

# Time Lines

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## Jewish Community Hosts MHS Multicultural Dinner

Tuesday, 1 April 2008

MHS members will enjoy Jewish food and entertainment at the Asper Jewish Community Campus, 123 Doncaster Street (west side – between Wellington Crescent and Tuxedo Boulevard). Parking is available in the parking lot across the street from the main entrance. Staff parking spots are available after 5:00 pm. The #18 “Corydon-Edgeland” and #79 Charleswood buses stop on Tuxedo at Doncaster. Other buses stop on Kenaston.

The speaker will be Allan Levine PhD, a local historian who is currently writing a book on the history of the Jewish community in Manitoba.

Doors open 4:45 pm with walking tours of the Campus, Jewish Heritage Centre, and Archives departing at 5:15 pm sharp from the Multi-Purpose Room. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm, followed by klezmer music.



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Our annual multicultural dinner will be held at the Asper Jewish Community Campus on Tuesday, 1 April.

Delicious kosher non-meat Jewish dishes include matzo ball soup, cheese kugel, potato latkes, Israeli salad, cheesecake and chocolate commish.

Cost per person is \$23. Purchase your tickets by calling the MHS office at 204-947-0559 by 27 March. Visa and Mastercard are accepted. Tickets will *not* be available at the door.



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## Mary Perfect receives Douglas Kemp Award

At the 2008 Macdonald Dinner on 19 January, MHS President Jack Bumsted presented Mary B. Perfect with a Douglas Kemp Award for her meritorious service and contributions to the promotion and preservation of Manitoba's heritage. After her retirement as a school administrator, Mary co-edited *Manitoba's Heritage Cookery* in 1992 and, until recently, she served as a member of our Centennial Farm award committee.

## President's Column



MHS President  
Dr. J. M. Bumsted

### The Courts and Law in Red River, 1800-1870: Part 3

#### Riel's Bill of Rights

The Métis escalated the conflict, in early November 1869, by occupying Upper Fort Garry, the HBC headquarters. They then invited the Anglophone inhabitants of the settlement, most of whom were mixed

bloods themselves, to send delegates to a meeting to coordinate policy. The two groups disagreed over policy toward Canada, but did concur together in the need for a list of "rights" that had to be accepted by the Canadian authorities. Louis Riel drafted a list of rights, probably with the assistance of an American lawyer presently in the settlement, and presented it to the meeting. Clauses 10 and 11 of this document dealt with language:

10. That the English and French languages be common in the Legislature and Courts, and that all public documents and Acts of the Legislature be published in both languages.

11. That the Judge of the Supreme Court speak the English and the French language.

Although not very specific and detailed, these clauses attempted to summarize the state of play in the judicial system of Red River and were approved by the delegates before they dispersed to their homes.

In January 1870 the people of Red River met for two days with Donald A. Smith, an emissary of the Canadian government, who had no powers to negotiate with the insurgents but was to act as a mediator to prepare for negotiations. Smith managed to persuade the population, however, that Canada would listen to their requests, and advised them to meet in a convention to decide about what they would ask of Canada. The result was the Convention of 40, which met in late January and early February 1870. The convention consisted of 20 francophone delegates and 20 anglophone delegates elected by

local areas. Its first resolution expressed loyalty to the Crown of England, "provided their rights, properties, usages and customs be respected." The convention then appointed a committee to prepare a Bill of Rights, which was debated and passed item by item by the convention. Clauses 13 and 14 of this document repeated verbatim clauses 10 and 11 of the earlier meeting.

This Bill of Rights would undergo two subsequent drafts, the first by the executive council of the provisional government in March. This third draft was quite different from the one accepted by the Convention of Forty, both through redrafting and the addition of fresh clauses. The additions included the demand for admission to Canada as a province (this had been defeated at the Convention of Forty) and a demand for amnesty for members of the provisional government the language clauses were not altered, however. Nor were they changed by a final redrafting just before the delegates of Red River left for Canada which added a request for separate schools.

In preparation for negotiations, Thomas Bunn, the Secretary of State to the provisional government, provided in his instructions to the delegates that the two language provisions in the first list of rights were "peremptory", whereas other clauses were negotiable to the discretion of the delegates.

None of the drafts of the Bill of Rights had any legal or official standing, and the government of Canada was suspicious of drafts three and four as not representing the will of the people, although it did, in the end, accept draft four.

#### The Manitoba Act

In subsequent meetings with the delegates, the Canadians quickly produced the draft of a printed bill, in French, which would become the "Manitoba Act." (At least the second draft of the Bill of Rights had been printed in the Toronto newspapers in February, so the Canadian government had some notion in advance of what Red River was demanding and could prepare legislation.)

The Chief negotiator for the Provisional Government, Father Ritchot took the draft bill away to comment on while Prime Minister Macdonald was "indisposed." The language clauses of the Bills of Rights were now rendered as article 21. The draft version Ritchot received read:

21. L'usage de la langue française ou de la langue anglaise sera facultatif dans les débats des Chambres de la législature; mais dans la rédaction des archives, procès verbaux et journaux respectifs de ses chambres, l'usage des deux langues sera obligatoire; et dans toute plaidoirie ou pièce de procédure pardevant les tribunaux où émanant des tribunaux du Canada qui sont établis sous l'autorité de «l'Acte de l'Amérique du Nord, 1867», et par devant tous les tribunaux ou émanant des tribunaux de la province, il pourra être également fait usage, à faculté de l'une ou de l'autre de ces langues. Les actes de la législature seront imprimés et publiés dans ses deux langues.

Although Ritchot commented extensively on other clauses, he did not mention section 21. This same text was confirmed in section 23 of the final version of the Manitoba Act and adopted.

When the Manitoba Act was introduced into the Canadian Parliament, it was printed in French and English. The French version of the language clause was now number 23; it repeated the version received by Father Ritchot, but the English one read:

23. Either the English or the French language may be used by any person in The debates of the Houses of the Legislature, and both those languages shall be used in the respective Records and Journals of those Houses; and either of those languages may be used by any person, or in any Pleading or Process, in or issuing from any Court of Canada established under the Constitution Act, 1867, or in or from all or any of the Courts of the Province. The Acts of the Legislature shall be printed and published in both those languages.

The major difference between the English and the French versions of the Manitoba Act, is in the English version there is use, twice, of the term "any person" in clarifying who may use either language in the debates and in any pleadings.

Establishing exact translations of legislation from one language to another has, over time and including prior to 1867, been a source of questions and debate. Section 23 is no exception.

### Conclusion

With respect to language usage in the courts of Red River, the practice had developed of assuring that every person appearing before the courts was entitled to be heard in his or her own language. It is abundantly clear that after 1850, the use of French was a commonly occurring fact in the Court of Quarterly Session. Recorders used both languages in the conduct of judicial business and often charged the jury in both languages. Caution was exercised in selecting juries, based on the language and ethnicity of the parties, so that jurors could hear and understand the pleadings of the parties. The French capacity of the Court appears to have been sufficiently entrenched by 1870 that it has to be included as one of the civil rights that the governor-general (and other Canadian spokesmen) guaranteed to the people of Red River after the union of the Red River Settlement with Canada, and was guaranteed to the local residents even before the Manitoba Act. It is also very clear that the assurances that access to the Courts in the French language would be confirmed in the Constitution of the Province and that this was a non-negotiable position put forward by the Provisional Government. It was further confirmed in the actual negotiations leading up to and in the adoption of the Manitoba Act by the Government of Canada.

J. M. Bumsted

### MHS Book Club Schedule Dalnavert Visitors Centre, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

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

21 April: Denis Combet, *Gabriel Dumont: Memoirs* (2006) led by Joanne Ledohowski. We hope the author, Denis Combet, will join us for this meeting.

12 May, 6:00 pm: Potluck and selection of books for next year.

It helps the club's preparations for refreshments and seating if those planning to attend let Judy Beattie know at 204-475-6666 or [jhbval@mts.net](mailto:jhbval@mts.net).

## City of Winnipeg Archives Tour

12 February 2008

Jody Baltessen, City of Winnipeg Archivist/Records Manager, gave an illustrated talk on the history and role of the City Archives. The archives are housed in a heritage building, the former Carnegie Library building at 380 William Avenue. MHS members also learned about the history of the building and toured all three floors of the building. The program concluded with movies of Winnipeg's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in 1949.

The City of Winnipeg Archives and Records Control is open from Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Archives staff assist researchers searching for information on Winnipeg's social, cultural, economic and environmental history and development.

Records play a vital role in ensuring that the City is able to fulfill its obligations under the Charter and remain accountable to the public. Administrative Directive No. AD-006 states: "Employees at all levels of the Administration have responsibilities as stewards of information." According to the Directive, City of Winnipeg employees will "create, manage and dispose of records according to established policies/schedule." Records Management is responsible for overseeing the City of Winnipeg's records management programs and providing advice, training and other resources to City employees who are involved in records management. The Archives



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City of Winnipeg archivist Jody Baltessen led MHS members on a tour of her facilities in early February.

also provide storage space for the records of City departments. The Archives can be contacted by phone: 204-986-5325, fax: 204-986-7133, or email [jbaltessen@winnipeg.ca](mailto:jbaltessen@winnipeg.ca).

*Pathways to Winnipeg History*, the City of Winnipeg Archives Digital Exhibit, can be found at the City of Winnipeg Archives web page: [www.winnipeg.ca/clerks/docs/archives/archives.stm](http://www.winnipeg.ca/clerks/docs/archives/archives.stm).

## Congratulations

Congratulations to long-time MHS member and supporter **Dr. T. Kenneth Thorlakson** who was named to the Order of Canada. Dr. Thorlakson was honoured primarily because of his dedication and support for culture and arts in Manitoba's Icelandic community. He served as chair of the Valuing Icelandic Presence Millennium Campaign at the University of Manitoba where he helped developed links between Iceland and the Icelandic Studies Department at the university.

## Buller Collection Comes Home

In 2004, to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Faculty of Science at the University of Manitoba, the MHS published a special theme issue of *Manitoba History*. Included in it was an article by MHS Past President Gordon Goldsborough on Reginald Buller, one of the University's first science professors. Buller's papers, on which the article was based, were at that time held partly at Library and Archives Canada, and partly at the Agriculture Canada Library in Winnipeg. Since then, the two parts have been rejoined in care of the University of Manitoba Archives, in its newly renovated space on the Fort Garry Campus. The collection of papers, notes, diagrams, photographs, and books provides a unique look at the early University. To be determined is the fate of Dr. Buller, whose cremated ashes remain in an urn hidden behind a wall panel at Agriculture Canada.



University of Manitoba Archives  
& Special Collections

**Reginald Buller** (1874-1944), one of the first professors at the University of Manitoba.



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South side of Dalnavert with the Visitors Centre's office wing.

### Dalnavert

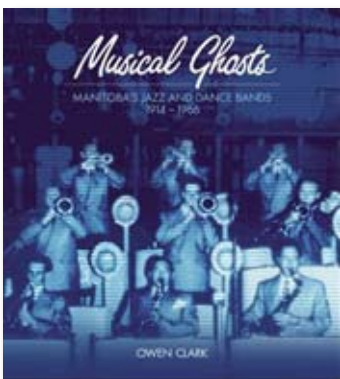
Dalnavert Museum's Exhibit Subcommittee would like to invite interested people to help plan and set up exhibits in the display cases in the W. Steward Martin Auditorium. Rotating exhibits are an important part of giving people a reason for coming back to Dalnavert repeatedly. Whether you want to indulge an interest in research, a passion for design, or a desire to help a fun group of people accomplish a fun task, your input and assistance is welcome. If you are interested, please contact Scott Stephen at Scott.Stephen@pc.gc.ca or at 204-983-2023.

*The Wheat City Journal* (Brandon), in its issue of 17 January 2008 (page 11), has an interesting article on Hugh Gainsford, the grandson of Sir Hugh John Macdonald, and the last direct descendent of Sir John A. Macdonald. Hugh was a guide at Dalnavert for many years until he moved to Brandon. Read the article, "End of a long family line," in the Legislative Library reading room (200 Vaughan Street).

### Upcoming Events at Dalnavert

**Saturday, 5 April, 1:00 pm**

*Musical Ghosts Presentation*



Owen Clark will speak on his new book, *Musical Ghosts, Manitoba's Jazz and Dance Bands, 1914-1966* and read portions of it. The book will be available for sale. The official book launch will be at the Millenium Library a week later. As well as being an

accomplished musician and a music historian, Owen is a member of the MHS Council.

**Sunday, 13 April, 2:00 pm**

*Grey Owl, Pilgrim of the Wild*

Join playwright Anne Nesbitt in marking the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Grey Owl's death at an historical video presentation about this controversial Canadian hero. You will also hear a reading from her new play following Grey Owl's struggles and conversion from being a trapper to becoming a writer, the first naturalist in the National Parks system and a father of conservation. Details are pending.

**Saturday, 26 April, 12:30 - 3:00 pm**

*Dalnavert Spring Tea*

Lunch served at 1:00 pm. Program details to be announced. Tickets are \$17.50; add-on tours of the Museum are \$2.50 per person.

**Wednesday, 30 April, 7:00 pm**

*Icelandic Book Presentation*

Author Marjorie Anderson will speak about her latest book *Blessed: Portrait of Asdis Sigrid Anderson* which tells the story of her mother, a first-generation Icelandic pioneer. The book is a memoir created from Marjorie's daughter Katrina's taped conversations with her grandmother. Marjorie has taught at the University of Manitoba for many years. She collaborated with Carol Shields on the first two *Dropped Threads* anthologies. The presentation takes place at the Dalnavert Visitors Centre. There is no charge to attend but seating is limited. Please call Carl James at 204-631-5971 to confirm your attendance.

### Obituary

**Margaret Isobel Jensen**, a long time MHS member, died on 25 December 2007 in Winnipeg. She was born in Chatham, Ontario in 1925. She attended Trinity College at the University of Toronto, graduating with B.A. and B.L.S. degrees. Following her marriage in 1947 to Christian Andrew Edward Jensen, she moved to Winnipeg. She worked as a librarian with the Winnipeg Public Library. Margaret was a past president of the University Women's Club, the Faculty Women's Association, the Women's Committee of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, and the Women's Committee of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Society and volunteered in many other organizations. She was at one time a member of the MHS Program Committee.



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**Roland Penner**, the featured speaker at the 2008 Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner, and the Honourable John Harvard, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba and MHS patron.

### **Macdonald Dinner Auction Donors**

We gratefully acknowledge and thank many generous donors of items for a Silent Auction at our recent Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner, which provided over \$2,000 in proceeds benefitting the Society.

Individual donors included Mr. Wayne Arseny, Ms. Judith Hudson Beattie, Dr. Jennifer Brown, Mr. Giles Bugailiskis, Mr. Dennis Butcher, Dr. Francis Carroll, Mr. Owen Clark, Mr. Robert Coutts, Dr. Harry Duckworth, Mr. Ivan Eyre, Councilor Jenny Gerbasi, Mr. Carl James, Dr. Esyllt Jones, Dr. John Lehr, Dr. Simon Lucy, Mr. Ross Metcalfe, Mr. William Neville, Mr. Lawrie Pollard, Mrs. Josef Randa, and Ms. Joyce Wawrykow.

Organizations donating auction items included the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Bridgman Collaborative Architecture, Burton Lysecki Books, Canada's National History Society, CBC Radio Manitoba, Closet Chick Clothing Boutique, the Costume Museum of Canada, Delta Marsh Field Station (University of Manitoba), Edward Carriere Salon & Spa, Emerson Duty Free, Fort Whyte Alive, Frantic

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We also thank Dr. J. M. Bumsted, Ms. Jacqueline Friesen, Dr. Gordon Goldsborough, Mr. Carl James, Mr. Owen Clark, and Ms. Maria Zbigniewicz for organizing the Dinner and auction.

### **Welcome New MHS Members!**

Melissa Brandt  
Keith Maitland  
Vernon Zubrycki  
Ken Storie  
Shannon Seney

### **Donations & Contributions Thank You!**

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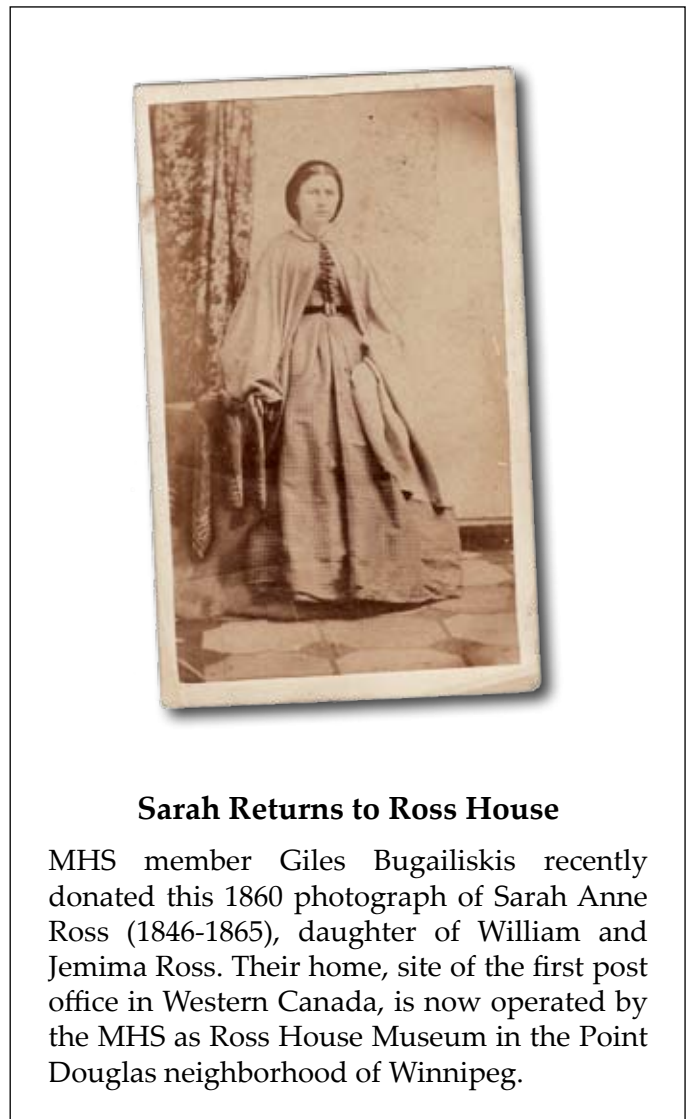
## Heritage News

The *Selkirk Journal* reports that **Lord Selkirk School Division** along with Sharon Moolchan, lead social studies teacher for the division and Terry Skarban, principal of Ruth Hooker School were awarded Parks Canada's new Ambassador in Education Award. The award was set up to recognize teachers who "really get involved with Parks Canada." Skarban and Moolchan are being singled out for a program that started two years ago. In the first year, all grade five and six students in the division went to Lower Fort Garry. In the second year, only grade five students took part. All the students went to Lower Fort Garry for a day of activities near the end of the school year. Each student was given a passport with a list of about twenty activities that could be done around the fort, including hauling wood, butter churning and talking with people role-playing as Northwest Mounted Police officers.

**The Beautiful Plains Archives** needs volunteers to do write-ups on each of the rural schools that existed in the Beautiful Plains area, for example Tobarmore, Edington, Mountain Road, Hallboro, and Franklin. The write-ups should include the school's location, years of operation, how its name was chosen, and a brief description of its buildings and history. Most of the information is readily available. For details, contact archivist Allan Drysdale 204-841-0950.

The settlement of Scratching River was incorporated as the town of **Morris** 125 years ago, on 9 January 1883. Forward-looking entrepreneurs of Scratching River had worked out a loan agreement with the Manitoba government to pay CPR to build a railway line through the community that would take freight and passengers from Winnipeg to the US border. The town was named after Alexander Morris who was Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba from 1872 to 1877. There will be anniversary celebrations and a homecoming in Morris on the weekend of 11 to 13 July.

The town of **Rapid City** and the **RM of Saskatchewan** will jointly celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of incorporation on the long weekend of 1 to 14 August. Celebrations include three community suppers (two in Rapid City and one in Basswood), pancake breakfasts, musical entertainment, a dance, a car rally, tours of the Rapid City Museum, and a visit to significant locations in the town, including the home of Author Frederick Phillip Grove in the early 1920s and the cemetery where Grove is buried. Rapid City



**Sarah Returns to Ross House**

MHS member Giles Bugailiskis recently donated this 1860 photograph of Sarah Anne Ross (1846-1865), daughter of William and Jemima Ross. Their home, site of the first post office in Western Canada, is now operated by the MHS as Ross House Museum in the Point Douglas neighborhood of Winnipeg.

did not grow. In 1883, Rapid City had a population of about 500 and 125 years later the population stands at 416. However, an enterprising spirit remains. Check the community's website at [www.rapidcitymb.ca](http://www.rapidcitymb.ca).

**The Rivers and District History Book Committee** has set the deadline for copy for family histories and organizations at September 2010 with the unveiling of the book in September 2011. It is estimated that books will sell for \$85 with deposits of \$45. Pre-orders would be appreciated by September 2009.

**Russell** and Area Heritage and Area Centre Organization is planning a two-volume history book to supplement *The Banner County History of Russell and District*, which runs to 1967. To help fund the printing costs, deposits of \$50 are being accepted at Mala's Party Boutique in Russell. The remaining cost (estimated at between \$10 and \$15 per book) is to be paid at pick up.

The Family History Centre has opened at the **Mennonite Heritage Village** in Steinbach. Contact Bob Strong, executive director, toll free 1-866-280-874 for more information or to register for the next genealogy class in the Family History Centre. Learn how to download and use free genealogy software, use Brother's Keeper and the Genealogical Registry and Data Base and Mennonite Ancestry program, to document family history. The cost is only \$30 for 2 - 2½ hours of instruction, and you can attend as often as necessary until you have learned the material. On Thursday afternoons (1:00 - 4:00 pm) the centre plans to have a volunteer in the Genealogy Lab. You can access the resources without assistance anytime during museum office hours if you pay a nominal fee of \$5 per hour for the use of the workstation. Family History Day on 5 April is co-sponsored by the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society, Eastmenn Historical Committee and Mennonite Heritage Village. Family Trees will be displayed and there will also be informative presentations on Mennonite history and Genealogy as well as on the Family History Centre.

*The Carillon* has an article on a small museum that is often unnoticed by travelers. The Musée Pointe des Chênes Museum in **Ste Anne** is across the Robert Lafrenière Bridge and past Villa Youville in Redemptorist Park. The museum was named to reflect the time before 1867 when Ste Anne was known as Pointe des Chênes or Oak Point. The museum was constructed in 1972 on land owned by Villa Youville. A small log house donated by the St. Laurent family was moved log by log and reconstructed near the museum. The museum contains religious artefacts from the first churches in the area and a confessional and bell from the first chapel built in Ste Anne in 1864 and also history and picture books, some dating from the time of the first settlers. To arrange a tour of the museum, call Gilles Nault at 204-326-7230 or Joe Perreault at 204-422-9558.

The **43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Northern Great Plains History Conference** will be held on 24 -27 September 2008 at Victoria Inn in Brandon. Papers in all areas of history are welcome. Please send proposals for individual papers or for panels to: James Naylor, Department of History, Brandon University, Brandon, Manitoba, R7A 6A9. email: [history@brandonu.ca](mailto:history@brandonu.ca). The deadline for proposals is 31 March 2008. A prize will be awarded to the best graduate student paper presented at the conference. Conference web site: [www.brandonu.ca/history/ngphc.mht](http://www.brandonu.ca/history/ngphc.mht).

In October 2007, the Honourable Josée Verner, Minister of Canadian Heritage, Status of Women and Official languages appointed an Advisory Committee for the **Canadian Museum for Human Rights** that will make recommendations to the Minister on a variety of aspects concerning the planning of the Museum in Winnipeg and will conduct cross-Canada consultations on the Museum's content. Arni Thorsteinson is chair and Gail Asper is vice-chair. Canadians now have the opportunity to provide their input on the Museum's proposed content and exhibits via a new web site. To take part in the survey, go to [www.pch.gc.ca/pc-ch/consultations/mcdp-cmhr/index\\_e.cfm](http://www.pch.gc.ca/pc-ch/consultations/mcdp-cmhr/index_e.cfm) to send in your views. You can also contact the Department of Canadian Heritage by phone at 1-866-892-9273, send a fax to 1-819-997-8392 or send an email to [cmhr-mcdp@pch.gc.ca](mailto:cmhr-mcdp@pch.gc.ca). Participants will have the opportunity to share their views by answering a number of insightful and open-ended questions found in the consultation document. Timeframe: start date, 5 February 2008; end date, 15 March 2008. For further information check the Friends of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights at [www.canadianmuseumforhumanrights.com](http://www.canadianmuseumforhumanrights.com).

### Upper Fort Garry

Dr. Jerry Gray, chair of the steering committee for the Friends of Upper Fort Garry, in an article "Don't carve historic site" in the *Free Press* on 17 February explains the Friends' position. The site of Upper Fort Garry is "Manitoba's most significant piece of history." An apartment building on the southwest corner would clearly compromise the site so there would be merely an expansion of the present with more benches and a few commemorative plaques. The Friends' business plan estimates that a major heritage development would attract 40,000 visitors annually. A brochure produced by the Friends lists some highlights of the proposed heritage park:

- A symbolic representation of the fort and buildings once enclosed within its walls
- Installations of art and other creative works within the park that tell of 19<sup>th</sup> century life at Upper Fort Garry
- Outdoor gathering spaces for historical events and programs
- A modern interpretive centre that houses meeting facilities and exhibitions

To date, the general public, businesses and foundations have contributed \$2.5 million toward the



\$3.5 million public campaign goal. They appreciate the Province's support and look forward to further discussions with all levels of government.

Grey notes that "The proposed heritage design for the property is the product of an extensive consultation process starting in 1998 that was funded by the Winnipeg Foundation and the Thomas Sill Foundation. Participants in that process included historians, educators, archeologists, architects, travel and tourism specialists, and other stakeholders." The Friends were "formed subsequently to reply to the city's expression of interest for the property and to raise funds necessary for the development of the site." The Friends have put forward a specific design for the world-class heritage park and interpretive centre but are open to "additional public consultations."

For more information go to [www.upperfortgarry.com](http://www.upperfortgarry.com). Donations directed to the project may be sent to Heritage Winnipeg, 509-63 Albert Street, Winnipeg, MB R3B 1G4. Phone 204-942-2663. Cheques should be made out to Heritage Winnipeg for Upper Fort Garry.

### New Canadian Heritage Program

On 12 September 2007, the Honourable Josée Verner, Minister of Canadian Heritage, Status of Women and Official Languages, announced the government would allocate \$30 million per year to support local arts and heritage activities that engage Canadians in their communities through the expression, celebration and preservation of local culture.

The \$30 million will be ongoing, and includes the creation of a new program entitled Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage (BCAH),

#### Important Reminders

- Renewal invoices are sent to members, and are payable on receipt. Members are encouraged to help us reduce costs by checking their labels and sending in renewals when due. Renewal can be done by mail, phone, or visiting the MHS office (Wednesdays, Thursdays, 1:00 to 5:00 pm). Cash (in person), cheque, Visa or MasterCard are accepted.
- Your donations are needed to support ongoing work of the Manitoba Historical Society. Tax receipts are issued for donations over \$10.

as well as enhanced resources for Arts Presentation Canada, and funding for community historical anniversaries infrastructure. The new BCAH program will provide support for both local arts and heritage festivals that feature the presentation of local artists or local heritage, and major historical anniversaries of local importance. The BCAH program has two main components:

#### Component I: Local Arts and Heritage Festivals

The local Arts and Festivals component supports local community events and activities that feature the public presentation of local artists and/or of local heritage.

#### Component II:

#### Community Historical Anniversaries Programming

The community Historical Anniversaries Programming Component supports local community events and activities that commemorate the 100th or greater (in multiples of 25 years) anniversary of a locally historically significant event or person. It is important to note that only the first project proposal received from a community will be considered for any one historical commemoration.

Under both components of the new BCAH program, all applicants will be asked to demonstrate local support for their projects. Specifically, they must provide written confirmation of support (financial or in-kind) from their municipal government or equivalent authority, and must include the value of that support in the project budget.

Applications are now available for local arts heritage festivals, and community historical anniversaries occurring in winter 2008. Information on how to access these two components is available at [www.pch.gc.ca](http://www.pch.gc.ca).

Additional funding for the existing Arts Presentation Canada program has also been made available to better support community engagement aspects of professional performing arts festivals. Details for funding of community historical anniversaries infrastructure costs will be available at a later date.

For further information, contact the Prairies and Northern Region's toll free line at 1-800-661-0585. Note that a new and improved version of the BCAH Guide and Application Form will be published in March 2008. Clients who would like to apply to the Program by 30 June (next deadline) are asked to wait for the new Application Form before proceeding.

### Building Preservation Awards

Heritage Winnipeg presented its 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Preservation Awards on Louis Riel Day, at the former Dominion Bank Building, 678 Main Street, now home of Bridgman Collaborative Architecture.

- University of Manitoba and LM Architectural Group for the John A. Russell Building at 84 Curry Place (Fort Garry Campus)
- University of Manitoba and Stantec Architecture for the Engineering One Building at 150 Gillson Street (Fort Garry Campus)
- University of Winnipeg and Corbett Cibinel Architecture for Convocation Hall in Wesley Hall at 515 Portage Avenue
- Province of Manitoba and Bridgman Collaborative Architecture for the addition to the Manitoba Legislative Building at 450 Broadway
- Manitoba Blue Cross and Stantec Architecture for Manitoba Blue Cross Building at 599 Empress Street



G. Goldsborough

Heritage Winnipeg Past President Celine Kear presents a 2008 Preservation Award to David McDowell. Both Celine and David are former MHS Presidents.



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The former Dominion Bank building is now home to Bridgman Collaborative Architecture.

- Bridgman Collaborative Architecture for the former Dominion Bank Building at 678 Main Street
- David McDowell for his lifetime commitment to heritage conservation
- Ian Tizzard, *Winnipeg Free Press* writer for his body of writing dealing with preservation projects
- Sandy Siepmann, for his extensive experience in heritage building restoration over 30 years

### Online History & Heritage Forum

At the conclusion of the Preservation Award ceremony, MHS Past President Gordon Goldsborough announced a new forum on the MHS web site, developed with help from the provincial Historic Resources Branch, as an information exchange for those interested in conserving and restoring heritage buildings around the province, and for discussing Manitoba history and heritage. Dubbed "The Past Line", the forum is available at:

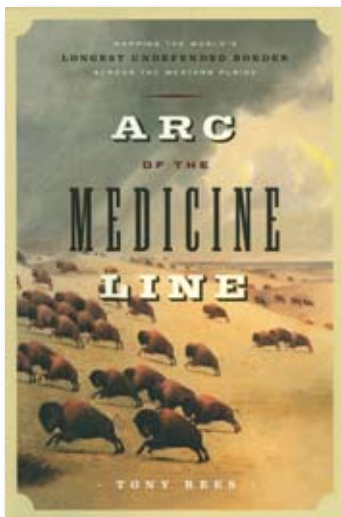
[www.mhs.mb.ca/forum](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/forum).

### Louis Riel Day

Manitoba's first Louis Riel Day was a day to remember. Hundreds crowded to see a sash that had belonged to Louis Riel as it was presented to the St. Boniface Museum. Riel had given it to a woman in Saskatchewan for hiding him and two others in her root cellar in the days prior to his capture in 1885. It was recently purchased with funds provided by the federal and provincial governments and the Manitoba Métis Federation. Crowds gathered at Riel's grave in St. Boniface Cathedral cemetery for a short ceremony and then formed a procession to Fort Gibraltar to take part in the Festival du Voyageur. Riel's list of rights written in 1869 were unveiled on an ice sculpture and read out in French and in English. Louis Riel Day falls on the third Monday in February each year.

### New Books

Here are a few of the new books on prairie history that have come across our desk recently.

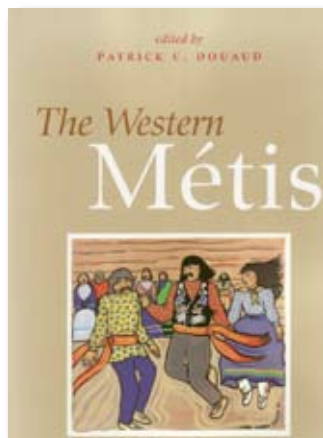


*Arc of the Medicine Line* by Tony Rees, 2007, Douglas & McIntyre, ISBN 978-1-55365-278-6, 384 pages, \$36.95.

This book, by a former archivist at Calgary's Glenbow Museum, concerns the survey of the 49<sup>th</sup> parallel in the West by Canadian and US surveyors over a two-year period starting in 1872.

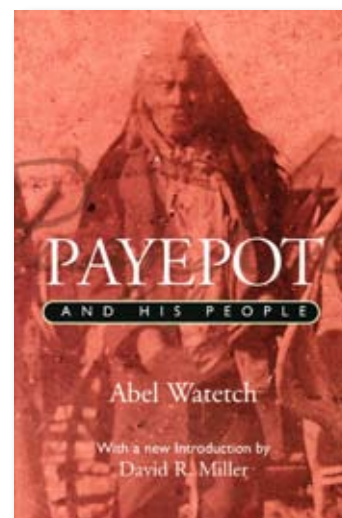
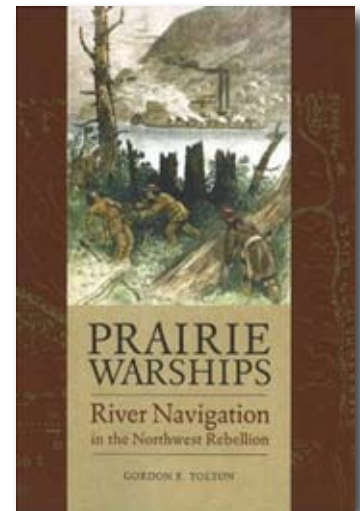
*The Western Métis* edited by Patrick C. Douaud, 2007, Canadian Plains Research Centre, ISBN 978-0-88977-199-4, 326 pages, \$29.95.

This is a collection of articles, previously published in the journal *Prairie Forum* between 1978 and 2007, chosen for their breadth and scope.



*Prairie Warships: River Navigation in the Northwest Rebellion* by Gordon E. Tolton, 2007, Heritage House Publishing, ISBN 978-1-894974-30-1, 336 pages, \$26.95.

This book covers the lesser known role of steamboats, ferries and other river craft in the 1885 Northwest Rebellion.

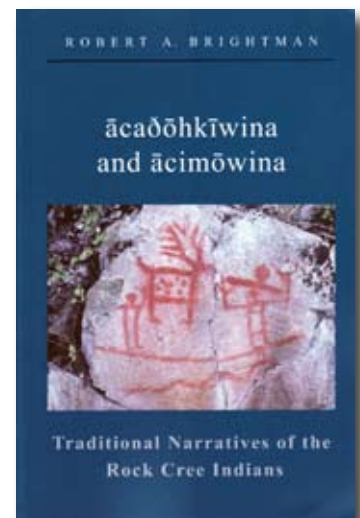


*Payepot and his People* by Abel Watetch, 2007, Canadian Plains Research Centre, ISBN 978-0-88977-201-4, 64 pages, \$14.95.

This reprinted 1957 book by a nephew of the Aboriginal leader, relates the previously unwritten history of his people as well as a series of recollections.

*Traditional Narratives of the Rock Cree Indians* by Robert Brightman, 2007, Canadian Plains Research Centre, ISBN 978-0-88977-195-2, 185 pages, \$29.95.

Originally published in 1980, this book presents different genres of Rock Cree oral literature from northwest Manitoba including analysis and commentary.



If you know of a book that should be brought to the attention of our readers, let us know. Send email to the *Time Lines* editor at [newsletter@mhs.mb.ca](mailto:newsletter@mhs.mb.ca).

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| <p><b>17 March</b>    Book Club: Rodger D. Touchie, <i>Bear Child</i></p> <p><b>1 April</b>    Multicultural dinner and presentation by Allan Levine</p> <p><b>5 April</b>    Presentation and reading from Owen Clark's book <i>Musical Ghosts</i></p> <p><b>12 April</b>    Launch of Owen Clark's new book at Millennium Library</p> <p><b>13 April</b>    Anne Nesbitt's presentation on <i>Grey Owl, Pilgrim of the Wild</i></p> | <p><b>21 April</b>    Book Club: Denis Combet, <i>Gabriel Dumont: Memoirs</i>, discussion led by Joanne Ledohowski</p> <p><b>26 April</b>    Dalnavert Spring Tea</p> <p><b>30 April</b>    Marjorie Anderson speaks about her book, <i>Blessed: Portrait of Asdis Anderson</i></p> <p><b>12 May</b>    Book Club: Pot Luck and selection of books for next year<br/>(Manitoba Day)</p> |
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