds of bison meat that was donated this year. People also enjoyed the birthday cake, a piper, children's activities and musical entertainment. Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Member of Parliament from Winnipeg North Centre, took part in the official flag raising ceremony and the cutting of the cake. 17 members of the Ross Clan visited the house later in July and donated a book, *The Great Clan Ross*, a history of the Clan. Throughout the summer, as well as guiding tourists and other visitors through the museum, the interpreters provided craft and recreational activities for neighborhood children. Museum staff and volunteers tended the vegetable and flower garden. Produce was shared by residents of the community.

After closure at the end of August, Ross House was reopened on September 25 for special tours for more than 30 employees from Dufresne Furniture Co. who were on a scavenger hunt. The house again opened from November 27 to December 5 when the Winnipeg Film Group used it as the setting for a film production. We learned in the fall that our application for a Manitoba Heritage Grant for an outdoor interpretive sign had been approved. Volunteers participated in the required bingo and over the winter, the museum manager began arranging for the production and installation of the sign. With the support of the community and the Manitoba Historical Society Heritage Preservation Committee, walking tours are also being planned as part of the July 1 celebrations in 2005.

Museum staff members in 2004 were Victor Sawelo, museum manager; Kate MacDonald, interpreter, Andrea Mair; outreach worker and Carlos Sosa, Green Team worker. Ross House Management Committee members were Deborah Edwards, Karolyn Bradley, Don Fraser and Bill Fraser, chair, representing the Manitoba Historical Society and Point Douglas community representatives Irene Brown, Mary Mathias, Cynthia Chambers, Olive Legatti and Raymond Desjarlais. Volunteers at Ross House included committee members and Gerald Brown, Larry Condra, Sandy Dzezora and Carl James.

Accounting for Ross House is managed through the office of the Manitoba Historical Society.

Bill Fraser, Chair

Victor Sawelo, Museum Manager

Membership Committee

Four people comprised the Membership Committee during 2004/05: Carol Scott (chair), Bill Fraser, Steven Place and Gillian Covernton. The committee developed a comprehensive plan for Council approval, but scaled implementation back to reflect manpower and money limitations. Several initiatives were undertaken to encourage current members to renew and new members to join.

A mail-in membership satisfaction survey distributed with a regular mailing to the entire membership (512) and Manitoba History subscribers (88) resulted in 135 responses. Many asked for more day field trips, more frequent newsletters and Manitoba History, and development of a book club. More than two-thirds of the respondents had been members for six years or more, and fifty percent said they joined to support the society or to learn about regional history. Attendance at society events has dropped, not because of dissatisfaction, but seemingly because of membership health and safety concerns. Surprisingly all but three respondents indicated that they would pay higher membership fees, perhaps consistent with a long-term, satisfied membership base. A complete report of all results was submitted to Executive and Council and is available from the office.

Some targeted advertising was undertaken to seek new members. The Beaver Magazine donated advertisement space in one issue. Ads were placed in the newsletter suggesting memberships as gifts for Christmas or other special occasions. An ad appeared in the Manitoba Social Science Teachers Association newsletter.

A new brochure was written in house and, with the help of an outside designer, brought to camera-ready stage. Printing was delayed pending consideration of fee changes.

Other changes were made during the year. Beginning in January, the number of renewal reminder notices was reduced from three to two, to reduce mailing costs. At the time of writing, it is still too early to determine whether this change impacted membership renewal rate at all.

Also in January, Staff began to inquire and record when possible, from new members how they heard about the Society, and what interested them in joining. Being approached by an existing member and an underlying or recently developed interest in history were the most common reasons given by those new members not receiving a membership as part of a centennial award. Thirteen members joined from January to April 8 and 14 Centennial organizations received gift memberships during the same period.

The committee reviewed future database requirements. Expanding it to do more than generate address labels, and adding new fields to track committee involvement and donations were recommended, and a second review by a database expert was suggested.

Membership at March 31, 2005 is 633 including 88 subscriptions to Manitoba History:

Regular member	340
Family	73
Student	3
Life	22
Corporations/Institutions	195

Carol Scott, Chair
Committee Members:
Gillian Covernton
Bill Fraser
Steven Place

MHS Heritage Trust Fund

The Manitoba Historical Trust Foundation Fund was established in June of 1984 to receive donations and administer the assets of the resulting capital fund to provide income for the operation of Dalnavert Museum and for other appropriate needs of the Society. In June of 1985 the Winnipeg Foundation was appointed custodian and manager of the capital fund.

During the past year, there were no donations to the fund. All fund-raising activities during this period were directed to the Visitor Centre Building Fund. Interest received from all investments was \$38,807.00 Dalnavert Museum was paid the amount requested for operating expenses, \$50,000.00. This amount was larger than usual because of the loss of admission income while the museum was closed and because of changes in operations as completion date of the Visitor Centre approached. No funds were transferred to the Winnipeg Foundation during this period.

Total assets as of March 31, 2005 were as follows:

On deposit with the Winnipeg Foundation	\$580,824.72
Cash in bank	40,750.76
Accrued interest	<u>6,452.78</u>
	\$628,028.26

The total market value of the funds invested with the Winnipeg Foundation as at March 31, 2005 was \$826,611.68. See also Note 3 to the Financial Statements.

With the many recent changes at Dalnavert Museum, it has not been possible to estimate 2005-2006 funding requirements for operating expenses.

Alan Crossin, Chair

Trustees

Garry Brickman	Carol Scott
Margaret Carter	Ken Zealand

Planned Giving

This committee was formed in May 2001 to organize a planned giving program for the Manitoba Historical Society.

With completion date of the Dalnavert Visitor Centre approaching and with much of the funding for that project in place, the Planned Giving Committee met in November of 2004, our first meeting since January of 2003. We have since held one other meeting.

We have determined that the Society's planned giving appeals should be directed solely to the MHS membership and the only targeted funds should be our two endowment funds, the new MHS Endowment Fund, for general Society activities, and the MHS Heritage Trust Foundation Fund, for Dalnavert Museum.

In November 2004, three of our committee members attended an informative planned giving workshop sponsored by Leave a Legacy Manitoba, a planned giving umbrella organization of which the Society is a member.

Projects under way at present include the wording of the Enabling Resolution for the MHS Endowment Fund, a Planned Giving Brochure for distribution to MHS members and suitable articles for the *Time Lines* newsletter.

Alan Crossin, Chair

Committee Members

Garry Brickman
Robert Sutton
Ken Zealand

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Province of Manitoba, Culture Heritage & Tourism

Society Web Site Digitization Project

Province of Manitoba, Culture, Heritage & Tourism

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