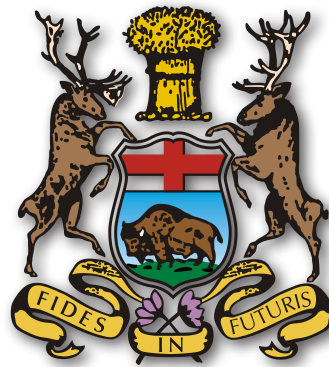




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Introduction

The Manitoba Historical Society, founded in 1879, is the oldest organization in Western Canada dedicated to preserving our past for future generations. For 130 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 2008 to April 2009.

MHS Executive, Council & Staff (2008-09)

President	Dr. Harry Duckworth
Vice-President	Dr. Annabelle Mays
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Dalnavert Director.....	Linda Neyedly
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Journal Editors.....	Robert Coutts, Dr. Nolan Reilly, Dr. Gordon Goldsborough
Newsletter Editor	Bill Fraser
Webmaster.....	Dr. Gordon Goldsborough

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

President's Report

It's a pleasure to present my first President's Report, on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of the Manitoba Historical Society. The first of my two years in this office is just coming to an end, and for me it has illustrated the well-known fact, that you cannot really know how an organization works, of what it does, until you carry some responsibility for it. During the presidencies of Gordon Goldsborough and Jack Bumsted, I served on the MHS Executive, where I gradually learned quite a bit about what the Society does, what its strengths are and where there are problems to be solved; but this past year has still been an eye-opener for me.

For many members, the Society's program events, and the Macdonald Dinner, are very important parts of the life of the Society, for it is only at events like these that the membership actually gets together in the same room. I did not attend all the events arranged by the Program Committee in 2008-2009, but I have warm memories of the visit to the Masonic library in January (where the Grand Lodge of Manitoba generously provided a crowd of MHS members with lunch, along with a tour of their historically valuable collection of archival materials), and of the Multicultural Dinner, hosted by the Polish Combatants Association, in March. Both events were well attended, and I know that many members took advantage of the other program events during the year. We are all indebted to Carl James and his Program Committee, with a particular thanks to Patricia Forsythe for organizing the Multicultural Dinner. A separate Committee, chaired by Jack Bumsted, was responsible for organizing the Macdonald Dinner in January, when we heard an address by Alan Latourelle, CEO of the Parks Canada Agency, in which he outlined, entertainingly and with a light touch, the important responsibilities that his Agency has for built and natural heritage across this land. I thank Jack, his Committee, and Jackie Friesen for their work in making the Dinner a success.

I repeat congratulations to one of our Past-Presidents, Gordon Goldsborough, who was presented with the Kemp Award, for unusually valuable service to the Society, at the Macdonald Dinner. As Chair of the Dalnavert Management Committee, Gordon was responsible for dealing with the construction of the Dalnavert Visitors Centre. As webmaster, the manager of the Society's website, he has turned our website into a resource of paramount importance for Manitoba history.

I also wish to note the honours that have been attracted by the latest book by our immediate Past President, Jack Bumsted. This book, *Lord Selkirk: A Life*, was published last fall, with a launch at Dalnavert, and it has won the prestigious and lucrative J. W. Dafoe Prize, plus our own Margaret McWilliams Award for professional history writing. It is likely that this book will soon be gathering further awards. This book, for which Jack has been gathering materials for much of his professional life, should be a great source of pride to our Society.

Two other members of the MHS Council completed and published books on aspects of Manitoba history, which were recognized by the Association of Manitoba Archives, during the past year. Owen Clark's book is

entitled *Musical Ghosts: Manitoba's Jazz and Dance Bands*. Gordon Goldsborough's book is *With One Voice: A History of Municipal Governance in Manitoba*. Congratulations to them both.

Like almost every group, club and society today, the MHS faces continuing challenges that have to do with membership numbers and with money. Given the importance of the work we do and the issues we support, our membership is small, and many people in the province with an interest in history and heritage (and with the means and energy to promote it) are not yet members of our Society, and know little about us. We are constantly struggling with the question of how to attract these people and also young people, to become members. Last year, the Membership Committee, chaired by our Treasurer, Gwyneth Jones, obtained a grant from the Winnipeg Foundation for a project to increase the Society's profile in Winnipeg, and to increase our membership. The Membership Committee has developed some strategies that are about to be put into play. You may look forward to more news about a membership drive and related initiatives in the next few months.

Our other challenges have to do with money. The Society as a whole is running at a deficit, and the Executive is in the midst of assessing how to get our costs better under control. The generous Cunnings bequest in 2007 has taken some of the immediate pressure off, but the problem will not go away, and I am starting to identify areas where we may be able to save money without jeopardizing members' services. I will be asking the Publications Committee to examine their costs of production of *Manitoba History* and *Time Lines*—particularly *Manitoba History*, which is certainly one of the highest-quality society journals in the country, but unfortunately costs the Society significantly more to produce and mail than we recover in sales and membership subscriptions. Our other major responsibility, the Dalnavert Museum, has a balanced budget, but a significant part of its revenue is in the form of income from an MHS endowment fund (the MHS Heritage Trust) managed by the Winnipeg Foundation. At a special meeting called by the Foundation last December, the Trustees of our fund were warned that the worldwide financial meltdown that began last fall would have a serious impact on the capital amount of our Trust, and on the amount of income to be expected in the future. The Foundation people urged us, and the Trustees of other funds that they administer, to consider serious fundraising to increase the capital amounts, and thus keep the income payouts the same. The alternative for us would be to make do with a much lower income from the Trust, and try to cope with the consequent funding shortfall at Dalnavert in some other way. This is an important policy matter for the Society, since large-scale fundraising requires good connections in the community and much energy, and with the economy still under pressure, now is not a good moment to ask donors for money. Deciding what to do about the Manitoba Heritage Trust and the effect that its fortunes will have on Dalnavert operations will be a topic of importance for the coming year.

I have two new Society initiatives to mention, about which much more information will be coming soon. First, the Society has decided to take the lead in establishing a program to install historical markers or plaques on homes of historic interest, both in Winnipeg and throughout the province. The MHS Council approved this idea, and Ross Metcalfe, one of our Councillors, has taken on the job of chairing the Committee. Plans have been made, and it is hoped to make a start on the program this summer, and expand it rapidly over the

course of the next year. Second, Manitoba is fast approaching the bicentenary of the arrival of the first party of Selkirk Settlers. This anniversary will be in the year 2012, and it is important for the Society to take a leading role in observing the event, while placing it in a context that will make it meaningful to all present-day Manitobans. We must also communicate effectively with the other groups who are already planning commemoration events. The Executive has appointed me to chair a Selkirk Settlers Bicentennial Committee, and I have just begun to invite a few people to join it. It should not take long for us to decide what events the Society will organize for 2012, and I expect to report on the plans early in the fall.

Each year, the Society has occasion to mourn the loss of long-time members. During the past year we lost Hartwell Bowsfield, Muriel Brokke, Jean Dupont, Babs Friesen and Dr. Rhinehart F. Friesen, her husband, Denzil Gamble, James Hartman, Prof. Chris Jensen, Anton Kirk, Suzanne Lucas, Eileen Pruden, Betty Richards, and Clarke Robson. I particularly regret the passing of Gillian Covernton, formerly an officer of the Society and member of a number of important committees, at the tragically early age of 31.

Finally, some words of thanks. The Executive—Past-President Jack Bumsted, Vice-President Annabelle Mays, Treasurer Gwyneth Jones, and Secretary Francis Carroll—have been an indispensable source of advice, consultation, and hard work. The members of the MHS Council, and the Chairs and members of our various Committees have done their jobs well, and some of the Committee Chairs in particular put in efforts well beyond what most of us can ever realize. Bob Coutts, as editor-in-chief of *Manitoba History*, has continued to make that magazine one of the premier society magazines in Canada. Bill Fraser, editor of *Time Lines*, has been indefatigable in identifying items of Society interest and putting them in print. Gordon Goldsborough, our webmaster, has continued to build the Society's website into a remarkably large and complete source of information on Manitoba's history and its personalities. Lastly, I'm personally grateful for the dedication of our staff—Jackie Friesen, the Society's Manager; Linda Neyedly, Director of the Dalnavert Museum; and Victor Sawelo, Manager of the Ross House Museum. My relations with each of them have been productive and enjoyable. I must mention Jackie Friesen in particular, as she has been a valued support to me on all aspects of the Society's operations, without whose knowledge and wisdom my job would have been vastly more difficult. A heartfelt thanks to all.

Harry Duckworth, President

Centennial Business Awards

The aim of the Centennial Business Award Program is to foster public awareness of our province's business heritage; to encourage pride within companies that have played a part in Manitoba's history; to celebrate the enduring excellence of Manitoba businesses that have operated for more than 100 years; and to recognize historic businesses that continue to contribute to Manitoba's communities today. Businesses of all types and sizes are eligible.

The 2008-09 committee was composed of Steve James (Chair), Judith Hudson Beattie and Gordon Goldsborough. The Program was sponsored (\$1,000) for the second year by the University of Manitoba's Asper School of Business.

The year witnessed only one Centennial Business Award presented, but the recipient and the presentation were notable. On Saturday, 5 April 2008, MTS was presented the award as part of its year-long centennial celebrations. The Award was presented at the Asper School of Business' Manitoba Business Adventurers' Banquet. The MBA Banquet was established in 2006 to showcase individuals and companies that have been instrumental in the Province's development. The banquet seeks through sights, sounds and tastes to transport attendees back to earlier times in the Province—the 2008 banquet went back to 1908 and the creation of Manitoba Government Telephones (today's MTS Allstream).

Held at the historic Fort Garry Hotel, the Banquet started with Boston Ginger Punch (from 1896) and Barbershop Quartet music on the Hotel's mezzanine. Following the opening reception, guests, many in period costume, proceeded to the Provencher Ballroom for a gala dinner from a time past—an Edwardian time, an elegant time! The evening's program, with Ragtime music and spirited toasts throughout, unfolded like clockwork: opening with a "Red River Entry" of the head table; punctuated at mid-point by a blustery recount of MTS's beginnings from the Honourable Rodmond Roblin, Premier of Manitoba 1908 (Actor); and concluded with current adventurer thoughts by Mr. Pierre Blouin, CEO of MTS Allstream. Helping in the celebration were the Honourable Vic Toews, Honourable Jim Rondeau, and Councillor Justin Swandel representing all three levels of government. Presented by Judith Hudson Beattie, MTS received the Manitoba Historical Society's Centennial Business Award at the conclusion of the evening.

Building on the 2008 MBA Banquet connection and success, the intent is to remain affiliated with the banquet while securing other prominent ways of showcasing the Centennial Business Award and its future recipients. Currently, a number of Manitoba insurance companies have been identified for upcoming award presentation.

Steve James, Chair

Centennial Farm Awards

Committee members Lee Treilhard, David McDowell, Corinne Tellier, Denise Kolesar and Dale Guy are much appreciated for their help and willingness to take on most of the presentations this year.

The Committee met in May 2008 to distribute the presentations for the year. More than half the families recognized with Centennial Farm plaques in 2008-09 were presented with their plaques at family gatherings by members of the committee.

The following farm families were recognized with plaques in 2008-09:

Area	Recipient(s)	Location	Year(s)
Binscarth	Gary & Jamie Bradshaw	SW 12-19-29 WPM	1908
	Barry & Karen Butler	NW 34-17-26 WPM	1906
Birtle	Ron & Jean Barteaux	S18-16-27 WPM	1907
Bruxelles	Roland & Pamela Devos	NW 5-6-11 WPM	1908
RM of Clanwilliam	Olav & Lula Shellborn	SE 22-17-18 WPM	1898
Carman	Fred & Joyce Van Koughnet	SE 9-6-4 WPM	1908
Dauphin	Beverly (Boles) & Russell Secord	NW 26-25-19 WPM	1908
Deloraine	Philip & Myrna Adams	NW 35-2-23 WPM	1908
Durban	Nicholas Dutchysen	NE 23-34-29 WPM	1904
Elphinstone	Lena (Plewak) Coad, Margaret (Plewak) Sawicki, Mabel (Plewak) Nakonechny	NE 36-18-22 WPM	1900
Erickson	Orville & Lavina Gusdal	NW 18-18-18 WPM	1908
Ethelbert	Dennis & Glenda Medwid	NW 31-28-22 WPM	1908
Fannystelle	Emile & Doreen Arnal	S 34-9-3 N, N 27-9-3 WPM	1907
Fraserwood	Edward Karish, Peter & Lois Karish	NE 23-19-1 EPM	1908
Glenora	Edwin & Edith Lundgren	N22-3-13 WPM	1902
Killarney	Jack & Eleanor Skeoch	NW 13-2-18 WPM	1898
Lac du Bonnet	George & Louise Ylonen	NW5-15-11 EPM	1909
Ladywood	Ernest & Carol Weselak	NE 14-14-7 WPM	1898
La Riviere	Everett & Anne Morrow	SE 28 – 3 – 10 WPM	1908

Marquette	Alvin & Florence Tully	SW 30-13-3 WPM	1904
McCreary	Frederick Scott	SE 23-21-16 WPM	1908
Meleb	Eleanor (Sorokowski) & Ernie Kolsun	SE 33-20-2 EPM	1908
Ochre River	William J. Boles	SW 3-24-17 WPM	1907
Pilot Mound	Ken & Marge Norrie, Karen (Norrie) & Bruce Potter	NW 13-4-11 WPM	1908
Portage la Prairie	Allen & Yvette Cuthbert	SE 13-13-7 ESW13-13-7 WPM	1904
Roblin	Wayne & Betty Wenner	SE 36-25-28 WPM	1908
Roland	Larry & Helen Frith	SW 12-5-4 WPM	1907
St. Alphonse	Maurice & Lillian Delichte and Henry & Meredith Delichte	SW 34-5-12 WPM 1907 and WSE 34-5-12 WPM	1908
St. Eustache	Normand & Linda Picard	WNW 36-11-4 WPM	1908
St. Lupicin	Marcel et Yvette Dufault	n.e. 10-6-8 OMP	1893
	Luc et Marceline Dufault	o.s.e. 10-6-8 OMP	1893
Shoal Lake	Linda (Wood) & Dale Newton	NE 1-17-25 WPM	1908
Starbuck	Neil & Victoria Frantz	SW 2-9-2 WPM	1908
Swan Lake	David & Diane De Roo	SE 35-5-11 WPM	1902
Teulon	Allan & Sophie Eskilson, Clinton & Barbara Eskilson	NW 7-17-1 EPM	1908
Tilston	Lillias Philip	SW 22-4-29 WPM	1899
Vogar	John & Vera Johnson	NW 23-22-10 WPM	1908

Anne MacVicar, Chair

Centennial Organization Awards

Four recipients of Centennial Organization Awards were presented at the MHS Awards Ceremony on 19 April 2009.

In 1907, a group of Manitoba optometrists led by Winnipegger Wellington G. Maybee, recognizing the value in applying consistent and high standards across the profession, formed the Manitoba Optical Association. Two years later, they petitioned the provincial government for official recognition and, on 1 July 1909, the

Manitoba Optometry Act formalized the profession and gave the Association its power as the regulatory body for optometrists in the province. The Manitoba Association of Optometrists is responsible for licensing and granting registration certificates to optometrists and, through the years, it has promoted the adoption of quality and educational standards by its members. A Centennial Organization Award was presented to Ms. Laureen Goodridge, Executive Director of the Association.

The Portage la Prairie Health Auxiliary originated in the late 1880s when a train passenger passing through the city, suffering from an infectious disease requiring emergency medical attention, was removed from the train. A group of compassionate and community-minded women appealed to the rural council, proposing the use of a building that had been intended as a court house but which stood empty, to be made available for the care of the ill passenger. It was further proposed that the building could also be used as a care facility for the community at large. With the endorsement of the council, the building was made available and the women set about collecting the necessary furniture, bedding and other materiel, and thus the first hospital in Portage la Prairie was established. The informal group gained formal recognition as the Portage Ladies Hospital Aid Society when the Portage Hospital was officially opened in 1899. In those early years, the ladies sewed all the hospital linens and supplied patients with blankets, gowns, and slippers. When a School of Nursing was established in 1901, the Portage Hospital Aid sponsored the School by hosting social events and graduations, and provided furnishings for the school residents. Fundraising projects have been, and continue to be, a major function of the group, all aimed at the care and comfort of the patient. In more recent years, the Health Auxiliary has helped the Hospital to acquire equipment that would normally be out of reach financially. In 1960 a cart service was implemented to serve patients on the wards and, in 1976, a gift shop was opened. Since 1967, the Auxiliary has sponsored a bursary to deserving Portage high school students beginning nurse training. In 1969, the organization took on the name Portage Health Auxiliary to synchronize with the provincial organization of Manitoba Health Auxiliaries. A Centennial Organization Award was presented to President Carol Baldaro, Treasurer Valerie Bills, and members Iris Egan, Maisie Moon and Jean Michalenka.

Numerous Scottish immigrants have chosen Manitoba as their homes throughout the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries. In 1871, a group of these Scottish expatriates under President Donald A. Smith (whose business activities are intertwined through the history of Canada, including his involvement in the Riel incident of 1870 and the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the 1880s) formed the Selkirk St. Andrew's Society of Manitoba. It gained formal recognition by the Manitoba Legislature in March 1896 as the St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg. Many of the same people who founded the Manitoba Historical Society in 1879 can be counted among the ranks of the St. Andrews Society. Their names live on today in the names of numerous Winnipeg city streets, such as Smith, Donald, Bannatyne, Taylor, Emslie, and McMicken. The Society's fundamental purpose is to preserve and promote Scottish culture in Manitoba and, secondarily, to promote recognition of the historic contribution of Scots and those of Scottish descent to the building of Manitoba. Among the groups' annual events are the St. Andrew's Day Dinner, a Selkirk Settlers Fall Commemorative, a New Year's Levee, and an annual golf tournament. It provides grants in support of the St.

Andrew's Society Pipe Band and other Scottish cultural and dance groups and pipe bands. Special projects have included the erection of the Fort Douglas Cairn and the Scots Thistle Monument on Waterfront Drive in Winnipeg. A Centennial Organization Award was presented to President Tim Flook.

In 1893, members of the Methodist Church Conference established a Mission at St. Charles, which at that time lay west of the burgeoning city of Winnipeg. The Mission supported church services at St. Charles, Headingley, Rosser, and Sturgeon Creek. By 1906, a new church building was constructed south of Portage Avenue, between present-day Thompson Drive and Woodbridge Road. It opened formally in 1908, named St. James Methodist Church. The church would later be moved to Thompson Drive and enlarged. In 1922, in the first of several disasters to befall the congregation, the church burned to the ground with the regrettable loss of all its records. The church was rebuilt and, by 1930, following the merger of the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregationalist faiths, it became known as Sturgeon Creek United Church. In 1933, the Sturgeon Creek Pastoral Charge was formed, with a single minister responsible for congregations at Sturgeon Creek as well as Charleswood, Headingley, and St. Charles. In 1948, sod was turned for a new church on Thompson Drive and, a year later, a cornerstone was laid and the old church nearby was torn down. Just a year later, the church suffered another major loss, when a sewer backup destroyed all its records. A new sanctuary built in 1963 was destroyed by fire in 1992 but was replaced two years later by a new building. A Centennial Organization Award was presented to Mr. John Junson, long time member and Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Gordon Goldsborough

McWilliams Awards

Five Margaret McWilliams Awards were conferred at the MHS Awards Ceremony on 19 April 2009:

The Importance of Being Monogamous: Marriage and Nation Building in Western Canada in 1915
by Sarah Carter, University of Alberta Press (Scholarly History)

Lord Selkirk: A Life by J. M. Bumsted, University of Manitoba Press (Scholarly History)

A Son of the Fur Trade: The Memoirs of Johnny Grant
by John Francis Grant, edited by Gerhard J. Ens, University of Alberta Press (Popular History)

Pauline Boutal: Destin d'artiste, 1894-1992 by Louise Duguay, Les Éditions de Blé (Local History)

Laurent Desjardins: Un sportif en politique by Bernard Bocquel, Les Éditions du Blé (Local History)

Jurors for the 2008 McWilliams competition were: Jim Richtik (Chair), Barry Bills, Ron Kirbyson, Anne Morton, Philip Wolfart, and Jacqueline Friesen (Staff Resource).

Young Historians Awards

We are pleased to welcome Donna Alexander to the Committee. She taught many of the award winners in the past, and is now Acting Head of Balmoral Hall. She and Cécile Alarie-Skene have provided valued advice on adjustments to the Young Historians program.

In 2007 we changed the Young Historians contest to focus on the students from Grades 10-12, who are not eligible for the Heritage Fairs. The three categories were Research Papers, Family History and Historical Fiction, however with only one entry in the Family History category for the past two years, we are considering dropping it next year. The deadline was 12 May, Manitoba Day.

The judges for the Young Historians and at the Red River Heritage Fair in May 2008 were: Judith Hudson Beattie, Harry Duckworth, Bill Fraser, Gordon Goldsborough, Diane Haglund, Anne Lindsay, Margaret McPherson, Annabelle Mays, Irene Peters, Cathy Phillipson, Janelle Reynolds, Scott Stephen, Mary Steinhoff, Joyce Wawrykow, and Mary Louise Zorniak. Their contributions are gratefully acknowledged.

At the Red River Regional Heritage Fair in May 2008 we gave book prizes and certificates to the best three entries on Manitoba history:

Breanna Mulhall, "Marie Anne Gaboury Lagimodiere" (Grade 11, St. Mary's Academy)

Cady Jessiman, "Time Stands Still at Victoria Beach" (Grade 6, Balmoral Hall)

Alanna Flom, "Les Soeurs Grises" (Grade 6, Balmoral Hall)

The Awards Ceremony for the MHS Young Historians Awards took place on Sunday, 9 November 2008, at Dalnavert. All seven winners received MHS awards (including \$25, memberships and books), the three First Place winners received George M. Bryce awards (\$50, donated by Jim Blanchard), and the best overall, Nicole Askin, received the Shaw award (\$100 donated in memory of the late MHS President, Edward Shaw). Five of the recipients, their families, teachers and special guests attended, along with representatives from MHS, and sponsors of the awards: Dr. T. Kenneth Thorlakson, Irene Shaw and Margaret Shaw MacKinnon. Unfortunately Jim Blanchard was ill and could not attend. Nicole Askin gave a brief presentation on her paper.

Research Papers1st Nicole Askin, "A History of Libraries in Manitoba" (St. John's Ravenscourt, W. Owen) 2nd Chelsea Chimilar, "An Immigrant's Story..." (Balmoral Hall, D. Alexander) 3rd Starry Peng, "The Creation of New Iceland..." (St. John's Ravenscourt, Jeffrey Hull)

Historical Fiction.....1st Erica Siddall, "One Amazing Woman" (Balmoral Hall, D. Alexander) 1st Breanna Mulhall, "One Bead at a Time" (St. Mary's Academy, D. Swirsky) 2nd Jessica Enns, "Death at Dugald" (St. Mary's Academy, J. Beauchamp) 3rd Jennifer Burgess, "Caged Bird" (St. Mary's Academy, D. Swirsky)

This year we were able to judge at three heritage fairs (Red River, St. James and Selkirk) and the results will appear in next year's report

Members of the committee included Cécile Alarie-Skene, Donna Alexander, Wendy Owen, Irene Peters, Janelle Reynolds, Bob Sutton, and Jacqueline Friesen (Staff Resource).

Judith Hudson Beattie, Chair

Douglas Kemp Award

Dr. Gordon Goldsborough was the recipient of the 2008 Douglas Kemp Award, which was presented on Saturday, 17 January 2009, at the Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner.

Gordon joined the Society early in this new century, but the body of work he has undertaken on behalf of the Society and the advancement of historic preservation in Manitoba is equal to that of decades of endeavor. His dedication and passion for the Society are evident in all that he does, and he is always willing to lend a hand to help others achieve their goals.

Gordon has served as a member of Council and as an Executive Officer in the positions of Vice President, President, and Past President. He championed the building of the Dalnavert Visitors Centre, and chaired the Dalnavert Management Committee during construction, a task that would have daunted many.

He redeveloped the fledgling MHS website into a prominent award winning site promoting Manitoba history, and continues to serve as the Society's webmaster. His website projects include the digitization of the Society's publications dating back to 1879, and the current Manitoba Biographies project. Gordon is also very active with the Society's *Manitoba History* journal, and serves as Gazette and Photo Editor, and delivers the magazines for sale in bookstores throughout communities in Manitoba.

He is a faculty member of the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Manitoba, and is the Director of its Delta Marsh Field Station near Portage la Prairie. He serves on various water conservation committees, including the Chair of the Lake Manitoba Stewardship Board, and a member of the Manitoba Water Council and the International Red River Board.

Gordon, in addition to authoring many articles on history and science, is the author of *With One Voice, a History of Municipal Governance in Manitoba*. The book is a volunteer effort undertaken on behalf of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities. Proceeds from the sale of the popular book were donated to the MHS in Gordon's honour by the AMM.

In addition to his volunteer duties as our webmaster and journal editor, Gordon continues to serve on Council, and as a member of the Dalnavert Museum Management Committee.

The Society congratulates Gordon for this well deserved award, and also wishes to also extend our gratitude for his outstanding, exemplary efforts made on behalf of the Society and historic preservation in Manitoba.

Jacqueline Friesen, MHS Manager

Program Committee

Our 2008 Multicultural dinner was held on 1 April at the Rady Jewish Centre with speaker Allan Levine.

In partnership with the Historic Preservation Committee and Ross House Museum, there were three walking tours of North Point Douglas in May, June and September.

On 25 October, there was a tour of Jim's Garages in Headingley which displays a large collection of items from the early days of service stations in Manitoba.

On 28 January, we were treated to a luncheon by special invitation from the Masonic Order and an opportunity to view a sampling of artifacts from their extensive collections.

Our 2009 Multicultural dinner was held on 24 March at Polish Combatants Association with guest speaker Magda Blackmore.

Committee members are Alan Crossin, Wade Cudmore, Tom Ford, Dan Furlan, Carl James, John Selwood, Joyce Wawrykow, and Jacqueline Friesen (Staff Resource); multicultural dinners were organized by Patricia Forsythe.

Carl James, Chair

History Book Club

This is the fourth 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. Meetings begin with a half-hour introduction by the presenter followed by general discussion.

15 SeptemberMarjorie Anderson, editor of *Blessed: Portrait of Asdis Sigrun Anderson*

20 Septembera special tour of Point Douglas, led by John Gunn and Carl James.

17 NovemberJudith Hudson Beattie & Helen M. Buss, *Undelivered Letters...*, (2003) led by Judy Valenzuela

- 1 December.....Bob Coutts on his book *Voices from Hudson Bay: Cree Stories from York Factory*, edited by Flora Beardy & Robert Coutts (McGill-Queens, 1996, 2007)
- 25 JanuaryReinhold Kramer, *Mordecai Richler: Leaving St Urbain* (2008) led by Marg Kentner
- 16 FebruaryRichard Gwyn, *John A: The Man Who Made Us* (2007) led by Shirlee Anne Smith
- 9 MarchCarolyn Podruchny, *Making the Voyageur World: Travelers and Traders in the North American Fur Trade* (2006) led by Cathy Phillipson
- 27 April.....H. S. Ferns, *Reading from Left to Right* (c1983); S. J. & H. S. Ferns, *Eighty-Five Years in Canada* (c1978) led by Jim Alward
- 11 May.....Potluck, book selection for next year

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 Judy Beattie/Valenzuela (204-475-6666, 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 Society's 44th Annual Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner was held on 17 January 2009, at the historic Fort Garry Hotel, with Jim Ingebrigtsen, well known local personality, as Master of Ceremony.

We were honoured to have as our guest speaker Mr. Alan Latourelle, Head of Parks Canada, under whose jurisdiction lies all of the historic parks, sites and monuments in Canada. Mr. Latourelle has introduced such initiatives as the Canadian Register of Historic Places, the Standards and Guidelines for Historic Places in Canada, and the Commercial Heritage Properties Incentive Fund.

The evening included the very popular "Manitoba History Quiz" prepared by Drs. Goldsborough and Bumsted, and presented with much humor by Jim Ingebrigtsen. Guests competed good-naturedly for book prizes amid much laughter.

Dr. Harry Duckworth presented the 2008 Kemp Award to Dr. Gordon Goldsborough.

The evening concluded with a silent auction, organized by Carl James and Jacqueline Friesen.

The Society gratefully acknowledges and thanks the following donors to the silent auction: Judith Hudson Beattie, Centre for Rupert's Land Studies, Harry Duckworth, Ivan Eyre, Gordon Goldsborough, Carl James and Sandra Mott James, Lawton Partners, Jock Lehr, Manitoba Chamber Orchestra, Ross & Kris Metcalfe, MHS Dalnavert Museum & Visitor Centre, Bill Neville, Partners in the Park Pavilion Gallery, Prairie

Theatre Exchange, Mrs. Josef Randa, Doreen Stephenson, Joyce Wawrykow, Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg Blue Bombers, Winnipeg Folk Festival, and Whodunit Bookstore.

Thank you to all of our supporters who attended the dinner.

Dinner organizers were Jack Bumsted (chair), Owen Clark, Jacqueline Friesen, Gordon Goldsborough, and Carl James.

Jacqueline Friesen, MHS Manager

Winnipeg Historic Buildings Committee Representation

Tim Worth and Ashleigh Drewett-Laird continue to serve as MHS representatives on the City of Winnipeg Historical Buildings Committee. Ms. Drewett-Laird is the non-voting alternate member. Over the past year the Committee met ten times to discuss a wide range of issues.

By far the largest amount of its time and activity is directed at monitoring Winnipeg's built heritage that is represented in the City of Winnipeg's building Inventory and Conservation Lists. However, each committee member has the opportunity to sit on subcommittees struck to examine particular issues of concern. During 2008-2009 subcommittee work involved:

- A subcommittee that was struck the previous year, to examine the ways and means of coordinating archaeological investigations within the City of Winnipeg, submitted its final report to the Committee. The report outlined steps that could be taken that would avoid miscommunication between the City of Winnipeg and the Historic Resources Branch of the Province of Manitoba.
- As well I was involved in initial investigations into the creation of a Green Buildings Strategy as it might apply to Winnipeg's built heritage. Due to the complexity of applying such a strategy to old buildings it is not an issue that is moving ahead with any great haste.
- Another subcommittee that I am involved in is looking at Winnipeg's Vacant and Derelict Buildings Bylaw as it might apply to structures that fall under its purview. This subcommittee has met for introductory discussions only. The work of this subcommittee will continue to evolve during the course of the coming year.

One of the highlights for the year revolved around another old house in downtown Winnipeg, 88 Adelaide Street—Kelly House. Faced with an intent to demolish the house, the Historic Buildings Committee saw no reason to alter its original evaluation of the structure, urging for its preservation. In the end the matter a positive resolution came about, the house was saved and through a joint party agreement funds will see it resurrected as the future home of Heritage Winnipeg.

When the committee came into existence in 1977 the actions of the committee were governed by the City of Winnipeg Historic Buildings Bylaw. Although it has served the Committee well society and the City have changed but the bylaw has not. Although it is a well known fact that changes to the Historic Buildings Bylaw are in the works any proposed changes have yet to be revealed to the public, but the process of monitoring Winnipeg's valuable built heritage goes on.

Tim Worth

Web site

My main focus of the past year has been to expand the Manitoba Biographies area of the web site (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people). Criteria for inclusion in the collection have been that: 1) with few exceptions, the subject is deceased, 2) the person is noteworthy for having made significant contributions to Manitoba life, or had some impact (positive or negative) on Manitobans, and 3) in most cases, the person resided in Manitoba for a portion of his/her life. Through research by MHS volunteers and paid work by students supported by grants, the collection now comprises about 5,100 biographies—increased from 3,750 at this time last year. Last May, I hired two students using a \$8,000 grant from the provincial Heritage Grants Program: Angela Graham in Brandon and Kris Keen in Winnipeg. Angela expanded the biographies collection in the area of women and western Manitobans. Kris targeted ethnic minorities. By the conclusion of the project, they added over 200 biographies to the collection.

Meanwhile, I created entries for those profiled in the 1906 book *A History of Manitoba: Its Resources and People* and I prepared a gallery on municipal officials as a complement to my recent book on the municipal history of Manitoba (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/amm.shtml). Galleries of the MLAs associated with each provincial Legislative Session are also in preparation (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/legislative.shtml). With assistance of the Lieutenant-Governor's office, all inductees into the Manitoba Order of the Buffalo Hunt were tabulated (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/orderofbuffalohunt.shtml). Lists of founding members and executive of some prominent clubs and organizations (Canadian Club of Winnipeg, Carleton Club, Law Society of Manitoba, Manitoba Club, St. Andrews Society of Winnipeg, St. Charles Country Club, Scientific Club of Winnipeg, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg Grain Exchange) were compiled. Another Heritage Grants application to carry on the Manitoba Biographies project, submitted in early 2009, was successful. Kris Keen will be employed again this summer to expand the biographies collection further, focusing on ethnic minorities which are underrepresented in it.

Other especially noteworthy additions to the MHS web site over the past year:

- Chris Dooley and Gerald Friesen from the University of Manitoba generously donated the files for their TimeLinks web site, developed in the late 1990s as a teaching resource for high school students, and focusing on the decade from 1910 to 1920. The collection contains, among other things, some 2,000

historical photographs, mostly from the Archives of Manitoba. At present, the TimeLinks files are only partially integrated into the MHS main site but work will continue so these pages will eventually have the same “look and feel” as other pages on the site. (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/timelinks)

- Winnipeggers Reid Dickie and Linda Tooley continued their annual tradition of highlighting interesting heritage themes during the winter holiday season, one each day leading up to Christmas. This year, their “School Holidays” feature profiled twelve schools from Reid’s as-yet unpublished book *This Old School: 41 Historic Winnipeg Schools*. They included: Luxton School, École Provencher, Isbister School / Winnipeg Adult Education Centre, Laura Secord School, La Verendrye School, Linwood School, three now-demolished schools (Alexandra School, St. Mary’s School, Winnipeg Collegiate Institute), Winnipeg Technical Vocational High School, Somerset School, Assiniboine School, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute, and Earl Grey School. (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/schoolholidays)
- A directory of National Historic Designations in Manitoba, prepared by Blair Philpott of Parks Canada, is being converted into a format compatible with our web site. When completed, it will provide information on the sites, people, and events which have been nationally designated within Manitoba. (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/nationalhistoric)

The ability to search the MHS web site for information is provided by customized versions of the Google search engine. On an average day between May 2008 and April 2009, there were 209 searches of the entire site, of which one tenth were of the biographies collection. Over this twelve-month period, our site received 2,416 pageviews per day, or about 870,000 in total. (One pageview occurs when one web page is loaded by a browser.) The five most popular pages were the home page (www.mhs.mb.ca; 2.96% of pageviews), the biographies (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people; 1.64%), the Winnipeg 1911 census page (www.mhs.mb.ca/data/census/1911/winnipeg; 1.46%), the Dalnavert Museum information page (www.mhs.mb.ca/info/museums/dalnavert; 1.06%) and the Winnipeg street name history page (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/winnipegstreets; 0.93%).

A condition of the Heritage Grant received last year was that we were required to provide seven volunteers to work at each of two bingos at the McPhillips Street Casino. I am grateful to those who pitched in with me: Judy Beattie, Jim Blanchard, Len Goldsborough, Sheila Grover, Carl James, John Lehr, Ross Metcalfe, Victor Sawelo, Carol Scott, Bob Sutton, Evelyn Sutton, and Joyce Wawrykow. Thank you all!

Gordon Goldsborough, Webmaster

Manitoba History

Three issues of *Manitoba History* were published during the past year: June 2008 (No. 58), October 2008 (No. 59), and Spring 2009 (No. 60). Articles in these issues are listed on the MHS web site at these addresses: www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb_history/58, www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb_history/59, and www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb_history/60, respectively. Articles planned for upcoming issues are generally listed at www.mhs.mb.ca/info/pubs/mb_history/upcoming.shtml.

Number 60 featured the special theme of labour history. Organized by Nolan Reilly of the University of Winnipeg, its articles ranged from little-known historical events such as the 1906 Winnipeg streetcar strike, to contracts negotiated between the Hudson's Bay Company and its early fur-trading employees, some memories of childhood in the vicinity of the Ukrainian Labour Temple in north Winnipeg, and a production diary by Winnipegger Danny Schur on his musical play *Strike!* based on the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike.

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

In September 2008, Gordon Goldsborough represented the MHS at the Northern Great Plains History Conference in Brandon. A special panel discussion convened by MHS Secretary Francis Carroll brought him together with the editors of *Minnesota History*, *North Dakota History*, and *South Dakota History*. They discussed common challenges and had some interesting conversations. It should be noted that our American counterparts, all of whom hold paid positions in their respective historical societies—which in turn are affiliated with state governments—were astounded that our journal is compiled entirely by volunteers.

The editorial staff during the past year consisted of Robert Coutts as Editor-in-Chief, Nolan Reilly as Associate Editor, and Gordon Goldsborough as Gazette and Photo Editor. Book reviews are now being coordinated by Frieda Klippenstein. Salix Consulting does the page layout of each issue, and printing is done by Shaw Printing.

We acknowledge the help of the following people in acquiring information, images and other materials for issues published last year: Louise Ayotte (Manitoba Legislative Library), Shirley Bergen, Roland Bohr (University of Winnipeg), Sharon Foley (Archives of Manitoba), Phyllis Fraser (Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba), Christy Henry (Brandon University), Irvine Hildebrand, James Kostuchuk (Portage Collegiate), Chris Kotecki (Archives of Manitoba), Tom Mitchell (Brandon University), Blair Philpott (Parks Canada), Alf Redekopp (Mennonite Heritage Centre), and Lily Stearns (Association of United Ukrainian Canadians / Workers Benevolent Association Archives). The photographs used in last year's issues came from a variety of archival sources, including Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the Archives of Manitoba,

Archives nationales de France, Association of United Ukrainian Canadians / Workers Benevolent Association Archives, the Glenbow Archives, the Hudson's Bay Company Archives, the Mennonite Heritage Centre Archives, Parks Canada, Portage Collegiate Archives, and the University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections. Finally, we thank the many authors who contributed their papers to *Manitoba History*, without whom we could not produce this great journal.

Robert Coutts, Editor-in-Chief

Dalnavert Museum

Over the past year, Dalnavert Museum continued to be a popular destination for tourists and locals alike. In addition to providing guided tours for 3,000+ guests, we hosted events ranging from birthday parties to business meetings, Christmas parties, bridal showers and complete wedding packages (ceremony, reception and photos).

To be specific, our bookings included: 34 business meetings, 22 birthday parties, 10 private functions (Christmas parties, evening receptions, an engagement party, a Sweet 16 and a First Communion celebration), five weddings, four bridal showers, and thirteen wedding photo sessions. We had three coach tours, six group tours and 22 educational tours (school visits, English as a Second Language groups and one university class).

The gift shop remained a key source of revenue and our November and December sales were slightly higher than last year. However, due to the economic downturn, overall revenues were down \$3,000 from 2007/2008. Hopefully, consumer confidence will return and sales will pick up in the coming year.

The Museum's roster of special events included a workshop presentation of a new play by Anne Nesbitt. This original piece, titled *Grey Owl, Pilgrim of the Wild*, was "read" on 13 April. Our Spring Tea, on 26 April, featured a tea tasting by Bob Krul from Cornelia Bean.

We partnered with the Shadows of Manitoba Paranormal Group for ghost hunts the evenings of 28 June and 25 October. (These events are a hit with guests, whether spirits make an appearance or not.)

A number of first-time visitors were among the 40 guests who attended a harpsichord concert of baroque music by Carol Piller on 26 October.

The Heritage Needle Arts Fair on 22 November signaled the beginning of our hectic Christmas season. We had group tours, rental bookings, special events and school visits virtually every day for the next month. On a number of occasions, we had two events scheduled on the same day.

A 7 December reading of a new book titled *Rainbow Heidi's Gingerbread House* was attended by eighteen children and an equal number of adults!

Our Dickens' readings by Richard Hurst were, as always, the biggest event in the Dalnavert calendar—in terms of attendance and revenues. We had sold-out audiences for the six shows held between 16 and 22 December. A charming Dickens' Village, generously donated in memory of "Les" Lobban, was the perfect complement to our 20th annual presentation of *A Christmas Carol*. We were only able to utilize a fraction of the pieces from Mr. Lobban's extensive collection and focused on those most pertinent to the story of Scrooge and Tiny Tim. Displaying the Dickens' Village each year will become one of our Christmas traditions.

Other exhibits mounted in our Visitors Centre auditorium (by volunteers Jane Fudge, Mary Steinhoff and Virginia Lockett) were themed around costume accessories, wedding etiquette and the Margaret Scott Mission.

Our talented garden volunteers, lead by Karen Jones, kept Dalnavert's flowerbeds in bloom from spring until fall. Beautiful yellow daffodils were a feast for the eyes after a long winter and cuttings of fresh and dried summer flowers decorated the Museum and Visitors' Centre throughout the season. A \$600 capital grant from the City was used to purchase heritage seeds, plants, garden tools and period-appropriate hanging baskets for the porch.

A dedicated group of "core" volunteers—supplemented by university students and recent graduates—assisted with day-to-day activities like tours, reception duties and gift shop sales, and we extend sincere thanks to all of them. Museum staff, summer students and weekend helpers were all essential to our operations, too. Marg Kentner provided expertise in gift shop display and purchasing, while Victor Sawelo lent a hand (literally) with repairs and maintenance.

Seasonal, part-time staff included Grace Kapkey (April - July), Simon Brigham (April - August), Joyce Dewar (September - February) and Kris Keen (November - April). Conrad Sweatman worked weekends from September to January, and Sara Min replaced him during February and March. Our summer staff was comprised of April Peel and Ben Rew (Interpreters/Visitor Service Clerks) and Lynnette Van Bruggen (Interpreter/Program Assistant). Their wages were offset by the Young Canada Works Program and a one-time summer student grant from the City of Winnipeg Museums' Board. An Urban Green Team Grant allowed us to hire Victoria Markstrom as a grounds maintenance worker for a six-week term.

Linda Neyedly, Museum Director

Ross House Museum

Ross House museum is one of the few remaining architectural examples of Red River frame dwelling and the only remaining physical evidence of the prominent Ross family. Ross House served as the first post office in Western Canada. In 1949, the MHS save it from demolition, and after several relocations, operated the museum seasonally for 30 years. In 1984, under the Agreement for Recreation and Conservation along the

Red River Corridor (ARC) the museum was moved to its present location in Joe Zuken Park, and ownership was transferred to the City of Winnipeg.

Since that time the Society has been operating Ross House Museum for the City on a contractual basis, under the terms of a formal joint operating agreement. A change to the City of Winnipeg's management of their cultural resources has led to changes in funding mechanisms to city museums, including Ross House Museum. The Society is now required make an application for funding each year to City of Winnipeg Museums Board. The same application is made by our Dalnavert Museum as well as other museums directly or indirectly funded by the City, such as the Manitoba Museum. The Society was advised that the city is also reviewing all museum agreements and leases in the near future.

In addition to the funding received by the City, the MHS makes application for and receives federal and provincial student employment grants. The City continues to maintain the physical structure and grounds, and the Society is responsible for museum programming, maintenance of the collection, and light housekeeping duties.

The museum is open seasonally for three months each year, and no entrance fees are charged. A walking tour of historic Point Douglas, developed by the MHS Historic Preservation Committee, is offered by appointment only.

In addition to its museum role, Ross House has become fully integrated into the Point Douglas Community. The MHS feels that it is important that the museum be a welcoming community resource and serve as a meeting place for the community, much as it did when the residents of the Red River Settlement passed through its doors to pick up their mail.

The season began with a number of unique and original programs for 2008. Ross House partnered with the Point Douglas Residents Association and other community organizations to provide a variety of programming for residents and visitors. This brought greater public attention to the museum.

On 3 May, Ross House staff and the Point Douglas community participated in Jane's Walk, an annual tribute the late urban advocate, Jane Jacobs. MHS Program Committee Chair, Carl James, led a historical walking tour of the Point Douglas neighborhood. The Ross House Manager attended the Point Douglas Residents Committee annual general meeting, later the same day, with a promotional display on MHS and Ross House programs.

On 10 May, the Ross House Museum was the community hub for the bi-annual North Side Pride Clean-Up hosted by community residents. Tree bands from last fall's project were removed throughout Point Douglas.

For the first time, the Ross House Museum participated in the 'Open Doors' program, presented by Heritage Winnipeg, on Saturday, 24 May. One hundred and sixty-eight guests visited the museum during the event.

An initiative of the Point Douglas Residents Committee, called Summer Fest, was held on the museum grounds in partnership with the museum staff. The objective was to bring together people who may live in the neighborhood, but have not ventured past familiar surroundings.

Summer Fest provided a celebration of music, dance, cultural experiences, and activities for youth, focusing on healthy lifestyles themes. Summer Fest began on Sunday, 18 May with a live broadcast on CBC Radio and was recorded for rebroadcast on *Shaken Not Stirred* and *Canada Live*, featuring James Callaghan, Tracy Bone and J. C. Campbell. Other Saturday programs included *World Environment Day*, *Aboriginal Day*, *Our Hero's*; *Salute Police, Fire& Rescue*, as well as a Frontier College reading tent, displays, info booths, a live chess game, and sport activities. The Festival concluded on 16 August with a potato and corn roast, and another CBC broadcast of musical talent; Don Amero (aboriginal singer/songwriter), Dominique Reynolds (French and English singer and pianist), Coffieman (West African Percussionist).

Over the summer, the festival drew 800 additional visitors to the museum and grounds.

Other programs included visits by the Age and Opportunity Association, who also enjoyed a walking tour, and a visit from a teacher and class from Wellington School.

The annual Canada Day Event was attended by 121 guests, primarily community residents. Bannock, cake, fruit, beverages, and a slice of Gunn's Canada Day Cake were served.

The total visits to the museum was up slightly to 854, not counting the site events and walking tours.

Maintenance this year included the replacing of the lean cover on the Winnipeg 1884 Panel which was damaged by vandalism, and installation of rodent barriers. A new boardwalk was added with funds generously provided by the North End Revitalization Corporation.

The garden program continues to be managed by the North Point Douglas Women's Center, with planting by the grade 3 and 4 class of Norquay School. The garden was subject to vandalism but some of the produce was able to be harvested and enjoyed by the residents.

The MHS applied to the Community Places Fund, the City of Winnipeg, and the North End Revitalization Committee on behalf of the Residents Committee for a garden shed to store gardening and other equipment used by the committee and museum. The project has the support of the area's councilor, Harry Lazarenko.

Staff this year included twin brothers of Daniel and Todd Schulz as guides and house caretakers, under the supervision of Ross House Manager Victor Sawelo.

The Ross House Museum Management Committee is Dr. Simon Lucy (Chair), Bill Fraser, Don Fraser, Point Douglas Residents Committee President Sel Burrows, North Point Douglas Women's Centre Director Elaine Bishop, Barry Hammond, garden volunteer, The Point Community News Editor, Mary Mathias,

Norquay School Principal, Cathy Smith, and the Point Douglas Community Summer Fest Co-coordinator, Liz Madden.

Victor Sawelo, Ross House Manager
Jacqueline Friesen, MHS Manager

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

There were no donations to the fund and no monies were transferred to The Winnipeg Foundation. Income received from the Foundation totaled \$42,694. Dalnavert Museum was paid the amount they had requested (\$40,000) for operating expenses.

Total assets as of 31 March 2009 were: \$721,855 on deposit with The Winnipeg Foundation, \$36,824 cash in bank and \$7,648 in accrued income for a total balance of \$766,327.

As the funds on deposit with The Winnipeg Foundation are now recorded at "fair value", i.e., the bid price value of the investments, declines in financial markets have resulted in a reduction in the value of our fund. On 31 March 2008 the amount on deposit at fair value was \$900,346, cash in bank was \$20,035 and accrued interest was \$7,513 for a total of \$927,894. To date, however, the total value remains well above the amount contributed, \$625,834.

Despite the drop in our fund's value there has as yet been no reduction in the quarterly income payments received from The Winnipeg Foundation. We have, however, been notified that that there will be a gradual decline in our income over the next few years. As markets improve we expect to see a gradual reversal of this situation. We do not anticipate a major impact on our ability to provide adequate funding for Dalnavert.

Due to the current economic climate The Winnipeg Foundation requested an increase in its annual administrative and investment management fee, to which we agreed. In 2009 the rate will be 0.72% of opening market value (1 October 2008). This represents a substantial increase from our previous rate, calculated at 5% of annual income, but we still consider it to be reasonable.

Donations & Contributions

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

MHS General OperationsManitoba Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport, Abe & Bertha Arnold, Paula Achemichuk, C. James Alward, Janet Arnett, Leonard Bateman, Doug Belcher, Arthur Blankstein, Carol Budnick, Dennis Butcher, Garry Brickman, A. Barry Campbell, Jean G. Campbell, Doris Christjanson, Lorraine Cook, Wilfred & Diane DeGraves, Bruce Donaldson, Harry and Mary Lynn Duckworth, Friesens Corporation, Jacqueline & G. Roy Friesen, Gerald Friesen, Lee Gibson, Joan Goldsborough, Mavis Gray, M. Mildred Hallama, Norman G. Harvey, Carol Holm, Carl James, Gwyneth Jones, Els Kavanagh, Audrey M. Kerr, Carol Latter, Victoria Lehman, Sam Loshiavo, Jenny & Joe Lowry, David Lyttle, Catherine Macdonald, Keith Maitland, Rosemary and David Malaher, Jane Maksymiuk, Ruth May, David & Linda McDowell, Robert McIntyre, Brian J. McKenzie, Margaret Morse, Rose Podruski, Lawrie & Fran Pollard, Beth M. Proven, Laird Rankin, Susan Rosenberg, Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Skene, Robert and Evelyn Sutton, Emily Stamp, Janet Stevenson, Lily Stearns, Walter and Margaret Swayze, Wawanesa Insurance, Edith R. Young

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Sir J. A. Macdonald Dinner.....Judith Hudson Beattie, Centre for Rupert's Land Studies, Dalnavert Gift Shop, Ross & Kris Metcalfe, Harry Duckworth, Ivan Eyre, Gordon Goldsborough, Carl James & Sandra Mott James, Lawton Partners, Jock Lehr, Manitoba Chamber Orchestra, Bill Neville, Prairie Theatre Exchange, Partners in the Park Pavilion Gallery, Doreen Stephenson, Bob & Evelyn Sutton, Joyce Wawrykow, Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg Blue Bombers Football Club, Winnipeg Folk Festival, Whodunit Bookstore

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 Corporation

Treasurer's Report

This year, due to the financial meltdown, our investments decreased by approximately 17%. A significant but not unmanageable amount.

Looking at the operating fund of the Society, this year we received the remainder of Mrs. Bente Cummings' bequest; in all it was \$87,523.00, a most generous gift.

Membership dues increased by more than 50%. We have eliminated the subscription fee, having only membership fees. The Membership Committee is working on a membership development and retention plan.

We now report revenue and expense of our projects in our operations and changes in fund balances. Ross House had a profit of \$4,243.00. Last year, there was a deficit of \$2,540.00. *Manitoba History* had a deficit of \$9,159.00. The Executive Committee is reviewing the cost of the publication, looking at ways of reducing the cost. This will affect our bottom line. The Sir John A. Macdonald dinner had an increased profit this year compared to last year, when tickets were at cost with no fundraising content. However, the profit was not as large as earlier years, fundraising dinners can produce huge profits for organizations, but we have not been able to do so. This may be something we will have to work on.

Dalnavert has seen a decrease in merchandise sales by 20% but rentals are up by 36%. Total revenue for Dalnavert, was almost the same as last year. This can also be said for the Society. If you remove the bequest from this year and last year, the total revenue was also the same.

On the expense side, audit and accounting fees, of which the figure also includes legal and other related expenses, were down by \$5588.00, due one time legal fees for Deloitte Touche for Dalnavert's property tax appeal, as well as a one-time fee to Hoffer, Wilkinson and Associates - Real Estate Appraisers and Consultants, for current appraisal which was carried out as per the request of the insurance carrier.

Insurance for Dalnavert has increased while property taxes decreased, last year it was noted that there was a refund in the insurance expenditure, which caused the decrease. There has also been a change in the insurance this year, which may be reflected, in next year's statement.

Office expenses decreased significantly this year for the Society, the Society's total expenses were less than last year's by \$11,000.00.

Dalnavert's total expenses were also down by \$5,000.00 the trend is in the right direction.

The Society adopted the new requirement of the C.I.C.A section 3031, for the 31 March 2009 year-end. This section provides additional guidance in the measurement and disclosure of inventories. The revised standard requires that inventories held by not-for-profit entities, including inventories held for distribution at no charge or nominal charge, be presented at the lower of cost and net realizable value or replacement value. This resulted in a valuation of Dalnavert's inventory of \$37,489.00, which is recorded in the opening net assets in the Statement of Financial Position and also in the changes in fund balances.

Gwyneth Jones, Treasurer

Cover Photos

Photographs on the cover of this Annual Report illustrate some of the Society's activities during the past year. Clockwise from upper, left corner: Judith Hudson Beattie, along with Dean Glenn Feltham of the Asper School of Business (left), presented an MHS Centennial Business Award to Pierre Blouin, CEO of MTS Allstream (right); a display in the Dalnavert Visitors Centre was prepared by volunteer Jane Fudge; Carl James lead one of several walking tours of the historic Point Douglas neighbourhood of Winnipeg; Alan Latourelle, Head of Parks Canada (left) joined the Honourable John Harvard, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba and MHS Patron, at the 2009 Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner; Ross House Museum was open for tours through the summer and hosted numerous community gatherings; members of the St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg in full regalia received an MHS Centennial Organization Award from MHS President Harry Duckworth; members of the Manitoba Living History Society were on hand for the launch of MHS Past President Jack Bumsted's latest book, a biography of Lord Selkirk; Luxton School in Winnipeg was one of fourteen grand old schools featured on the MHS web site during the holiday season; covers of *Manitoba History* featured the 125th anniversary of Manitoba's Government House, the history of automobile insurance, and a musical based on the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike; the Dalnavert Museum and Visitors Centre welcomed guests throughout the year.

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Manitoba Historical Society:

We have audited the statement of financial position of **Manitoba Historical Society** as at March 31, 2009, 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, 2009, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

M Group LLP

Chartered Accountants

MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Operating Fund	MHS Heritage Fund	Dr. E. Shaw Fund	Dr. Paul Thorklason Fund	Dalnavert Special Projects Fund	Historic Building Fund	Dalnavert Historic Site Fund	Dalnavert Visitor's Centre Fund	Margaret McWilliams Fund	Documentary History Fund	Centennial Memorial Fund	Planned Giving Fund	Total 2009	March 31 Total 2008
Current assets:														
Cash	\$ 52,046	\$ 36,824	\$ 968	\$ 1,174	\$ 118	\$ 1,855	\$ -	\$ 113,641	\$ 987	\$ -	\$ 1,788	\$ 16,846	\$ 226,247	\$ 206,453
Investments (Note 3)	75,262	-	4,060	3,045	-	6,090	-	-	6,090	-	29,222	-	123,769	123,192
Accounts receivable	9,854	-	-	-	-	-	-	789	-	-	-	-	10,643	15,447
Inventory (Note 4)	37,490	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,490	1
Prepaid expenses	640	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	640	633
	<u>175,292</u>	<u>36,824</u>	<u>5,028</u>	<u>4,219</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>7,945</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>114,430</u>	<u>7,077</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,010</u>	<u>16,846</u>	<u>398,789</u>	<u>345,726</u>
Due from Operating Fund	-	-	-	215	10,907	-	-	-	-	7,760	-	-	18,882	19,047
Due from Dr. E. Shaw Fund	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	-
Investments (Note 3)	-	729,505	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	729,505	907,859
Dalnavert Historic Site	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,264,736	-	-	-	-	-	2,264,736	2,264,736
	<u>\$ 175,492</u>	<u>\$ 766,329</u>	<u>\$ 5,028</u>	<u>\$ 4,434</u>	<u>\$ 11,025</u>	<u>\$ 7,945</u>	<u>\$ 2,264,736</u>	<u>\$ 114,430</u>	<u>\$ 7,077</u>	<u>\$ 7,760</u>	<u>\$ 31,010</u>	<u>\$ 16,846</u>	<u>\$ 3,412,112</u>	<u>\$ 3,537,368</u>
Current liabilities:														
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 18,736	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,736	\$ 21,657
Deferred contributions	2,449	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,449	2,753
	<u>21,185</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,185</u>	<u>24,410</u>
Due to Dalnavert Special projects	10,907	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,907	10,887
Due to Operating Fund	-	-	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	100
Due to Documentary History Fund	7,660	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,660	7,760
Due to Dr. Thorklason Fund	215	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	215	400
	<u>39,966</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,166</u>	<u>43,557</u>
Fund balances:														
Invested in Dalnavert Historic Site	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,264,736	-	-	-	-	-	2,264,736	2,264,736
Externally restricted	-	766,329	4,828	4,434	-	-	-	114,430	7,077	-	31,010	-	928,108	1,088,708
Internally restricted	-	-	-	-	11,025	7,945	-	-	-	7,760	-	16,846	43,576	43,412
Unrestricted- General	94,833	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	94,833	90,653
Dalnavert	40,693	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,693	6,302
	<u>135,526</u>	<u>766,329</u>	<u>4,828</u>	<u>4,434</u>	<u>11,025</u>	<u>7,945</u>	<u>2,264,736</u>	<u>114,430</u>	<u>7,077</u>	<u>7,760</u>	<u>31,010</u>	<u>16,846</u>	<u>3,371,946</u>	<u>3,493,811</u>
	<u>\$ 175,492</u>	<u>\$ 766,329</u>	<u>\$ 5,028</u>	<u>\$ 4,434</u>	<u>\$ 11,025</u>	<u>\$ 7,945</u>	<u>\$ 2,264,736</u>	<u>\$ 114,430</u>	<u>\$ 7,077</u>	<u>\$ 7,760</u>	<u>\$ 31,010</u>	<u>\$ 16,846</u>	<u>\$ 3,412,112</u>	<u>\$ 3,537,368</u>

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: _____ DIRECTOR _____

MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

	Year ended March 31, 2009																	
	Operating Fund (Schedule 1)						Restricted Funds						Endowment Funds					
			2009				2009				2009		2009					
	2009	2008	MHS	Dr. E.	Dr. Paul H.T.	Dalnavert	Historic	Dalnavert	Dalnavert	Documentary	Planned	2009	2008	Margaret	Centennial	2009	2008	
	Total	Total	Heritage	Shaw	Thorlakson	Special	Building Fund	Historic Site	Visitor's Centre	History Fund	Giving	Total	Total	McWilliams	Memorial	Total	Total	
Revenue:																		
Grants (Note 5)	\$ 46,181	\$ 47,626	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Donations	59,186	58,953	-	245	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	245	10,960	-	-	-	-	-
Bequests	9,523	78,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Memberships	13,008	8,334	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of publications	-	623	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Realized investment income	1,294	852	49,280	83	62	-	121	-	1,016	-	63	50,625	37,589	123	733	856	875	
Admissions	9,145	9,188	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Merchandise sales	15,355	19,062	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising and sundry	-	2,571	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Programs	8,197	9,347	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Projects (Note 6)	69,622	65,707	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Management fee	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rentals	14,851	9,375	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	75	1,392	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	249,437	314,030	49,280	83	307	-	121	-	1,016	-	63	50,870	48,549	123	733	856	875	
Expenses:																		
Auditing and accounting	5,761	11,349	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consulting	502	1,596	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	300	1,965	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and bank charges	2,809	2,606	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	31	-	-	20	-	-
Fundraising	127	1,823	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Good and Services Tax	-	1,623	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	13,101	9,450	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Merchandise purchases	10,772	11,098	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	314	130	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,059	-	-	-	-	-
Newsletter, printing and postage	5,921	5,501	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office	7,323	10,953	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Projects (Note 6)	73,340	73,011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Promotion	8,642	10,254	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property taxes (museum)	14,047	16,813	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Publicity and programs	3,908	6,086	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rent	-	1,776	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	13,562	12,326	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaries and employee benefits	103,539	99,958	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Security	744	845	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone and utilities	24,920	26,594	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	289,632	305,757	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	13,080	-	20	-	-	-
	(40,195)	8,273	49,280	83	307	-	121	-	1,016	-	43	50,870	35,459	123	713	836	875	
	-	-	(170,845)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(170,845)	(65,427)	-	-	-	-	
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expense from operations																		
Unrealized investment income/(loss)																		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expense for the year	(40,195)	8,273	(121,565)	83	307	-	121	-	1,016	-	43	(119,995)	(29,968)	123	713	836	875	
Fund balances, beginning of year	96,955	47,956	927,894	4,845	4,312	11,025	7,824	2,264,736	113,414	7,760	16,803	3,358,613	3,081,119	6,954	31,289	38,243	38,094	
Transitional adjustment (Notes 3 and 4)	37,489	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	347,462	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund transfers (Schedule 3)	41,277	40,726	(40,000)	(100)	(185)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(40,285)	(40,000)	(992)	(992)	(992)	(726)	
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 135,526	\$ 96,955	\$ 766,329	\$ 4,828	\$ 4,434	\$ 11,025	\$ 7,945	\$ 2,264,736	\$ 114,430	\$ 7,760	\$ 16,846	\$ 3,198,333	\$ 3,358,613	\$ 7,077	\$ 31,010	\$ 38,087	\$ 38,243	

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

Year ended March 31

	2009			2008		
	General	Dalnavert	Total	General	Dalnavert	Total
Revenue:						
Grants (Note 5)	\$ 26,000	\$ 20,181	\$ 46,181	\$ 27,764	\$ 19,862	\$ 47,626
Donations	6,743	52,443	59,186	6,302	52,651	58,953
Bequests	9,523	-	9,523	78,000	-	78,000
Memberships	13,008	-	13,008	8,334	-	8,334
Sale of publications	-	-	-	623	-	623
Interest	1,294	-	1,294	852	-	852
Admissions	-	9,145	9,145	-	9,188	9,188
Merchandise sales	-	15,355	15,355	-	19,062	19,062
Fundraising and sundry	-	-	-	-	2,571	2,571
Programs	365	7,832	8,197	1,400	7,947	9,347
Projects (Note 6)	69,622	-	69,622	65,707	-	65,707
Management fee	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-	3,000
Rentals	-	14,851	14,851	-	9,375	9,375
Other	17	58	75	632	760	1,392
	<u>129,572</u>	<u>119,865</u>	<u>249,437</u>	<u>192,614</u>	<u>121,416</u>	<u>314,030</u>
Expense:						
Audit and accounting	2,098	3,663	5,761	2,095	9,254	11,349
Bank charges	1,088	1,721	2,809	881	1,725	2,606
Consulting	-	502	502	-	1,596	1,596
Donations	300	-	300	1,965	-	1,965
Fundraising	-	127	127	-	1,823	1,823
Goods and Services Tax	-	-	-	1,623	-	1,623.00
Insurance	1,181	11,920	13,101	1,140	8,310	9,450
Merchandise purchases	-	10,772	10,772	-	11,098	11,098
Miscellaneous	314	-	314	130	-	130
Newsletter, printing and postage	5,921	-	5,921	5,501	-	5,501
Office	3,419	3,904	7,323	7,130	3,823	10,953
Projects (Note 6)	73,340	-	73,340	73,011	-	73,011
Promotion	-	8,642	8,642	609	9,645	10,254
Property taxes (museum)	-	14,047	14,047	-	16,813	16,813
Publicity and programs	846	3,062	3,908	1,528	4,558	6,086
Rent	-	-	-	1,776	-	1,776
Repairs and maintenance	42	13,520	13,562	836	11,490	12,326
Salaries and employee benefits	28,838	74,701	103,539	29,026	70,932	99,958
Security	-	744	744	-	845	845
Telephone and utilities	2,082	22,838	24,920	3,098	23,496	26,594
	<u>119,469</u>	<u>170,163</u>	<u>289,632</u>	<u>130,349</u>	<u>175,408</u>	<u>305,757</u>
Deficiency of revenue over expense for the year	10,103	(50,298)	(40,195)	62,265	(53,992)	8,273
Fund balances, beginning of year	90,653	6,302	96,955	33,062	14,894	47,956
Transitional adjustment (Note 4)	-	37,489	37,489	-	-	-
Interfund transfers (Schedule 3)	<u>(5,923)</u>	<u>47,200</u>	<u>41,277</u>	<u>(4,674)</u>	<u>45,400</u>	<u>40,726</u>
Fund balances, end of year	\$ <u>94,833</u>	\$ <u>40,693</u>	\$ <u>135,526</u>	\$ <u>90,653</u>	\$ <u>6,302</u>	\$ <u>96,955</u>

MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE

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	<u>Year ended March 31</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Revenue:		
Grants (Note 5)	\$ 37,921	\$ 30,078
Expense:		
Administration fees	3,000	3,000
Audit and accounting	741	732
Insurance	1,140	-
Office and sundry	3,005	5,007
Programs and special events	789	535
Salaries and employee benefits	24,000	22,531
Telephone and utilities	<u>1,003</u>	<u>812</u>
	<u>33,678</u>	<u>32,617</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expense	\$ <u>4,243</u>	\$ <u>(2,539)</u>

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	<u>Year ended March 31</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Revenue:		
Royalties	\$ 1,969	\$ 2,180
Grants	-	800
Subscriptions	3,697	3,928
Sales	<u>1,877</u>	<u>2,172</u>
	7,543	9,080
Expense:		
Publishing costs	15,553	19,510
Postage and handling, net	<u>1,149</u>	<u>2,177</u>
	<u>16,702</u>	<u>21,687</u>
Deficiency of revenue over expense	\$ <u>(9,159)</u>	\$ <u>(12,607)</u>

MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SCHEDULE OF INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Year Ended March 31, 2009

	<u>Transfer (from) to Fund</u>						
	<u>Operating Fund</u>						
<u>Transfer to (from) Fund</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Dalnavert</u>	<u>MHS Heritage</u>	<u>Dr. Paul Thorlakson</u>	<u>Dr. E. Shaw</u>	<u>Centennial Memorial</u>	
Operating Fund-							
General	\$ (6,208)	\$ -	\$ 7,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (992)
Dalnavert	47,200	(7,200)	-	(40,000)	-	-	-
MHS Heritage	(40,000)	-	40,000	-	-	-	-
Dr. Paul Thorlakson	-	185	-	-	(185)	-	-
Dr. E. Shaw	-	100	-	-	-	(100)	-
Centennial Memorial	(992)	992	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (5,923)</u>	<u>\$ 47,200</u>	<u>\$ (40,000)</u>	<u>\$ (185)</u>	<u>\$ (100)</u>	<u>\$ (992)</u>
		<u>\$ 41,277</u>					

MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2009

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 the lower of cost and net realizable value. Sales and purchases are recorded as received and paid.

(c) Property, plant and equipment-

Property, plant and equipment, capital improvements and artifacts, except the amounts in the Dalnavert Historic Site Fund are expensed in the year acquired. Capital improvements in the amount of \$ nil (2008 – \$ 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 as follows:

		<u>March 31</u>	
		<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Winnipeg Foundation Consolidated Trust Fund	\$	729,497	\$ 907,859
Guaranteed Investment Certificates		<u>123,770</u>	<u>123,192</u>
	\$	<u>853,267</u>	\$ <u>1,031,051</u>

Credit Risk

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

Fair Value

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

Currency Risk

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

4. Inventories

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

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

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5. Grants:

The Society has received grants during the year as follows:

		<u>2009</u>	<u>March 31</u>	<u>2008</u>
Operations-				
Province of Manitoba	\$	26,000	\$	26,000
Winnipeg Foundation		<u>-</u>		<u>1,764</u>
		<u>26,000</u>		<u>27,764</u>
Dalnavert-				
Province of Manitoba		4,262		3,150
City of Winnipeg		12,100		5,950
Heritage Grant		-		3,515
Young Canada Works program		<u>3,819</u>		<u>7,247</u>
		<u>20,181</u>		<u>19,862</u>
	\$	<u>46,181</u>	\$	<u>47,626</u>
Ross House-				
City of Winnipeg	\$	21,862	\$	21,705
Canadian Museum Association		5,371		2,602
North End Revitalization		2,500		-
Government of Canada-				
HRDC		3,020		3,738
Canada Day		250		225
Province of Manitoba-				
Operating		3,150		-
Cultural Heritage Tourism		-		500
Education, Citizen & Youth		<u>1,768</u>		<u>1,308</u>
	\$	<u>37,921</u>	\$	<u>30,078</u>
Web site project-				
Province of Manitoba	\$	5,000	\$	4,232
Manitoba Lotteries		<u>3,000</u>		<u>7,500</u>
	\$	<u>8,000</u>	\$	<u>11,732</u>

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6. Projects:

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

	Year ended March 31			
	2009		2008	
	Revenues	Expenses	Net	Net
Ross House (Schedule 2)	\$ 37,921	33,678	\$ 4,243	\$ (2,540)
Manitoba History (Schedule 2)	7,543	16,702	(9,159)	(12,607)
Annual Meeting and Dinner	275	572	(297)	(224)
Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner	10,054	5,683	4,371	2,043
Centennial Farms	1,230	3,606	(2,376)	(2,708)
Young Historians (see below)	250	438	(188)	(301)
Centennial Organization	-	177	(177)	(9)
Centennial Business Awards	100	15	85	178
Web site project	8,000	8,000	-	8,827
Multicultural Dinner	4,249	4,469	(220)	(3)
Fall Field Trip	-	-	-	40
	\$ <u>69,622</u>	\$ <u>73,340</u>	\$ <u>(3,718)</u>	\$ <u>(7,304)</u>

During the year, the Dr. Paul Thorlakson and Dr. E. Shaw funds transferred \$185 and \$100, respectively, to the general fund to cover expenses of the Young Historians project.