



Annual Report 2006



The
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SOCIETY**

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Manitoba Historical Society

The Manitoba Historical Society, founded in 1879, is the oldest organization in Western Canada dedicated to preserving our past for future generations. For 128 years, the MHS has carried out its work, amassing collections of books and artefacts which over time became the basis of today's Archives of Manitoba, Winnipeg Public Library, and Manitoba Museum. Today, the MHS holds fast to the mandate of our founders, continuing their legacy of preservation, promotion, research, and education.

Our mandate is to:

- encourage research and publications relating to the history of Manitoba and Western Canada
- promote and encourage public interest in Manitoba and Canadian history
- foster the preservation of property relating to the history of Manitoba
- assist in the formation and work of local historical societies in furthering the objectives of the Society throughout Manitoba



The cover photograph, a copy of which is held by the Archives of Manitoba, shows the corner of Portage and Main in June 1872, when it was little more than a patch of prairie. The travellers were the Nimmons family, who settled on land in the Stony Mountain district. They came by “prairie schooner” from the end of the railway near St. Paul, Minnesota. The photographer was James Penrose, who took the image for the wife of an English army officer stationed in Manitoba at the time. She took it with her when she left the country then, sometime after 1900, returned it to a friend in Winnipeg. The photo was later obtained by an official of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, who made copies for public viewing.

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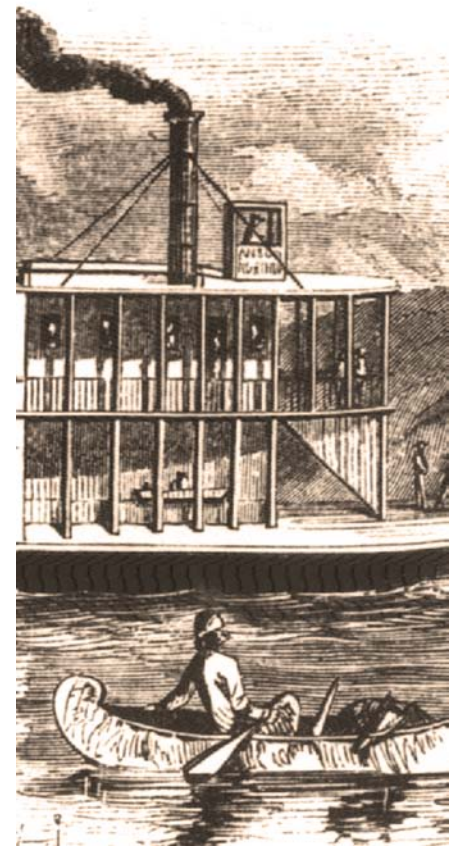


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Executive

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

I began my term of office under somewhat less than ideal conditions, spending three weeks in the hospital followed by a lengthy period of enforced convalescence at home. While I was under the weather, Harry Duckworth graciously agreed to serve as acting president in my absence, backed up by Gordon Goldsborough and Jackie Friesen. I am grateful to the members of the society for their patience and good wishes while I was ill.

On Canada Day the MHS participated in a very exciting event at Ross House Museum: the unveiling of a bronze plaque in commemoration of Joseph Zuken's 42 years of service to the City of Winnipeg. Our patron, the Honourable John Harvard, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, presided at the ceremony together with Clara Zuken, Joe Zuken's widow. William Neville gave a memorial address, and members of the cast of Danny Schur's *Strike!* performed numbers from the production. One visiting Hollywood star to Winnipeg is alleged to have described the city as "Buffalo [New York] with Communists," no doubt a reference to Joe Zuken. The ceremony was followed by a barbeque and cake, which pleased the neighbourhood children no end.

A local history workshop at Brandon was organized over the summer by the MHS in association with Friesens History Books and Brandon University. Attended by 45 people, the workshop gave useful advice to those interested in preparing the history of their communities.

On 18 September, Giles Bugailiskis presented an illustrated lecture entitled *Charles Henry Wheeler: A Gentleman of the Old School: Architect, Choirmaster, Music and Theatre Critic*. The lecture was subsequently printed in *Manitoba History*. Wheeler, of course, holds the distinction of being one of the few Winnipeggers who died because of a fall on an icy sidewalk. The wonder is that there aren't more such casualties! A versatile man, Wheeler had among his many accomplishments the design of Dalnavert House.

On 12 November at Grant Park High School, the MHS Young Historians Awards were presented to a number of school children in grades 4 to 12. The Edward C. Shaw Award was won by Nicole McLeod from Portage Collegiate Institute for her paper on *Prairie Monuments*. The decreasing number of contestants in the lower grades caused by the introduction of Heritage Fairs has led the Young Historians Committee to change the terms of reference for future competitions, restricting it to grades 10 to 12. There is certainly something quite thrilling about the sense of satisfaction on the faces of the winners and their families at this popular event.

The 42nd annual John A. Macdonald dinner was held on 20 January at the Fort Garry Hotel. The speaker was the noted local author Margaret Sweatman, who spoke on *Bull in a China Shop: Making Fiction*



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at the Archives. Jim Ingebrigtsen was master of ceremonies, which was opened by John Harvard.

On 1 April, the board of directors for the Manitoba Record Society disbanded itself. Founded in 1965 under the umbrella of the MHS, the MRS turned over the remainder of the funds in its treasury and its inventory of volumes to the MHS. For an obituary of the MRS, see the May/June 2007 issue of *Time Lines*.

The annual Multicultural Dinner was held on 17 April at the Japanese-Canadian Cultural Centre, attended by over 140 people, who ate sushi and other Japanese delicacies, enjoyed (and even participated in) Japanese dancing, and heard Judge Art Miki describe his experiences and those of his people in Manitoba during and after World War Two. The speech illustrated how wartime can influence behaviour.

The Society announced a new sponsor for our Centennial Business Awards: the Asper School of Business. On 28 April, the annual winners of the Margaret McWilliams book awards were announced and presented with certificates by John Harvard. The audience was the largest we have seen in recent years.

One of the exercises undertaken by the society during the year was a survey of the membership to determine what it thought about various activities of the society. The results documented that *Manitoba History*, *Time Lines*, and Dalnavert were easily the most popular and prominent of our activities, and that every activity had its supporters.

Perhaps the most important decision made by the society in 2006 - 2007 was to move our offices from McDermot Avenue to Dalnavert. The McDermot location was hard to get to, lacking parking and requiring a ride in an ancient elevator. It had bad climate control. The council acted on a recommendation from a specially-appointed Ways and Means Committee, that argued that Dalnavert was more accessible, and it would serve the interests of more of the membership, bringing Dalnavert and the society closer together.

A Film Night was held on 7 May in association with the Manitoba Living History Society. The film was *Arsenic and Old Lace*, and the showing was attended by sixty enthusiastic cinéasts. The first Manitoba Day Lecture was held at Dalnavert on 12 May. I spoke on *The Manitoba Act and the Founding of Manitoba*.

I am sorry to report that a number of our members and friends died during the year. They include Marjory Margaret Rose Walker, William Paul Thompson, Bente Cummings, Anna Storgaard, Agnes MacCausland Benidickson, and Birk Sproxton.

J. M. Bumsted
President





In 1999, the MHS initiated the Manitoba Centennial Business Awards to recognize businesses that have contributed to the development and character of the province for over one hundred years.

To date, there have been 52 award recipients, including the *Winnipeg Free Press*, Gimli's H. P. Tergesen General Store, and the Canadian Pacific Railway shown below. Profiles of recipient businesses can be found on our web site. www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/business

In 2006, the program gained a new sponsor, the Asper School of Business, for the next three years. Steve James, Executive Director of the School's MBA Program, is a strong advocate for business history, having instituted a Manitoba Business Adventurers Banquet last year to promote appreciation of Manitoba's strong business heritage. We look forward to presenting several Centennial Business Awards with our sponsors later this year.

Committee Members

Chair

Judith H. B. Valenzuela

David Deane

Ken Zealand

Centennial Business Awards

Centennial Farm Awards

The terms of reference and procedures of the Centennial Farm Committee were reviewed and re-written during several meetings.

After twenty years of service, the committee has regretfully accepted the resignation of Mary Perfect. We shall miss her wise counsel as well as her willingness to do many Centennial Farm presentations over the years.

In the 2006 - 2007 year, 49 families were recognized with Centennial Farm plaques and one family received a Centennial Farm certificate.

Anne MacVicar
Chair

Committee Members

Chair

Anne MacVicar

Lee Treilhard
Mary Perfect
Corinne Tellier
Pat Bovey

Denise Kolesar
David McDowell
Jac Hiebert

Centennial Farm Awards

April 2006 - March 2007



Altamont

Wayne & Joanne Bradley
SE 31 & SW 32-4-8W (1900)

Arborg

Herman Skulason
S 1/2 of S 1/2 35-22-3E (1903)

Ashern

Darren & Laura Larson
NE 10-23-10W (1900)

Beausejour

Ken & Betty Matchizen
NE 28-16-8E (1906)

Benito

Bert & Donna Stewart
NE 21-35-29W (1906)

Boissevain

Garry Mains & Blaine Mains
NW 22-4-20W (1906)

Brandon

Cameron & Kenzie-Anne Gray
Part of NW 31-10-20W (1889)
Part of NE 31-10-20W (1890)
Part of SE 31-10-20W (1891)

Broad Valley

Wayne & Carol Osnach,
Lenny Osnach
NW 12-23-2W (1905)

Brookdale

Bernice (Rasmussen) &
Norman Campbell
NE 31-11-15W (1889)

Carberry

Lauraine (Harburn) Lemky
SE 7-12-15W (1904)

Carman

William & Corinne Coates
NE 35-5-6W (1889)

James & Mae MacNair

SE 19-6-5W, SE 18-6-5W (1906)

Darlingford

Phyllis (Neighbour) & Dale Dudgeon,
Gilbert "Gil" Dudgeon
E 11-3-8 1W (1904)

Dauphin

Mary Durston
NW 13-24-19W (1898)

Mary Durston, Mervin Durston,
Glen Durston
NE 4-24-18W (1889)

Mary Durston
NW 4-24-18W (1889)

Durban
Ernest & Jean Eagle
NE 9-34-28W (1900)

Eriksdale
Philip & Joyce Beckman
SE 6-22-6W (1905)

Fork River
Michael & Patricia Boyko
SE 14-30-20W (1905)

Gilbert Plains
Harvey & Linda Bassett
W 3-24-22W (1897)

John & Maria Myk,
Sharon (Myk) Karpenic
SW 34-23-21W (1898)

Gimli
Tillie Golko, Ken & Jean Golko
SE 23-21-3E (1906)

Justice
Leslie & Leanne Brackenreed
SW 7-12-17W (1906)

Ladywood
Shirley (Joba) Kasian, Craig F. Joba,
Lorne E. Joba
WNW 24-14-7E (1906)

Lundar
Lloyd & Monique Holm
NE 6-20-3W (1906)

Lauder
Terry & Cindy Wilkinson
SE 21-5-26W (1900),
SW 21-5-26W (1901)

Laurier
Paul & Sonja Saquet
SW 16-22-15W (1906)

Malonton
Joyce (Klochko) & Dennis Dziadek
NW 19-18-3E (1901)

Miami
Grant & Judy Orchard,
Michael & Rachelle Orchard
NE 7-5-6W (1902)

Morden
George & Mavis Dyck
SE 9-2-5W (1906),
Lots 2 & 5 of SE 16-2-5W (1903)

Morris
James Mitchell
River Lot 353, Parish of Ste Agathe
(1891)

Neepawa
Barry & Connie Gee
NW 29-14-16W (1897)

Otterburne
Barry & Helen Edwards
NE 18-6-3E (1907)

Petersfield
William & Rita Taylor
SW 10-16-4E (1906)

Pierson
John & Velma Campbell
NW 17-2-29W (1905)

Portage la Prairie
Waind & Vyra MacDonald
NE 1-13-7W (1906)

Darren & Tricia MacDonald
SE 1-13-7W (1906)

Pipestone
Robert G. Forder
SE 17-7-26W (1906)

Rosburn
Ethel Brown, Robert J. Brown,
Warren E. Brown, Florence J.
(Brown) Mackenzie
NW 23-19-24W (1893)

Mary L. Hamilton
SW 28-19-24W (1902),
SE 28-19-24W (1905)

Teulon
Albert & Grace Frost
SE 19-16-2E (1906)

Thalberg
Kenneth & Betty Matchizen
NE 28-16-8E (1906)

Toutes Aides
Clement & Lesley Bretecher
W 22-29-15W (1906)

Treherne
Raymond & Esther Le Neal
SW 19-7-9W (1905)

Warren
Donald Munroe
Part of SE 14-13-1W (1906)

Alfreda Stewart,
Donald & Beverly Stewart
SSW 34-13-1W (1906)



Waskada
Keith & Margaret Hannah,
SW 6-2-25W (1906),
Part of SE 6-2-25W (1906)

Murray Hannah,
Clayton & Francis Hannah
Part of NE 6-2-25W (1906)

Winnipegosis
Ron & Diane Chaychuk
SE 16-34-20W (1904)

Marvin & Stella Monchka
SE 28-29-17W (1905)

Dauphin (Certificate)
Stephen A. Heschuk, William D.
Heschuk, Orville M. Heschuk, Marcel
N. Heschuk & Patricia (Heschuk)
Koski
SNW 36-27-20W (1898 - 2005)

Centennial Farm Awards

Centennial Organization Awards

In 2004, the MHS celebrated its 125th anniversary by establishing an award for not-for-profit organizations which have operated continuously in Manitoba for 100 years or more. This year, four Awards were presented by Lieutenant Governor John Harvard at the Dalnavert Visitors' Centre on 28 April 2007, as follows:

St. Matthew's Cathedral (1882)

The Cathedral Parish of St. Matthew was founded in 1882 as the Church of England parish church for the newly incorporated City of Brandon. The cornerstone was laid for the current structure at the corner of 13th Street and Louise Avenue in 1912. In 1924, following the election of the first Bishop for the Diocese of Brandon, St. Matthew's was named Pro-Cathedral, which became a Full Cathedral in 1952.

St. Paul's Anglican Church (1898)

In 1890, the first Anglican service in the Dauphin area was held in a log church at the now ghost town of Gartmore, about two miles south of the present Dauphin town site. It was named St. Paul's Church. Four years later, residents of Old Dauphin (about one mile north of "new" Dauphin) built a frame church known as All Saints. When the Canadian Northern Railway reached the region in 1896, All Saints became St. Paul's while St. Paul's at Gartmore was moved into town to be used as the Parish Hall. In 1889, parishioners built a third church which served until the present structure was constructed in 1914.

Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1898)

The Ukrainian Catholic Church in Portage la Prairie was established between 1896 and 1914 by immigrants from Galicia, a part of the Austrian monarchy. Initially, church services were held in private residences. The need for a larger gathering place was soon felt so land was acquired and the first church was erected in 1906. A second, larger church was erected in 1927 under the supervision of Father Phillip Ruh. This building was replaced by the present structure in 1983.

The Canadian Club of Winnipeg (1904)

The Canadian Club of Winnipeg is one of the oldest of the many Canadian Clubs throughout Canada. The founding meeting occurred in 1904. Charter members included a broad swath of Manitobans, many of whom are commemorated today in the names of streets, schools, and other public works. Members meet to hear speakers on a broad range of topics. The Club is aimed at those who want to keep abreast of local, national, and international affairs, who enjoy meeting people and renewing old acquaintances.

Further information on Centennial Organizations is on our web site at www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/organization.



The Margaret McWilliams Awards, established in 1955, recognize those who have made noteworthy contributions to documentation of Manitoba's history. Its recipients represent a "Who's Who" of amateur and professional historians, and their work a comprehensive body of historical literature.

As one of Canada's oldest literary prizes, the 2006 Margaret McWilliams Awards were presented by Lieutenant-Governor John Harvard at a ceremony on 28 April 2007, at the Dalnavert Visitors' Centre. We thank the McWilliams jurors (Jim Richtik, Barry Bills, Ron Kirbyson, Anne Morton, and Philip Wolfart) who examined the nominated works, and Friesens Corporation of Altona, which sponsored the program.

The award winners were as follows:

Scholarly history

*"I Will Fear No Evil:" Ojibwa-Missionary Encounters
Along the Berens River, 1875 - 1940*
Susan Elaine Gray
University of Calgary Press

*Mennonites, Politics, and Peoplehood: Europe - Russia -
Canada, 1525 to 1980 (Honourable Mention)*
James Urry
University of Manitoba Press

Organizational History

St. John's College: Faith and Education in Western Canada
J. M. Bumsted
University of Manitoba Press

*St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church: Celebrating 100 Years,
Together for Tomorrow (Honourable Mention)*
St. Nicholas Church & June Dutka

Local History

*Vista Tales from Islay School District No. 733 in Vista, Manitoba
(Honourable Mention)*
Gerald Brown

Popular History

Going Downtown: A History of Winnipeg's Portage Avenue
Russ Gourluck
Great Plains Publications



Margaret McWilliams Awards

Young Historians Awards

In 2006 the Society received 71 entries for our annual competition, with 17 winners. Participating schools were Balmoral Hall, Gordon Bell, Holy Ghost, John Taylor, St. Mary's, St. Paul's, Silver Heights, West Kildonan, as well as Kircaldy Heights in Brandon and Portage Collegiate Institute. The awards ceremony was held in Grant Park High School on 12 November 2006, with about 100 attending. J. M. Bumsted, MHS President, and the Honourable Peter Bjornson, Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth gave inspiring addresses. Award certificates and book prizes to the first place winners were presented by Peter Bjornson and Francis Carroll, with assistance from Janelle Reynolds and Irene Peters from the Committee. Irene Shaw presented the Dr. Edward C. Shaw Award of \$100 to Nicole McLeod of Portage Collegiate Institute. Members of Manitoba Living History Society and the Centre for Rupert's Land Studies provided interesting historical activities and displays for those attending. The school's custodial staff set up chairs and tables, the Committee prepared the refreshments, and all the participants brought their enthusiasm. Special thanks to Jacqueline Friesen who did much of the preparatory work.

Each winner and the one new school (Kircaldy Heights, Brandon) received a bag of historical items donated by Canada's National History Society, Fort Garry Historical Society, Hudson's Bay Company Archives, The Bay Downtown, Heartland Press, Heritage Winnipeg, Manitoba Hydro, Mariaggi's Theme Suites Hotel, Musée de Saint-Boniface, and the Western Canada Aviation Museum. Dalnavert gave passes, and the MHS donated publications. This is the third year that Grant Park High School has provided its facilities, and we are very grateful for their cooperation. The Dr. Paul H.T. Thorlakson Trust Fund, the Dr. Edward C. Shaw Fund, and members of the Committee paid for prizes and refreshments, and the River and Osborne Safeway provided the punch for the reception.

In spite of a province-wide mailing in the fall to all heritage sites, only two participants from outside Winnipeg submitted entries. The total number of participants was also down, especially in the lower grades that are being well served by the Heritage Fairs. In October



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Chair

Judith H. B. Valenzuela

Irene Peters

Janelle Reynolds

Bob Sutton

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the Executive accepted our proposal to focus on the senior students (Grades 10, 11, 12). An article appeared in the newsletter of the Manitoba Social Sciences Teachers' Association and *Time Lines* explaining the changes, and we contacted schools across the province to inform them directly of the new direction. Submissions by e-mail will be encouraged, deadline Manitoba Day, 12 May 2007. Jim Blanchard has offered \$50 first prizes for the first place winners in the three categories – Research Papers, Family History, and Historical Fiction, which will help make the competition more attractive. We are grateful to Jim for his continued support of developing historians.

We will continue to reward the younger age group, as we have for the past two years, through special awards for the best Manitoba projects at the Heritage Fairs.

Judith H. B. Valenzuela
Chair



Young Historian Awards

Level A - Grades 4 to 6

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| Family History | <i>My Family History</i> (Honourable Mention) Ashley Saulog Holy Ghost / Ms. Laura Gentile |
| Historical Fiction | <i>Eternal Youth</i> (1 st place) Natalie Wright Kirkaldy Heights / Mrs. B. Miller |
| Research Papers | <i>The Boundary Trail</i> (1 st place) Kaitlin Robinson Balmoral Hall / Ms. Heather Naughten |
| | <i>The Manitoba Legislative Building</i> (2 nd place) Leanne King Balmoral Hall / Ms. Heather Naughten |
| | <i>The 1950 Winnipeg Flood</i> (3 rd place) Paige Nuttall Balmoral Hall / Ms. Heather Naughten |
| | <i>Louis Riel - Hero or Criminal?</i> (Honourable Mention) John Buksowicz Holy Ghost / Ms. Laura Gentile |

Young Historians Awards

Young Historians Awards

Level B - Grades 7 to 9

- Family History *In Memory of Bethlehem Memorial Garden* (1st place)
Tyler Peterson
John Taylor / Ms Elsebeth Hansen-Kriening
- Projects *In Memory of Bethlehem Memorial Garden* (1st place)
Tyler Peterson
John Taylor / Ms Elsebeth Hansen-Kriening

Level C - Grades 10 - 12

- Family History *My Family and the German Russian Immigration* (1st place)
Kate Langrell
Balmoral Hall / Ms. Lois McGill Horn
- From Poland to Manitoba* (2nd place)
Julie Klein
Balmoral Hall / Ms. Teresa Friesen
- We're All Here Because I Lost an Eye* (3rd place)
Amy Pasternak
West Kildonan / Mr. Tom Schmidt
- Historical Fiction *Les Soeurs de Miséricorde* (1st place)
Robin Jacuzzi
Balmoral Hall / Ms. Lois McGill Horn
- Journey to the Forks* (2nd place)
Kelsey Vossen
Balmoral Hall / Ms. Teresa Friesen
- Project *Prairie Monuments [Oakville]* (1st place)
Nicole McLeod
Portage Collegiate Institute / Mr. James Kostuchuk
- Downtown: Interactive Game* (2nd place)
Adrien Guenette
St. Paul's / Mr. Boulet
- Winnipeg
Research Paper *Why Did So Many Poles Immigrate?* (1st place)
Stephanie Harland
Silver Heights / Mr. Ivano Buccini
- Manitoba's "Iron Age"* (2nd place)
Emilie Cook
St. Mary's / Mr. Swirsky
- Stand Together: The Winnipeg General Strike* (3rd place)
Joe Wasylycia-Leis
Gordon Bell / Ms. Prema Bursa
- E. C. Shaw Award *Prairie Monuments [Oakville]*
Nicole McLeod
Portage Collegiate Institute / Mr. James Kostuchuk



The Society established the Douglas Kemp Award in 1988 to commemorate the outstanding contributions of Douglas Kemp to the Manitoba Historical Society. Mr. Kemp was very active in the Society, serving as President from 1959 to 1961. He worked on numerous committees, and dedicated much of his time and expertise for many years on MHS publications: the *Transactions* and the *Manitoba Pageant*.

The award is given to people in recognition of their exceptional service in the promotion and preservation of Manitoba's heritage.

The 2007 Douglas Kemp Awards will be presented at the Society's Annual General Meeting on 26 May 2007. They will be bestowed on two very deserving individuals:

Mary Perfect

Mary Perfect has been a member of the Society for many years, and has tirelessly promoted the Society and the history of Manitoba. She has served many years as an active member of the Centennial Farm Program Committee, traveling throughout Manitoba's countryside, presenting the Centennial Farm awards to families and participating in their celebrations. She served as Co-Chair on the MHS Heritage Cook Book Committee, and is well known within the Society and the Heritage community for her hard work on the Society's publication *Manitoba's Heritage Cookery – Selections from Personal Collections* published in 1992, now a beloved collector's item.

Margaret Morse

Margaret Morse has been a very active supporter of the Society for many years, serving as a member on the MHS Governing Council, the MHS Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner Committee, and the MHS 125th Anniversary Committee. She served as chair of the Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner Committee from 2003 to 2006, and during the period of her tenure as chair, the dinner raised almost \$40,000 in much needed revenue for the Society. The revenue was used to help sustain the operations of the Society and assisted in providing some of our programs and services, such as the Centennial Farm Awards Program, our journal *Manitoba History*, and our newsletter *Time Lines*.

Jacqueline Friesen
Office Manager



Douglas Kemp Awards

Program Committee

During this past year, the Manitoba Historical Society held a number of events. In April 2006, our multicultural dinner was held in partnership with the Hindu Society of Manitoba at their new cultural centre on St. Anne's Road. During the week of the Margaret McWilliams Awards, nominees in the video category presented segments of their productions and told stories about making their films.

In October there was a guided tour of the Winnipeg Police Museum. Later that month, a film night was held at The Forks in partnership with the CBC and the Archives of Manitoba. Highlights from the CBC archives of past Grey Cup games were featured.

In February, author and *Free Press* columnist Bill Redekop gave a presentation entitled *Crimes of the Century* which told the stories of several notorious Manitobans. Finally, in March, author Russ Gourluck talked about the writing of popular history books.

Committee Members

Chair

Carl James

Alan Crossin

Dan Furlan

Carol Scott

John Selwood

Multicultural Dinner

Patricia Forsythe-Gouriluk

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PROVINCE OF  MANITOBA
CANADA

Department of Provincial Police

\$2,500 REWARD

The Attorney-General of the Province of Manitoba offers a Reward of \$2,500 for the arrest and conviction of **JIM BULLER**, alias **JIM BULLARD**, alias **JIM KIDD**, alias **JIM GREY**, for the murder of **ALEXANDER McCURDY**, at the Stockyards Hotel, in the City of St. Boniface, Manitoba, early in the morning of November 11th, 1920


 Photo taken 1914
JIM BULLER, alias **JIM BULLARD**, alias **JIM KIDD**, alias **JIM GREY**


 Photo taken 1920
JIM BULLER, alias **JIM BULLARD**, alias **JIM KIDD**, alias **JIM GREY**


 Photo taken 1914
JIM BULLER, alias **JIM BULLARD**, alias **JIM KIDD**, alias **JIM GREY**

DESCRIPTION

Canadian; 35 years of age; 5 ft. 10 ins.; 185 lbs.; dark complexion; dark brown hair, turning grey; grey eyes; prominent nose; oval face, clean shaven; heavy build, broad shoulders. Frank manner; good talker; reputed drug addict and fond of liquor. Frequent sporting houses.

Cut scar centre forehead; "Y" shaped scar back of right hand; cut scar over right eye; old bullet scar over left ear at side of head; mole back centre of neck.

In apprehending Buller every precaution should be taken as this man is heavily armed, always carrying two revolvers.

He at one time owned a string of horses, and is extremely well known amongst race track men in U.S.A. and Canada. Buller's criminal occupation is a safe-blower and confidence man.

This Reward is not payable to any Police or Peace Officer of the Province of Manitoba. Please communicate any information respecting this man to J. G. RATTRAY, Commissioner of Provincial Police, for the Province of Manitoba, Law Courts, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, or Chief Constable of the City of Winnipeg, or St. Boniface, Manitoba, Canada.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, November 15th, 1920. **THOS. H. JOHNSON**, Attorney-General

This is the second year of operation for the book club, and a faithful group of participants attends regularly. Dalnavert Museum provides an ideal meeting place, and thanks are due to Linda Neyedly and Marg Kentner for their cooperation and assistance. Regular meetings are from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, with a half-hour introduction by the presenter, followed by general discussion.

The year began with a thought-provoking discussion led by our President, J. M. Bumsted. There have been a number of requests for his return visit next fall. All the meetings generated lively discussion. The January meeting, where we combined with another book club, was an excellent opportunity to visit the Gabrielle Roy House, a gem of a museum and well worth another visit. Claudette Dumas gave an informative introduction to the exhibit, and she and Rokhaya Soumboumou led tours. This year I was in Chile during February and March, so the group attended the February meeting arranged by the Program Committee, and Marg Kentner made the arrangements for the March meeting. Although other activities prevent full attendance every time, the average is twelve. The joint meeting in January brought out a total of 34, 15 from our club and 19 from the other group.

Presentations

- 25 September J. M. Bumsted, on his book *Thomas Scott's Body*
- 16 October Neil Challis, on Ken McGoogan's book *Fatal Passage* on John Rae
- 20 November Marg Kentner, on Paul Chiasson's book *Island of Seven Cities*
- 17 January Lee Treilhard, Gabrielle Roy *Road Past Altamont* and *Street of Riches* (a joint meeting at the Gabrielle Roy House with Westworth United Church Unit 77 Book Club)
- 21 February Bill Redekop from the *Free Press* on his book *Crimes of the Century*
- 19 March Céline Kear, Anna Jameson's *Winter Studies and Summer Rambles in Canada*
- 16 April Judith Valenzuela, James Houston's *Running West*, based on the story of Thanadelthur. Other books or articles were also included.
- 7 May Pot luck dinner and choosing next year's books

New members are welcome. If our numbers continue to grow, we can consider a morning meeting, but at present the majority can only attend at night. Please contact me if you plan to attend so I can get your name and contact information on the list and make sure there are enough chairs, coffee and tea, etc.

Judith H. B. Valenzuela



History Book Club

Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner

The Society hosted its 42nd Annual Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner in the Provencher Room at the Hotel Fort Garry on 20 January 2007. We were pleased to present Margaret Sweatman, Manitoba award winning author, poet, and playwright. Ms. Sweatman's topic *Bull in a China Shop: Making Fiction at the Archives* gave insight into the author's creative process, "taking the weight of history, the record of the past, and spinning it into a yarn." For those of you who were not able to attend the dinner, a transcript was published in the February 2007 issue of *Manitoba History*.

Our patron, the Honourable John Harvard, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, brought greetings on behalf of the province, as did the Honourable Peter Bjornason, Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth. Michael Bumsted sang the national anthem and Keith Burr, Vets Unit 60 Pipes and Drums, stirringly piped in our honoured guests and dignitaries. Jim Blanchard said the Selkirk Grace and our guest speaker was introduced Harry Duckworth, and thanked later by Gordon Goldsborough. MC Jim Ingebrigsten kept the evening flowing with his humour and wit, much to the appreciation of the diners. A history quiz, developed by Drs. Bumsted and Goldsborough, had everyone competing good-naturedly for prizes.

The evening's silent auction, our third annual, proved once again to be popular and successful, thanks to those who generously donated the items, to the bidders, and to the efforts of our coordinator, Carl James, with the assistance of Maria Zbigniewicz, Gordon Goldsborough, and Jacqueline Friesen.

The annual dinner also serves as a fundraising event for the Society. The proceeds play a vital and necessary role in financing the work and furthering the objectives of the Society. The funds raised supplement membership fees and other sources of revenue, so that we can continue to provide our programs and services to our members and the public. Programs such as our Centennial Farm Awards, our Centennial Organizations Awards, and our publications *Time Lines* and *Manitoba History*, could not be provided without the additional funds raised from events and initiatives such as the Macdonald Dinner.

Thank you to all of those who attended the dinner, donated items, submitted bids, or volunteered their time, and supported our cause of keeping history alive for future generations.

Jacqueline Friesen
Office Manager

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In 2006 - 2007 the North Point Douglas Walking Tour continued to give the Committee its visibility within the community. Two formal walking tours were given: one to 25 members of the Manitoba Naturalists Society and the second to 30 participants from Age and Opportunity.

As much as it is important to be able to give group tours, during this year the tour information was incorporated into the Society's web site. Found at the address www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/walkingtours/pointdouglas, it is readily available to all those who wish to use the information. Having it available at this location also enables the general public to download the information and go out on self guided tours.

An important role for the Historic Preservation Committee is its representation on the City of Winnipeg's Historic Buildings Committee. Through this representation the Manitoba Historical Society gains an invaluable input into the preservation of Winnipeg's valuable stock of heritage structures. We are able to add a different voice to the deliberations on heritage issues and policies as well as guide the work of architects and contractors who have been hired to work on structures that are included in either the List of Designated Properties or those on the Conservation List.

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Ashleigh Drewett-Laird & Irene Shaw



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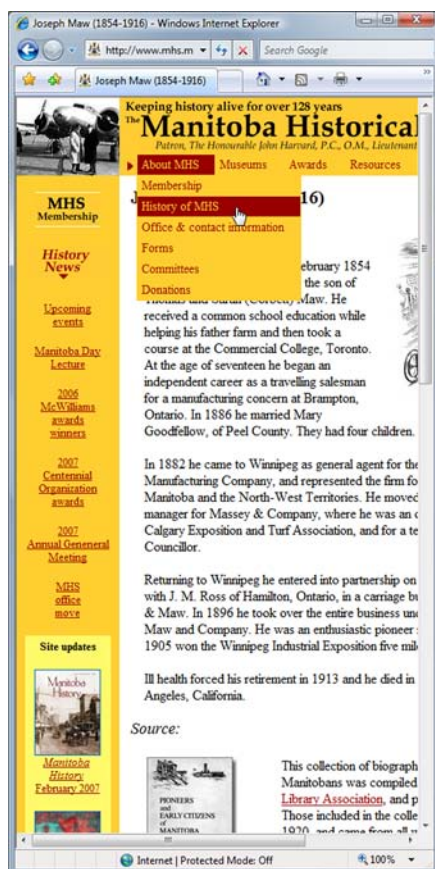
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Web Site

Our web site (www.mhs.mb.ca) is becoming a comprehensive source for Manitoba history, as a large amount of information – articles, photographs, documents, and data – was added to it this year. Some of the highlights, along with links to the pertinent pages, are as follows:

- The contents of our publications *MHS Transactions* (1882 - 1980) and *Manitoba Pageant* (1956 - 1980) are now online and fully searchable, and all issues of *Manitoba History* up to number 42 (1980 - 2002) are also available. www.mhs.mb.ca/info/pubs
- Where possible, the online version of articles have hyperlinks inserted to biographical profiles of the author, notes, and archival sources of illustrations. This created hundreds of new links within the site, making it much easier to find related information. Links will continue to be added as time permits, especially to biographies of persons mentioned in the text. Using the digitized contents of the books *Pioneers and Early Citizens of Manitoba* (Manitoba Library Association) and *Pioneers and Prominent People of Manitoba* (Canadian Publicity Company), and caricatures obtained from the book *Manitobans As We See 'Em, 1908 and 1909* (Newspaper Cartoonists Association of Manitoba), there are now over 1,600 short biographies on the web site. www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people
- Several historical walking tours published in *Manitoba History* were brought together in a list. The pamphlet for a walking tour of Winnipeg's Crescentwood area, developed several years ago, was digitized and current color photographs of stops along the tour were added. A walking tour for the Point Douglas neighborhood, developed by our Historic Preservation Committee, was put online, along with current color photographs. www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/walkingtours
- A large collection of Annual Reports of the Society, going back to 1883, exist in paper form and these are gradually being digitized and uploaded in a form that is fully searchable. More recent reports will be uploaded as time permits. www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/annual
- A finding aid was developed for Winnipeg entries in the 1911 Canadian census. The page lists Winnipeg streets contained in each enumeration district. This is a useful aid for those trying to find people at particular addresses. The page is linked to a census transcription project at AutomatedGenealogy.com. www.mhs.mb.ca/data/census/1911/winnipeg
- A series of lists were created which will be populated as information and resources permit, on ghost towns of Manitoba (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/ghosttowns), steamboats operating on prairie waters (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/steamboats), and the etymology of Winnipeg street names (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/winnipegstreets). Initial work was done on a feature on commercial photographers



working in Manitoba between the 1870s and 1912, including biographies and samples of their work. www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/photographers

- A grant was received from the Winnipeg Foundation which allows the publication of color inserts in issues of *Manitoba History* in 2007, each of which is augmented by an online feature. The first of these is a feature entitled *Manitoba in 3D* that accompanies the article *Victorian Virtual Reality in Manitoba History* number 54. The feature deals with historical anaglyphs – images that appear three dimensional when viewed with red-blue lenses. (A sample anaglyph appears on page 7 of this report.) The online feature links to related feature describing the creation of anaglyphs from historical stereoviews. www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/manitoba3d
- Profiles of four new Centennial Organizations were added: St. Matthew's Cathedral (1882), St. Paul's Anglican Church (1898), The Canadian Club of Winnipeg (1904), and Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1906). www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/organization
- As of November 2006, our newsletter *Time Lines* is produced digitally (all layout of text and photographs on pages is done by computer) so it is now possible to upload a digital version to the web site that matches the print version – except the digital version has color photos. All issues starting with volume 39, number 1 are available in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format. www.mhs.mb.ca/info/pubs/timelines



Web Site Traffic

November 2006 - April 2007

| Month | Daily Average | | Monthly Total | |
|---------------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| | Hits* | Visits | Hits | Visits |
| April 2007 | 24,255 | 367 | 727,674 | 11,022 |
| March 2007 | 20,936 | 338 | 649,025 | 10,501 |
| February 2007 | 16,781 | 263 | 469,887 | 7,383 |
| January 2007 | 18,399 | 286 | 570,396 | 8,879 |
| December 2006 | 12,682 | 239 | 393,151 | 7,411 |
| November 2006 | 7,770 | 132 | 233,117 | 3,963 |

* A "hit" occurs when a user requests a document, image, or external object on the web site. "Visits" is an estimate of the number of persons viewing documents or images on the web site during a specified period of time.

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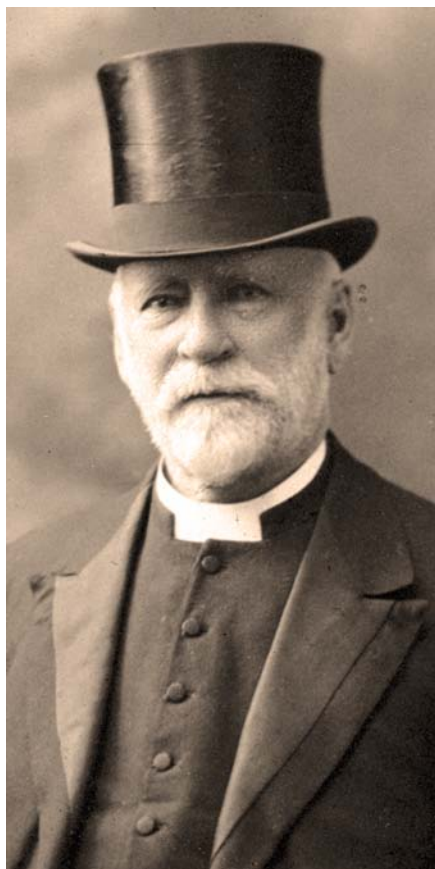
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- Another component of the project supported by our Winnipeg Foundation grant is the digitization of historically important books. Titles completed to date include: *Ten Years in Winnipeg* (Alexander Begg & Walter Nursey), *Narrative of the Red River Expedition* (George L. Huyshe), *Sketch of Both Sides of Manitoba* (Julius F. Galbraith), *Winnipeg As It Is in 1874* (George B. Elliott), *Rough Times* (Joseph F. Tennant), *Reminiscences of a Raconteur* (George H. Ham), *The Assiniboine Basin* (Martin Kavanagh), *Extraordinary Tales From Manitoba History* (James W. Chafe), and *The Centennial History of Manitoba* (James A. Jackson). These books compliment a collection of twelve books by the Manitoba Record Society which have also been digitized for our web site. All books will become available at a public launch in Fall 2007.

It is difficult to describe activity trends on our web site over the past year because it moved to a new server in late 2006. The new server maintains activity logs in a different format than the previous one so it is not possible to show a continuous record of site activity since the 2002 launch of our site. While unfortunate, an upside is that the new logs contain a much larger amount of information than the old ones, so future reports can provide much richer data on site use. (The new software may also provide a facility for ecommerce; that is, the ability to complete financial transactions such as membership renewals, purchase of publications, etc.) The preceding table contains data for the six-month period following the server change. They show that site use continues to grow rapidly. The greatest use occurs during daytime hours, corresponding approximately to the business day, suggesting that much of it is local and perhaps attributable to schools and other educational institutions. We now regularly receive submissions of manuscripts for *Manitoba History* from authors in the United States, possibly a sign of increased awareness of our journal due to exposure on the web site.

I thank Maria Zbigniewicz and Jacqueline Friesen for their help with the digitization project, the Manitoba Library Association for permission to use biographies from their book *Pioneers and Early Citizens of Manitoba*, Warren Chafe for permission to digitize *Extraordinary Tales From Manitoba History*, and Kevin Kavanagh for permission to digitize *The Assiniboine Basin*. The majority of photographs on our web site derive from collections at the Archives of Manitoba, and the assistance of photo archivists Sharon Foley and Elizabeth Blight is appreciated.

Gordon Goldsborough
Webmaster



In fiscal year 2006 - 2007 *Manitoba History* continued to publish three issues per year – in June (issue 52), October (issue 53) and February (issue 54).

Over the last year we have continued the publication of scholarly articles, the shorter Gazette items, “Documents and Archives,” book reviews, photo features, “1000 Words” on interesting historical photographs, “E-Mapitoba” on the digital mapping of historical data, and a “Letters to the Editor” section. *Manitoba History* includes a small number of advertisements, primarily from book sellers, printers, publishers and the Manitoba Museum gift shop.

Through a grant from the Winnipeg Foundation, issue 53 contained the first use of colour reproductions in *Manitoba History*. From the same grant the current issue, issue 54, featured special 3-D historical photographs in an article entitled *Victorian Virtual Reality*.

The annual subscription rate for *Manitoba History* remains unchanged at \$29.50 (Canada), \$33.50 (USA) and \$41.50 for all other countries. Membership in the MHS still includes a subscription to the journal. Copies of the journal are now available in a number of locations including: McNally-Robinson Booksellers at Grant Park and Portage Place malls, the Dalnavert Museum Gift Shop, the Manitoba Museum Shop, the University of Manitoba Bookstore, the University of Winnipeg Bookstore, Daly House Museum (Brandon), and Fort La Reine Museum (Portage la Prairie).

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Dalnavert Museum



Business was bustling at the Dalnavert Museum and Visitors' Centre in 2006 - 2007.

We hosted events ranging from children's birthday parties to a memorial service, as well as several business meetings and evening receptions, a 25th anniversary party, a 75th birthday tea, an 80th birthday come and go party, and a number of weddings - including one on New Year's Eve! To be specific, we had sixteen children's birthday parties, 42 business meetings, two wedding showers, five weddings, and seven private functions (teas, receptions, anniversary parties, etc.) As well, thirteen couples used our location for wedding photos. MHS events, such as book club meetings, lectures and council meetings, were held here, too. December was our busiest month by far and we often had two or even three events taking place in a single day.

Traffic in the Dalnavert Gift Shop continued to grow, thanks to our store manager Marg Kentner's finely tuned retail skills. Not surprisingly, sales were highest during the pre-Christmas season, but the shop generated significant income throughout the year.

Museum programming included "old favourites" like our annual Heritage Needle Arts Fair, a presentation on Christmas and Hogmanay (New Year's) traditions, Richard Hurst's readings of *A Christmas Carol* and *Chocolate Madness*.

We also offered special kids' day and family programs during the summer, a lecture on our Wheeler exhibit, a *Dine With the Deceased* evening (in conjunction with Winnipeg Ghost Tours) and tea luncheons in the spring and fall. Dalnavert collaborated with the Manitoba Living History Society on a *Hat's Off* display of Victorian, Edwardian and Georgian millinery in June and the MLHS supplied models and commentary for the fashion show at our November tea.

In April 2006, an Education Consultant, Glenda Peterson, was hired on a short-term contract to create new curriculum-based programs for Grades 1-6, incorporating guided tours, discussion sessions and/or hands-on activities. We hope to have staff and volunteers in place to implement these programs in 2007. In the interim, we have offered existing education programs like *Come Visit Me*, geared to Grades K-2. November and December were the peak time for school tours and holiday-themed programs included lessons on Victorian Christmas

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traditions and seasonal crafts, like making greeting cards, ornaments, or Christmas crackers.

Special thanks to volunteer Michelle Desourdy for leading many of the school tours and preparing the craft materials. She also assisted with our birthday party program, a three-part package consisting of a guided tour, choice of hands-on activity (designing a Victorian calling card, creating a coat-of-arms, or making butter) and a tea party.

Our exhibit on architect Charles Henry Wheeler, *A Gentleman of the Old School*, debuted on Doors Open weekend and attracted 300 visitors on 14 May. Giles Bugailiskis, City of Winnipeg Senior Heritage Planner, spent countless hours collecting images and text for this project and Stephanie Middagh mounted the exhibition for us.

Kathleen Campbell created three beautiful displays for the glass cases in the Dalnavert auditorium:

Earthenware (By Any Other Name)

Samples of earthenware from the Museum collection and private collections (Feb - Sept 2006)

Thank God for Tea!

A charming exhibit of tea bowls, teapots, cups and saucers, and other paraphernalia, supplemented with informative text on the history and properties of tea (Sept - Dec 2006)

Christmas Wreaths

Six seasonal wreaths, each with a different theme, such as toys, birds, holly & ivy (Dec 2006 - Jan 2007)

In the spring and summer, Mrs. Campbell turned her attention to the yard and garden. Under her guidance, our garden volunteers and first-ever Green Team worker made the Museum grounds a focal point.

Over the past two years, Dalnavert has made great strides in “growing” its business. The potential for future growth is enormous! By capitalizing on our strengths and our unique blend of old and new, we are sure to capture a higher share of visitor dollars and become increasingly self-sufficient.

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Museum Director

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Dalnavert Museum

Ross House Museum

The museum, located in Joe Zuken Heritage Park in North Point Douglas, was open to the general public from 15 May to 4 September. The museum opened earlier to accommodate an enthusiastic group of home schooled students and their parents. We received several casual drop-in visitors, and groups from the Point Douglas Seniors residence and Women's Centre helped clean up and plan the 2006 garden program. Also during the month of June, the manager of the Women's Centre, Elaine Bishop, co-coordinated a group of six young volunteers from the "United Way Day of Caring" to detail the grounds and garden for work experience. Tim Worth and Rick Lair visited the museum to photograph and document information for a book on Red River Valley furniture.

The boardwalk from the main entrance was replaced with limestone, after the City of Winnipeg received a complaint of a minor injury. The rustic charm of the old boardwalk will be missed.

Over the summer, staff noted that the Barber House was being a target of vandalism and break-ins. A resolution to improve the appearance of the site to the traffic on Euclid Avenue was sought, and was successfully accomplished by mounting eighteen panels of coloured artworks, which formerly surrounded the construction site of the Dalnavert Visitors' Center, on the fence protecting the Barber House. (A photo appears on page 23 of this report.) This action was received with great community approval and in addition to improving the appearance of the old house, the panels have prevented further vandalism. The future owners' of the site, "SISTARS" were also appreciative of our concerns and thank the Manitoba Historical Society for the donation of these panels. This site will some day become more significant to the Ross House and the community as a daycare and multipurpose area.

In the interests of promoting the Ross House, I have regularly attended meetings of the Point Douglas Residence Committee, the Seven Oaks Monument Restoration Committee, and the MHS Historic Preservation Committee.

The 2006 year will be recalled as exceptionally historic for the unveiling of a memorial plaque for the honourable Joseph Zuken, a long time City of Winnipeg Councillor and School Board member. This project was undertaken in partnership with the Joe Zuken Memorial Association. Clara Zuken, widow of the late Joe Zuken, and Lieutenant Governor John Harvard unveiled a bronze relief sculpture



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created by a notable Winnipeg artist Elfreda Berger. A moving tribute by William Neville was followed by a performance of excerpts from Danny Schurr's musical *Strike!*

Five teams of volunteers, comprised by members of the Manitoba Historical Society, the Zuken Memorial Association, the Point Douglas Residents Association, the Point Douglas Women's Centre, and Investors Group, served Canada Day cake, hot dogs, and refreshments to over 300 guests.

The Ross House committee extends our sincere thanks to the Winnipeg City Police Pipe Band. Major Doug Roxborough, who once again volunteered his services, to parade and entertain during the event. Thanks also to the exceptional efforts of the Past President Gordon Goldsborough and to Chairperson Abe Arnold for hosting the joint meetings.

Three members of the Urban Green Team from Point Douglas assisted in landscaping duties in and around Joe Zuken Park, raising its appearance to a state never recalled by the community. Regular watering gave the neighbourhood children a "splash park" for the hottest summer on record as well as greening the space and promoting tree growth. Thanks to Ron Oberly, the irrigation technician at Winnipeg Parks, for his prompt attention to any repairs required throughout the season.

On 13 August, approximately 20 members of the Manitoba Naturalists Society attended the Point Douglas Historic Walking Tour. The guides were Carl James and John Gunn.

After the museum closed in the fall, it hosted a meeting and museum tour of the North End Renewal Corporation. The site also hosted the Point Douglas Residents Committee biannual cleanup of the area. The Joe Zuken park site was the rally point for organization and distribution of bags, gloves, tools etc. and the BBQ to follow.

The total annual attendance for the season was 785, an increase of 44 from last year. Admission to the museum is free.

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Ross House Museum

Heritage Trust Foundation

The Manitoba Historical Society Heritage Trust Foundation was established in June 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 Board of Trustees, appointed for a two-year term by the Society's Executive (two trustees) and Council (three trustees).

During the past fiscal year there were no donations to the fund and no moneys have been transferred to the Winnipeg Foundation. Final year-end figures were not available at the time of preparation of this report, but it appears that thanks to the Winnipeg Foundation's prudent management of our fund its market value should now be close to \$1 million. This is an achievement to be celebrated!

During the 2006 - 2007 fiscal year Dalnavert Museum requested operating funding in the amount of \$40,000. We approved an interim payment of \$30,000; however, we asked the management committee to justify further funding with updated financial information, budget projections and an income strategy, all to be approved by the MHS Executive before bringing them to us for consideration. The committee was unable to comply with our requests before the fiscal year-end so any shortfall in funding will have to be included in their application for 2007 - 2008 funding.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I want to recognize the valued contribution of retiring member Margaret Carter, who served as a trustee with dedication, wisdom and good humour for many years. Thank you, Margaret!

Alan Crossin
Chair



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Treasurer's Report

I am the new kid on the block and I feel like Danielle in the lions' den. A treasurer should always bring good news with the inherent bad news and that is what I am hoping to do. Looking at the operating fund of the Society for 2006 - 2007 and comparing it to the previous year, I will comment on amounts that change by a minimum of \$500. Revenue is down by \$5,330. Looking at the figures, grants decreased by \$7,210 this year. This is a significant decrease but it relates to the 2006 Winnipeg Foundation grant of \$10,000 for the joint partnership project with the Winnipeg Real Estate Board for the Citizens Walk of Fame in Assiniboine Park. This year the grant was \$1990. In both cases, the expenditure for the equivalent amount of the grant is reflected in "donations" expense creating a nil effect on the Society's overall operations. The Province of Manitoba, however, increased their operating grant by \$800.

General operation donations were down by almost \$2,000 while our memberships increased by \$1,571. This is partly due to a change in reporting membership as a receivable; however, it is an increase. Workshops had revenue of \$1,080, which related to a one time history book workshop, held in partnership with Friesens Corporation, which may not necessarily occur on an annual basis. Management fees increased by \$500. So, looking at the overall picture, we did do better than last year in memberships, workshop and fees; and worse in donations.

On the expense side, expenses were down by \$15,230, again, a good movement. A portion of this decrease relates to the flow thorough grant expenditures for the Winnipeg Real Estate Board. Again, anything over or under by \$500 will be commented on. Audit and accounting shows an increase \$1,430 in the Society operations, but this additional cost relates to audit fees for our Ross House and Dalnavert Divisions, which will be charged back to these divisions in the 2007 - 2008 fiscal year.

Newsletter, printing and postage, increased by \$788. Due to timing of the editions, an extra newsletter occurred in this fiscal year; also, additional costs were incurred for mailing due to timing issues, as only two newsletters were mailed jointly with the journal, instead of the usual three issues. This, in turn, resulted in an increase to the expenditures of the journal mailings. Office expenses decreased by \$3,175; however, this will not occur in the future, as the cupboard is bare. There was also a decrease in telephone and utilities by about \$500, due to email replacing the majority of outgoing long distance calls and faxes. Salary decrease over prior year related to additional part time staff replacement for the month of Jacqueline Friesen's extended absence due to illness in the 2005 - 2006 fiscal year.

There are mainly two ways of ridding ourselves of this deficit - either increasing our revenues and/or decreasing our expenses. There are



signs that this is happening. However, the project deficit is worrying. There can be an improvement here. The big fundraiser, Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner, brought in less this year by more than \$3,500; however, the money raised for the event was comparable to funds raised at the 2005 event, and the trend in annual fluctuating revenues should perhaps be explored. We should also be promoting this event and supporting it more.

Manitoba History had less of a loss this year by \$2,500, due to increased advertising and subscription sales, and the increase of revenue allocation from memberships. (Membership revenue is apportioned between the journal and operations - total membership revenue is \$15,500.) The digitization project expenditures will be recouped in the 2007 - 2008 fiscal year by our grant from the Winnipeg Foundation, and unexpended funds from the prior year.

We need to have more fundraising events and find sponsors for our projects. We are looking into this.

The overall general operating deficit is almost \$11,000 this year - an improvement from last year of \$2,000. The temporary assets of the operating fund are almost depleted, and this has been an ongoing concern.

Turning to Dalnavert and again commenting on any balance over or under \$500 of last year's balance, we see that grants have increased by \$3,380. But admissions are down by almost \$1,000, merchandise sales are up by \$5,541, a good sign, and fundraising has increased by \$800 and programs by \$10,153 (we need to have more of those) and "other" is down by \$3,201. All told, Dalnavert had an increase of revenue by \$16,011. However, when we go to the expense column, we find that total expenses have also increased by \$17,200. There is a new expense, consulting fees of \$11,542, which is made up of fees paid to the gift shop consultant (\$6,142) and educational programming consultant (\$5,400).

Expenses for fundraising increased by \$835, offsetting the increase on the revenue side of \$800. In fact, fundraising brought in only \$655. Merchandise expenses increased by \$1,974 but the total net revenue this year from merchandise sales/expense was \$9,277. Now some very good news: property tax is down by almost \$14,000. This is an excellent result. Repairs and maintenance has decreased by \$2,400 but salaries are up \$12,486, programs \$2,432 and telephones and utilities by \$4,447.

The bottom line is Dalnavert's deficit is now \$62,985. I do not have to point out the danger points here as stated before; revenues have to increase and/or expenses decrease. From July, the Society will be paying Dalnavert rent of over \$7,000. This will help somewhat, but the fund balance at the end of this year is \$14,894. Temporary



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borrowing from the Special Projects fund (furnishings fund) in 2005-2006 and 2006 - 2007 has to be repaid. A one time transfer (\$8,513) from the Visitors' Centre Building fund in this fiscal year will not occur in the 2007 - 2008 fiscal year. This deficit is not sustainable.

Looking at our balance sheet, I see planned giving is sitting at \$16,673; maybe we should be letting our members know the good news that they can help in maintaining this Society. There is an advantage to leaving us a charitable donation in wills or even the transfer of stocks to decrease their capital gains.

There is no doubt that we all should be attempting to do better next year.

I would like to thank Jacqueline Friesen for all her help.

Gwyneth Jones
Treasurer

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