

Annual Report 2009-10



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Introduction

The Manitoba Historical Society, founded in 1879, is the oldest organization in Western Canada dedicated to preserving our past for future generations. For 131 years, the MHS has carried out its work, amassing collections of books and artifacts which over time became the basis of today's Archives of Manitoba, Winnipeg Public Library, and Manitoba Museum. Our mandate is to: a) encourage research and publications relating to the history of Manitoba and Western Canada; b) promote and encourage public interest in Manitoba and Canadian history; c) foster the preservation of property relating to the history of Manitoba; and d) assist in the formation and work of local historical societies in furthering the objectives of the Society throughout Manitoba.

This Annual Report describes the activities of the Society for the period from May 2009 to May 2010.

MHS Executive, Council & Staff (2009-10)

President	Dr. Harry Duckworth
Vice-President	Dr. Annabelle Mays
Past President	Dr. Jack Bumsted
Treasurer.....	Dr. Gwyneth Jones
Secretary.....	Dr. Francis Carroll
Member-at-Large.....	Dr. Gordon Goldsborough (February to May 2010)
Elected Council	Wayne Arseny, Dr. Jennifer Brown, Dennis Butcher, Dr. Francis Carroll, Dr. Harry Duckworth, Tom Ford, Diane Haglund, Carl James, Steve James, Dr. Gwyneth Jones, Marg Kentner, James Kostuchuk, Dr. Simon Lucy, Dr. Annabelle Mays, Ross Metcalfe, Bill Neville, Frances Russell, Carol Scott, Dr. Scott Stephen, Joyce Wawrykow
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Manager.....	Jacqueline Friesen (May 2009 to January 2010)
Chief Admin Officer	Jacqueline Friesen (from February 2010)
Dalnavert Director.....	Linda Neyedly (May 2009 to January 2010)
Ross House Manager.....	Victor Sawelo
Journal Editors.....	Robert Coutts, Dr. Nolan Reilly, Dr. Gordon Goldsborough
Newsletter Editor	Bill Fraser
Webmaster.....	Dr. Gordon Goldsborough

The MHS Executive and Council extend their sincere thanks to all members, volunteers, contributors, and staff for their continued support and dedication to the Society.

President's Report

The year 2009-10 has been an eventful one for the MHS, with a major reorganization of our administrative structure, and the launch of two new programs. The first completes the consolidation of the two largest parts of the Society's activities, the Society business office and the Dalnavert Museum, made possible when the Office moved to the Dalnavert Visitors Centre. The new programs are intended to raising the Society's profile throughout Manitoba by increasing our role in providing heritage information to the public, and celebrating what we know of our past.

Reorganization. Details of the reorganization of the Society's affairs, with the creation of two new full-time employee positions and reassignment of some responsibilities, was explained in *Time Lines* for March/April 2010. As noted there, the position of Director of the Dalnavert Museum was discontinued in January. Following approval of the new organizational structure by the MHS Council, Jacqueline Friesen, our Business Manager, was appointed to one of the two new positions, that of Chief Administrative Officer. A search committee was struck to fill the other new position, that of Chief Program Officer and Curator, Dalnavert Museum. This position has been widely advertised, and when the competition closed, on 15 May, we had 25 applicants, several of whom are clearly very well qualified for the position. Interviews will be conducted during the first week of June, and we plan to have the position filled very soon after that.

The main effect of the reorganization is to assign all financial aspects of the Society's activities to the Chief Administrative Officer, while the Chief Program Officer and Curator will be responsible for Dalnavert Museum, including the development of new programs, exhibitions and activities that will increase public interest in the Museum. Both officers will report directly to the Executive of the Society's Council. The Manager of our other Museum, Ross House, will report to the Chief Program Office and Curator, while supervision of the Dalnavert Gift Shop, and commercial bookings of space in the Visitors Centre, are the responsibility of the Chief Administrative Officer. Since January, Jacqueline Friesen has been bringing the financial information together, putting all the accounts on the same basis, and preparing the ground for a unified budget for all the Society's activities. The current situation is reflected in the audited statements for 2009-10, in the Treasurer's Report. During the next few months, the operating expenses will be carefully examined, and a complete budget for fiscal 2011-12 will be prepared, with input by the Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer, and the Chief Program Officer and Curator, so as to be ready for consideration by Council in November 2010. A significant part of the Society's resources are specifically earmarked for Dalnavert, and these restrictions will be carefully respected. The consolidation of all our business operations under one Society officer has led to an unvarnished picture of how we are doing financially, and it is clear that we have several problems to solve. Getting the picture clear, however, has been an essential step, and I am confident that we will be able to adjust to our situation.

Homes of Memorable Manitobans Program. In last year's President's Report, it was stated that Ross Metcalfe was chairing the Committee to prepare for the launch of the Society's program to put plaques in front of the houses of Memorable Manitobans. Ross negotiated an important agreement with the Manitoba Real Estate

Association that will cover the cost of installing ten plaques during calendar 2010, with more planned for future years. The City of Winnipeg has indicated a willingness to sponsor further plaques. Although he remains on the Plaques Committee, increasing pressure of work forced Ross to hand over the chair to James Kostuchuk, who has overseen the planning since last September. Besides the other Committee members, Joyce Wawrykow and Gordon Goldsborough, I have also taken part in the process. The program was launched just in time for Manitoba Day 2010, and we are now awaiting the delivery of the first five plaques. The houses to be recognized in this first batch are those of Prime Minister Arthur Meighen (at Portage la Prairie); campaigner for votes for women Nellie McClung (in the Wolseley district of Winnipeg); Victoria Cross winner Alan McLeod (at Stonewall); Group of Seven painter Lemoine Fitzgerald (in St James); and co-founder of the order of the Oblate Sisters, Marie-Joseph du Sacré-Coeur (in St Boniface). These plaques will be installed in the latter part of June, or perhaps early July. We are now inviting nominations of further homes of memorable Manitobans from the public, with a nomination form on the Society website. A blue-ribbon panel, of professional historians, will be used to review suggestions, to make sure the Manitobans are truly memorable, and that the historical information is correct. More plaques will be selected and installed before the end of 2010, and further ones in future years, continuing as long as suitable candidates are brought forward.

Historical Sites of Manitoba project. Another Society initiative, set in motion a couple of months ago and described in the last issue of *Time Lines*, grew out of a proposal, several years ago, to publicize small museums across the province, and raise public awareness of them. Means of communication have greatly changed since then, and Gordon Goldsborough, our webmaster and a member of the Executive, suggested that the project should be web-based, rather than using billboards as originally proposed, and should be built around an interactive map. This model would also permit many more points of interest to be included. Gordon has created a web resource called Historical Sites of Manitoba, which aims to show the exact locations of sites of all kinds – buildings and sites of buildings, plaques, cairns, statues, sites of events – throughout the province. Each site location, once on the map, is hyperlinked to a photograph, and to further information as available. The map can be used to plan historic jaunts or investigate unfamiliar places. The number of sites on the map is growing rapidly, but much work will be needed, as the exact location must be determined (using GPS technology) before a site can be inserted. Volunteers are needed to help with this, and the Society has purchased a GPS device which can be loaned for the project as needed. In addition, the Historic Buildings Committee of the City of Winnipeg is hiring a GPS-equipped student to locate all the appropriate sites within the city limits, in the course of this summer. This will add several hundred sites.

In this connection, I have to compliment Gordon Goldsborough on the obvious success of the Society's website, which he administers. Among the resources to be found there, which he has assembled either on his own or with the help of students and small grants, is the new Historic Sites web feature; a collection of brief biographies of Manitobans, now including thousands of individuals; and some web tools of particular interest to genealogists. Almost all the back issues of Society publications, and past and current issues of *Time Lines*, are also available on the website.

I also extend compliments to Bill Fraser for his work as the editor of *Time Lines*. He has made it a valuable guide to historical and heritage events, not just those sponsored or organized by the Society, but by other organizations across the province. He also locates and summarizes news from a variety of media sources on important topics of historic interest, such as threats to heritage buildings; announcements of books on Manitoba history; and inquiries from researchers.

Congratulations are also due, once again, to Carl James, a long-time member of Council who has served the Society in many essential ways. Carl was the recipient of the Kemp Award for 2009-10, for exceptional service to the Society. This award was made at the Macdonald Dinner in February. Also under congratulations, James Kostuchuk, a high school teacher at Portage Collegiate and a member of our governing Council, received a Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence last fall.

The Society sponsored the Speak Up Heritage Forum, on 19 January. This was a public consultation, part of the Speak Up Winnipeg project to collect information and public opinions for the new Plan Winnipeg. Organized in collaboration with Donald Luxton Associates, a consulting firm, the Forum discussed how the City of Winnipeg deals with heritage places, particularly when the ambitions of new development endanger historic buildings or spaces. The Forum, I am told, was the best attended of the Speak Up Winnipeg forums, and there certainly was a lively and informed discussion on matters that clearly are deeply felt in the community. Don Luxton's final report is now on the city of Winnipeg website. I hope that his recommendations will help the city move towards a more transparent way of deciding the fates of historic places in Winnipeg.

The Society arranged and sponsored a number of successful events and activities during the year, as can be seen from the Committee reports. At the Macdonald Dinner, on 2 February, the guest speaker was Jerry Gray, chair of the executive of the Friends of Upper Fort Garry, whom I invited to give us an account of the Friends' experience in their heroic and costly project of saving the Upper Fort Garry site. The Multicultural Dinner, held at the Belgian Club on 21 April, was a sold-out affair at which the Society greatly enjoyed an evening of delicious food, intriguing Belgian beers, charming entertainment, and warm hospitality. Besides this dinner, the Program Committee has continued its success in organizing a variety of other events. The Book Club has an enthusiastic and dedicated following, and the Young Historians Committee continues to attract interesting projects from students. The Centennial Farms, Centennial Business, and Centennial Organization programs have recognized more awardees, whose longevity reminds us of the importance of continuity in an era of change.

My thanks, as usual, are due to the Executive of the Society, particularly to Francis Carroll, who is retiring from the position of Secretary after four years of devoted and cheerful service. Bob Coutts continues his success as editor of *Manitoba History*. I've already mentioned the contributions of Bill Fraser, as editor of *Time Lines*, and Gordon Goldsborough, as webmaster. I also thank Linda Neyedly, Director of the Dalnavert Museum until the position was discontinued; Victor Sawelo, Manager of Ross House; and Jennifer Bowden, who has been acting as Linda's and then Jackie Friesen's assistant since last fall. Finally, Jacqueline Friesen,

who assumed the duties of Chief Administrative Officer in February, deserves the Society's particular thanks for her detailed analysis and care of all our business affairs, and also for taking over the management of Dalnavert on an interim basis while the search for the new Chief Program Officer and Curator is completed.

Harry Duckworth, President

Centennial Farm Awards

The long time commitment of the committee members David McDowell, Lee Treilhard, Corrine Tellier, Denise Kolesar and Dale Guy is much appreciated and we also welcomed the assistance of Wayne Warren in 2009. The committee contributed 525 plus hours of volunteer time to the MHS this year.

Lists of Centennial Farm recipients have been provided to the rural municipalities for inclusion in history books and local recognition at community celebrations.

The following families received Centennial Farm Plaques in 2009-10:

Area	Recipient(s)	Location	Year(s)
Altamont	Scott Snowdon	NE 27-5-8 WPM	1898
Brookdale	Herbert & Emma Sharpley	SE 35-12-18 WPM	1909
Cardinal	Ronald & Anita Boisvert	SE 11-6-9 WPM	1907
Dauphin	George & Shirley Fisher Roderick & Elaine Fisher Douglas & Irene Fisher	E 5-25-19 WPM	1905
Elkhorn	Darryl & Belva Oliver	SE 17-13-29 WPM	1908
Fisher Branch	Raymond & Betty Switzer	SE 15-25-3 WPM	1909
Gilbert Plains	David & Linda McNabb Scott & Charissa McNabb	NE 3-25-23 WPM	1899
Hamiota	Edward & Rosalie Beamish	SE 10-14-23 WPM NE10-14-23 WPM	1880 1884
Inwood	William & Florence Chitz	NE 33-17-1 EPM	1909
Kola	John & Elizabeth Naylen	NW 5-10-29 WPM	1908
Oak River	Brian & Margaret Burt	SW 35-12-22 WPM	1905
	Brent & Wendi Burt	SE 35-12-22 WPM	1904
Rorketon	Ronald & Gloria Sloboda	NE 19-28-17 WPM	1909
RM of Rossburn	Conrad Tanasychuk	97.2 acres of SE 32-20-25 WPM	1903

Rosser	Martin Oatway	ESW 8-12-2 EPM	1901
	Oatway Farms	WSW 8-12-2 EPM	1901
St. Germain	Beverley Prystenski	N 4 chains of Lot 212 Parish of St. Norbert	1909
St. Jean Baptiste	Normand & Anne Marie Lafond	River Lot 274 Parish of Ste. Agathe	1909
Sandy Hook	Frank & Geraldine Zabudny	SW 14-18-3 EPM	1900
Sanford	Audrey & Karl Johnson	151.95 acres of NE 3-9-1 WPM	1878
Somerset	George & Lorette Henderson	SE 29-4-9 WPM	1909
Silver	Steve & Sharon Melnychuk William Melnychuk	SW 1-22-2 EPM	1909
	Nick Rychlicki Pearl Rychlicki Lacko	E 110 acres of NW 27-21-2 EPM	1909
RM of Silver Creek	Lorne & Elaine Senko	NW 2-21-26 WPM	1901
Stonewall	Norman Blagden & Family	NSE 35-12-1 EPM	1897
Swan River	Don & Verna Baldwin	NW 32-36-26 WPM	1902

Anne MacVicar, Chair

Centennial Organization Awards

Two recipients of Centennial Organization Awards were presented at the MHS Annual General Meeting on 29 May 2010.

The Manitoba Women's Institute was established as a means of providing an educational and lobbying forum for Manitoba women. With a goal to improve rural families and communities through education and leadership, its origins can be traced to Morris where, in August 1910, a group of 37 local women had formed their own Women's Institute. Encouraged by Manitoba Premier Rodmond Roblin and Principal of the Manitoba Agricultural College, W. J. Black, two women were sent around the province to see about expanding the concept to other communities. Through November and December of 1910, they met other groups of interested women, in Emerson, Russell, Birtle, Strathclair, Minnedosa, Deloraine, Cartwright, Manitou, Morden, Roland, Miami, Carmen, Virden, Dauphin, Valley River, Headingley, Stonewall, Dugald, Birds Hill, and Swan Lake. The enthusiasm of the group at Morris was matched at these other communities, and the network grew from humble origins to include today some 30 local branches with over 500 members.

The primary objective of the *Virden and District Health Auxiliary* is to promote of the welfare of the Virden Hospital, Western Manitoba Nursing Home, and Sherwood Home clients. It started its work in 1906, as the

Virден Hospital Ladies Aid Society, when two of its members wrote to hospitals around Manitoba seeking information on the cost of a small hospital and what staff would be needed. Learning that it would cost about \$2,000 per year for the endeavour, the group sought women of the community to become members at a cost of 10 cents per month and solicited donations from local business owners and householders. Once a suitable house was found in the community, the Virден Cottage Hospital opened its doors on 9 October 1906, charging patients \$1.00 per day for a bed in the public ward, \$1.50 for one in the semi-private ward, and \$2.00 per day for a private room. A Miss McAuley, formerly of Brandon and Boston, was engaged as Hospital Matron. Today, the Health Auxiliary is active in its community, by participating in blood donor clinics, flu clinics, staff appreciation teas, and operation of a gift shop, and raising funds in support of the Virден hospital.

Gordon Goldsborough

McWilliams Awards

Three Margaret McWilliams Awards were presented at the MHS Annual General Meeting on 29 May 2010:

Category	Title	Author & Publisher
Scholarly History	Negotiating the Numbered Treaties: An Intellectual and Political Biography of Alexander Morris	Robert J. Talbot, Purich Publishing Limited
Local History	Between Earth and Sky: Steinbach, the First 50 Years	Ralph Friesen, The Steinbach Heritage Committee
Popular History	Coming of Age: A History of the Jewish People in Manitoba	Allan Levine, Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada and Heartland Publications

Jurors for the 2009 McWilliams competition were: Jim Richtik (Chair), Barry Bills, Ron Kirbyson, Anne Morton, Philip Wolfart, and Jacqueline Friesen (Staff Resource).

Young Historians Awards

In 2007 we changed the Young Historians contest to focus on the students from Grades 10-12, who are not eligible for the Heritage Fairs. The three categories were: Research Papers, Family History and Historical Fiction. Due to very low numbers (2) of family history entries, this category was deleted for 2010 and our deadline was set as 12 May, Manitoba Day.

The judges for the Young Historians and at the Heritage Fairs in 2010 were Donna Alexander, Cécile Alarie-Skene, Judith Hudson Beattie, Jane Frain, Bill Fraser, Gina German, Irene Peters, Cathy Phillipson, Tannis

Rebbetoy, Carol Scott, Henry Neudorf, and Harry Duckworth. Their contributions are gratefully acknowledged.

At the Heritage Fairs in May 2009 we presented book prizes, Dalnavert passes and certificates to the best three entries on Manitoba history:

St. James, 7 May – Ava Lanoway, Grade 4, Heritage School, *Lynn Lake* where her grandparents had a general store; Abi Calcutt, Grade 6, Golden Gate School, *My Family Heritage* about her Lepine ancestors who were involved in the two Riel uprisings; Kayli Hall, Grade 9, John Taylor School, *Fur Trading (Birch River)* about her grandfather's 69 years trapping.

Selkirk, 7 May – Matthew Stevenson, Grade 6, Ruth Hooker School, *Dutch Migration* about his grandparents; Hailee Truthwaite, Grade 6, Centennial School, *Lower Fort Garry* based on research and her involvement in the day camp for two years; Kirsten Stevens, Grade 6, East Selkirk Middle School, *St. Peter's Stone Church* with a model of the church and photos she took of the church inside and out and a number of artifacts.

Red River Regional, 14 May – Leah Bernhardt, Grade 6, Balmoral Hall, *The Spanish Flu in Manitoba* based on interviews and extensive research, relating it to the H1N1 virus; Quinn Miller, Grade 6, J. B. Mitchell, *The Winnipeg General Strike* based on an interview with the grandson of Mike Sokolowski's wife, including a model and a booklet she created; Melody Duck, Grade 7, Isaac Brock, *Sayisi Dene* giving the history of the Tadoule Lake Dene based on research, family interviews and personal visits.

Three divisional Heritage Fairs were held on 6 May 2010. The MHS special awards were presented at two of the fairs. Fifty-five participation awards were presented to students at the Selkirk Heritage Fair. Awards were presented at Red River Heritage Fair to: Ben Anderson, Grade 5, J. B. Mitchell School *The Buffalo Hunt*; Madison Westdal, Grade 4, Linden Christian School, *The Winnipeg General Strike*; Jamie Roy, Grade 7, École Réal Bérard, *L'histoire du Whiteshell*; Sarah Munhall, Grade 9, St. Mary's Academy, *Winnipeg's Gift to the World* (Rh vaccine).

Awards were presented at the St. James Heritage Fair to Amber Vandenburg, Grade 4, Voyageur School, *Mennonites of Manitoba*; Danton Unger, Grade 6, Golden Gate School, *The Dirty Thirties*; Mary-Clare Jackson, Grade 6, Golden Gate School, *Tom Lamb*. Honourable Mention to Braden Wilson, Grade 9, John Taylor Collegiate, *Winnie the Pooh, Eh!*

All Manitoba students who participated in the Heritage Fairs are to be congratulated on the great variety of subjects and the quality of the research and final product. Sincere thanks to the teachers, parents, and judges for their effort in supporting the Manitoba heritage Fairs.

The Awards Ceremony for the 2009 MHS Young Historians Awards took place at Dalnavert. All seven winners received MHS awards (including \$25, memberships and books), the three First Place winners received George Bryce awards (\$50, donated by Jim Blanchard), and the best overall, Murphy Berzish, received the Shaw award (\$100 donated by the Shaw family). Five of the recipients, their families, teachers

and special guests attended, along with representatives from MHS, and sponsors of the awards: Dr. T. Kenneth Thorlakson, Irene Shaw and Margaret Shaw MacKinnon.

Research Papers: First Place (tie): Murphy Berzish, *The Motivation of the Establishment in Quashing the Winnipeg General Strike*, St. John's Ravenscourt, Jeffrey Hull (teacher) & Alanna Scammell, *The Feminization of Poverty in Manitoba*, St. Mary's, Deborah Nickel (teacher). Second Place: Kelsey Watchman, *Recognition Long Overdue: Canadian Volunteers in the Spanish Civil War*, Balmoral Hall School, Sarah Allentuck Sectar (teacher). Third Place: Adrienne Yeung, *The Winnipeg Free Press: Connecting Manitobans Through the Ages*, Grant Park, Marijus Timmerman (teacher). Honourable Mention: Sean Rohringer, *The World War II Experience: The Eyes of a Veteran*, J. H. Bruns, Timothy Beyak (teacher).

Historical Fiction: First Place: Alisha Sharma, *Letter from the Trench from Oscar Goodman*, Balmoral Hall School, Sarah Allentuck Sectar (teacher). Second Place: Dylan Waterman, Nathaniel Burdeny, Valerie Magsajo, Christina Miladinovic, *The Milk of Vivacious Victors*, Sisler, Orysya Petryshyn (teacher).

At the present time the judges are reviewing the entries for the 2010 Young Historians, and plans will be made for a fall reception to honour the winning entries. To encourage increased participation phone calls and emails were placed to many high schools to supplement the presentation made at the Social Studies Teachers In-Service in the fall.

The committee consisted of Donna Alexander, Cécile Alarie-Skene, Judith Hudson Beattie, Irene Peters, Janelle Reynolds, Bob Sutton, and Jacqueline Friesen (Staff Resource).

Donna Alexander & Cécile Alarie-Skene, Co-Chairs

Douglas Kemp Award

The Douglas Kemp Award was inaugurated in 1988 to recognize exceptional service in the promotion of Manitoba's heritage and it acknowledges service to the MHS.

This year's recipient of the award was Carl James, who has volunteered for the Society in many capacities since 1993. He began as a volunteer at Dalnavert Museum, later becoming a member of the committee which managed Dalnavert and Ross House Museums. While serving on this committee, he organized several successful garage sales for Dalnavert. Carl has been a valued member of the MHS Council for many years. He is a long-time member of the Society's Historic Preservation Committee. He still personally conducts walking tours of North Point Douglas. He is a member of the Society's Program Committee and is currently chair of this committee which plans and organizes the annual general meeting program, tours, events for guest speakers, and multi-cultural dinners. Carl chaired the MHS 125 Committee which organized special events for the Society's 125th anniversary in 2004. He has also for many years assisted with the silent auction held at the Sir John A. Macdonald Dinners.

Program Committee

In September 2009, a bus tour led by Rudy Friesen stopped at the old churches in St Francois Xavier and Poplar Point as well as plaques and historical points of interest along the route. The tour concluded with lunch at a former nunnery now operated as a Bed & Breakfast.

In November, the MHS film night was held at the Park Theatre and featured a film showing visit by Hudson's Bay Company Governor Patrick Ashley Cooper and his wife to the company's northern posts in 1934. Fred Ford, whose grandfather was the translator on the voyage, provided very interesting commentary on the film.

In March 2010, there was a presentation at the Dalnavert Visitors Centre by Manitoba artist Don McMaster entitled *Diaries of a Map Maker*. On display were nine of Don's paintings of David Thompson's journeys across the West.

Carl James, Chair

History Book Club

The History Book Club continues to thrive. We have 35 on the membership list, and meeting attendance ranged from 16 to 32, with an average of 20 enthusiastic participants. The willingness of the members to lead discussions and provide refreshments as well as set up and clean up make the coordinator's job much easier. Special thanks to Jackie Friesen and Marg Kentner for making sure that the facility is open and prepared. The guests this year added a great deal to our discussion, and to our appreciation for and understanding of history.

Date	Topic
21 September 2009	Guest: Jack Bumsted, author of <i>Lord Selkirk: A Life</i> (2008).
19 October 2009	Howard Adams, <i>Prison of Grass: Canada from the Native Point of View</i> (1975) led by Joe Upton
16 November 2009	Mary Quayle Innis, <i>Mrs. Simcoe's Diary</i> (1965) led by Céline Kear
18 January 2010	Prairie Voices (Guests: Marie Louise Chown and Anne Morton with Virginia Stevens) Readings: Maggie Siggins, <i>Marie-Anne: the extraordinary life of Louis Riel's grandmother</i> (2008) and James G. MacGregor, <i>Peter Fidler: Canada's Forgotten Surveyor...</i>
15 February 2010	James Raffan, <i>Emperor of the North: Sir George Simpson and the remarkable story of the Hudson's Bay Company</i> (2007) led by Shirlee Anne Smith
15 March 2010	Sarah Carter, <i>The Importance of Being Monogamous: Marriage and Nation Building in Western Canada to 1915</i> (2008) led by Judy Valenzuela & Gina German, Guest: Ron Kirbyson

19 March 2010	Tom Avery, <i>To the End of the Earth: Our Epic Journey to the North Pole and the Legend of Peary and Henson</i> (2009) led by Marg Kentner, Guest: Bob Stewart
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We choose the books for next year at our potluck dinner in May, so watch in *TimeLines* for the monthly meetings.

Judith Hudson Beattie (aka Judy Valenzuela)

Macdonald Dinner

The 45th Annual Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner was held at the Fort Garry Hotel on 6 February 2010. Addresses were made by the Honourable Philip S. Lee, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba and MHS, and the Honourable Flor Marcelino, Minister of Culture, Heritage and Tourism. Jim Ingebrigtsen was Master of Ceremonies. Dr. Jerry Gray, Chair of the Friends of Upper Fort Garry, spoke on *Building a Future for Upper Fort Garry* about plans to turn the area into a vibrant interpretive park.

Winnipeg Historic Buildings Committee Representation

Tim Worth and Ashleigh Drewett-Laird were MHS representatives on the City of Winnipeg's Historic Buildings Committee (HBC). Over the year the Committee met eight times to discuss a wide range of issues relating to Winnipeg's built history.

From its creation in 1977 the actions of the committee have been governed by the City of Winnipeg Historic Buildings Bylaw. In the thirty-three years that the HBC has been monitoring built architectural features within its boundaries the Committee, restricted by the bylaw has failed to change with the times. Although many hours have gone into rethinking how the new Historic Buildings Bylaw should appear resulting in many revisions the product of all this work has yet to make it to City Council. Currently any further work on the bylaw is delayed pending the Heritage Management Plan, work on which commenced in 2009.

During the 2009-2010 year the HBC met to discuss issues relating to a number of structures. Notable amongst them are those that have stood vacant for a while but which are now being given a chance to serve new purposes, as follows:

- 88 Adelaide Street – Originally built as a single family residence in 1882, had deteriorated and was threatened with demolition. This Grade III structure was saved, successfully renovated, and is now the home of a non-profit agency.
- 145 Pacific Avenue (Smart Bag Company warehouse – Grade III) – The newest portion (1913) of this massively constructed industrial warehouse was approved for renovation for multipurpose use by Sport Manitoba.
- 281 Donald Street (Metropolitan Theatre – Grade II) – This long-empty theatre had exterior renovation

done in 2009 in anticipation of an interior makeover for an end use that has yet to be clearly defined.

- 511 River Avenue (Christian Scientists Church) – Proposed redevelopment as condominium space.

One project that has been underway for a considerable time neared completion during the 2009 construction season. The much acclaimed restoration of the Waddell Fountain will see it once again being a focal point in a much redeveloped Central Park. Unless the HBC had stayed on top of this project it is unlikely to have advanced to the state of nearly completed.

Tim Worth

Website

The Memorable Manitobans collection (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people) is growing at a rate of 90-100 entries per month:

Date	No. Entries
November 2009	5,400
March 2010	5,800
May 2010	6,100

I used a \$8,000 grant from the Manitoba Heritage Grants Program to hire Kris Keen to research and write biographies. Meanwhile, I completed a project to tabulate the municipal mayors and reeves who have served in each of the 198 municipalities of Manitoba through history, linking them where possible to biographies in our collection. The primary source of information has been the annual issues of *Manitoba Gazette* at the Manitoba Legislative Library. (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/municipalities)

I completed the transfer of files from the former *TimeLinks* website developed in the late 1990s by Chris Dooley and Gerry Friesen, converting it to match the look-and-feel of the MHS site. I have also begun to add new entries. (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/timelinks) Also transferred from a defunct website were transcripts of the first two volumes (1958-1959) of *Manitoba Hansard* for the Legislative Assembly, done by Cory Schreyer, a relative of former premier Ed Schreyer. (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/hansard)

With assistance of Kristie Leclair, a local graphic artist, I redesigned the color scheme, banner graphic, and menu system of the entire website.

Several digital books were made available on the website: *Women of Red River* published in 1923 by the Women's Canadian Club, containing memories of the Red River Settlement up to 1873, and *Brandon's Politics and Politicians* by Lee Clark (1981) based on his doctoral dissertation on Brandon politics from 1899 to 1949. (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/books) I also created a digital version of our 1989 book *A Bibliography of Manitoba Local History, Second Edition* that lists books and other publications relating to local history. This

will be a starting point for an initiative of the Digital Alliance of Manitoba to scan and eventually make available in digital form all the local history books published in Manitoba.

(www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/finding/localhistory)

I developed and presently expanding a “Historical Sites of Manitoba” web feature. It is an interactive map showing the locations of museums and archives, commemorative plaques and cairns, noteworthy homes and buildings, cemeteries, and locations of important historical events around the province. At present, there are about 520 sites on the map, each linked to a web page with additional information. I thank Shirley Christianson, Ed Grassick, Brian Hubner, Jock Lehr, Brian McGregor, Teyana Neufeld, Mary Perfect, Neil Pryce, and Tim Worth for contributions to this project. (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites)

The website now comprises over 24,000 files. It attracts up to 2,000 unique visitors per day, mostly from Canada and the US, peaking in mid-week and decreasing on weekends. About 200 search queries are made on our website each day.

Gordon Goldsborough, Webmaster

Manitoba History

Two issues of *Manitoba History* were published during the past fiscal year: Fall 2009 (No. 61) and Winter 2009 (No. 62). Number 63 will be out around the time of the Annual General Meeting. Articles in these issues are listed on the MHS website at these addresses: www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb_history/61, www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb_history/62, and www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb_history/63. Articles planned for upcoming issues are generally listed at www.mhs.mb.ca/info/pubs/mb_history/upcoming.shtml.

Manitoba History is a benefit of MHS membership and individual copies are sold through select bookstores: in Winnipeg at the Dalnavert Gift Shop, McNally-Robinson, the University of Manitoba Bookstore, and the Manitoba Museum Shop; in Selkirk at Blaine’s Books; and in Brandon at Daly House Museum and Pennywise Books.

The editorial staff during the past year consisted of Robert Coutts as Editor-in-Chief, Nolan Reilly as Associate Editor, Gordon Goldsborough as Gazette and Photo Editor, and Frieda Klippenstein as Book Reviews Editor. We acknowledge the able editorial assistance of James A. Burns and Elizabeth Blight. Salix Consulting did the page layout of each issue, and printing was by Shaw Printing.

We acknowledge the help of the following people in acquiring information, images and other materials for issues published last year: Louise Ayotte (Manitoba Legislative Library), Debbie Cochrane (Parks Canada), Sharon Foley (Archives of Manitoba), Phyllis Fraser (Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba), Larry Gregan (New Life Ministries), Chris Kotecki (Archives of Manitoba), Dr. Hermann Lee, Brett Loughheed (University of Manitoba Archives), Rob McInnes, and Blair Philpott (Parks Canada). We thank the many authors who contributed their papers to *Manitoba History*, without whom we could not produce the journal.

Robert Coutts, Editor-in-Chief

Ross House Museum

Since 1984, the MHS has been operating the Ross House Museum under the terms of a formal joint operating agreement with the City of Winnipeg. A change to the City's management of their cultural resources now requires an application for funding each year to the Museums Board. The Society makes applications and receives additional grants funding from federal, provincial and community sources, such as the North End Community Renewal Corporation.

The season began with the commemoration of the 90th anniversary of the Winnipeg General Strike. The *May Works* group began their rally and march from the amphitheatre next to the Joe Zuken memorial plaque. The event's varied groups and speakers brought 250 guests, most of which would have not normally have been acquainted with the Ross House Museum.

The museum participated in the annual Point Douglas neighborhood Jane's walk, in honour of the late Jane Jacobs, a well-known urban advocate. Ross House staff and Program Committee chair, Carl James lead a historical walking tour of the Point Douglas neighborhood. Carl and John Gunn also led a Age and Opportunity group on a walking tour, on the same day as the bi-annual North-Side Pride Clean Up. The Community Day of Caring was 22 May, which brought student volunteers from outside the neighborhood to do litter pick up and weeding of the garden. Ross House participated in the Winnipeg Doors Open program on 30-31 May, which brought our visit total in May to a record 565 visitors.

The Canada Day was exceptionally well attended and VIPs included MP Judy Wasylycia-Leis and MLA John Gerard. The Summer Bear Dance Troup were dressed in traditional regalia and closed their set with an audience participation dance. The 'Half Pints' Métis step dancers charmed the audience. Leftover food was distributed to the Eagle Wing Daycare, Norquay Community centre and the Women's Center. Thank you to MLA George Hicks for his donation which provided bannock and sundries.

Decking was constructed to bridge the area between Museum and the Summer Kitchen. The replacement of the main deck has been postponed indefinitely. The anticipated Garden Shed has been delayed by unforeseen hurdles but is on the agenda for October 2010. A geocache hidden under the flagpole at the beginning of June attracted 'hunters' to the site and visits to the museum. The Point Douglas Residents hosted events at Ross House for a community-based survey on safety and issues of the Disraeli reconstruction. The total site attendance for the season for events and museum tours was 1649.

The staff this year were Rosanna Hempel (from Sackville, NB) and brothers William and Patrick Jordan as the guides/interpreters and grounds maintenance under the management of Victor Sawelo. After the student's orientation and training, they were engaged in scanning the books of Alexander Ross and *The Women of the Red River*, for posting on the MHS website.

Victor Sawelo, Manager

Heritage Trust Foundation

The MHS Heritage Trust Foundation 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 1985 the Winnipeg Foundation was appointed custodian and manager of the capital fund.

The Trust is administered by a five member Board of Trustees, appointed for a two year term by the Society's Executive (two trustees) and Council (three trustees). Board members for the 2008-2010 term were Jack Bumsted, Alan Crossin (Chair), Harry Duckworth, Gwyneth Jones and Carol Scott. Shirlee Anne Smith is Trustee Emerita. The Board held one meeting during the past fiscal year.

During the past fiscal year there were no donations to the fund and no monies were transferred to The Winnipeg Foundation. Income received from the Foundation totaled \$44,538. Dalnavert Museum was paid the amount they had requested for operating expenses, \$40,000.

Total assets as of 31 March 2010 were: \$820,212 on deposit with The Winnipeg Foundation, \$41,362 cash in bank and \$6,973 in accrued income for a total balance of \$868,547. This compares favorably to last year's total of \$766,327, reflecting the improvement in financial markets over the past year, but remains well short of the 2008 figure of \$927,894.

We have already seen a decrease in our quarterly income payments from The Winnipeg Foundation, beginning 1 October 2009 which was the start of their current fiscal year. During the year these payments will be calculated at an annual "spending" or distribution rate of 4.8%, a reduction from last year's 5%. This rate is expected to continue to reduce by 0.2% annually over a four year period until it reaches 4.2% in 2013, following which a gradual return to 5% is anticipated. Other factors affecting these payments are the reduction in the "fair value" of our fund, to which our spending rate is applied in calculating the amount payable, and the increased management fees to which we agreed last year.

Although our income from the Foundation will continue to decline over the next few years, we have sufficient funds on hand that we should be able to continue current funding for Dalnavert Museum in the foreseeable future. Meanwhile, the stability of our fund would be strengthened by encouraging MHS members and other supporters of Dalnavert Museum to include the MHS Heritage Trust Foundation Fund in their Planned Giving arrangements.

Alan Crossin, Chair

Donations & Contributions

The MHS gratefully acknowledges the support of all our contributors, sponsors and donors, whose generosity enables us to keep history alive for today and for future generations.

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Treasurer's Report

This year has been a year of change. The new structure of the Society will mean that the finances of the Society will be under the control of one person, thus the financial side of things will be more transparent.

By all accounts this year was a terrible year. Total revenue was down by \$16,000. Last year we had the remainder of the bequest from the Bente Cummings' estate (\$9,503), but there was still a decline. Moreover expenses were up. Expenses increased from last year by almost \$29,000, and expenses during the year outstripped revenue by \$85,000. One small ray of sunshine was our investments. They are recorded at fair market value and have increased by \$96,651.

Looking at the operating fund of the Society, there was a small increase in grants. However membership fees are down this year after increasing by 50% last year. Fees are now recorded on a cash basis, not as a receivable, there has been quite a few deaths last year. We hope with our focus on membership in the fall this will improve our membership fees next year.

Revenue for admissions and programs are down. The Christmas carol reading by Richard Hurst, was shortened this year to three readings, not six as before, due to Richard moving away from Manitoba, and we, having to pay for his stay here for the event.

Looking at the projects:

Ross House shows a decrease in revenue this year compared to last year (\$973 this year, \$4,243 last year) in spite of the fact that the grants had increased. Administration fees, office and sundry and programs and special events expenses are all up. Ross House obtained a grant for a Shed to house equipment, but the Engineer's fee had to be expensed in the special events line.

Manitoba History, on the other hand, although in negative territory, showed an improvement compared to last year. There were only two issues this year, which is the reason for the decline. The Society is looking for ways to improve the finances of the Journal.

On the expense side, audit and accounting fees increased, merchandise purchases look as if they have skyrocketed almost by 100%, \$10,772 last year \$20,571 this year. If you look at the revenue side, sales this year were \$11,652, last year \$15,355; last year there was a profit. This year a deficit. Sales declined this year, but purchases increased. However, previously, Dalnavert has been reporting it sales on a cash basis, and not recording inventory. The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants now requires that there be an inventory, so the seemingly large purchase amount covers several years of purchases, which were not recorded.

Repairs and maintenance increased by \$12,000, the building still has jobs to be done, which are now costly. There was a water break last summer, and some maintenance jobs that needed to be done. Salaries went up by \$5,000; this may be due to the change in structure that we are pursuing.

We are now paying less for our insurance; we took the step to integrate the insurance policies of Dalnavert and the Society, which was the reason for the decline.

We now have a bad debt line. This includes issues of the journal we were unable to sell, and members' dues that remained unpaid. This has not been a good year for our finances; we have seen a decrease in revenue and an increase in expenses. What we need is an increase in revenue and a decrease in expenses. Let's hope 2010-2011 will be better

Gwyneth Jones, Treasurer

A Final Note from the President

As the Treasurer's Report says, this has been a year of change for the Society. Viewed in isolation, our finances look bad indeed—particularly because our new, consolidated accounting procedures make it easier to understand all aspects of our revenue and expenditure. But I want to emphasize, now we can see plainly what we have to do, that we will take the steps we must to balance the books. The solution is complex—for some of our operations revenues must be increased, for others savings must be made, and for still others, modernization will be the key. It is already clear that our volunteer base must be rebuilt at Dalnavert—too much of the work there, which used to be done by volunteers, more recently has been done by short-term paid employees. It may take more than one fiscal year to complete the entire process of financial adjustments, but the Society has cash resources at its disposal to help us through worse deficits than this. I look forward to being able to make a much more positive accounting to the membership of the Society next year.

Harry Duckworth, President

MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2010





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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Manitoba Historical Society:

We have audited the statement of financial position of **Manitoba Historical Society** as at March 31, 2010, and the statement of operations and changes in fund balances for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

The Society derives revenue from grants, donations and fundraising activities, the completeness of which are not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Association and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenue, net income for the year, assets and fund balances.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the revenue referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at March 31, 2010, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

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Chartered Accountants

**MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

	Operating Fund	MHS Heritage Fund	Dr. E. Shaw Fund	Dr. Paul Thorkelson Fund	Dalnavert Special Projects Fund	Historic Building Fund	Dalnavert Historic Site Fund	Visitor's Centre Fund	Margaret McWilliams Fund	Documentary History Fund	Centennial Memorial Fund	Planned Giving Fund	Total 2010	March 31 2009
Current assets:														
Cash	\$ 22,314	\$ 41,362	\$ 1,002	\$ 1,200	\$ 98	\$ 1,906	\$ -	\$ 139,796	\$ 1,038	\$ 7,760	\$ 1,789	\$ -	\$ 218,285	\$ 226,247
Investments (Note 3)	74,870	-	4,003	3,003	-	6,005	-	-	6,005	-	28,849	-	122,735	123,769
Accounts receivable	12,650	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,650	10,643
Inventory (Note 4)	24,407	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,407	37,490
Prepaid expenses	2,036	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,036	640
	<u>136,277</u>	<u>41,362</u>	<u>5,005</u>	<u>4,203</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>7,911</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>139,796</u>	<u>7,043</u>	<u>7,760</u>	<u>30,638</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>380,093</u>	<u>398,789</u>
Due from Operating Fund	-	-	-	290	10,907	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,197	18,882
Due from Dr. E. Shaw Fund	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	200
Investments (Note 3)	-	827,183	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	827,183	729,505
Dalnavert Historic Site	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,264,736	-	-	-	-	-	2,264,736	2,264,736
	<u>\$ 136,577</u>	<u>\$ 868,545</u>	<u>\$ 5,005</u>	<u>\$ 4,493</u>	<u>\$ 11,005</u>	<u>\$ 7,911</u>	<u>\$ 2,264,736</u>	<u>\$ 139,796</u>	<u>\$ 7,043</u>	<u>\$ 7,760</u>	<u>\$ 30,638</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,483,509</u>	<u>\$ 3,412,112</u>
Current liabilities:														
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 12,764	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,764	18,736
Deferred contributions	5,414	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,414	2,449
	<u>18,178</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,178</u>	<u>21,185</u>
Due to Dalnavert Special projects	10,907	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,907	10,907
Due to Operating Fund	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	200
Due to Documentary History Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,660
Due to Dr. Thorkelson Fund	290	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	290	215
	<u>29,375</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,675</u>	<u>40,166</u>
Fund balances:														
Invested in Dalnavert Historic Site	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,264,736	-	-	-	-	-	2,264,736	2,264,736
Externally restricted	-	868,545	4,705	4,493	-	-	-	139,796	7,043	-	30,638	-	1,055,220	928,108
Internally restricted	-	-	-	-	11,005	7,911	-	-	-	7,760	-	-	26,676	43,576
Unrestricted- General	93,826	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93,826	94,833
Dalnavert	13,376	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,376	40,693
	<u>107,202</u>	<u>868,545</u>	<u>4,705</u>	<u>4,493</u>	<u>11,005</u>	<u>7,911</u>	<u>2,264,736</u>	<u>139,796</u>	<u>7,043</u>	<u>7,760</u>	<u>30,638</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,453,894</u>	<u>3,371,946</u>
	<u>\$ 136,577</u>	<u>\$ 868,545</u>	<u>\$ 5,005</u>	<u>\$ 4,493</u>	<u>\$ 11,005</u>	<u>\$ 7,911</u>	<u>\$ 2,264,736</u>	<u>\$ 139,796</u>	<u>\$ 7,043</u>	<u>\$ 7,760</u>	<u>\$ 30,638</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,483,509</u>	<u>\$ 3,412,112</u>

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MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

Year ended March 31, 2010

	Operating Fund (Schedule 1)										Restricted Funds										Endowment Funds			
	2010										2010										2010			
	Total	2009 Total	MHS Heritage	Dr. E. Shaw	Dr. Paul H.T. Thoriakson	Dalhavert Special Projects	Historic Building Fund	Dalhavert Historic Site	Dalhavert Visitor's Centre	Documentary History Fund	Planned Giving	2010 Total	2009 Total	Margaret McWilliams Memorial	Centennial Memorial	2010 Total	2009 Total							
Revenue:	\$ 51,312	\$ 46,181	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	-	\$ -	\$ 27,225	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,225	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							
Grants (Note 5)	59,186	59,186	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	245	-	-	-	-	-							
Donations	9,523	9,523	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
Bequests	11,588	13,008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
Memberships	193	1,294	43,864	3	-	5	20	-	-	-	43,895	50,625	5	24	29	856								
Realized investment income	8,622	9,145	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Admissions	11,652	15,355	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Merchandise sales	5,590	8,197	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Programs	67,606	69,622	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Projects (Note 6)	4,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Management fee	14,638	14,851	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Rentals	952	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Other	233,476	249,437	43,864	3	203	-	5	27,245	-	-	71,320	50,870	5	24	29	856								
Expenses:	8,116	5,761	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Auditing and accounting	2,580	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Bad debts	1,120	502	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Consulting	300	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Donations	2,282	2,809	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	-								
Interest and bank charges	125	127	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Fundraising	1,604	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Good and Services Tax	10,946	13,101	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Insurance	1,284	20,571	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Membership supplies	357	314	-	-	-	-	-	1,867	-	-	1,867	-	-	-	-	-								
Merchandise purchases	6,402	5,921	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Miscellaneous	10,173	7,323	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Newsletter, printing and postage	68,772	73,340	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Office	6,494	8,642	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Projects (Note 6)	14,069	14,047	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Property taxes (museum)	3,104	3,908	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Promotion	25,566	13,562	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Publicity and programs	108,206	103,539	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Rent	809	744	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Repairs and maintenance	26,043	24,920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Salaries and employee benefits	318,623	289,632	-	-	-	20	-	1,879	-	-	1,899	-	-	-	-	20								
Security	(85,147)	(40,195)	43,864	3	203	(20)	5	25,366	-	-	69,421	50,870	5	24	29	836								
Telephone and utilities	(454)	-	98,352	(26)	(19)	-	(39)	-	-	-	98,268	(170,845)	(39)	(190)	(229)	-								
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expense from operations	(85,601)	(40,195)	142,216	(23)	184	(20)	(34)	25,366	-	-	167,689	(119,995)	(34)	(166)	(200)	836								
Unrealized investment income/(loss)	135,526	96,955	766,329	4,828	4,434	11,025	7,945	114,430	7,760	16,846	3,198,333	3,358,613	7,077	31,010	38,087	38,243								
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expense for the year	-	37,489	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								
Fund balances, beginning of year	57,277	41,277	(40,000)	(100)	(125)	-	-	-	-	(16,846)	(57,071)	(40,285)	-	(206)	(952)									
Inventry adjustment (Note 4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-									
Interfund transfers (Schedule 3)	107,202	135,526	868,545	4,705	4,493	11,005	7,911	139,796	7,760	-	3,308,951	3,198,333	7,043	30,638	37,681	38,087								
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 107,202	\$ 135,526	\$ 868,545	\$ 4,705	\$ 4,493	\$ 11,005	\$ 7,911	\$ 139,796	\$ 7,760	\$ -	\$ 3,308,951	\$ 3,198,333	\$ 7,043	\$ 30,638	\$ 37,681	\$ 38,087								

MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SCHEDULE OF OPERATING FUND OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

Year ended March 31

	2010			2009		
	General	Dalnavert	Total	General	Dalnavert	Total
Revenue:						
Grants (Note 5)	\$ 27,684	\$ 23,628	\$ 51,312	\$ 26,000	\$ 20,181	\$ 46,181
Donations	5,957	51,366	57,323	6,743	52,443	59,186
Bequests	-	-	-	9,523	-	9,523
Memberships	11,588	-	11,588	13,008	-	13,008
Interest	193	-	193	1,294	-	1,294
Admissions	-	8,622	8,622	-	9,145	9,145
Merchandise sales	-	11,652	11,652	-	15,355	15,355
Programs	842	4,748	5,590	365	7,832	8,197
Projects (Note 6)	67,606	-	67,606	69,622	-	69,622
Management fee	4,000	-	4,000	3,000	-	3,000
Rentals	-	14,638	14,638	-	14,851	14,851
Other	896	56	952	17	58	75
	<u>118,766</u>	<u>114,710</u>	<u>233,476</u>	<u>129,572</u>	<u>119,865</u>	<u>249,437</u>
Expense:						
Accounting and legal	4,576	3,540	8,116	2,098	3,663	5,761
Bad debts	2,580	-	2,580	-	-	-
Bank charges	724	1,558	2,282	1,088	1,721	2,809
Consulting	-	1,120	1,120	-	502	502
Donations	-	-	-	300	-	300
Fundraising	-	125	125	-	127	127
Goods and Services Tax	1,604	-	1,604	-	-	-
Insurance	780	10,166	10,946	1,181	11,920	13,101
Membership supplies	1,284	-	1,284	-	-	-
Merchandise purchases	-	20,571	20,571	-	10,772	10,772
Miscellaneous	213	144	357	314	-	314
Newsletter, printing and postage	6,402	-	6,402	5,921	-	5,921
Office	7,393	2,780	10,173	3,419	3,904	7,323
Projects (Note 6)	68,772	-	68,772	73,340	-	73,340
Promotion	-	6,494	6,494	-	8,642	8,642
Property taxes (museum)	-	14,069	14,069	-	14,047	14,047
Publicity and programs	473	2,631	3,104	846	3,062	3,908
Repairs and maintenance	1,243	24,323	25,566	42	13,520	13,562
Salaries and employee benefits	30,933	77,273	108,206	28,838	74,701	103,539
Security	-	809	809	-	744	744
Telephone and utilities	2,419	23,624	26,043	2,082	22,838	24,920
	<u>129,396</u>	<u>189,227</u>	<u>318,623</u>	<u>119,469</u>	<u>170,163</u>	<u>289,632</u>
Deficiency of revenue over expense for the year	(10,630)	(74,517)	(85,147)	10,103	(50,298)	(40,195)
Unrealized investment income/(loss)	(454)	-	(454)	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expense for the year	<u>(11,084)</u>	<u>(74,517)</u>	<u>(85,601)</u>	<u>10,103</u>	<u>(50,298)</u>	<u>(40,195)</u>
Fund balances, beginning of year	94,833	40,693	135,526	90,653	6,302	96,955
Inventory adjustment (Note 4)	-	-	-	-	37,489	37,489.00
Interfund transfers (Schedule 3)	<u>10,077</u>	<u>47,200</u>	<u>57,277</u>	<u>(5,923)</u>	<u>47,200</u>	<u>41,277</u>
Fund balances, end of year	\$ <u>93,826</u>	\$ <u>13,376</u>	\$ <u>107,202</u>	\$ <u>94,833</u>	\$ <u>40,693</u>	\$ <u>135,526</u>

MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE

ROSS HOUSE

	<u>Year ended March 31</u>	
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Revenue:		
Grants (Note 5)	\$ 40,226	\$ 37,921
Donations	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>
	40,326	37,921
Expense:		
Administration fees	4,000	3,000
Audit and accounting	1,080	741
Insurance	500	1,140
Office and sundry	5,870	3,005
Programs and special events	2,867	789
Salaries and employee benefits	23,919	24,000
Telephone and utilities	<u>1,117</u>	<u>1,003</u>
	<u>39,353</u>	<u>33,678</u>
Excess of revenue over expense	\$ <u>973</u>	\$ <u>4,243</u>

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	<u>Year ended March 31</u>	
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Revenue:		
Royalties	\$ 2,596	\$ 1,969
Subscriptions	2,590	3,697
Sales	<u>994</u>	<u>1,877</u>
	6,180	7,543
Expense:		
Publishing costs	10,936	15,553
Postage and handling, net	<u>924</u>	<u>1,149</u>
	<u>11,860</u>	<u>16,702</u>
Deficiency of revenue over expense	\$ <u>(5,680)</u>	\$ <u>(9,159)</u>

MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SCHEDULE OF INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Year Ended March 31, 2010

	Transfer (from) to Fund						
	Operating Fund						
Transfer to (from) Fund	General	Dalnavert	MHS Heritage	Dr. Paul Thoriakson	Dr. E. Shaw	Planned Giving	Centennial Memorial
Operating Fund-							
General	\$ 9,852	\$ -	\$ 7,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (16,846)	\$ (206)
Dalnavert	47,200	(7,200)	-	(40,000)	-	-	-
MHS Heritage	(40,000)	-	40,000	-	-	-	-
Dr. Paul Thoriakson	-	125	-	-	(125)	-	-
Dr. E. Shaw	-	100	-	-	(100)	-	-
Planned Giving	(16,846)	16,846	-	-	-	-	-
Centennial Memorial	(206)	206	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,077</u>	<u>\$ 47,200</u>	<u>\$ (40,000)</u>	<u>\$ (125)</u>	<u>\$ (100)</u>	<u>\$ (16,846)</u>
			<u>\$ 57,277</u>				

MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2010

1. Purpose of the organization:

The Manitoba Historical Society's mandate is to foster the preservation of property relevant to an appreciation of the history of Manitoba, to encourage research and publications relating to the history of Manitoba, to promote and encourage public interest in Manitoba and Canadian history, and to assist in the formation and work of local historical societies in furthering the objectives of the Society throughout Manitoba. In addition, it operates Dalnavert Museum and Ross House. It was incorporated under a Special Act of Legislation in 1879 and is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act.

2. Significant accounting policies:

(a) Fund accounting-

The Society follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

The Operating Fund accounts for the organization's (including Dalnavert Museum) program delivery and administrative activities. This fund reports unrestricted resources and restricted operating grants.

The MHS Heritage Fund reports restricted resources, the use of which is determined by the trustees of the fund. The fund is administered by the Winnipeg Foundation.

The Dr. E. Shaw Fund was established by the family of Dr. Edward C. Shaw to encourage Manitoba students to develop or pursue an interest in history. An award of \$100 is given to the best senior high entry in the Young Historians Competition.

The Dr. Paul H. T. Thorlakson Fund was established from proceeds of the sale of the publication *Pioneer Icelandic Pastor – The Life of the Reverend Paul Thorlakson*. Interest earned annually is to be used for operations of the Young Historians Award Committee.

The Dalnavert Special Projects Fund reports restricted resources for Dalnavert special projects.

The Dalnavert Historic Site Fund reports amounts capitalized on purchase of the Dalnavert property and renovations to the historical museum. Amortization expense is not recorded on capital assets of this fund.

The Margaret McWilliams Fund was established through the generosity of the Honorable R. F. McWilliams. The principal is to be retained as capital and interest earned is to be used for the presentation of awards, Margaret McWilliams Medals, for the best historical essay, best collection of historical material or best collection of recorded interviews.

The Centennial Memorial Fund was established in Manitoba's centennial year to receive memorial gifts to the Society which are to be retained as capital. Interest income earned is reported as revenue of the operating fund.

The Dalnavert Visitor's Centre Fund reports restricted donations received for the purposes of constructing a Visitor's Centre at Dalnavert Museum.

The Planned Giving Fund reports internally-restricted bequests.

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2. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(b) Inventory-

The inventory of publications and merchandise for resale is recorded at a the lower of cost and net realizable value. Sales and purchases are recorded as received and paid.

(c) Property, plant and equipment-

Property, plant and equipment, capital improvements and artifacts, except the amounts in the Dalnavert Historic Site Fund are expensed in the year acquired. Capital improvements in the amount of \$ nil (2009 – \$ nil), have been expensed in the current year.

(d) Revenue recognition-

Restricted contributions related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the operating fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. All other restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the operating fund in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Investment income earned on restricted funds is recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund. Other investment income is recognized as revenue of the operating fund when earned.

(e) Financial statements-

A statement of cash flows has not been prepared as it would not provide additional useful information.

3. Financial Instruments:

The Society has designated all of its investments as held-for-trading, adjusting to fair value at the end of each period, and recognizing the difference in the statement of operations.

The Society's investments are recorded at fair market value as follows:

		<u>March 31</u>	
		<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Winnipeg Foundation Consolidated Trust Fund	\$	827,183	\$ 729,497
Guaranteed Investment Certificates		<u>122,735</u>	<u>123,770</u>
	\$	<u>949,918</u>	\$ <u>853,267</u>

Credit Risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that a counter party will fail to perform its obligations. The Society is exposed to credit risk from customers. In order to reduce its credit risk, the Society reviews a new customer's credit history before extending credit and conducts regular reviews of its existing customers' credit performance. An allowance for doubtful accounts is established based upon factors surrounding the credit risk of specific accounts, historical trends and other information. The Society has a significant number of customers which minimizes concentration of credit risk.

Fair Value

The Society's carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, and accounts payable approximates its fair value due to the immediate or short term maturity of these instruments.

Currency Risk

Currency risk is the risk to the Society's revenues and expenses that arise from fluctuations of foreign exchange rates and the degree of volatility of these rates. The Society's is not significantly exposed to foreign currency exchange risk on cash, accounts receivable, and accounts payable. The Society does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to foreign currency risk.

4. Inventories

The CICA issued Section 3031, *Inventories*, which provides additional guidance in the measurement and disclosure of inventories. The revised standard requires that inventories held by not-for-profit entities, including inventories held for distribution at no charge or nominal charge, be presented at the lower of cost and net realizable value or replacement value.

The Society adopted Section 3031 for the March 31, 2009 year-end. This resulted in an increase in opening net assets of \$37,489.

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5. Grants:

The Society has received grants during the year as follows:

		<u>2010</u>	<u>March 31</u>	<u>2009</u>
Operations-				
Province of Manitoba	\$	26,400	\$	26,000
Winnipeg Foundation		<u>1,284</u>		<u>-</u>
		<u>27,684</u>		<u>26,000</u>
 Dalnavert-				
Province of Manitoba		3,150		4,262
City of Winnipeg		17,000		12,100
Young Canada Works program		<u>3,478</u>		<u>3,819</u>
		<u>23,628</u>		<u>20,181</u>
	\$	<u>51,312</u>	\$	<u>46,181</u>
 Dalnavert Visitor's Centre-				
Government of Canada – Building Fund (2002 - 2003)	\$	<u>27,225</u>	\$	<u>-</u>
 Ross House-				
City of Winnipeg	\$	22,785	\$	21,862
Canadian Museum Association		2,600		5,371
North End Revitalization		5,000		2,500
Government of Canada-				
HRDC		3,411		3,020
Canada Day		1,725		250
Province of Manitoba-				
Operating		3,150		3,150
Education, Citizen & Youth		<u>1,555</u>		<u>1,768</u>
	\$	<u>40,226</u>	\$	<u>37,921</u>
 Web site project-				
Province of Manitoba	\$	8,000	\$	5,000
Manitoba Lotteries		<u>-</u>		<u>3,000</u>
	\$	<u>8,000</u>	\$	<u>8,000</u>

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6. Projects:

The Society has projects for which the net revenue (expense) is comprised as follows:

	Year ended March 31			
	2010			2009
	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Net</u>
Ross House (Schedule 2)	\$ 40,326	39,353	\$ 973	\$ 4,243
Manitoba History (Schedule 2)	6,180	11,860	(5,680)	(9,159)
Annual Meeting and Dinner	926	797	129	(297)
Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner	9,455	4,954	4,501	4,371
Centennial Farms	744	2,840	(2,096)	(2,376)
Young Historians (see below)	200	425	(225)	(188)
Centennial Organization	-	314	(314)	(177)
Centennial Business Awards	1,475	-	1,475	85
Web site project	8,300	8,229	71	-
Multicultural Dinner	-	-	-	(220)
	\$ <u>67,606</u>	\$ <u>68,772</u>	\$ <u>(1,166)</u>	\$ <u>(3,718)</u>

During the year, the Dr. Paul Thorlakson and Dr. E. Shaw funds transferred \$125 and \$100, respectively, to the general fund to cover expenses of the Young Historians project.