



# Annual Report 2007-08



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## Introduction

The Manitoba Historical Society, founded in 1879, is the oldest organization in Western Canada dedicated to preserving our past for future generations. For 129 years, the MHS has carried out its work, amassing collections of books and artifacts which over time became the basis of today's Archives of Manitoba, Winnipeg Public Library, and Manitoba Museum. Today, the MHS holds fast to the mandate of our founders, continuing their legacy of preservation, promotion, research, and education.

Our mandate is to: a) encourage research and publications relating to the history of Manitoba and Western Canada; b) promote and encourage public interest in Manitoba and Canadian history; c) foster the preservation of property relating to the history of Manitoba; and d) assist in the formation and work of local historical societies in furthering the objectives of the Society throughout Manitoba.

This Annual Report describes the activities of the Society for the period from May 2007 to April 2008 inclusive.

### MHS Executive, Council & Staff (2007-08)

Position	Official(s)
President	Dr. J. M. "Jack" Bumsted
First Vice-President	Dr. Harry Duckworth
Second Vice-President	Dr. Annabelle Mays
Past President	Dr. Gordon Goldsborough
Treasurer	Dr. Gwyneth Jones
Secretary	Dr. Francis Carroll
Council	Wayne Arseny, Judith Hudson Beattie, Dr. Jennifer Brown, Dennis Butcher, Owen Clark, Maureen Dolyniuk, Tom Ford, Bill Fraser, Diane Haglund, Carl James, Marg Kentner, Dr. Simon Lucy, Ross Metcalfe, Bill Neville, Carol Scott, Dr. Scott Stephen, Joyce Wawrykow, Mary Louise Zorniak
<i>Ex officio</i> Council	Jim Blanchard, Alice Brown, Margaret A. Carter, Alan L. Crossin, Céline M. Kear, Dr. John C. Lehr, David J. McDowell, Steven Place, Shirlee A. Smith, Lily Stearns, Douglas Taylor, Greg Thomas
Office Manager	Jacqueline Friesen
Dalnavert Director	Linda Neyedly
Ross House Manager	Victor Sawelo

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

## President's Report

This is my second and final annual report as president. It has been an unusually busy year for the Society, starting with the AGM on 26 May 2007, held at Dalnavert with lunch at Amicis. Bill Burns after lunch gave his audience an intimate picture of his father-in-law, the late Manitoba premier Douglas Campbell.

As of 1 July 2007, the MHS moved its executive offices to the Dalnavert Visitors Centre, at 61 Carleton Street. The new location has its own parking attached, and will give Society visitors an opportunity to visit the Dalnavert Gift Shoppe, one of the finest venues of its kind in the city.

An open house at Dalnavert on 16 September formally celebrated the launch of the newly-expanded MHS web site and the digitization of the Manitoba Record Society volumes on line.

A fundraising film event for Dalnavert was held at the Park Theatre on Osborne Street on 23 September. The featured film was *The Go-Between*. The novel from which this film was made is distinguished for its opening words: "the past is a different country." The event was well attended and enjoyed.

One of the most exciting developments of the autumn was the reception by the Society of a bequest of \$78,000 from the late Bente Cummings. As a consequence of the bequest, the Society began exploring the establishment of a Wall of Honour in the Dalnavert premises to memorialize donors past and present to both the MHS and to Dalnavert. The bequest enabled the Society to deviate slightly from its tight budgetary constraints.

The Young Historians Awards were presented at the Visitors Centre on 20 October. A new award, the George Bryce Award donated by Jim Blanchard, was given for the first time.

On 7 November, a special issue of *Manitoba History* commemorating the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Brandon was launched at Brandon University. The entire press run sold out within a week, and further copies were printed to meet the demand.

A members' reception was held at the Visitors Centre on 9 December. Attendance at both this and the earlier web site launch suggested that few members of the Society were particularly interested in touring the new Visitors Centre or the new MHS office.

The 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner was held on 19 January 2008 at the Hotel Fort Garry. Tickets for the dinner were reduced to \$55 per person in the hopes that the lower price would encourage

greater attendance. It did not. Nonetheless, those present enjoyed a splendid address by former Attorney-General Roland Penner, recalling both his family and his early days in the North End of Winnipeg. A silent auction accompanied the dinner and was very successful. At the Dinner, Mary Perfect was presented with a Douglas Kemp Award for her meritorious service and her contributions to the promotion and preservation of Manitoba's heritage.

Your president celebrated Louis Riel Day by speaking on Riel at the Festival du Voyageur before an audience of very cold auditors in a semi-heated building.

Many of our most popular events involved food. This year's annual multicultural dinner was held on 1 April 2008 at the Rady Centre and featured a joint meeting of the Society and the Jewish Historical Society. About 130 were in attendance. The food included a number of traditional Jewish dishes, there was entertainment with a Jewish flavour, and the speaker was Dr. Allan Levine, who spoke about his research for his book on the history of the Jewish community in Manitoba.

On 27 April at St. John's College, the MHS awarded its annual Margaret McWilliams book prizes and Centennial Organization citations. The field for the McWilliams prizes was one of the strongest in years, reflecting a growing interest in Manitoba history within both the academic and the larger community.

The MHS celebrated Manitoba Week on 18 May with an illustrated lecture by Owen Clark based on his new book *Musical Ghosts, Manitoba's Jazz and Dance Bands, 1914-1966*. The talk included a number of wonderful photographs, many of them recently rediscovered by Mr. Clark. The talk was well-attended, and the questions could have gone on for hours if the chairman had allowed.

The Society Book Club met monthly throughout the year to much satisfaction.

I am sorry to report that a number of members died during the year. They included: Anna Storgaard, Peter Liba, Miles Pepper, Beryl Aitken, David James Fleck, Margaret Jensen, Dr. Ann Smigel, Jeanne Perreault, D. Irene Charleton, and Harold Buchwald.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all those who helped me out over the course of my two year term, especially Jacqueline Friesen, Carl James, and the members of the Executive and the Council.

J. M. Bumsted, President

## Centennial Business Awards

One Centennial Business Award was conferred in the past year, to MTS Allstream Inc. (formerly Manitoba Telephone System) at the Third Annual Manitoba Business Adventurers Banquet hosted by the Asper School of Business on 5 April 2008. To date, there have been 53 award recipients, profiles of which can be found on the MHS web site. [www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/business](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/business)

The Committee is chaired by Steve James and members are Judith Hudson Beattie and Gordon Goldsborough. The Program is sponsored by the Asper School of Business.

## Centennial Farm Awards

Long time Committee member, Mary Perfect, was honoured in 2007 by the MHS with the Douglas Kemp Award. As Mary was unable to attend the AGM, the award was presented to her at the Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner on 19 January 2008. Mary had served in the Centennial Farm committee for over twenty years doing presentations primarily in the Parkland and Pilot Mound areas. She also co-edited *The Heritage Cookery* published by the Society in 1991.

Appreciation is extended to the Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives Century Farm Program and its administrator, Darlene Meaking. The continuing cooperation and partnership between the two recognition programs is beneficial to both organizations. Much appreciation is also extended to the Committee who contribute valuable time on summer weekends traveling the province to present Centennial Farm plaques at family reunions and community events. Including volunteer program administration, the committee has contributed over 550 volunteer hours to the Society. The committee had welcomed a new member, Dale Guy, in 2007. Other members of the committee included Pat Bovey, Denise Kolesar, David McDowell, Corinne Tellier, and Lee Treilhard.

The following farm families were honoured with plaques or certificates (\*) in 2007-08:

Area	Recipient(s)	Location	Year(s)
Altona	Stanley & Gertrude Heibert	NE 27-1-2 WPM	1896
Ashern	Glenn Miller	NE 18-24-7 WPM	1907
Belmont	Garth & Linda Stephenson	ENW 22-4-15 WPM	1901
	Robert & Jo-Anne Stephenson	WNW 22-4-15 WPM	1901
	Garth Stephenson*	NE 22-4-15 WPM	1901-2003*
Brenda (RM)	Wayne Warren	WSE 27-3-24 WPM	1906

Coulter	Stuart & Elizabeth Miller	SW 3-2-27 WPM	1898
Deloraine	Howard & Jane Adams and Philip & Myrna Adams	E 27-2-23 WPM	1907
Dufferin (RM)	Edith G. (Laycock) & G. Wilson Fraser	SW 25-6-4 WPM	1897
Elgin	Thomas & Ruth Draper and James & Kimberley Draper	S 30-5-21 WPM	1906
Elkhorn	Ken & Sharon Johnson	S 29-12-28 WPM	1906
Erickson	Donna (Lee) & Lloyd Morris	SE 12-18-19 WPM	1907
Gimli	Joseph & Rose Malinowski and Valerie (Malinowski) & Randolph Hutch	WNE 14-19-3 EPM	1899
Hartney	Elton More	SW 7-5-22 WPM	1907
Inglis	Curt & Eunice Koss	SE 36-22-27 WPM	1899
Kelwood	R. Joseph & Donna Gilmore	N 9-19-14 WPM	1899
McAuley	Owen & Anna Mae McAuley	NE 30-14-29 WPM	1905
McCreary	William Bennett	SE 30-21-14 WPM	1907
Minnedosa	Clayton & Margaret Wareham	NE 35-14-20 WPM	1907
Minto	Mary Helen Robertson and Don L. & Dale M. Robertson	NE 36-5-19 WPM	1905
Minto (RM)	Evelyn (Blunt) Griffith and Sharon Blunt	SE 27-16-17 WPM	1907
Napinka	Gerald & Florence Brigden	NW 15-4-25 WPM	1905
	Robert & Patricia Brigden	NE 15-4-25 WPM	1905
Onanole	Darren & Janet Gusdal	SE 24-18-19 WPM	1905
Plumas	Fred & Norma Watson	NE 3-16-12 WPM	1903
Russell	Scott A. & Brigitte M. Davidson	SW 7-22-27 WPM	1907
Somerset	Alice Espenell	NW 2-6-8 WPM	1895
	Thomas & Adrienne Foster	NE 33-5-9 WPM	1898

Sperling	Gordon & Mona Brown	SE 8-6-1 WPM, W 7-6-1 WPM, NW 8-6-1 WPM	1906
Viriden	Keith & Leanne Pearn	W 23-10-25 WPM	1907
Whitemouth	Lydia Malkoske	SSW 27-12-11 EPM	1907

Anne MacVicar, Chair

### Centennial Organization Awards

Three recipients of Centennial Organization Awards were presented at the MHS Awards Ceremony on 27 April 2008. All were church congregations which, each in their respective ways, have addressed the spiritual needs of Manitobans for over 100 years. All are based in rural Manitoba.

St. Alphonse Roman Catholic Parish was established at St. Alphonse, Manitoba on 6 December 1883. Initially, it served a large francophone population that gradually became smaller as other local parishes came into existence. These include Mariapolis (formerly St. Alphonse South) and Bruxelles (formerly St. Alphonse North). In 1988, a parish history entitled *Tapestry of Faith* was published and a copy was donated to the MHS library.

St. Andrew's Anglican Church was founded at Deloraine, Manitoba on 11 October 1888. A church building was erected in 1892 and an opening ceremony was held on 13 July. Two days later, it was destroyed as a violent storm passed through the area. The community rallied and rebuilt the church; it was consecrated in September of that year. It stood until 1960 when it was destroyed by a fire started by a lightning strike. Again, the congregation rebuilt their church, which opened in June 1961. A reminder of the first church—its bell—was mounted in front of the present church.

Brookdale United Church (formerly Brookdale Methodist Church) was established in 1904 at Brookdale, Manitoba. At that time, the town had a school, a post office, a blacksmith shop, a general store, a grain elevator, a hotel, railway service and a telephone exchange—but no churches. The small Methodist community worshipped in the waiting room of the railway station. Perhaps wanting to reclaim its waiting room, the CPR donated land for the erection of a church building, which was dedicated on 7 August 1904. It was used not only by local Methodists but also the Presbyterians and the Anglicans. Two of those denominations merged to become the United Church of Canada, in 1925. Today, St. Andrew's is one of three congregations in the Neepawa and Area Pastoral Charge, served by two minister. It remains the only church in its community.



## McWilliams Awards

Margaret McWilliams Awards were conferred in four categories in 2007, at a ceremony held at St. John's College on 27 April 2008:

Category	Winner
Scholarly History	<i>Influenza 1918: Disease, Death, and Struggle in Winnipeg</i> by Esyllt Jones University of Toronto Press
Popular History	<i>Arc of the Medicine Line: Mapping the World's Longest undefended Border Across the Western Plains</i> by Tony Rees Douglas & McIntyre Publishing Group
Local History	<i>A Place Out of Time</i> by Alfred Silver Great Plains Publications
First-Person Memoir	<i>A Glowing Dream: A Memoir</i> by Roland Penner J. Gordon Shillingford Publishing

Jurors for the 2007 competition were: Jim Richtik (Chair), Barry Bills, Ron Kirbyson, Anne Morton, Philip Wolfart, and Jacqueline Friesen (Staff/Resource).

## Young Historians Awards

In 2007 we changed the Young Historians contest to focus on the older students who are not eligible for the Heritage Fairs. We continue to honour the younger students at the Heritage Fair events. The deadline was on 12 May, Manitoba Day. Three categories of entries were judged: Research Papers, Family History and Historical Fiction. The judges were: Judith Hudson Beattie, Pat Challis, Harry Duckworth, Bill Fraser, Gordon Goldsborough, Anne Lindsay, Margaret McPherson, Irene Peters, Janelle Reynolds, Scott Stephen, Bob Sutton, Mary Louise Zorniak. All nine winners received MHS awards (including \$25, memberships and books), the three First Place winners received George Bryce awards (\$50, donated by Jim Blanchard), and the best overall, Amirah Sequeira, received the Shaw award (\$100 donated by the Shaw family). It was a pleasure to use the Dalnavert Visitors Centre for the event on Sunday, 28 October 2007. Four of the nine winners as well as families, teachers, judges and committee members attended, and all enjoyed the presentation by Amirah Sequeira from her paper.

Category	Winner(s)
Research Papers	1 <sup>st</sup> : Amirah Sequeira, Grant Park, Marijus Timmerman teacher, <i>Life and Work of Rev. Harry Lehotsky</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Tie: Olivia Zaporzan, Balmoral, Teresa Friesen teacher, <i>Under the Little Red Roof</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Tie: Clarey Funk, St. John's Ravenscourt, A. Levine teacher, <i>Mennonite Immigration to Manitoba</i> ; 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Tie: Natasha Zloty, Balmoral, Teresa Friesen teacher, <i>Serving Readers for more than a Century - The History of the Winnipeg Free Press</i> ; 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tie: Joel Christopher Penner, Gordon Bell, Prema Bursa teacher, <i>The Suffering and Faith of the Selkirk Settlers</i>
Historical Fiction	1 <sup>st</sup> , Tie: Priya Sharma, St. Mary's, B. Lucas teacher, <i>A Spirited Romance [Hotel Ft Garry]</i> ; 1 <sup>st</sup> , Tie: Krupa Kotecha, Balmoral, Lois McGill-Horn teacher, <i>Diary of a Second World War Bride</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Nellie Minsull, Balmoral, Lois McGill-Horn teacher, <i>Diary of John Kotter [RNWMP]</i> ; 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Nicole Evans, St. Mary's, Joy Beauchamp teacher, <i>Vaudeville</i>

On 3 May 2007 the MHS participated in the Red River Regional Heritage Fair with an exhibit and a donation to the Scavenger Hunt. Gordon Goldsborough and Judith Hudson Beattie chose three prize-winners from sixty Manitoba projects: Tiara Zurylo, Grade 5 Tyndall Park, *The Greater Winnipeg Water District Railway*; Julia Fritschij, Grade 7 Earl Grey, *The Alex Logan Steamer*; and Lizzie Carlson, Grade 9 Arthur A. Leach, *Bloody Jack Krafchenko*.

On 11 May 2007 Gordon Goldsborough and Judith Beattie judged the 700 entries in the Brandon Regional Historica Fair, and awarded three book prizes to the best Manitoba projects: Myranda Reimer, Grade 4 Riverheights School, *Brandon Museum [Daly House]*; Dustyn Lamont, Grade 5 Kircaldy Heights School, *Brandon 1882-2007*; and Jordan Cristall, Grade 6 Waverley Park, *Tragedy on the Tracks: The Brandon Train Wreck, Jan. 12, 1916*.

We are pleased to welcome Wendy Owen to the Committee. Other members included Cécile Alarie-Skene, Irene Peters, Janelle Reynolds, Bob Sutton, and Jacqueline Friesen (MHS Staff).

Judith Hudson Beattie, Chair

### Program Committee

The Program Committee provides a roster of five or six historic interest programs for our membership and the public annually.

Our Annual Multicultural Dinner was held on 17 April 2007 at the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre and featured guest speaker Judge Art Miki, who spoke on the Japanese-Canadian experience in

Manitoba. Members enjoyed authentic Japanese dishes and traditional Japanese entertainment. We extend our sincere thanks to Patricia Forsythe, who does a wonderful job in organizing this event on behalf of Society every year.

There was a tour of the cemetery at St. John's Cathedral on 29 September, with Rene Jamieson, who informed and entertained participants with stories of the cemetery and the persons buried there, as well as the history of the Church.

On 13 October, we had an opportunity to tour of the Fort Garry Horse Museum and Archives. The Fort Garry Horse is an Armoured Reconnaissance unit in the Canadian Army Reserve based at McGregor Armoury in Winnipeg. The FGH Museum is designed to display the history of the Regiment from its origins to the present time through use of artifacts, photographs and archival material.

The annual Society Film Night was held at the Dalnavert Visitors Centre on 15 November and featured two films from the Archives of Manitoba.

On 12 February 2008, there was a tour of the City of Winnipeg Archives as well as a film and a presentation on the archival materials in the collection.

Members of the Committee included Alan Crossin, Patricia Forsythe, Dan Furlan, Wade Cudmore, John Selwood, and Jacqueline Friesen (MHS Staff).

Carl James, Chair

### History Book Club

This is the third 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 Neyedley 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 and refreshments. A number of new members have joined so the list of members numbers over twenty, and about fifteen attend most meetings. It is a good opportunity to read and discuss a variety of history books and to get to know other members of the MHS.

Bob Coutts' planned presentation on 17 September was cancelled because of his heavy travelling schedule. We hope to reschedule at a later date. Members were encouraged to attend the book launch of Roy MacSkimming's novel *Macdonald* at McNally Robinson on 25 September.

22 October for Patricia Phenix, *Private Demons: The Tragic Personal Life of John A. Macdonald* (2006) led by Dodie Metcalfe.

19 November, David Cruise & Alison Griffiths, *The Great Adventure: How the Mounties Conquered the West* (1996) led by Neil Challis.

14 January 2008, James H. Gray, *The Winter Years: The Depression on the Prairies* (1966) led by Jane Frain.

18 February, Charlotte Gray, *Reluctant Genius: The Passionate Life and Inventive Mind of Alexander Graham Bell* (2006) led by Shirlee Anne Smith.

17 March, Rodger D. Touchie, *Bear Child: The Life and Times of Jerry Potts* (2005) led by Carol Scott.

21 April, Denis Combet ed., Lise Gaboury-Diallo translator, *Gabriel Dumont: Memoirs* (2006) led by Joanne Ledohowski, with guests Denis Combet and Lise Gaboury-Diallo.

12 May, 6 PM: Potluck, books for next year

New members are welcome. Please contact Judy Hudson Beattie (204-475-6666, [jhbval@mts.net](mailto:jhbval@mts.net)) if you plan to attend so she can get your name and contact information on the list and make sure there are enough chairs, coffee and tea, etc.

Judith Hudson Beattie, Chair

### Macdonald Dinner

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner was held on 19 January 2008 at the Fort Garry Hotel. Although intended as a fundraiser for the Society, we have heard the concern in past years that the high price of tickets prevents some members from attending. Therefore, as an experiment, the ticket price was reduced by 50% this year. Attendance was the lower than any of the last half dozen dinners so it appears that attendance is not determined by the ticket price.

The featured speaker was Roland Penner whose recently published autobiographical memoir *A Glowing Dream* was awarded a 2007 Margaret McWilliams Award.

A silent auction was held as part of the evening's program. We gratefully acknowledge donors of items included in the auction: Wayne Arseny, Judith Hudson Beattie, Dr. Jennifer Brown, Giles Bugailiskis, Dennis Butcher, Dr. Francis Carroll, Owen Clark, Robert Coutts, Dr. Harry Duckworth, Ivan Eyre, Jenny Gerbasi, Carl James, Dr. Esyllt Jones, Dr. John Lehr, Dr. Simon Lucy, Ross Metcalfe, William Neville, Lawrie Pollard, Mrs. Josef Randa, Joyce Wawrykow, Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Bridgman Collaborative Architecture, Burton Lysecki Books, Canada's National History Society, CBC Radio Manitoba, Closet Chick Clothing Boutique, Costume Museum of Canada, Delta Marsh Field Station (University of Manitoba), Edward Carriere Salon & Spa, Emerson Duty Free, Fort Whyte Alive, Frantic

Films, Friesen History Books (Ted Miller), Heartland Associates, Hudson's Bay Company Archives (Maureen Dolyniuk), Lawton Partners, Manitoba Conservation (Glen Suggett), Manitoba Museum, Mariaggi Hotel, Parks Canada (Greg Thomas), Pavilion Gallery, Prairie Theatre Exchange, Premier Consulting, Royal Winnipeg Ballet, Theatre Projects Manitoba, Toad Hall Toys, University of Manitoba Press, Wellington West Holdings, Whodunit Books, Winnipeg Free Press, and WinnipegRealtors.

Other donors for the dinner included Ken & Connie Dawson, Ivan Eyre, Diane Haglund, and Dennis Butcher.

Dinner organizers were Dr. J. M. Bumsted (Chair), Owen Clark, Gordon Goldsborough, Carl James, Maria Zbigniewicz, and Jacqueline Friesen (MHS Staff).

### **Historic Preservation Committee**

The work of the Historic Preservation Committee continues to be guided by Ashleigh Drewett-Laird, Committee Chair. The Committee members include Glenn King, Carl James, Victor Sawelo, John Gunn and Tim Worth. One of the committee members, Robert Kadolph, has taken a temporary leave of absence to tend to family responsibilities. Tim Worth continued to serve as the committee's recording secretary. During the year Irene Shaw who has served as one of the Co-chairs of the Committee for several years resigned her position. The committee appreciates the time and effort that Ms. Shaw was able to contribute.

In 2007-08 the North Point Douglas Walking Tour continued to give the Committee its visibility within the community. One formal walking tour was given to a group from Creative Retirement. As much as it is important to be able to give group tours, it is equally important that the information is available to those who want the informal type of tour or who wish to incorporate the committee's research into their own work. This information is available on the MHS web site. [www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/walkingtours/pointdouglas](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/walkingtours/pointdouglas)

During the year a number of issues were discussed including the issues around Upper Fort Garry, the proposal that the CPR yard be moved out of Winnipeg, and facadism, but the one issue that drew the most discussion was what sort of project did the committee members wish to pursue. Ultimately the decision was made to document and research the evolving nature of small scale commerce—from home to business.

Ashleigh Drewett-Laird, Committee Chair  
Tim Worth, Secretary

## Winnipeg Historic Buildings Committee Representation

Two members of the MHS serve on the City of Winnipeg Historic Buildings Committee. Ashleigh Drewett-Laird is the non-voting alternate member while Tim Worth is the voting member. Over the past year the Historic Buildings Committee met ten times to discuss a wide range of issues and items mandated to it by the City of Winnipeg Historic Buildings Bylaw.

In addition to serving on the full committee each member has the opportunity to sit on subcommittees that are struck to deal with particular issues of concern. Tim Worth was appointed to a subcommittee to examine ways and means of coordinating archaeological investigations within the City of Winnipeg so as to avoid any miscommunication between all parties and reduce possible negative impact on the archaeological heritage contained within the boundaries of the city. The work of this subcommittee is ongoing.

Of all the activities of the Committee the one that consumes the greatest percentage of its time is the monitoring of ongoing activities of property owners, developers and architectural firms, as those activities relate to property in the Exchange District and property which is included in either the Inventory List or the Conservation List. In as much as what is deemed to be important changes with the passage of time, there are properties that have been added to either List or others that have disappeared from the original Lists. This is a practice that will continue to occur; however, it was decided that perhaps those currently included in the Inventory List should be scrutinized to see which properties warrant continued inclusion.

The Exchange District is Winnipeg's most sensitive area to building development. Two properties in particular drew the attention of the committee and the community at large, #38-#44 Albert Street and 104 King Street. In both cases the Committee recommended to the Property, Planning and Development Department that the properties be protected from alteration or development. In the case of the former property, at year's end it is still unresolved but in the instance of 104 King Street it would appear that the City has arrived at an amicable resolution.

Since being instituted in 1977, the City of Winnipeg Historic Buildings Bylaw has done an excellent job in managing Winnipeg's heritage properties. During this year it was announced that there would be an updating of the bylaw that governs the actions of the Historic Buildings Committee. The city's Historic Planner, Giles Bugailiskis, is quoted as saying that "The new law will bring us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century...The language of heritage preservation has changed across the country, and the way we designate heritage buildings has changed." And that the new bylaw will "clarify the process..."

Tim Worth

## Web site

As information contained on the MHS web site continues to grow, so too do the number of visitors. A significant addition in 2007 was a collection of twelve books provided to us in digital form by the Manitoba Record Society prior to voting itself out of existence. The books were published over the course of over 30 years, and were converted into Portable Document Format (PDF) by a consultant paid by the Record Society. These were added to our site, and announced formally, at a ceremony at the Dalnavert Visitors Centre on 16 September. The collection was expanded with two other electronic books made from print books: *The Assiniboine Basin* (1946) by the late Brandon historian Martin Kavanagh, and *Extraordinary Tales From Manitoba History* (1973) by the late J. W. Chafe. Both books were made available to us by the Kavanagh and Chafe families, respectively, and were converted to PDF format by the webmaster. These accompanied biographical articles on Kavanagh and Chafe which appeared in *Manitoba History* volumes 56 and 57, respectively. [www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/books](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/books)

Several new features were added to the web site:

- *Winnipeg: Then and Now* was a companion to an article in *Manitoba History* 55. It includes several more samples of early 20<sup>th</sup> century Winnipeg postcards with corresponding views taken in 2007. [www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/winnipegthennow](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/winnipegthennow)
- *Brandonography* was a list of articles on the web site relating to Brandon history for the city's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue of *Manitoba History*. [www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/brandonography](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/brandonography)
- *The Manitoba History forum* was re-launched and renamed "The Past Lane" on Heritage Day (18 February 2008). An emphasis will be on conservation of heritage buildings and it is hoped that forum users will, in time, develop a comprehensive collection of information on materials, techniques and sources for those wishing to restore and maintain buildings around the province. We were given a \$2,000 grant from Manitoba Historic Resources Branch to purchase customized mouse pads showing the forum address to be sent to all provincial historic sites. [www.mhs.mb.ca/forum](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/forum)
- *Manitoba Biographies Online*, a directory of noteworthy Manitobans of the past three centuries, was launched formally on Manitoba Day 2008 to acknowledge the addition of 1,600 entries from the Dictionary of Manitoba Biography (written by MHS President J. M. Bumsted, and published in book form by the University of Manitoba Press, in 1999). The directory now comprises about 3,750 entries. Cross-references between specific people mentioned in biographies continue to be added. An application for a Manitoba Heritage Grant in the January 2008 competition was fully funded for \$8,000. The grant will be used to employ a student during Summer and Fall 2008 to expand the directory, under the guidance of an advisory committee. [www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people)

- *A directory of National Historic Sites, Events and Persons in Manitoba* is being developed using information provided by the Manitoba Field Office of Parks Canada. [www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/nationalhistoric](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/nationalhistoric)
- *Lists of the historical bases* for the names of Manitoba schools and rural municipalities are being compiled. [www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/manitobaschools](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/manitobaschools) and [www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/municipalities](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/municipalities)

Work continues on a change to the underlying code of all pages on the site that will permit a new, significantly improved menu system to be launched. Code was added to display larger versions of photographs accompanying biographies, which open in a separate window. A Google search box was added to the upper, right corner of every page on the site. The old Google search code was replaced with a new custom engine that displays search results in a page resembling all others on the site, so searches are now better integrated into the site overall. [www.mhs.mb.ca/search.shtml](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/search.shtml)

Finally, lists of upcoming historical events and news items were maintained, and information about issues of *Manitoba History* and *Time Lines* published during the past year was added.

The number of visitors to the web site averaged 13,980 per month during the past year, although the monthly value continues to rise (see graph below). The busiest days are Monday to Friday with slight decreases over weekends, suggesting that the site is most heavily used by school students. The three most popular pages on the site are the home page ([www.mhs.mb.ca/index.shtml](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/index.shtml)), the biographies page ([www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people)), and the Winnipeg 1911 census page ([www.mhs.mb.ca/data/census/1911/winnipeg](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/data/census/1911/winnipeg)).

Gordon Goldsborough, Webmaster

## Manitoba History

Three volumes of *Manitoba History* were published in the past year: June 2007 (No. 55), October 2007 (No. 56), and February 2008 (No. 57). A grant received in 2006-07 from the Winnipeg Foundation allowed us to include a colour insert in No. 55 for an article featuring coloured postcards of early 20<sup>th</sup> century Winnipeg compared with photographs taken at the same places today. The success of this feature prompted us to seek a grant to cover the additional cost of including a colour insert in No. 56, a special issue commemorating the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Brandon. A selection of coloured postcards of early Brandon was published with the support of the Whitehead Foundation for Western Manitoba. This issue was exceptionally successful, being the first in the history of the journal to sell its entire press run and necessitating the printing of a second run which also nearly sold out. The issue was launched at a formal ceremony on 7 November at Brandon University attended by mayor Dave Burgess, BU President Louis Visentin, BU Chancellor Emeritus Kevin Kavanagh and members of the community. Arrangements have been made for the ongoing sale of



*Manitoba History* at three locations in Brandon: Daly House Museum, Pennywise Book, and Candlewood Books, in addition to several locations in Winnipeg.

Articles published in these three issues are listed on the MHS web site at these addresses:

[www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb\\_history/55](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb_history/55), [www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb\\_history/56](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb_history/56), and

[www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb\\_history/57](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb_history/57).

The MHS Council discontinued subscriptions to *Manitoba History* in favour of memberships which include the additional benefit of the *Time Lines* newsletter. The editorial staff during the past year were Robert Coutts as Editor-in-Chief, Nolan Reilly and Associate Editor in charge of book reviews, and Gordon Goldsborough as Gazette and Photo Editor. Page layout was done by Salix Consulting and printing was by Shaw Printing.

Gordon Goldsborough, Gazette Editor

## Dalnavert Museum

During 2007/2008, we hosted dozens of rental functions, lead hundreds of tours and greeted thousands of guests. We welcomed 278 visitors during the Sunday session of *Doors Open Winnipeg*; served as a Folklorama VIP bus pickup point for ten evenings in August; and provided early morning tours to four coaches of “polar bear” visitors last fall.

In total, we hosted 25 business meetings, 23 children’s birthday parties, 13 private parties (including anniversaries, wine tastings and receptions), 7 wedding showers, 3 weddings and 12 wedding/engagement photo shoots. In addition, we had 5 coach tours, 12 group tours and 20 school/daycamp tours.

The number of Visitors’ Centre rentals was virtually identical to last year (71 compared to 72), but we hosted two less weddings, 17 fewer business meetings and more of everything else! Although business meetings tend to be quite lucrative, especially if the organizers request coffee and/or food service, they also require more dedicated staff time. That said, we hope to attract more corporate clients in future.

To promote our school program and rental facility, Dalnavert reserved a booth at the Special Area Group (SAG) Conference for Educators last November (manned by Management Committee Members Barry and Judy McPherson) and the Wonderful Wedding Show in January.

The Visitors’ Centre was the site of several MHS events, such as last year’s Annual General Meeting and McWilliams Awards, lectures, a film presentation and book club meetings, as well as Dalnavert events like a book launch for *Supernatural Winnipeg*, Open House Days in the summer and fall and the Heritage Needle Arts Fair.

A number of new events and programs were “test-marketed”, too. In addition to our ever-popular *Christmas Carol* evenings, actor Richard Hurst performed a Halloween reading of two classic ghost stories—*The Monkey’s Paw* and *The Inexperienced Ghost*. We held two movie fundraisers at The Park Theatre (featuring *Arsenic and Old Lace* and *The Go-Between*; a Fall Tea, complete with teacup reader; and two family-oriented events, *Techno-Geeks of the 1890s* and a Christmas story and activity day. The latter were devised by the Program Assistant hired under the Young Canada Works initiative.

All of the above were modestly successful, in terms of attracting extra visitors and revenues. However, we are still searching for a fundraising concept that captures people’s fancy the way our Dickens’ readings do!

Turning to exhibits, our Curatorial Sub-Committee (consisting of Dalnavert volunteers Jane Fudge, Karen Jones and Scott Stephen, and Parks Canada Interpretive Curator Virginia Lockett) created a series of displays highlighting items from the collection.

These charming and informative exhibits were themed around Victorian gardens and the language of flowers; Christmas cards, traditions and decorations; and At Home days and leisure activities.

Karen Jones, a botanical horticulturalist, was appointed head of the Garden Committee last spring. Over the course of the year, she and the other garden volunteers developed an ambitious, three-year plan for our historic garden. It will incorporate several elements, including a Medicinal Garden, a Children’s Garden, a Secret Garden, a Cutting Garden and a Kitchen Garden. Interpretive materials will allow visitors to fully appreciate the garden as a living example of our culture and heritage.

Dalnavert could not exist without the time, talent and dedication of volunteers who serve in a variety of capacities—on our Museum Management Committee, as members of sub-committees and project committees, and as tour guides, greeters and gift shop assistants. Volunteers help out in virtually every area of our operations, in ways too numerous to mention, and our sincere thanks go out to all of them!

More formal acknowledgement was extended at a Volunteer Appreciation Tea held last June. Pat Lewak (Tour Guide) and Victor Sawelo (Handyman), received awards for Fifteen Years of Service, and Gloria Seale (Tour Guide) received an award for Twenty-Five Years of Service. Roslyn Silver (Tour Guide) was not able to attend, but her Twenty-One Years of Service were duly noted! The level of commitment demonstrated by these individuals is truly extraordinary.

On a final note, Dalnavert hopes to thrive and grow in the coming year by tracking trends and adapting to economic realities. If decreased gift shop sales signal a general consumer shift to spend less and save more, we will heighten efforts in other areas to supplement our revenues. We will continue to seek reductions in our property taxes and explore new sources for grant monies and donations. And as always, we will promote Dalnavert to Winnipeggers and tourists alike, to they can experience our treasured historic site for themselves.

The Dalnavert Management Committee consisted of Dr. Scott Stephen (Chair), Judy Wakefield (Treasurer, April - June), Caroline Pearce (Treasurer, October - Present), Gordon Goldsborough, John Lehr, Jane Maksymiuk, Barry McPherson, Judy McPherson, and Greg Thomas.

Marg Kentner managed the Gift Shop, and Victor Sawelo provided handyman services. Interpreters and Visitor Service Clerks were Meighen Jones (CareerFocus, May - December), Grace Kapkey, and Simon Brigham. Young Canada Works Term Positions were Kelly Rafferty (June-October), Sylvie Boisjoli (July-September), Wendy Kublik (September-January), and Angie Millan (September-January). Daniel Schulz was employed with Urban Green Team funds.

Linda Neyedly, Museum Director

### **Ross House Museum**

The Ross House Museum is located in the Joe Zuken Heritage Park in historic North Point Douglas, and is operated on a contractual basis by the Society on behalf of the City of Winnipeg. The Museum is open seasonally, and in 2007 was open from 23 May to 1 September. Admission is free.

The flagpole and historic map display panel was subject to some vandalism while the museum was closed for the season. Repairs were made, and the display will now be stored away during the off-season to prevent recurrences.

Several changes took place in the museum over the season. The pump organ, which remained locked for some twenty years, was opened and through the restoration efforts of MHS member John Gunn, it is now a useable musical instrument.

When the MHS business office moved to Dalnavert, its surplus office furniture was donated to Ross House. The museum also gratefully accepted a donated computer, printer, scanner, and fax copier. The surplus tables once used as our museum office furniture were then donated to the Philippine Centre Daycare. The museum purchased a wet-dry vacuum which will be made available for use at Dalnavert. A brass Celtic cross engraving was purchased and will grace the sideboard in the "big room" under the bookshelf. The MHS-owned historic artifacts in the museum were appraised to bring values up to date as per the Society's insurance assessment that is currently underway.

Volunteer Barry Hammond tilled the garden, and potatoes, onions, radishes, peas and leafy greens were planted by the grade four class of Norquay School, with their teachers, aides and parent volunteers. The Point Douglas Women's Centre provided volunteer assistance with the planting as well as with weeding of the garden during the summer months. The City of Winnipeg Forestry Department planted about twenty mixed

species trees in Joe Zuken Park, and flowering shrubs not appropriate to a Victorian era garden were donated to the park by the Dalnavert Gardening committee.

About 580 visitors visited the museum this year. The museum hosted its annual Canada Day event, which was well attended by about 200 persons from the community. A special tour was arranged for the Eagle Wing Daycare Center, and a return visit is in the planning stages. Craft supplies, comic books and non-historic books from our “rainy day “program racks were donated to the Centre. The Principal of Governor Semple School, Garry Jackson, invited Victor Sawelo to present an interpretation of the Seven Oaks Incident for a class of grade four student actors, which then did a play reenacting the 19 June anniversary. They were appreciative and the play was well received by a large audience and the local media. The museum continues to offer the historic walking tour of Point Douglas developed by the MHS Historic Preservation Committee. Tours are by appointment only.

Ross House museum has been strengthening its community connections by the attendance of Victor Sawelo at the Resident committee meetings and the newly formed Networking Committee. The Committee’s resource development staff person, Jeffery Cottes, worked out of the Ross House Summer kitchen until 31 October 2007. Under his direction, a tree-banding project was undertaken in Point Douglas, with the assistance of St. Johns High School and Children of the Earth School. Sawelo has long encouraged the use of the amphitheatre by the residents, and he is pleased to report that Point Douglas Resident association volunteers Martin Landy and Elaine Bishop have organized a Summer Fest, a weekly program to take place in Joe Zuken Park, designed to expose the children of Point Douglas to art and culture. Summer Fest will begin on 18 May 2008 with the CBC production *Shaken Not Stirred*. Each Saturday thereafter, a variety of family programming sponsored by the community will take place in the park amphitheatre. Admission is free. MHS members are encouraged to visit the park, enjoy the entertainment and tour Ross House museum.

Thanks to our 2007 staff, Todd Schulz, John Schantz, Jesse Schantz, and for the first few weeks of the season, Derek Zorniak. The Ross House Management Committee was Dr. Simon Lucy (Chair), Bill Fraser, Don Fraser, Victor Sawelo (Museum Manager), and several Point Douglas community representatives (Elaine Bishop, Irene Brown, Barry Hammond, Martin Landy, and Mary Mathias).

Victor Sawelo, Manager

### **Heritage Trust Foundation**

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

The Trust is administered by a five member Board of Trustees, appointed for a two-year term by the Society's Executive (two trustees) and Council (three trustees). Board members for the 2006-2008 term were Gordon Goldsborough and Ken Zealand (Executive appointments) and Garry Brickman, Alan Crossin and Carol Scott (Council appointments). The Board held one meeting during the past fiscal year.

During the past fiscal year there were no donations to the fund and no monies were transferred to The Winnipeg Foundation. Income received from the Foundation totalled \$42,694. Dalnavert Museum was paid the amount they had requested for operating expenses, \$40,000.

Total assets as of 31 March 2008 were: \$625,824.72 on deposit with The Winnipeg Foundation, \$20,035.50 cash in bank, \$7,513.20 in accrued income, for a total balance of \$653,373.42. The total market value of the funds invested with The Winnipeg Foundation as of 31 March 2008 was \$907,859.00. The market value in 2007 was \$973,287.03.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I want to thank retiring trustees Garry Brickman, Gordon Goldsborough and Ken Zealand for their invaluable contribution to the work of the board in past years. Continuing Trustees are Alan Crossin and Carol Scott, and Shirlee Anne Smith is Trustee Emerita.

Alan Crossin, Chair

## Donations & Contributions

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**Ross House Museum**

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Employment Grants (CMA)

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**Dalnavert General Operations**

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Manitoba Education, Citizenship and

Youth - Urban Green Team

## Treasurer's Report

This year the Society had the good fortune to receive a bequest of \$78,000 from one of our members, Mrs. Bente Cunnings. The legacy meant that for the first time in years the general operations were not in deficit. It also gave us time to look at where we ought to be going.

Looking at the operating fund of the Society, we see that grants increased by \$4,605.00. This was in part due to Dalnavert receiving a grant from the Young Canada works grant this year.

Revenue from membership dues, after increasing last year, was down by \$3,527.00. This is significant; our membership has to increase if we are to stay in business. We have a new Membership Committee, which is attempting to address the drop in members, but all of us have to be involved in recruitment. The best advertisement is letting your friends and like-minded people know about the Society. Overall, Dalnavert operating revenue decreased by \$6,039.00.

Rental payments are now reported as an interfund transfer.

The total revenue from the General account for the 2007-08 year was \$126,907.00. If you subtract the bequest, it was \$48,907.00, roughly \$3,500 less than last year.

On the expense side, audit and accounting was \$4,050.00 more this year, primarily in the Dalnavert operations. However, consulting expenses for Dalnavert was down by \$10,000.00, due to decreased hours of the gift shop manager, and in 2006-07, an Education Coordinator was employed on a one-time basis to create curriculum-based programming for the museum. Dalnavert also saw an increase in property taxes from last year, but as last year there was an adjustment to the taxes—this may be the norm. There was also a decrease in the Dalnavert insurance expenditure, due to a refund from the former carrier when the Canadian Association of Museum carriers were changed, and it is not known if this reflects an actual change in cost or if the true cost will be reflected in the 2008-09 statements, similar to the property taxes. In all, Dalnavert's total expenses decreased this year by \$15,035.00 over last year. A good direction to be going. The main cause of this was a decrease in consulting and insurance, repairs and maintenance.

The Society office expenditures have increased by \$2,074.00, this is due in part for the extra moving expenses, and the increased paper and copy costs.

Looking at the Society's projects, which are reported at net, there was a larger loss this year.

This can be attributed in part to Ross House museum not receiving an anticipated grant, and that grant revenue for the digitization project was received for expenditures incurred in the prior years.

The Sir John A. Macdonald dinner was not financially successful as it was the previous year. This year a decision was made to have the dinner at cost and not as a fundraiser, with the hope that more people would

come. This did not happen; in fact fewer attended the dinner than previously. We may have to review that decision.

The Society adopted the new requirements of the CICA Handbook relating to the recognition and measurement of the financial instruments. This section has to be adopted for the fiscal year beginning on 1 April 2007. This section indicates when and at what amounts a financial instrument has to be recorded in the balance sheet as well as disclosure of gains or losses in the financial statements. Financial assets available for sale, financial assets or liabilities held for trading and derivatives, have to be valued at fair value. Initial adoption of the new sections resulted in an increase in the investments and opening fund balance of the Manitoba Historical Society Heritage Fund of \$347,462.00 resulting from an adjustment of the fund's investments to the fair value at 1 April 2007. Comparative results from 2007 were not restated. The Society has designated all of its investments as held-for-trading, adjusting to fair market value at the end of each period, and recognizing the difference in the statement of operations. Therefore, the balance sheet for the year showed an increase of \$340,000.00.

Gwyneth Jones, Treasurer

### **Acknowledgements**

We thank John Morris for use of the cover photograph, which shows his grandfather and namesake John Morris, a 27-year-old driver with the meat packing firm of Gallagher Holman Lafrance. The photo shows Morris sitting in his Gramm truck at the corner of Kate Street and McDermot Avenue in Winnipeg, sometime during 1912, on his way to deliver a load of lamb to Eaton's.



**MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**MARCH 31, 2008**





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May 14, 2008

## AUDITORS' REPORT

### To the Members of Manitoba Historical Society:

We have audited the statement of financial position of **Manitoba Historical Society** as at March 31, 2008, and the statement of operations and changes in fund balances for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the revenue referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at March 31, 2008, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

The previous year's financial statements were audited by other auditors.

*M Group LLP*

Chartered Accountants

MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Operating Fund	MHS Heritage Fund	Dr. E. Shaw Fund	Dr. Paul Thoriakson Fund	Dalnavert Special Projects Fund	Historic Building Fund	Dalhavert Historic Site Fund	Dalhavert Visitor's Centre Fund	Margaret McWilliams Fund	Documentary History Fund	Centennial Memorial Fund	Planned Giving Fund	Total 2008	Total 2007
<b>Current assets:</b>														
Cash	\$ 50,873	\$ 20,035	\$ 852	\$ 838	\$ 138	\$ 1,675	\$ -	\$ 112,625	\$ 806	\$ -	\$ 1,808	\$ 16,803	\$ 206,453	\$ 213,479
Investments (Note 3)	74,247	-	4,093	3,074	-	6,149	-	-	6,148	-	29,481	-	123,192	64,359
Accounts receivable	14,658	-	-	-	-	-	-	789	-	-	-	-	15,447	13,178
Inventory of publications and merchandise for resale	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Prepaid expenses	633	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	633	633
	140,412	20,035	4,945	3,912	138	7,824	-	113,414	6,954	-	31,289	16,803	345,726	291,650
Due from Operating Fund Investments (Note 3)	-	-	-	400	10,887	-	-	-	-	7,760	-	-	19,047	12,025
Dalhavert Historic Site	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,264,736	-	-	-	-	-	907,859	632,904
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,264,736	2,264,736
	\$ 140,412	\$ 927,894	\$ 4,945	\$ 4,312	\$ 11,025	\$ 7,824	\$ 2,264,736	\$ 113,414	\$ 6,954	\$ 7,760	\$ 31,289	\$ 16,803	\$ 3,537,368	\$ 3,201,315
<b>Current liabilities:</b>														
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 21,657	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,657	\$ 20,208
Deferred contributions	2,753	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,753	2,013
	24,410	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,410	22,221
Due to Dalnavert Special projects	10,887	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,887	10,887
Due to Operating Fund	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-
Due to Dalnavert Visitor's Centre	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	838
Due to Documentary History Fund	7,760	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,760	-
Due to Dr. Thoriakson Fund	400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400	200
	43,457	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,557	34,146
<b>Fund balances:</b>														
Invested in Dalnavert Historic Site	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,264,736	-	-	-	-	-	2,264,736	2,264,736
Externally restricted	-	927,894	4,845	4,312	-	-	-	113,414	6,954	-	31,289	-	1,088,708	819,153
Internally restricted	-	-	-	-	11,025	7,824	-	-	-	7,760	-	16,803	43,412	35,324
Unrestricted-														
General	90,653	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90,653	33,062
Dalhavert	6,302	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,302	14,894
	96,955	927,894	4,845	4,312	11,025	7,824	2,264,736	113,414	6,954	7,760	31,289	16,803	3,493,811	3,167,169
	\$ 140,412	\$ 927,894	\$ 4,945	\$ 4,312	\$ 11,025	\$ 7,824	\$ 2,264,736	\$ 113,414	\$ 6,954	\$ 7,760	\$ 31,289	\$ 16,803	\$ 3,537,368	\$ 3,201,315

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: \_\_\_\_\_ DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_ DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_



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

Year ended March 31

	2008			2007		
	General	Dalnavert	Total	General	Dalnavert	Total
<b>Revenue:</b>						
Grants (Note 4)	\$ 27,764	\$ 19,862	\$ 47,626	\$ 27,990	\$ 15,031	\$ 43,021
Donations	6,302	52,651	58,953	4,680	51,363	56,043
Bequests	78,000	-	78,000	-	-	-
Memberships	8,334	-	8,334	11,861	-	11,861
Sale of publications	623	-	623	1,000	-	1,000
Interest	852	-	852	1,933	-	1,933
Admissions	-	9,188	9,188	-	9,349	9,349
Workshops	-	-	-	1,080	-	1,080
Merchandise sales	-	19,062	19,062	-	23,807	23,807
Fundraising and sundry	-	2,571	2,571	-	1,955	1,955
Programs	1,400	7,947	9,347	1,250	13,876	15,126
Management fee	3,000	-	3,000	2,500	-	2,500
Rentals	-	9,375	9,375	-	-	-
Other	632	760	1,392	206	12,077	12,283
	<u>126,907</u>	<u>121,416</u>	<u>248,323</u>	<u>52,500</u>	<u>127,458</u>	<u>179,958</u>
<b>Expense:</b>						
Audit and accounting	2,095	9,254	11,349	3,099	4,200	7,299
Bank charges	881	1,725	2,606	1,062	1,592	2,654
Consulting	-	1,596	1,596	-	11,542	11,542
Donations	1,965	-	1,965	2,090	-	2,090
Fundraising	-	1,823	1,823	-	1,260	1,260
Goods and Services Tax	1,623	-	1,623	-	-	-
Insurance	1,140	8,310	9,450	1,128	13,879	15,007
Memberships, dues and committees	-	-	-	357	550	907
Merchandise purchases	-	11,098	11,098	-	14,530	14,530
Miscellaneous	130	-	130	199	-	199
Newsletter, printing and postage	5,501	-	5,501	6,100	-	6,100
Office	7,130	3,823	10,953	5,056	1,584	6,640
Promotion	609	9,645	10,254	-	11,771	11,771
Property taxes (museum)	-	16,813	16,813	-	10,064	10,064
Publicity and programs	1,528	4,558	6,086	687	9,942	10,629
Rent	1,776	-	1,776	7,213	-	7,213
Repairs and maintenance	836	11,490	12,326	286	18,937	19,223
Salaries and employee benefits	29,026	70,932	99,958	29,125	65,824	94,949
Security	-	845	845	-	845	845
Telephone and utilities	3,098	23,496	26,594	2,465	23,923	26,388
	<u>57,338</u>	<u>175,408</u>	<u>232,746</u>	<u>58,867</u>	<u>190,443</u>	<u>249,310</u>
<b>Deficiency of revenue over expense from operations</b>	69,569	(53,992)	15,577	(6,367)	(62,985)	(69,352)
<b>Revenue from projects (Note 5)</b>	<u>(7,304)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,304)</u>	<u>(6,135)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,135)</u>
<b>Deficiency of revenue over expense for the year</b>	62,265	(53,992)	8,273	(12,502)	(62,985)	(75,487)
<b>Fund balances, beginning of year</b>	33,062	14,894	47,956	50,564	39,366	89,930
<b>Interfund transfers (Schedule 3)</b>	<u>(4,674)</u>	<u>45,400</u>	<u>40,726</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>38,513</u>	<u>33,513</u>
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	\$ <u>90,653</u>	\$ <u>6,302</u>	\$ <u>96,955</u>	\$ <u>33,062</u>	\$ <u>14,894</u>	\$ <u>47,956</u>

**MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE**

**ROSS HOUSE**

	<u>Year ended March 31</u>	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Grants (Note 4)	\$ 30,078	\$ 32,216
Donations	<u>-</u>	<u>1,875</u>
	30,078	34,091
<b>Expense:</b>		
Administration fees	3,000	2,500
Audit and accounting	732	634
Insurance	4,193	1,475
Office and sundry	815	588
Programs and special events - Garden Project	-	257
Programs and special events - Canada Day	535	6,034
Salaries and employee benefits	22,531	21,922
Telephone and utilities	<u>812</u>	<u>741</u>
	<u>32,618</u>	<u>34,151</u>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expense</b>	\$ <u>(2,540)</u>	\$ <u>(60)</u>

**MANITOBA HISTORY**

	<u>Year ended March 31</u>	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Royalties	\$ 2,180	\$ 368
Grants	800	-
Subscriptions	3,928	6,698
Sales	<u>2,172</u>	<u>2,830</u>
	9,080	9,896
<b>Expense:</b>		
Publishing costs	19,510	16,107
Postage and handling, net	<u>2,177</u>	<u>929</u>
	<u>21,687</u>	<u>17,036</u>
<b>Deficiency of revenue over expense</b>	\$ <u>(12,607)</u>	\$ <u>(7,140)</u>

**MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SCHEDULE OF INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

Year Ended March 31, 2008

	<u>Transfer (from) to Fund</u>				
	<u>Transfer to (from) Fund</u>	<u>Operating Fund</u>		<u>MHS Heritage</u>	<u>Centennial Memorial</u>
<u>General</u>		<u>Dalnavert</u>			
<b>Operating Fund-</b>					
General	\$ (4,674)	\$ -	\$ 5,400	\$ -	\$ (726)
Dalnavert	45,400	(5,400)	-	(40,000)	-
MHS Heritage	(40,000)	-	40,000	-	-
<b>Centennial Memorial</b>	<u>(726)</u>	<u>726</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>(4,674)</u>	\$ <u>45,400</u>	\$ <u>(40,000)</u>	\$ <u>(726)</u>
		<u>\$40,726</u>			

**MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**MARCH 31, 2008**

**1. Purpose of the organization:**

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

**2. Significant accounting policies:**

(a) Fund accounting-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Planned Giving Fund reports internally-restricted bequests.



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### Notes

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued):

##### (b) Inventory-

The inventory of publications and merchandise for resale is recorded at a nominal value. Sales and purchases are recorded as received and paid.

##### (c) Property, plant and equipment-

Property, plant and equipment, capital improvements and artifacts, except the amounts in the Dalnavert Historic Site Fund are expensed in the year acquired. Capital improvements in the amount of \$nil (2007 – \$nil), have been expensed in the current year.

##### (d) Revenue recognition-

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

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

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

##### (e) Financial statements-

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

#### 3. Financial Instruments:

Adoption of CICA Handbook 3855 Section 3855, *Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement*

The Society adopted the new requirements of the CICA Handbook relating to the recognition and measurement of financial instruments. This section has to be adopted for the fiscal year beginning on April 1, 2007. This section indicates when and at what amount a financial instrument has to be recorded in the balance sheet as well as the disclosure of gains or losses in the financial statements. Financial assets available for sale, financial assets or liabilities held for trading and derivatives, designated or not as a hedge, have to be valued at their fair value.

Initial adoption of the new sections resulted in an increase in the investments and opening fund balance of the Manitoba Historical Society Heritage Fund of \$347,462, resulting from an adjustment of the fund's investments to their fair value at April 1, 2007. Comparative results from 2007 were not restated, as provided by the transitional provisions on the new sections.

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.

## MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### Notes

The Society's investments are recorded at fair market value (2007 – at cost) as follows:

	<b>March 31</b>	
	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
Winnipeg Foundation Consolidated Trust Fund	\$ 907,859	\$ 632,904
Guaranteed Investment Certificates	<u>123,192</u>	<u>64,359</u>
	\$ <u>1,031,051</u>	\$ <u>697,263</u>
Fair market value	\$ <u>1,031,051</u>	\$ <u>973,287</u>

#### Credit Risk

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

#### Fair Value

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

#### Currency Risk

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

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Notes

### 4. Grants:

The Society has received grants during the year as follows:

		<u>2008</u>	<u>March 31</u>	
				<u>2007</u>
Operations-				
Province of Manitoba	\$	26,000	\$	26,000
Winnipeg Foundation		<u>1,764</u>		<u>1,990</u>
		<u>27,764</u>		<u>27,990</u>
Dalnavert-				
Province of Manitoba		3,150		3,150
City of Winnipeg		5,950		8,500
Heritage Grant		3,515		1,506
Young Canada Works program		<u>7,247</u>		<u>1,875</u>
		<u>19,862</u>		<u>15,031</u>
	\$	<u>47,626</u>	\$	<u>43,021</u>
Ross House-				
City of Winnipeg	\$	21,705	\$	18,505
Canadian Museum Association		2,602		-
Government of Canada-				
HRDC		3,738		5,363
Canada Day		225		225
Province of Manitoba-				
Operating		-		3,150
Cultural Heritage Tourism		500		-
Education, Citizen & Youth		1,308		1,447
Special Projects – Canada Day				
City of Winnipeg		-		500
Winnipeg Foundation		-		1,650
The Jewish Foundation of Manitoba		-		750
Special Projects – Other		<u>-</u>		<u>626</u>
	\$	<u>30,078</u>	\$	<u>32,216</u>
Digitization project-				
Province of Manitoba	\$	4,232	\$	1,266
Winnipeg Foundation		<u>7,500</u>		<u>-</u>
	\$	<u>11,732</u>	\$	<u>1,266</u>

**MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Notes**

**5. Projects:**

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

	Year ended March 31			
	2008			2007
	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Net</u>
Ross House (Schedule 2)	\$ 30,078	32,618	\$ (2,540)	\$ (60)
Manitoba History (Schedule 2)	9,080	21,687	(12,607)	(7,140)
Annual Meeting and Dinner	608	832	(224)	(91)
Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner	9,032	6,989	2,043	7,625
Centennial Farms	1,223	3,931	(2,708)	(3,709)
Young Historians	200	501	(301)	15
Centennial Organization	-	9	(9)	(473)
Centennial Business Awards	1,000	822	178	995
Digitization Project	12,153	3,326	8,827	(3,297)
Multicultural Dinner	2,293	2,296	(3)	-
Fall Field Trip	<u>40</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 63,992</u>	<u>\$ 70,142</u>	<u>\$ (7,304)</u>	<u>\$ (6,135)</u>

**6. Changes to a primary source of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP):**

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

These changes are effective for fiscal periods commencing on or after January 1, 2008 and will be adopted for the Society's fiscal period beginning on April 1, 2008. Management is currently evaluating the impact of adoption of the measurement recommendations on its inventories.