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MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Executive 2014-15

President	Harry Duckworth
First Vice President	Gary McEwen
Second Vice President	Carl James
Treasurer	Dave Finnbogason
Secretary	Jane Fudge
Member at Large	Dennis Butcher
Member at Large	Alan Player Mason

Elected Members of Council 2014-15

Wayne Arseny, Dennis Butcher, Francis Carol, Harry Duckworth, Dave Finnbogason, Jane Fudge, Charles Huband, Carl James, Eva Janssen, Esyllt Jones, Gwyneth Jones, Alan Player Mason, Ross Metcalfe, Gary McEwen, Robert O’Kell, Heather Richardson, Carol Scott, Jim Smith, Judith Hudson Beattie Valenzuela, Joyce Warykow

Ex Officio Members of Council – Former MHS Presidents

David McDowell (1976-1978)	Alan Crossin, (1978-1980)
Shirlee Anne Smith (1982-1984)	Margaret Carter (1984-1986),
Greg Thomas (1986- 1988)	William Fraser (1990-1992)
Céline Kear (1996-1998)	Lily Stearns (1994-1996)
Dr. John Lehr (1998-2000)	Jim Blanchard (2000- 2002)
Dr. Gordon Goldsborough (2004-2006)	Dr. John Bumsted (2006-2008),
Dr. Harry Duckworth, (2008-2011)	

* Note: The option of former MHS presidents being an ex officio member of council is available to Manitoba residents and members in good standing. This list does not represent the full roster of past presidents of the Society.

Staff

Chief Administrative Officer	Jacqueline Friesen
Ross House Museum Manager	Victor Sawelo
Ross House Summer Student	William Harrison
Ross House Summer Student	Martyna Turczynowicz

President's Report

Just over a year ago, in May 2014, it became clear that there was wide opposition, inside the Society and in the general Winnipeg community, to the plan of the MHS Executive, to sell the Dalnavert Museum to a charity, Candace House. There was no lack of sympathy for the aims and capabilities of Candace House, but it were realized that the new owners would have to renovate and repurpose the Museum extensively to meet their aims, and that much of its historic value would inevitably be lost. In the midst of the public outcry, Candace House withdrew its offer to purchase, and several key members of the MHS Executive, including the President, First Vice-President, and immediate Past-President, resigned. In the meantime, a Special General Meeting of the Society had passed a resolution, recommending that the Society negotiate with a new heritage group, the Friends of Dalnavert, with the intention of turning the management of the Museum, and the property itself, over to them.

The resignation of several table officers left the Society with the imminent prospect of entering an Annual General Meeting with an incomplete Executive, and with no nominating committee (which is normally chaired by the immediate Past-President) to fill the gaps. I took it upon myself to ask the MHS Council, through an email poll, to allow me to assemble a nominating committee. This was agreed to. The committee consisted of David McDowell (a former Past-President), Joyce

Wawrykow and Francis Carroll (Council members), with myself as Chair.

It quickly became apparent that few were interested in taking on the post of President for 2014-15. For lack of a better option, I proposed to the committee that I stand for President, on the understanding that I would serve for one year only. I had served three years already (in 2008-11), and wished to see new blood come in as soon as possible. The nominating committee agreed to put my name forward, and nominees for the other vacant positions, on the Council and the Executive, were quickly found. This slate was elected at the Annual General Meeting in June 2014.

At the Annual General Meeting, I stated that I believed I had a mandate to set in motion the negotiations with the Friends of Dalnavert, and that I would make this my priority during my one-year term. I am happy to say that these negotiations have been successful.

The Society has now transferred the complete management of the Dalnavert Museum and the Visitors' Centre to The Friends of Dalnavert Museum, Inc., effective May 8, 2015. The details of the agreement were worked out after months of negotiations, in which our own Dalnavert Negotiating Committee played the central role. I am most grateful to this Committee, which consisted of Alan Player-Mason (Chair), Charles Huband, Heather Richardson, and Carol Scott, for their patient and detailed work towards one of the most important decisions in the Society's history. The MHS Council, which has the power under our Constitution to make a decision like this, voted in favour of the agreement at its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

Under the agreement, The Friends assume full responsibility for running the Museum, including payment of all bills for utilities, insurance, and taxes. The Museum re-opened in time for the Doors Open Winnipeg event on May 30 & 31, and reported over 1600 visitors.

The Society's office will remain at Dalnavert in the short term, but we are looking for new premises, and hope to have our new location settled in short order. Under the agreement with The Friends, we can remain at Dalnavert until the end of the calendar year, but we anticipate moving much sooner than that. We will continue to have the same phone number and website, and the new postal address will be announced as soon as we know it.

Formal transfer of the ownership of the Museum to The Friends will not take place until The Friends are recognized as a registered charity by the Canada Revenue Agency. This is expected to take several months to arrange. It has already been agreed that the property, including all the land, buildings and contents (except for a small amount of Society property) will be sold to the Friends for a nominal amount.

As part of the transfer of the management of Dalnavert, the Society has also agreed to transfer most of the money in the Manitoba Historical Society Heritage Trust. This Trust was set up in the 1990s to provide a source of income for Dalnavert. It was managed by the Winnipeg Foundation, and when it was closed and the funds reorganized, it had a value of about \$1,000,000. In its place, a new trust account has been set up, containing about 90% of the funds from the old account, and again under the management of the Winnipeg Foundation. The Friends will use this as an endowment account, having access only to the annual income. In the discussion at Council, most accepted the argument that the Heritage Trust money should go with the property, and continue to be used in support of the Dalnavert Museum under the new arrangements.

Two other trust accounts, for the use of the Manitoba Historical Society, have also been established, again managed by the Winnipeg Foundation. One, with an initial capital of \$95,000, is the Society's share of the former Heritage Trust account. With this account, the Society will have access to a portion of the principal amount, as well as to the income; no further additions will be permitted to this account. The other trust account, with an initial capital of \$40,000, is a generous gift from the Winnipeg Foundation. It will be an endowment for the Society, so the income, but not the principal, will be available to the Society, and new donations can be made to it.

Although the reasoning behind these arrangements is not spelled out in the documents, I believe that the establishment of the Society's two new trust accounts with the Winnipeg Foundation is in recognition of the Society's work over 40 years in managing Dalnavert, and, most recently, of the considerable expenses that the Society was put to once the Museum was closed.

Donors wishing to help in establishing a long-term endowment for the Society itself can now contribute to the new endowment account, and I expect that in the future, fund-raising efforts will be made to encourage this.

It is my belief that the Friends of Dalnavert Museum Inc. is composed of the Winnipeggers best qualified to make a long-term success of the Museum. Their Board of Directors is made up of experienced museum professionals and heritage advocates. Their only purpose is to operate and promote Dalnavert, giving a year-to-year focus on that one thing that the Manitoba Historical Society was unable to provide.

The combined value of the real property at Dalnavert, its collection, and the Heritage Trust funds amounts to something well in excess of two million dollars – perhaps far more, as the property has not been valued in the real estate market, and the items in the collection have not been appraised since they were acquired. This handsome transfer of valuable property and money, which gets the Friends of Dalnavert Museum Inc. off to an excellent start, is an open-handed gesture by the MHS, and is consistent with our mandate as defenders of Manitoba heritage. Over 40 years, the Society operated the Museum with success, thanks to the generous and consistent support of a few donors, and to the efforts of the dedicated staff and many volunteers.

We should be proud of what we have done, and can now turn our attention fully to our many other important activities.

The Society's Committees have done much useful work this year, but I want to draw attention to two items. First, a Constitution Committee was struck last fall, with Garry Brickman as Chair, and this has completed a full revision of the MHS Constitution, which will be brought to the Annual General Meeting on June 6 for ratification by the membership. This revision required much detailed work and expertise, and I thank the Committee for its efforts, and recommend that the new Constitution be adopted. Second, after some years of inactivity the Membership Committee has been reactivated, with Robert O'Kell as Chair, and it has developed a number of plans to attract more members, and improve communication with them. We will see the fruits of these endeavours in the coming year.

This year has seen the conclusion of the term of office of his honour The Honourable Philip S. Lee, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, and the honorary patron of the Society. In 2009, his honour agreed to sponsor a new set of heritage awards, the Lieutenant-Governor's Awards for Historic Preservation and Promotion. The Society solicits nominations, and recommends five candidates per year for the awards; while the Lieutenant-Governor provides the medals and the awards ceremony. Five annual sets of these Awards have now been made, and there has been no lack of excellent candidates, from all across the province. My colleagues on the Council and I hope that the Lieutenant Governor designate, Mrs. Janice Filmon, will agree to continue these Awards.

Finally, I thank this year's Council and Executive, and a number of individuals within the Society, for their support during what could have been a difficult year. In fact, the

widespread cooperation and willingness to help made the year straightforward, and even pleasant.

Jacqueline Friesen, our Chief Administrative Officer, was a special resource for me, especially for bringing her deep experience to bear on the complexity of the Dalnavert transfer. I owe her a special debt of thanks. I leave my position as President with a feeling of optimism and respect for the Society, and I look forward to new and important achievements by us, as we continue our role as the most senior and most comprehensive heritage organization in the province.

Harry Duckworth, President

MHS Committees and Projects

Publication Committee

The MHS Publications Committee has responsibility for production of the *Manitoba History* journal, *MHS Gazette* newsletter, and MHS website (www.mhs.mb.ca). Its members in 2014 were as follows: Bob Coutts, Frieda Klippenstein, Eva Janssen (resigned November 2014), Greg Thomas (joined December 2014), Sheila Grover (joined December 2014), Gordon Goldsborough, Jim Burns, and Maria Zbigniewicz.

Journal

Our journal editorial team in 2014-2015 comprised Bob Coutts (editor-in-chief), Esyllt Jones (associate editor), Frieda Klippenstein (book reviews editor), Gordon Goldsborough (Pageant editor, production and promotions coordinator), Jim Burns (copy editor), and Maria Zbigniewicz (editorial assistant). We had two interns in 2014-2015 as a result of funding provided by the University of Manitoba: Krista Walters (PhD student in History) and Austen Smith (BA in History).

During the 2014-2015 period, the journal was published three times: No. 75 Summer 2014, No. 76 Fall 2014, and No. 77 Winter 2015). The articles included in each issue can be found on the MHS website (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb_history). Mailing of the integrated journal/newsletter package is coordinated directly by our printer, Premier Printing, to all Canadian members using mailing labels provided by the MHS administrative office.

We continue to achieve considerable cost savings for postage by hand-delivering copies, in envelopes, destined to American and European members to the US Postal Service in North Dakota. We organized launch events for No. 76 at McNally Robinson Booksellers and No. 77 at the Asper Jewish Community Campus.

Editorial assistance with issues of *Manitoba History* produced in 2014-2015 was provided by David Butterfield (Manitoba Historic Resources Branch), Stan Carbone (Jewish Heritage Centre Archives), Andrew Cunningham (Toronto, ON), Gerald Friesen (Winnipeg), Christy Henry (S. J. McKee Archives, Brandon University), Stephen Jaddock (Dauphin), Nathan Kramer (Winnipeg), Gilles Lesage (Société historique de Saint-Boniface), Brett Loughheed (University of Winnipeg Archives), Rob McInnes (Winnipeg), Randy Rostecki (Winnipeg), Nicola Spasoff (Manitoba Historic Resources Branch), Shawn Stankewich (Seattle, WA), Dan Stone (Winnipeg), and Mark Strople (Winnipeg).

Single copies of *Manitoba History* are sold at McNally Robinson Booksellers (Winnipeg). In 2014-2015, they sold 25 copies of No. 74, 48 copies of No. 75, and 48 copies of No. 76.

Access to a digital version of the journal is provided to members in good standing via the MHS website (www.mhs.mb.ca/members). The digital version contains the full contents of the paper version and is full colour and searchable. At present, 78 members have requested access to the digital version. An unknown number of people can access the digital version via the MHS arrangement with EBSCO Information Services (Ipswich, Massachusetts), which provide it to subscribing academic libraries and institutions, for which the MHS receives a royalty.

During the winter of 2014-2015, we submitted a proposal to the federal government's Department of Canadian Heritage for a special issue of *Manitoba History* to be published in 2016 or 2017 on the theme "Western Canada at War." We learned recently that our proposal was successful and a grant of about \$40,000 has been awarded. Work will get underway on this project shortly, using office space provided by St. John's College at the University of Manitoba. In April 2015, we submitted a proposal to the provincial government for a Publisher Project Support Grant, which, if successful, will be used to carry out a comprehensive market assessment survey for *Manitoba History* with the objective of increasing its circulation.

Website

Routine maintenance of the website over the past year has involved periodic correction of factual and formatting errors, addition of hyperlinks between related documents, and posting of historical news (www.mhs.mb.ca/news) and events (www.mhs.mb.ca/news/events.shtml).

About 700 new biographies were added this year to our Memorable Manitobans online collection, now comprising some 9,300 people.

Suggestions for additions are received, generally by email, on a regular basis. We especially acknowledge the help provided by James Arnett (Toronto), Monica Ball (Winnipeg), Christian Cassidy (Winnipeg), Ken Howard (Selkirk), Frances Kasper (Winnipeg), Nathan Kramer (Winnipeg), Norm Larsen (Winnipeg), and Rob McInnes (Winnipeg).

For the past five years, we have been creating a comprehensive inventory of historic sites in Manitoba for the MHS website (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites). It allows visitors to identify and learn about historic sites around the province, including municipally, provincially and federally designated sites, commemorative plaques, monuments, war memorials, and sites that, though not designated, have been locally identified as having historic value. In the past year, fieldwork was done primarily by Gordon Goldsborough and Alan Mason in the vicinity of Dauphin and along Highway 6 to The Pas, although incidental work occurred in several other areas of southern Manitoba.

In 2014, we had collected information on 4,784 sites; as of May 2015, the total now stands at 5,695 sites. During the past year, we added a large amount of information to web pages relating to military monuments, thanks to Darryl Toews of Morden who is carrying out extensive biographical research on First World War and Second World War casualties listed on monuments around the province. Nathan Kramer has identified numerous historic sites in and around Winnipeg, and has done extensive archival research to compile a wealth of information about specific sites. Information about additional historic sites have been contributed by David Ennis (Winnipeg), Tom Mitchell (Brandon), Katherine Nichols (Brandon), Ken Storie (Brandon), and Chris Thompson (Sanford).

Two collaborative projects relating to historic site mapping were done in 2014-2015. We assisted the Rural Municipality of Macdonald to map the sixteen one-room schoolhouses that had operated in the municipality through the years and, in September 2014; we helped to install signs at each of these sites. The signs feature an address on the MHS website where further information about the specific school can be found. The MHS is also collaborating on a similar project with the Rural Municipality of Morris, with signs expected to be installed in the spring of 2015. The second project is with the Heritage Committee of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Manitoba (APEGM) to locate and map pre-1935 bridges around the province. To date, the project has located 134 bridges.

To make the inventory of historic sites more useful and powerful on mobile devices such as tablets and smartphones, we hired Shared Logic of Brandon to develop a database-driven "back end" for the interactive map. This map became operational as of December 2013. We received another Manitoba Heritage Grant in early 2014 to map more historic sites and continue the development of this database. Shared Logic has not yet completed the enhancements but are expected to do so in June 2015.

The web site now comprises over 43,800 files, increased from 40,200 a year ago. It generally attracts between 1,200 and 1,700 unique visitors per day, averaging 1,689 per day for a total of 525,821 in the past year. Most of these visitors originate in Canada (84% of total) or the US (9%), peaking in mid-week and decreasing on weekends. About 197 search queries are made on our website each day, for a total of 71,740 queries in the past year. We receive numerous emails daily on questions and comments relating to the website.

As part of outreach activities that we have undertaken to promote awareness and use of the MHS generally and its website specifically, we have given audiovisual presentations to the Association of Manitoba Archivists (10 April 2014) and the North East Winnipeg Historical Society (17 December 2014, 16 March 2015). In addition, we are publishing brief summaries of some sites from the inventory in *Manitoba History*. In 2014-2015, there was one such article: "Manitoba's Military Monuments" (Number 76, Fall 2014).

Local History Book Digitization

In 2014, the MHS continued its participation in an initiative of the Manitoba Library Consortium to digitize local history books. The objective is to make these books fully text-searchable and more readily available on the Manitoba website (www.manitoba.ca), with the objective of having nearly all of them digitized in time for Manitoba's 150th anniversary in 2020. Our partners at the University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections obtained funding from the Manitoba Heritage Grants Program for the second phase of the project, the digitization of 200 more books. The MHS donated a collection of local history books in its library to the project and a donation ceremony was held at the Manitoba Legislative Library in February 2015. Some donated books were broken so they could be digitized by automated means, while rarer ones were photographed intact at the University of Manitoba Archives. Meanwhile, acquisition of other books is ongoing. Members of the project team are Gordon Goldsborough (MHS), Jason Woloski (Manitoba Legislative Library), Brett Loughheed (University of Winnipeg Archives), and Shelley Sweeney (University of Manitoba Archives).

Gordon Goldsborough

Newsletter

In 2014-15, the editorship of the MHS Newsletter, the MHS Gazette, passed from Eva Janssen to the joint responsibility of Sheila Grover and Greg Thomas. The MHS would like to thank Eva Janssen for the excellent work she has done as the Gazette editor over the past several years. Eva's journalistic skills were readily apparent during her tenure as she provided information on MHS programs and events alongside stories from throughout the province highlighting activity in Manitoba's diverse heritage community.

The MHS Gazette is bound into the Manitoba History journal and mailed to MHS members 3 times a year. As one of the Society's key communication tools, this newsletter strives to keep members informed on key programs of the organization. Equally important is the need to report upon significant events, developments and issues within the Manitoba Heritage community. In 2014-15, for example, the MHS Gazette reported upon significant new arrivals on the heritage front, the Canadian Museum of Human Rights and Upper Fort Garry Provincial Park. It was also important for the MHS Gazette to keep members abreast of major transitions such as the ownership and operation of Dalnavert Museum.

Greg Thomas Co-Editor

Award Programs

Lieutenant Governor's Award for Historical Preservation and Promotion

This was the fifth year of the program, proposed by the MHS in 2011 to Lieutenant Governor Philip S. Lee to recognize Manitobans for their prolonged, meritorious contributions to the preservation and promotion of Manitoba history. Nineteen nominations were received by the deadline of 27 February 2015, of which five were recommended to Mr. Lee by a committee consisting of the MHS President (Dr. Harry Duckworth), two Vice-Presidents (Mr. Gary McEwen, Mr. Carl James), and three former Presidents (Dr. John Lehr, Dr. Gordon Goldsborough, Mr. James Kostuchuk). The awards were presented during a ceremony and reception at Government House on 12 May 2015.

Since the 1980s, Lorna Feilberg Annell of Ste. Anne has been active in the preservation of local history in southeastern Manitoba. She researched and edited a comprehensive book on the history of the communities of East Braintree, Glenn, and McMunn. She has been an enthusiastic volunteer at the Midwinter Museum, housed at East Braintree in the former Midwinter one-room schoolhouse, and prepared an historical booklet for its 100th birthday celebration last August. As a member of the East Braintree Cemetery Board, she has mapped the graves of pioneers for this area of the province. And she has been a dedicated teacher, mother of five, and author of a children's book.

For over 11 years, Major Marc George, a retired officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, has shared his extensive historical knowledge as Curator and Director of the Royal Canadian Artillery Museum at CFB Shilo near Brandon. Under his direction, the facility has become one of the nation's pre-eminent military museums, second in size only to the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa. He was instrumental in advancing archaeological work at the Camp Hughes training site on the edge of the Carberry sandhills, and at the Whitewater Prisoner of War Camp in Riding Mountain National Park. Recently, he collaborated in producing a powerful trilogy of documentary films, entitled "WarPaths," in which he explored connections between men from his hometown of Boissevain and their valiant service during the First World War. Major George has supported numerous historical projects, speaking to schools, service clubs, and Legions, where he has demonstrated his expertise with good humour and enthusiasm.

For over 25 years, Robert "Bob" Jordan has been the Curator and Director of the Darlingford School Heritage Museum, based in an 105-year-old, two-storey brick school building in Darlingford, Manitoba. When the school closed in 1984, some saw it as the end of the road for the impressive, old structure.

Not Bob. He was a driving force in the community behind the opening of the museum in 1992, assisting with fundraising, training, acquisition and curation of artefacts, and construction of exhibits.

He even donated his own extensive collection of military insignia and uniforms to its collections, and still volunteers regularly to maintain and open the museum to visitors. In addition, he served on committees that prepared two local history books for the Darlingford area, in 1970 and an update in 1999.

Barry McPherson of Winnipeg is widely and justifiably renowned for his expertise and innumerable contributions to the promotion and understanding of Manitoba's rich history. His research of original documents has taken him from the Hudson's Bay Company Archives to the libraries and archives throughout the United Kingdom. As a teacher and educational administrator of long standing, Barry has been active at writing books and articles about the Red River Settlement in a way that is never stuffy or boring. His meticulous attention to detail can most especially be seen in his authentic reproductions of historical costumes, prepared in close collaboration with his wife Judy. Both of them, as members of the Manitoba Living History Society, are stalwart participants in Heritage Fairs, Festival du Voyageur, New Year's Levees here at Government House, Selkirk Settler Bicentenary functions, museum events and displays, and numerous other places where they bring history alive: by sight, sound, and touch.

Since at least the 1970s, Doreen Oliver of Selkirk has been active at the local and provincial levels in promoting awareness of history and heritage. As Chair of the Selkirk Heritage Advisory Committee, she has organized walking tours, planned events, developed an archival collection, offered historical names for streets in new subdivisions, developed interpretive signage for the City's historic waterfront, and advocated for the preservation of heritage buildings such as the Stuart House and Bunn Cottage. She is also a member of the heritage committee for a wider area including the municipalities of St. Clements and St. Andrews. At the provincial level, Ms. Oliver was active in Community Heritage Manitoba, an association representing municipal heritage groups that promoted education and awareness, and she was for many years the Secretary of the Archives Committee for the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land.

Gordon Goldsborough

Centennial Farm Program

During the 2014-15 year, 25 Centennial Farm plaques were prepared and given to eligible families as well as 17 – 125 year plus recognitions to other families

The continued financial support of the Murray Family Foundation is much appreciated in enabling the work of the Centennial Farm committee to continue.

The committee consists of Denise Kolesar, David McDowell, Corinne Tellier, Wayne Warren and Anne MacVicar. 600 plus volunteer hours enables these recognitions to be made on behalf of the Manitoba Historical Society.

Region	Family	Farm Location	Year Established
The following families have received Centennial Farm recognition from the Manitoba Historical Society in 2014 - 2015.			
Altamont	Wayne and Joanne Bradley	N 8-5-8 WPM	1912
Arborg	Ivan and Brenda Gulay	NE 20-24-1 EPM	1913
Arborg	Arni and Lorraine Melsted	SW 7-22-4 EPM	1908
Arnes	Kevin Peterson and Christine Anderson	SW 19-21-4 EPM	1906
Ashern	Lawrence and June Stoneham	SE 12-25-8 WPM	1913
Beausejour	Barry and Rosemarie Klym	S.ly 60 acres of SE of 9-14-8 EPM	1915
Cardale	Richard and Kelly English	NE 26-14-21 WPM	1914
Clearwater	Thomas and Helen Stone	SW1-3-13 WPM	1908
Deloraine	Murray and Shirley Brown	NW 25-4-22 WPM	1912
Deloraine	Dean and Patricia Bell	NE 30-2-22 WPM	1903
Faulkner	John Sander	NW 27-28-9 WPM	1913
Griswold	Gordon Hammond & Derwyn and Mona Hammond	NE 7-11-22 WPM	1906
		SW 8-11-22 WPM	1914
Ile-des-Chènes	Armand and Marjorie Beauchemin	Lot 8, Oak Island Settlement	1907
Inglis	Albert Holopina and Family	SW 5-24-27 WPM	1914
Inglis	Glenn and Terry Jackson	S 32-22-27 WPM	1914
Moosehorn	Craig and Lenore Brown	SE 15-27-4 WPM	1914
Newdale	Ralph and Shirley Pedersen	N 35-16-21 WPM	1913
Niverville	Minnie Wachtendorf	SW 34-7-4 EPM	1914
RM of Odanah	Leonard and Edna Olson	NW 17-14-18 WPM	1913
RM of Rhineland	Janet (Mazinke) and Larry Reimer	NW 24-3-1 WPM	1903
Teulon	Victor and Charlene Dzeidzic	NW 10-18-1 EPM	1908
Thornhill	Dennis Carson	NW 30-2-6 WPM	1912
Waskada	Lyle and Karen Spence	NW 33-2-25 WPM	1912
Winnipegosis	Donald and Marlene Maniel	NE 4-32-19 WPM	1904

Region	Family	Farm Location	Year Established
These families have received 125 year or more recognition from the Manitoba Historical Society in 2014 – 2015.			
Alexander	Kyle and Erin Cochrane Darby and Kelly Cochrane	SW 23-11-22 WPM	1887
Baldur	Marguerite Sigvaldason	NW 26-5-14 WPM	1889
Deleau	Janet (Cowan) and Dale McBurney	NW 16-7-23 WPM	1889
Dominion City	Bruce and Bonnie Scott	SW 30-2-3 EPM	1884
Forrest	William and Frances Anderson	NW 20-11-18 WPM	1889
Gladstone	Nora (Johnston) and Edward Stroeder	SE 14-14-12 WPM	1889
Hamiota	Ian and Barbara Anderson	NW 10-13-24 WPM	1882
Holland	Leslie and Heather Ferris	SW 23-8-11 WPM	1879
Isabella	Trevor and Abby Clark	NE 36-14-26 WPM	1882
La Riviere	Steven and Shelley Wallcraft	NW 16-4-9 WPM	1878
Lorette	Wilbert "Bill" and Diane Heather	S ½ of NW 32-9-5 and N.ly 330 ft of SW 32-9-5 EPM	1889
Manitou	Marie Berry, Elva Berry, Nora- Ann Berry, Donna May Berry- Nichol and Alice Wiebe	NE 2-4-8 WPM	1879
Manitou	Marie Berry, Elva Berry, Nora- Ann Berry, Donna May Berry- Nichol and Alice Wiebe	NW 10-4-8 WPM	1878
Minnedosa	Karen (Carter) and Douglas Dowsett	SE 14-16-17 WPM	1882
Oak Lake	Clarence and Maureen Bailey	NW 14-10-24 WPM	1889
Rosser	Alan and Laurie Beachell Jim and Arla Beachell	SE 7-12-1 EPM	1889
Wawanesa	Jeff and Sheila Elder	SW 22-8-17 WPM	1881

Centennial Organizations /Centennial Business Awards

The Centennial Organization and Business Awards recognize non-profit organizations and businesses, which have operated in Manitoba for 100 years or more:

The following awards were presented in 2014-15

The Marlborough Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba	founded 1914
Brant Argyle School, Argyle, Manitoba	founded 1914

To date, 13 organizations and businesses have been identified as eligible for Centennial Awards. Two were awarded, four are currently in processing stage, and follow up is taking place with the remaining seven.

The program is undergoing redevelopment, and as one of the changes, the award format was changed from a traditional framed certificate to an attractive “float mount” format suitable for either wall mounting or stand up shelf display. The change is equal to or slightly lower in cost than the previous framed certificate. Mr. Milton Corado of One Design Ltd. provides the formatting and printing before it is mounted, at no cost.

In future, plans are in the works for award sponsorship, award promotion through community and business associations, and expansion of the number of members of the committee to assist with program delivery and future continuity.

Dan Furlan, Chair

Programs

MHS History Book Club

The History Book Club continues to meet, with an average of 13 members (between 11 and 15) in attendance at our meetings at the Dalnavert Visitor Centre. We normally meet from 7 to 9 PM on the second Monday from September to May, with no meeting in December or from June to August. However this year our guest for September, Bob Coutts, had a death in the family in September and we met in December instead. We have been meeting to read, laugh and learn for ten years and have retained eleven of the original members, and though members leave for various reasons, we continue to add new ones.

In the past year we have, as usual, enjoyed a variety of topics and writers. In October, Joyce Wawrykow led the discussion of A.B. McKillop’s, *The Spinster and the Prophet: Florence Deeks*, *H.G. Wells and the mystery of the purloined past* (2000). We benefited from the presence of one of Brian McKillop’s teachers, Jim Alward, who gave a personal account of his

brilliant student. Unfortunately, Jim is no longer able to attend and we will miss his many contributions.

Céline Kear introduced the prairie classic by Frederick Philip Grove, *Over Prairie Trails* (1929). Many of our members had experienced winter travel in the rural areas of Manitoba and contributed to our appreciation of Grove's masterful descriptions.

In December, our guest, Bob Coutts, gave us insight into the background of his work, *The Road to the Rapids: Nineteenth-Century Church and Society at St. Andrew's Parish, Red River* (2000). He also told us about his doctoral work at St. John's College, University of Manitoba, where he is a Research Fellow and is writing his thesis on public history programming.

Joan Pagan led our discussion of Heather Robertson's *Grass Roots* (1973) in January. Several members were able to add their own perceptions of the communities Heather had studied in Saskatchewan and Manitoba and were able to compare the present situation.

In February we turned our attention to the north with *Sigfusson's Roads* (1992), written by Svein Sigfusson. Shirlee Anne Smith was the presenter and had edited the book, so we were able to benefit from her intimate knowledge. Another member of the club, Neil Challis, was able to add his own experiences in managing the development of the ice roads for the province. We will miss the many contributions of both these members and Neil's wife, Pat, since they are not able to continue next year.

Gina German and Marjorie Dann took on the project of introducing the book by Lubomyr Luciuk, *In Fear of the Barbed Wire Fence: Canada's First National International Operations and the Ukrainian Canadians, 1914 to 1920*. Thanks to their excellent handouts, we were able to learn about this unfortunate period in Canadian history.

In April Carl James led the last presentation with Laurier LaPierre's work, *Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Romance of Canada* (1996). We all learned more about this important Prime Minister and the issues he dealt with, many of which still present challenges today.

Our year ended in May with a potluck and the book proposals for next year.

Judy Valenzuela (also known as Judith Hudson Beattie) initiated the group in September 2005 after taking a workshop with Nancy Pearl, the librarian famed for her bobble-head "shushing librarian" figure and her best-selling book *Book Lust*. After ten years coordinating the group Judy is stepping down and Carl James (204-233-4776, cljames1950@live.com) is taking over those duties. Check the website or the newsletter for the new schedule.

Judy Valenzuela

Program Committee

For several decades, members of Society Program committees have been developing and presenting historical themed, educational and entertaining programs for the enjoyment of the members of the Society, and the public.

Multicultural Dinner, April 2014

The year began with the always-popular Multi Cultural Dinner, organized by Patricia Forsythe, and held in partnership with the Manitoba Métis Federation. The event featured traditional Métis food, entertainment and guest speaker Shirley Delorme Russell

Stained Glass Tour, September 2014

Leo Mol is perhaps most famous for his bronze sculpture but he also produced many fine stained glass windows. In September, a tour of three churches - St. Demetrius Greek Orthodox, St. George's Anglican and Sts. Vladimir & Olga Cathedral featured a number of Leo Mol's beautiful stained glass windows.

History on Film February 2015

The Annual MHS History Film night was held in February 2015 featured "Steamboats on the Red" followed by an interesting discussion with Ed Ledohowski who had researched and produced the film for PBS a few years earlier.

Field Trips

Dr. John Lehr led a tour in southern Manitoba that included the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden and a stop at the site of the former town of Nelsonville. In co-operation with *Creative Retirement Manitoba*, the Program Committee organized a one-day field trip to the Winkler–Morden area in June. A behind the scenes tour of the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden afforded participants a real hands on experience when they tried their hands at cleaning recently unearthed fossils being prepared for display. The tour concluded with a driving tour of Morden's heritage architecture and a visit to the site of the ghost town of Nelsonville. John Lehr and Ed Ledohowski led the tour.

The program committee is working to develop events and activities for the year ahead. The committee would like to hear from MHS members who have suggestions for future programs - email to cljames1950@live.com

Program committee members: Joyce Wawrykow, Tom Ford Dr. John Lehr and Ed Ledohowski

Carl James
Program Committee chair

Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner

The Macdonald Dinner is a long standing tradition of the Society, a formal, entertaining annual celebration for members and friends to come together to celebrate the history of Manitoba.

The 50th annual Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner was held on Saturday, January 17, 2015, where members and friends also celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the event, and the 200th birthday of Sir John A. Macdonald.

Our guest speaker for this special event was Richard Gwyn, widely known political commentator on TV and radio. Mr. Gwyn, since 2003, undertook to write a full-scale biography of Sir John A Macdonald, and has since completed his first and second volumes. John A, The Man who Made Us, was published in 2007 to rave reviews, and the second volume, Nation Maker, Sir John A Macdonald, His Life and Times, was published in 2011 to much praise and acclaim.

Jim Ingebrigtsen, who as always delighted the crowd with his fun and witty repartee, was the host for the evening. The Society's honorary patron, his Honour Lieutenant Governor Philip S. Lee, and Her Honour, Mrs. Anita K. Lee, attended the event.

Thank you to our sponsors, the Fort Garry Hotel, and volunteers.

Macdonald Dinner Committee

Dalnavert Heritage Garden

In 2007, a vision of developing a heritage garden took shape, utilizing period appropriate perennials and annuals to fill the curvilinear borders surrounding the house. A small group of dedicated gardeners sourced the favoured plants of the time and then planted a variety of heritage plants to provide cutting flowers for the house and seasonal colour for the exterior. A limited collection of heirloom peonies, cultivars that were developed prior to 1914, now grace the borders by the Visitor Centre.

The gardeners continued to work diligently throughout the summer of 2014 when the museum was officially closed so that the property looked alive, cared for and cared about. We were the face of the museum during the summer answering the myriad questions of the public and out of town visitors.

Dalnavert Heritage Garden is much more than floral ornament; it is a living example of the social and cultural tastes and pre-occupations of the past. As such, it now enhances the

museum, provides an immersive experience for the public and opportunities for nature study programming.

We are grateful for the kindness of donors who have provided gifts of plant material, ornamental trellis and obelisks to enhance the gardens, and gifts of birdhouses and tree stumps for a natural sitting area in the children's garden. Particularly, I wish to acknowledge Mr. Plantje of Bill's Greenhouse who has for many years donated annuals for the garden and hanging baskets for the veranda.

I extend my personal thanks and gratitude to Mary Lynn Duckworth, Lynne Mellow and Jennie Wevursky – the Wednesday Garden Group - who plant and pull weeds tirelessly, as we strive to achieve our goal of a beautiful heritage garden that makes Dalnavert not just a house but a home.

Barbara McEwen, volunteer gardener

Ross House Museum

Ross House was built in 1854 on the banks of the Red River, at the foot of Market Avenue, for William and Jemima Ross. In 1855, the Council of Assiniboia reorganized the Red River Settlement's mail service from the bi-annual packet via The Hudson's Bay Company to the service by way of Pembina and appointed William as its first postmaster. He used his home as the first post office until his death in May 1856. The museum reflects the history of the Ross family and William Coldwell and their contribution to the Red River Settlement. The MHS rescued the house from demolition in 1949, and once restored, it was relocated to Higgins Avenue in 1952, with the final move to Joe Zuken Park, in 1984. The museum is now owned by the City of Winnipeg, operated by the Manitoba Historical Society, which makes applications and receives grant funding from municipal, provincial, and federal grants, to support operations and summer student employment.

The Museum opened its doors on the last weekend of May 2014 for the Annual Doors Open Program. We would like to offer our thanks to our volunteers, Genevieve and Marcel Perchette; Ross House hosted over 200 guests for this event.

Ross House hosted its popular annual Canada Day event, with flag raising ceremonies, BBQ and birthday cake. Special guests of honour were led to the ceremony by piper Melisa Kroboko. Our guests City Councillor Ross Eadie raised the flag, and MLA Kevin Chief cut and served birthday cake to those in attendance.

Joel Ralph, representative of Canada's History Magazine donated a stack of the Kayak booklets for us to distribute to children. The success of this event was in a large part due to the third year of a partnership with the Church of the Rock, who provided seventeen

volunteers led by a former staff of the museum Stacy Gagnon and her mother Jane. We express our gratitude and thanks to our volunteers, whose generous gift of time made this event a success. Thank you to our Canada Day sponsors, the Government of Canada, the Joe Zuken Memorial Trust, and the Manitoba Historical Society.

We participated in several partnership projects this year, including a video project on Winnipeg's first mayor Francis Cornish, with a former staff member William Jordan playing the lead role. The Women's Centre provided us with volunteers Joseph, Mark and Shania, who spent one day each week on landscape and litter patrol, and thanks to their efforts that area was kept tidy and clean.

Ross House and its manager, Victor Sawelo, appeared on Global TV in a news story featuring city museums, which promoted the museum and the Point Douglas neighbourhood.

In addition to guided individual and group museum tours, community walking tours, and special events,

Ross House served as the base for the annual community clean up, hosted Art City students for a special sketching event in the museum, and as backdrop for local photographer's wedding photography.

Victor Sawelo, Ross House Museum Manager

Ross House has long served the community of Point Douglas and the City of Winnipeg as a unique friendly place to visit, and as a community resource, thanks to our Museum Manager, Victor Sawelo, and to this year's summer students, William Harrison, and Martyna Turcynwoicz. The care and pride taken in managing the museum and caring for the building and artefacts is evident to all who visit.

Mr. Sawelo's many partnerships with traditional and non traditional groups in the community are an important aspect of our operations and contributes greatly to the success of our Ross House Museum.

Jacqueline Friesen, CAO

Heritage Trust Foundation

The Manitoba Historical Society Heritage Trust Foundation was established in 1984 to receive donations and administer fund capital to provide income for Dalnavert Museum and other MHS needs. In June 1985, The Society appointed the Winnipeg Foundation to have custody and management of the fund, paying net income to the trustees.

Trustees during the 2014-15 fiscal year were Harry Duckworth [Chair], replaced by John (Jock) Lehr, Gwyneth Jones [treasurer], Carol Scott [secretary], Francis Carroll and David Finnbogason,[directors at large]. Jock and Dave represented the MHS Executive; Gwyneth, Francis and Carol, the MHS Council.

During the past year, there were no donations. Income received from the Winnipeg Foundation was \$25,248. In December, \$32,000 was transferred to the Society to support Dalnavert operations. As of March 31, the total balance in the fund was \$1,001,310, an increase since April 1, 2014. The change in the fund balance is comprised of \$84,646 of realized and unrealized gains/losses, \$45,619 in interest and dividends offset by disbursements paid, and administration and investment fees, which totalled \$33,256. Accrued disbursements payable were \$33,527.

During the second half of the fiscal year business centred on the proposal to transfer Dalnavert out of the Society and the consequent implications for the Heritage Trust Foundation. The trustees agreed in principle to a future division of the fund's assets between the Society and Dalnavert's new owner, the Friends of Dalnavert Museum. The Winnipeg Foundation distributes a percentage of the average market value of a fund over three years (the spending rate). The rate was 4% in 2014, increasing to 4.2% in 2015 and projected to increase to 4.4% in 2016. Income from the fund to the MHS will decrease, of course, when the capital is split between the Society and Dalnavert's new owners.

John C. Lehr, Chair

DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

The Society expresses our thanks and gratitude for the generous financial support of our sponsors and donors.

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Ross House

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Multicultural Dinner

Pat Forsythe

Field Trips

Jock Lehr

Manitoba History Journal

University of Manitoba

Treasurer's Report

The Statement of Operations

The net loss from operations for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015 is \$65,314 compared to \$63,947 in the prior year. While the bottom line impact is similar year over year, there have been some fundamental changes, which have taken place which largely offset. Both revenue and expense levels are lower than the prior year due to the closing of the Dalnavert Museum and Visitor Centre. In December 2014, \$32,000 was transferred from the Trust Fund bank account to the General fund account.

Revenue

Revenue of \$137,107 is 30% or \$58,451 lower than the \$195,558 earned in the prior year due to the following:

- Grant revenue - \$41,400 – the decrease in grants is entirely due to Dalnavert. The only grant received for Dalnavert was \$15,000 from the Winnipeg Foundation to fund the study. The entire amount was expensed and reflected in the statements as well.
- Donations -\$4,667 – approximately \$9,170 was received in the prior year for Dalnavert with no donations received in the current year.
- Membership revenue - \$12,362 - up \$1,914 or 18% or year over year
- Management Fee – the \$6,500 relates to an amount received from Ross House (\$5,000) for the work provided by MHS as well as \$1,500 of the proceeds from the grant provided by the Winnipeg Foundation to Dalnavert.
- Program Revenue & Expense – should be looked at together - refer to Note 6 to the Financial Statements. Overall program revenue and expenses are down year over year. The major variance (net of revenue and expenses) year over year relates to the publication of the historical journal – net deficit of \$9,630 (the prior year included catch up revenue from prior years)

Expenses

Expenses of \$202,421 were 22% or \$57,084 lower than the \$259,505 incurred in the prior year. Dalnavert expenses of \$88,981 were \$38,241 lower due to lower repairs and maintenance, lower salaries and the write-off of inventory in the prior year. Program expenses in the General Fund were \$11,503 lower than the prior year with the majority of the decrease related to web related projects.

Statement of Financial Position

The overall change in assets was quite small in relation to the total, with assets increasing by about \$60,000. The majority of the increase was due to an increase in the fair market value of the assets in the Trust Fund. The fund balance of \$1,034,837 increased 9.2% after fees and disbursements. This was due a combination of realized and unrealized gains as well as interest and dividends. Offsetting this was a decrease in cash commensurate with the operating deficit.

Subsequent Event Note 8

This note was added to the financial statements due to the materiality of the transaction related to the transfer of Dalnavert to Friends of Dalnavert which took place after the end of the fiscal year.

Summary

The overall level of activity as measured in terms of revenue and expenses is down significantly reflecting the closure of the museum. What is evident is that even though the museum was closed, a great deal of cost remained just to look after and maintain the building (in excess of \$55,000). In the coming months we will be completing the transaction to transfer the assets to FODM and our financial statements will reflect this change and look very different in the future. As we look forward to P.D. (post Dalnavert) we will need to prepare a budget and operating plan which reflects these changes.

Dave Finnbogason, Treasurer

MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2015





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of The Manitoba Historical Society:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Manitoba Historical Society, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2015, and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many charitable organizations, the company derives revenue from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the company and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to contributions, excess of revenues over expenses, current assets and net assets.

Qualified Opinion

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 contributions referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Manitoba Historical Society as at March 31, 2015 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations.

June 4, 2015
Winnipeg, MB

M Group LLP

Chartered Accountants

**MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

Year ended March 31, 2015

		MHS Heritage Fund	Dr. E. Shaw Fund	Dr. Paul Thorlakson Fund	Dalnavert Special Projects Fund	Historic Building Fund	Dalnavert Historic Site Fund	Dalnavert Visitor's Centre Fund	Margaret McWilliams Fund	Documentary History Fund	Centennial Memorial Fund	March 31 2015	March 31 2014
Current assets:													
Cash	\$	23,901	404	1,200	-	1,909	-	5,788	1,040	7,773	1,772	\$ 71,970	\$ 112,115
Investments (Note 4)		77,963	4,145	3,138	-	6,276	-	-	6,315	-	23,532	121,369	120,164
Accounts receivable		8,827	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,827	9,466
Prepaid expenses		250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	325
		<u>110,941</u>	<u>4,549</u>	<u>4,338</u>	-	<u>8,185</u>	-	<u>5,788</u>	<u>7,355</u>	<u>7,773</u>	<u>25,304</u>	<u>202,416</u>	<u>242,070</u>
Due from Operating Fund		-	-	206	10,907	-	-	53,968	-	-	-	65,081	62,519
Investments (Note 4)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,034,837	937,827
Dalnavert Historic Site		-	-	-	-	-	2,264,736	-	-	-	-	2,264,736	2,264,736
	\$	<u>110,941</u>	<u>\$ 4,549</u>	<u>\$ 4,544</u>	<u>\$ 10,907</u>	<u>\$ 8,185</u>	<u>\$ 2,264,736</u>	<u>\$ 59,756</u>	<u>\$ 7,355</u>	<u>\$ 7,773</u>	<u>\$ 25,304</u>	<u>\$ 3,567,070</u>	<u>\$ 3,507,152</u>
Current liabilities:													
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	13,315	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 13,315	\$ 10,429
Deferred contributions		1,644	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,644	4,644
		<u>14,959</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>14,959</u>	<u>15,073</u>
Due to Dalnavert Special projects		10,907	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,907	10,907
Due to Dalnavert Visitor's Centre Fund		53,968	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53,968	51,406
Due to Dr. Thorlakson Fund		206	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	206	206
		<u>80,040</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>80,040</u>	<u>77,592</u>
Fund balances:													
Invested in Dalnavert Historic Site		-	-	-	-	-	2,264,736	-	-	-	-	2,264,736	2,264,736
Externally restricted		-	4,549	4,544	-	-	-	59,756	7,355	-	25,304	1,164,528	1,073,807
Internally restricted		-	-	-	10,907	8,185	-	-	-	7,773	-	26,866	26,802
Unrestricted- General		40,128	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,128	49,754
Dalnavert		(9,227)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(9,227)	14,461
		<u>30,901</u>	<u>4,549</u>	<u>4,544</u>	<u>10,907</u>	<u>8,185</u>	<u>2,264,736</u>	<u>59,756</u>	<u>7,355</u>	<u>7,773</u>	<u>25,304</u>	<u>3,487,030</u>	<u>3,429,560</u>
	\$	<u>110,941</u>	<u>\$ 4,549</u>	<u>\$ 4,544</u>	<u>\$ 10,907</u>	<u>\$ 8,185</u>	<u>\$ 2,264,736</u>	<u>\$ 59,756</u>	<u>\$ 7,355</u>	<u>\$ 7,773</u>	<u>\$ 25,304</u>	<u>\$ 3,567,070</u>	<u>\$ 3,507,152</u>

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: _____ DIRECTOR _____ DIRECTOR _____

MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

Year ended March 31, 2015

	Operating Fund (Schedule 1)				Restricted Funds									Endowment Funds			
	2015 Total	2014 Total	MHS Heritage	Dr. E. Shaw	Dr. Paul H.T. Thorlakson	Dalnavert Special Projects	Historic Building Fund	Dalnavert Historic Site	Dalnavert Visitor's Centre	Documentary History Fund	2015 Margaret McWilliams	2015 Centennial Memorial	2015 Total	2014 Total			
Revenue:																	
Grants (Note 5)	\$ 41,400	\$ 57,975	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Donations	4,667	16,154	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Memberships	12,362	10,448	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Realized investment income	-	727	75,308	17	42	-	84	-	5	9	-	-	77,261	-			
Admissions	-	2,818	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Merchandise sales	-	3,766	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Programs (Note 6)	60,354	79,418	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Management fee	6,500	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Rentals	11,093	14,566	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Other	-	4,686	93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-			
	137,107	195,558	75,401	17	42	-	84	-	5	9	-	75,559	77,309	283			
Expenses:																	
Accounting and legal	6,400	6,568	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Bad debts	-	420	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Bank charges	1,836	1,975	24	3	4	6	-	-	24	-	-	61	10	3			
Consulting	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Goods and Services Tax	359	5,327	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,061	-			
Insurance	11,864	13,233	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Merchandise from stock	-	12,258	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Miscellaneous	-	1,518	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Newsletter, printing and postage	300	650	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Office	4,383	4,432	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Programs (Note 6)	62,289	76,485	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Promotion	-	333	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Property taxes (museum)	11,830	13,274	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Repairs and maintenance	10,229	15,229	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Salaries and employee benefits	53,658	80,578	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,311	-			
Telephone and utilities (Note 7)	24,273	27,235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	202,421	259,505	24	3	4	6	-	-	-	24	-	61	31,382	-			
	(65,314)	(63,947)	75,377	14	39	-	78	-	5	(15)	-	75,498	45,927	283			
	-	-	46,951	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46,951	64,668	-			
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expense from operations																	
Unrealized investment income/(loss)																	
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expense for the year	(65,314)	(63,947)	122,328	14	39	-	78	-	5	(15)	-	122,449	110,572	283			
Fund balances, beginning of year	64,215	48,748	972,692	4,535	4,505	10,907	8,107	2,264,736	59,751	7,788	25,088	3,333,021	3,300,731	33,173			
Interfund transfers (Schedule 3)	32,000	79,414	(32,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(32,000)	(78,282)	(1,132)			
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 30,901	\$ 64,215	\$ 1,063,020	\$ 4,549	\$ 4,544	\$ 10,907	\$ 8,185	\$ 2,264,736	\$ 59,756	\$ 7,773	\$ -25,304	\$ 3,423,470	\$ 3,333,021	\$ 32,324			

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

Year ended March 31

	2015			2014		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Dalnavert</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Dalnavert</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenue:						
Grants (Note 5)	\$ 26,400	15,000	\$ 41,400	\$ 26,400	31,575	\$ 57,975
Donations	4,667	-	4,667	6,984	9,170	16,154
Memberships	12,362	-	12,362	10,448	-	10,448
Interest	731	-	731	727	-	727
Admissions	-	-	-	-	2,818	2,818
Merchandise sales	-	-	-	-	3,766	3,766
Programs (Note 6)	60,354	-	60,354	77,396	2,022	79,418
Management fee	6,500	-	6,500	5,000	-	5,000
Rentals	-	11,093	11,093	-	14,566	14,566
Other	-	-	-	334	4,352	4,686
	<u>111,014</u>	<u>26,093</u>	<u>137,107</u>	<u>127,289</u>	<u>68,269</u>	<u>195,558</u>
Expense:						
Accounting and legal	3,900	2,500	6,400	4,058	2,500	6,558
Bad debts	-	-	-	420	-	420
Bank charges	1,836	-	1,836	1,975	-	1,975
Consulting	-	15,000	15,000	-	-	-
Goods and Services Tax	359	-	359	5,327	-	5,327
Insurance	842	11,022	11,864	835	12,398	13,233
Merchandise from stock	-	-	-	-	12,258	12,258
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	1,518	-	1,518
Newsletter, printing and postage	300	-	300	650	-	650
Office	4,383	-	4,383	4,432	-	4,432
Programs (Note 6)	62,289	-	62,289	73,792	2,693	76,485
Promotion	-	-	-	-	333	333
Property taxes (museum)	-	11,830	11,830	-	13,274	13,274
Repairs and maintenance	-	10,229	10,229	-	15,229	15,229
Salaries and employee benefits	37,305	16,353	53,658	37,138	43,440	80,578
Telephone and utilities (Note 7)	2,226	22,047	24,273	2,138	25,097	27,235
	<u>113,440</u>	<u>88,981</u>	<u>202,421</u>	<u>132,283</u>	<u>127,222</u>	<u>259,505</u>
Deficiency of revenue over expense for the year	<u>(2,426)</u>	<u>(62,888)</u>	<u>(65,314)</u>	<u>(4,994)</u>	<u>(58,953)</u>	<u>(63,947)</u>
Fund balances, beginning of year	49,754	14,461	64,215	60,816	(12,068)	48,748
Interfund transfers (Schedule 3)	<u>(7,200)</u>	<u>39,200</u>	<u>32,000</u>	<u>(6,068)</u>	<u>85,482</u>	<u>79,414</u>
Fund balances, end of year	\$ <u>40,128</u>	\$ <u>(9,227)</u>	\$ <u>30,901</u>	\$ <u>49,754</u>	\$ <u>14,461</u>	\$ <u>64,215</u>

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE

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	<u>Year ended March 31</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Revenue:		
Grants (Note 5)	\$ 33,347	\$ 36,531
Other	<u>500</u>	<u>400</u>
	33,847	36,931
Expense:		
Administration fees	5,000	5,000
Audit and accounting	1,600	1,600
GST Expense	-	1,383
Insurance	800	780
Office and sundry	357	533
Programs and special events	934	1,234
Salaries and employee benefits	22,386	23,200
Telephone and utilities	<u>1,179</u>	<u>1,150</u>
	<u>32,256</u>	<u>34,880</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expense	\$ <u>1,591</u>	\$ <u>2,051</u>

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	<u>Year ended March 31</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Revenue:		
Sales and royalties	\$ 2,396	\$ 7,631
Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>653</u>
	2,396	8,284
Expense:		
Publishing costs	<u>12,026</u>	<u>10,784</u>
Deficiency of revenue over expense	\$ <u>(9,630)</u>	\$ <u>(2,500)</u>

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SCHEDULE OF INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

Year Ended March 31, 2015

	Transfer to (from) <u>Fund</u>	<u>Transfer (from) to Fund</u>		
		<u>Operating Fund</u>		
		<u>General</u>	<u>Dalnavert</u>	<u>MHS Heritage</u>
Operating Fund-				
General	\$ -	\$ (7,200)	7,200	-
Dalnavert	32,000	-	-	(32,000)
MHS Heritage	(32,000)	-	32,000	-
Centennial Memorial Fund	-	-	-	-
	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>(7,200)</u>	\$ <u>39,200</u>	\$ <u>(32,000)</u>
			\$ <u>32,000</u>	

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2015

1. Basis of presentation:

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

2. 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.

3. 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 from donations made to the Society 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 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.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued):

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

(a) 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 (2014 – \$29,311), have been expensed in the current year.

(b) 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.

(c) Financial statements-

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

4. 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>2015</u>	<u>March 31</u>	<u>2014</u>
Winnipeg Foundation Consolidation Trust Fund	\$ 1,034,837		\$ 937,827
Guaranteed Investment Certificates	<u>121,369</u>		<u>120,164</u>
	\$ <u>1,156,206</u>		\$ <u>1,057,991</u>

4. **Financial instruments** (continued):

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.

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5. Grants:

The Society has received grants during the year as follows:

	March 31	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Operations-		
Province of Manitoba	\$ <u>26,400</u>	\$ <u>26,400</u>
	<u>26,400</u>	<u>26,400</u>
Dalnavert-		
Province of Manitoba	-	3,150
City of Winnipeg	-	19,950
Canadian Museums Association	-	3,450
Winnipeg Foundation	15,000	270
Government of Canada-		
HRDC	<u>-</u>	<u>4,755</u>
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>31,575</u>
	\$ <u>41,400</u>	\$ <u>57,975</u>
Ross House-		
City of Winnipeg	\$ 23,055	\$ 24,178
Canadian Museum Association	3,686	3,450
Government of Canada-		
HRDC	2,456	4,822
Canada Day	1,000	1,000
Province of Manitoba-		
Operating	<u>3,150</u>	<u>3,150</u>
	\$ <u>33,347</u>	\$ <u>36,600</u>
Web site project-		
Province of Manitoba	\$ 1,250	\$ 6,123
Manitoba Lotteries	4,500	1,800
Thomas Sill Foundation	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	\$ <u>5,750</u>	\$ <u>9,923</u>

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6. Programs:

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

		Year ended March 31			
		2015			2014
		<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Net</u>
Ross House (Schedule 2)	\$	33,847	32,256	\$ 1,591	\$ 2,051
Manitoba History (Schedule 2)		2,396	12,026	(9,630)	(2,500)
Multicultural Dinner		1,538	1,713	(175)	706
Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner		11,450	9,635	1,815	1,823
Field Trip		-	-	-	(116)
Centennial Farms		3,392	3,322	70	-
Young Historians		-	450	(450)	(550)
Margaret McWilliams		175	-	175	158
Web site project		<u>7,556</u>	<u>2,887</u>	<u>4,669</u>	<u>2,031</u>
	\$	<u>60,354</u>	\$ <u>62,289</u>	\$ <u>(1,935)</u>	\$ <u>3,604</u>

7. Telephone/Utilities:

The Society's telephone and utility costs consist of the following:

		Year ended March 31			
		2015			2014
		<u>MHS</u>	<u>Dalnavert</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Telephone and internet	\$	2,226	2,345	\$ 4,571	\$ 4,791
Water		-	619	619	4,184
Hydro and gas		-	<u>19,083</u>	<u>19,083</u>	<u>18,260</u>
	\$	<u>2,226</u>	\$ <u>22,047</u>	\$ <u>24,273</u>	\$ <u>27,235</u>

8. Subsequent Event:

Subsequent to year end, the operation of the Dalnavert Museum was transferred to Friends of Dalnavert Museum Inc. (FODM), a recently incorporated company who will be taking over operations and eventually ownership of the Dalnavert Museum. The title of the Dalnavert Museum will remain in possession of the Manitoba Historical Society (MHS) until FODM have obtained charitable status, at which point the museum will be transferred at the value of \$1. Included in this transfer is the Dalnavert Visitor Centre, which is attached to the museum, the parking lot on the museum property and any and all heritage furniture currently located within the museum. Until the museum is legally transferred to FODM, an operational agreement has been signed between MHS and FODM to allow FODM occupancy rights of the museum.

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Along with the transfer of the museum, there will be a division of assets held under the terms of a Trust Settlement dated June 18, 1984, funds of which are currently under the administrative management of the Winnipeg Foundation. The sum of \$95,000 will be retained by the Manitoba Historical Society with the remainder being transferred to the Friends of Dalnavert Museum Inc. As at March 31, 2015 the market value of these assets was \$1,034,837.

Management is of the opinion that the transfer of these assets will not have a negative effect on the future operations of the Manitoba Historical Society. As the Dalnavert museum has contributed to a significant portion of past losses, management believes that with the removal of this asset there will be more funds available for general operations.