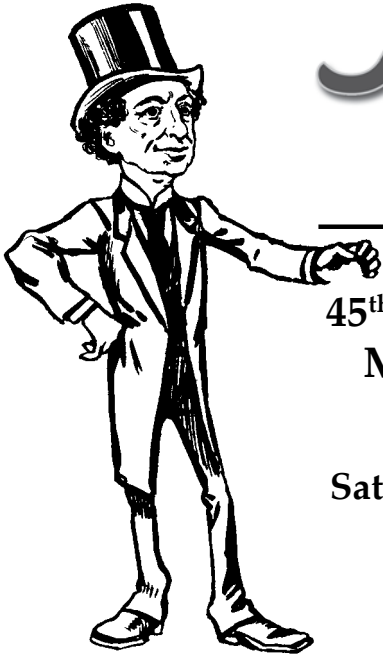


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45th Annual Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner

6:00 pm
Saturday, 6 February 2010
Provencher Room,
Fort Garry Hotel

Our Guest Speaker

Our speaker will be Dr. Jerry Gray and his topic will be **"Building a Future for Upper Fort Garry—Looking Back and Looking Ahead."**

Dr. Gray is Dean Emeritus and Senior Scholar at the I. H. Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba where he also held the CA Manitoba Endowed Chair in Business Leadership until his retirement in 2005. He taught management and organizational behaviour at the University of Manitoba since 1970, and previously taught at the University of South Carolina and the Glacier Institute of Management in London, England. Dr. Gray's publications include articles on organizational design,



J. Gray

Dr. Jerry Gray will speak on the Upper Fort Garry project at the 45th Annual Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner on 6 February 2010.

employee motivation, leadership, and management development. He has also written four books in the areas of organizational behaviour and supervision. In 2007–2008, he chaired the Manitoba Regional Health Authority External Review Committee for the Government of Manitoba. As President of J. L. Gray & Associates Ltd., a consulting firm specialising in organizational and human resource development, he has consulted with many major corporations in the United States and Canada.

Most recently, Dr. Gray has served as the volunteer Chair of the Board of The Friends of Upper Fort Garry, a volunteer group whose mission is to reclaim one of the most historically significant sites in Western Canada and the birthplace of Manitoba—the site of Upper Fort Garry.

Tickets for the 45th Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner are \$100 for MHS members and \$110 for non-members. A tax receipt will be issued for a portion of the ticket price. There will be a silent auction. Cash bar will open at 6:00 pm with dinner beginning at 7:00 pm.

Macdonald Dinner Tickets

Complete the order form on the back of this page and mail to the MHS office.

OR send e-mail to info@mhs.mb.ca with your ticket order. We will contact you to complete the financial details.

OR call the MHS office at 204-947-0559 and speak to Jacqueline Friesen. (If no answer, please leave a message and we will call back.) Please call before 1 February 2010.



MHS President
Dr. Harry Duckworth

President's Column

It seems possible that we will soon see a change in the way that historic buildings are recognized in the city of Winnipeg. Two recent developments are relevant. First, there are signs of what may be a rethinking of the Historic Buildings Committee,

which advises City Council on whether to designate a building as historic or not. The second is the gathering opposition to a recent decision of Council, to remove from the list, so that it can be demolished, the so-called Dennistoun House in Osborne Village.

Dennistoun House at 166 Roslyn Road is one of four houses which a Winnipeg-based development company wishes to demolish in order to build a group of townhouses and a condominium tower. The House, now just over 100 years old, has been recognized as a building of superior design and construction, and it was put on the city's list of designated heritage buildings about 25 years ago. This status protected it from outright demolition, and so the Historic Buildings Committee was applied to, late last winter, to have the building taken off the list. The Committee apparently recommended that this be done, as City Council authorized the delisting in June. A group of Osborne Village residents is

now considering a legal challenge to this decision. It seems possible that Dennistoun House will become a lightning rod for concerns about the way in which the City of Winnipeg decides what buildings to protect.

The Heritage Buildings Committee does impressive, time-consuming work, as can be seen from the detailed reports that the Committee – or, more probably, its support staff – makes on buildings that come to its attention. The resources available to do this work are no doubt slender, and a few experienced individuals must be working very hard to keep ahead of the work demands. There seems to be more and more business to be done. The First Church of Christ Scientist, on River Avenue; the Grain Exchange Annex on Lombard; and the Kelly House on Adelaide, all in the news in the past year or so, must have generated much trouble and effort on the part of the Historic Buildings Committee and its staff.

The Committee, chaired by a city Councillor (Ms. Jenny Gerbasi is the current Chair), operates in confidence, rarely meets with delegations, and provides advice to City Council, through the Property and Development Committee of Council, in a private way. The reason for these in camera dealings, I presume, is that the Committee's deliberations have real commercial consequences – people can make or lose money depending on what recommendation is made. While the confidential nature of the Committee's deliberations is effective in avoiding leaks, it is unsuitable from another point of view. All questions around the preservation of heritage come down to public opinion. No ancient document, no venerable



The 45th Annual

Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner Tickets

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artefact, and no admired old building has intrinsic value. Each acquires value because people care about it, see it as symbolic of their own beliefs and concerns, and wish to see it preserved. Public opinion must be gauged in a systematic and consistent way before a policy decision is taken about the fate of a heritage building. The style of governance exemplified by the city's Historic Buildings Committee is, I am assured, rather unusual in Canada. In other major jurisdictions, public discussion is the usual way of doing things, and deliberations are open and well publicized. Without this kind of consultation, we are left with a rather paternalistic process, in which a few carefully chosen individuals attempt to judge, not only the merits of the historical case, but also the intensity of public feeling, and balance those against other forces and demands. The fact that a legal challenge to the proceedings of the Historic Buildings Committee is in contemplation, shows that some part of public feeling about Dennistoun House was overlooked. One hopes that whatever revisions of the current process may be made, the place of public opinion will become more central, so that we can be confident that particular decisions have widespread public support.

Another way in which our current system for protecting heritage could be improved lies in the nature of what is protected. In Winnipeg, the emphasis is entirely on buildings. But sometimes it is not just a building, or perhaps not even a building at all, but a site that has the special significance in the

public's mind. We have seen at least two recent cases where it was a historic site, not a building that needed protection in Winnipeg. In one case, where a large modern condominium was built on land adjacent to the St. Boniface Museum, shouldering its way into the middle of the Cathedral precinct and its nearby lawns and trees, objections were raised too late. In another, where some well-informed citizens learned in time that the city would be giving up a disused office building on part of the site of Upper Fort Garry, and that a large new condominium building might be built there, great forces were mobilized, and the site was saved. In neither case was the preservation of an actual building at issue. Historic sites can be as important as buildings, and heroic ad hoc campaigns should not have to be mounted, if they are to be preserved.

In that connection, I draw your attention to the fact that the speaker at the upcoming Macdonald Dinner, on 6 February 2010 will be Dr. Jerry Gray. His face and voice will be familiar to many as the spokesman for the Friends of Upper Fort Garry, during its successful effort to acquire the bulk of the Upper Fort Garry site, and see it designated a provincial park in the heart of the city. The experiences of his organization in achieving this, and the lessons learned, will be an informative and entertaining experience for all of us.

Harry Duckworth

NOTICE

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to the Society members who take the time to check their labels and send in their renewals.

Your efforts reduce membership renewal processing costs, and the resulting savings help to offset the steadily increasing costs of providing our programs and publications to our members.

We appreciate your support, and thank you for continuing to help us in our efforts to reduce costs by checking your labels and sending in your renewals!

Welcome New Members

Ruth Reid
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Centennial Farms

Corinne Tellier



W. Fraser

MHS Film Night
Wednesday, 18 November
Park Theatre, 698 Osborne Street

We will be showing a unique film from the Hudson's Bay Company Archives that features the 1934 tour by HBC governor Ashley Cooper of the company's northern posts. The film follows Cooper, his wife and their entourage aboard the HBC ship *Nascopie* from Montreal up to the Arctic and provides great insights into HBC policies and the cultural and economic aspects of the native people's lives. The film has no sound but we will have commentary throughout the film by Fred Ford. Fred is the grandson of the translator on the expedition and has spent much of his life in the North and has an intimate knowledge of the region.

Doors open at 6:00 pm. Show starts at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$8.00 for MHS members, \$10.00 for non-members. Phone the MHS office 204-947-0559 to book—Visa, Mastercard or cheque. Admission also may be paid at the door prior to show time. Food and beverages can be purchased at the theatre.

MHS Field trip

26 September was a perfect Fall day and a group of MHS members and friends headed out by bus to St. Francois Xavier. The area originally known as Grantown (after Cuthbert Grant) was first settled in 1823. Odile Thibert took us into the St. Francois Xavier Church which was built in 1900 and told us some of the history of the parish. We headed west along Highway 26 and our tour leader Rudy Friesen pointed out and talked about the many cairns and plaques which dot the route. In Poplar Point, we stopped at St. Anne's Church, which was built in 1863 and is the oldest log church still in continuous

use in Western Canada. The tour concluded with lunch in Elie at L'Auberge Clemence—formerly St. Martha's convent, now operated by Jean and Linda Aquin as a bed and breakfast and teahouse. Thank you to MHS council member Joyce Wawrykow for making the arrangements.



Carol Latter

St. Anne's Church, Poplar Point.



Carol Latter

Graves of a mother and six children at St. Anne's Church.



Carol Latter

L'Auberge Clemence.

MHS Book Club Schedule, 2009-2010

Unless noted, meetings are 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Dalnavert Visitors' Centre. Please confirm attendance with Judy at 204-475-6666. (Note: L= Leader, T= Treats, WPL = Winnipeg Public Library)

16 November, Mary Quayle Innis, *Mrs. Simcoe's Diary* (1965, WPL: 2 copies) L-Céline Kear; T-Cathy Phillipson (there are also biographies)

18 January, Maggie Siggins, *Marie-Anne: the extraordinary life of Louis Riel's grandmother* (2008, WPL: 12 copies) L-Neil Challis; T-Pat Challis

15 February, James Raffan, *Emperor of the North: Sir George Simpson and the remarkable story of the Hudson's Bay Company* (2007, WPL: 12 copies) L-Shirlee Anne Smith

15 March, Sarah Carter, *The Importance of Being Monogamous: Marriage and Nation Building in Western Canada to 1915* (2008 WPL: 2 copies) L & T-Judy Valenzuela

19 April, Tom Avery, *To the End of the Earth: Our Epic Journey to the North Pole and the Legend of Peary and Henson* (2009, WPL on order) L-Marg Kentner

17 May, 6 pm: Potluck, books for next year

Centennial Farms

Members of the Centennial Farm committee are Anne MacVicar (Chair), David McDowell, Lee Treilhard, Corinne Tellier, Denise Kolesar, and Dale Guy.

The following Centennial Farms have been designated since the last issue of *Time Lines*.

<i>Arborg</i>	William Melnychuk, Steve & Sharon Melnychuk, Christopher, Trevor & Stuart Melnychuk SW1-22-2 EPM 1909
<i>Rorketon</i>	Ronald & Gloria Sloboda NE 19-28-17 WPM 1909
<i>St. Germain</i>	Beverley L. Prystenski The northerly 4 chains of River Lot 212 in the Parish of St. Norbert 1909
<i>Swan River</i>	Don & Verna Baldwin NW 32-36-26 WPM 1902

Correction: In the previous Centennial Farm list in *Time Lines* a wrong name was used. The entry for Cardinal should have read: Ronald & Anita Boisvert SE 11-6-9 o. m. p. 1907

Obituary

Peter Joseph Charleton, a former MHS member, died in Winnipeg on 24 August at the age of ninety. Before retiring, he worked in the office of Walter Woods for 44 years and later at Palliser Furniture until he was 69. He enjoyed fishing and going to the horse races at Assiniboia Downs. In later years, he was active on the North Centennial Seniors and participated in several MHS field trips.

Osborne Bridge Renovation

The City of Winnipeg is undertaking repairs to the Osborne Bridge over the next year and it has established an advisory committee, including a representative from the MHS, to guide the work. Besides repairing some degraded mechanical parts of the bridge, an objective is to improve its opportunities for "active transportation"; Osborne Bridge is one of the most heavily used by city pedestrians and cyclists. Another objective is to find ways of emphasizing the historical value of the bridge, surroundings, and approaching roads. One suggestion has been to highlight the history of streetcars in Winnipeg, since part of the renovation will involve the removal of an old streetcar rail that is protruding through the pavement at the intersection of Colony and Broadway. Readers with ideas for other ways of promoting history during the renovation should contact the MHS rep on the advisory committee, Gordon Goldsborough, at 204-885-3969 or webmaster@mhs.mb.ca.

History Teacher Recognized

Prime Minister Stephen Harper presented Portage la Prairie Collegiate teacher James Kostuchuk with the Award for Teaching Excellence at a ceremony in Ottawa on 5 October. He teaches history, drama and a course in archival preservation at the collegiate. James is a member of the council of the Manitoba Historical Society.

Kostuchuk initiated sharing with the Canadian Archives the photos and material of residential schools collected by the PCI Archival Program. In a round-table forum on teaching practices with fellow recipients he spoke of building connections with the community, assessing students fairly, and equipping students with the ability to detect good information from misinformation.

École St-Adélard No 912

by Corinne Tellier

After the Centennial Plaque presentation at the Boisvert Farm near Cardinal in August 2009 there was an opportunity to visit a miniature rural school. It is a gem and the pride and joy of the families involved in the project.

The 16x24 building located on 2.56 acres of SE 28-6-9 W is ¾ miles (5.2 km) west of the intersection of PTH 244 and 245, two miles (3.2 km) south of Notre Dame de Lourdes. It is half the size of the one closed in 1960. The land is part of the Pantel Family Farm recognized by MHS in 1991. Photos from various sources (83 were received once the project was launched) helped to bring the dream to fruition. It is well known in the community that many former students became educators.

Normand Boisvert, and his brother, Roland, initiated the project. They received donations to create a building fund, artefacts to grace the interior and gifts in kind after he polled his relatives, former teachers and students of the school to ensure there was interest in recreating a lost lifestyle. Bell, blackboard, desks, readers, and even a globe positioned as shown in an early interior photo, tell the story along with printouts of lists of teachers, pupils, trustees and a display of well identified group photos of students. The earliest list of pupils located is for 1908. When the school opened ten years earlier, it was named to honour the Archbishop of the St. Boniface Diocese, Adélard Langevin, who served from 1895 to 1915.

An official opening of the replica was held on 14 September 2003. Over 120 signatures are found in the guest book. An agreement with Roland and

Yvette Boisvert, who donated that portion of the land, and the Société historique de Notre-Dame stipulates that the latter is responsible for the maintenance of the site, the school and the Pantel Family monument found nearby.

This unique building is well worth a visit. Inquire at Le Centre Dom Benoit (204-248-2687) in the town of Notre Dame. The Centre also houses le Musée des Pionniers that opened in 1983.

Dalnavert

Put Us on Your Christmas "To Do" List!

1. Attend Special Events at the Museum

The **Heritage Needle Arts Sale** on Saturday, 21 November (10:00 am to 3:00 pm) kicks off our busy Christmas season. Come and browse the wide array of handcrafted items, such as Christmas ornaments, cards for all occasions, jewellery, purses and fairy-tale creatures. Take advantage of the half-price Museum admission fees and stock up on presents from the gift shop.

Drop by our **Open House** event on Saturday, 7 December (noon to 4:00 pm) and be among the first to see the house decked out for the festive season. The shop and auditorium will be decorated, too, and our Dickens' Village will be on display. Stay and enjoy some free holiday treats while you are here. Regular Museum admission fees will apply.

Feel like a kid again, at our reading of *The Giving Chest* and *The Night Before Christmas*, set for Sunday, 13 December, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. This family-friendly event will feature a Christmas craft session and a mini-tour of the first floor of the Museum. The cost is only \$5 per person.

Harpichord Concert

1685: Music of three great masters all born in 1685: Bach, Handel and Scarlatti, by Eric Lussier on harpichord and Haley Rempel on flute; Sunday, 6 December 2009, 3 pm at Dalnavert Museum. Light refreshment following the concert. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

2. Buy Tickets to our Annual Readings of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol

Actor Richard Hurst is flying in for a limited engagement, then travelling on to London, England, for readings at the Dickens' Museum. Performances



C. Tellier

Replica of Ecole St. Adelard.

are scheduled for 7:30 pm on 15, 16 and 17 December, and are sure to sell out even quicker than usual. Tickets are \$20 (plus GST) and include light refreshments — cranberry apple cider, shortbread and dainties — served after the show. Doors open at 6 pm, so you can view the house, enjoy carols by the Potpourri Singers (6:45 pm to 7:15 pm) and browse in the shop. The Dickens' evenings are suitable for those ages 12 and up. A pair of tickets, or a CD of the reading, makes a wonderful gift.

3. Shop for Gifts

The Dalnavert Shop has something for everyone on your list, including Gift Certificates in any denomination. The certificates can be used for Museum admissions and gift shop merchandise, or put toward facility rental fees. Remember to identify yourself as an MHS member for a 10% discount on purchases.

Not sure what to buy? Here are some suggestions:

Stocking Stuffers and Gifts Under \$5

Gemstone wish stones, Canada totems, key chains, Dalnavert pens, notepads, tea infusers, teabag holders, bath products, lavender sachets, vintage hankies and tea towels

Gifts Under \$10

Change purses, small picture frames, address books, stone magnets, herb growing kits, Bohemian crystal glasses, candles, candleholders, jams, teas and mini-teapots.

Gifts Under \$20

Glass lapel pins, earrings, pendants, scarves, corkscrew sets, stained glass brooches, pottery mugs, journals, ceramic rock "rattles" (perfect for paperweights) and delicious fruitcakes (guaranteed *not* to get passed over!)

Gifts Over \$20

Books, art prints, wall hangings, selected antiques, teacup and saucer sets, full-size teapots, clocks and serving pieces

Gifts for Kids Under \$20 (many items are under \$10)

Stuffed animals, toy cars and airplanes, wooden toys and puzzles, periscopes, books, ceramic banks, board games and metal pencil sharpeners in fun shapes (antique stoves, steam engines, spinning wheels, etc.)

Handmade Treasures

Silver bracelets, rings and pendants made from vintage teaspoons; funky ornaments, vases and candleholders made from recycled, handpainted glass; pottery mugs by Manitoba artists; vibrantly collared vases and plates by Ken Chernovitch; Arctic-themed Raku art by Gary McKague; beautiful bowls, lighthouses and grain elevators by James Richtik. Many of these items are in the \$30 to \$50 range.

Linda Neyedly
Museum Director, Dalnavert

Heritage Building Rehabilitation Incentives

Appearing in October before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance during its pre-budget hearings in Ottawa, Natalie Bull, Executive Director of the Heritage Canada Foundation (HCF), called for measures to encourage the rehabilitation and re-use of Canada's older buildings.

"We need measures that assist and reward those who show leadership in re-using existing buildings," stated Ms. Bull, noting that new construction, no matter how green, cannot compete with the environmental benefits of rehabilitation.

Bull also pointed to evidence that heritage rehabilitation creates green new jobs, stimulates the economy, and spurs the revitalization of adjacent properties. HCF's recommendations included the introduction of a Heritage Rehabilitation Tax Credit, building on interest in the Home Renovation Tax Credit, and increased funding for the National Historic Sites of Canada Cost-sharing Program, a stimulus measure introduced in Budget 2009.

Read HCF's full brief at <http://www.heritagecanada.org/eng/BriefToFinanceComm09.pdf>



Congratulations to Cindy Tugwell, the executive director of Heritage Winnipeg, who has been re-elected as the Manitoba Governor for Heritage Canada for the next three years.



G. Goldsborough

Miami Railway Station Museum.

Heritage News

The **Miami Railway Station** was a working station until the 1970s, and was preserved as a showcase of the life and times of Railway Station Masters and their families. It was designated a national historic site in 1976. After a major restoration to the museum, Parks Canada and the local committee held a grand ceremony 16 August 2009 to re-open the Miami Railway Station Museum.

The basement, new paint and eavestroughs were redone with funds raised from local businesses and donors. The re-opening afforded an occasion for the MP for Portage-Lisgar, Candace Hoepfner, (representing Minister Jim Prentice) to announce a cost-sharing grant of \$9,000 for conservation of the deteriorating windows, under the federal Economic Action Plan. Such a plan is part of the economic stimulus program, for National Historic Sites. The next phase will also see work to build a new platform, install a water system, and maybe acquire a piece of railway rolling stock to place on the remaining track.

Many from the community, and a carload of Midwestern railway members—founder David Harris, Peter Lacey, Doug Moberg, and David McDowell—attended the event. David Harris received special mention for his role more than 30 years ago in acquiring the building and they lauded Midwestern Rail's stewardship in working with the community to see it now on to this new phase. Museum Chairman Gord Docking thanked his committee for their stalwart work. Carman MLA Blaine Pedersen

lauded the work of the many volunteers to keep such an attraction for Canadians. Reeve Jason Vanstone explained that the museum is an inspiration to the community. Ms. Hoepfner also saw the value of showing the communication changes from telegraph to the Internet and Blackberries. The event concluded with entertainment and refreshments at the Seniors Centre, Miami. (With notes from Gord Docking, the *Valley Leader* 21 August and the *Morden Times* 4 September). This article by David McDowell was first printed as part of *The Milepost*, Midwestern Rail Association's newsletter, in September 2009.

The **University Women's Club of Winnipeg** is celebrating a century of service (1909–2009), and will be holding its 29th annual craft and bake sale at Ralph Connor House, 54 West Gate on Friday, 13 November from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm and Saturday, 14 November from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The admission fee is \$3. There will be three floors of Manitoba crafts and giftware for home, family, friends and self. Visit the bake shop—delicious choices of single and family servings, the Treasure Trove—gently used items seeking new homes (our own intriguing version of an elegant “garage sale”), and Boutiques—a wide variety from local crafters. Lunch will be served in three seatings. Please reserve when you arrive, 11–11:45 am, 11:45–12:30, and 12:30–1:15 pm. Enjoy



D. McDowell

The weather was kind to the committee at Miami as they held their ceremony to re-open the station museum on 16 August. After a major renovation to paint and build a new foundation, the party of MLA Blaine Petersen, Reeve Jason Vanstone, Chairman Gordon Docking, and MP Candace Hoepfner cut the ribbon, while committee member Lynda Oakes tamed the flapping flag.

tea, coffee and dainties in the dining room (minimal fee) on Friday and Saturday 1:30–3:00 pm. For more information telephone 204-954-7880.

The Carillon reports that on **Niverville Heritage Day** a National Historic Site plaque honouring William Hespeler was unveiled in Niverville, at the entrance of Niverville Heritage Park. As an immigration agent for the Canadian government, Hespeler recruited at least 7,000 Mennonites for Manitoba between 1874 and 1880. In addition, a special award was presented to Fred Kaita for his “lifetime of creative contributions to the heritage and beautification” of the community and his leadership in establishing Niverville Heritage Gardens.

“The Scarlet Force: First Steps of Our Heroes” is a public display on the history of the North West Mounted Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on the top floor of the **Daly House Museum in Brandon** until 28 November. The Greg Steele collection includes photographs, a replica of a tent that the NWMP might have used, a cannon, and numerous other items. Daly House Museum is open from Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 am to noon and from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Francofonds, an organization that sponsors projects that reflect French Culture, has provided funding for some upgrading at **The La Broquerie Museum**. Exterior painting and replacement of rotten boards have begun and should be completed next year. Some foundation work will be required. The museum committee will be looking for artefacts that reflect the French culture. Anyone who would like to assist in building restoration or in collecting artefacts is asked to contact the museum chair, Gaetan Bisson, at 204-424-9635

The Ukrainian Musicians Association moved its Hall of Fame Museum to Selo Ukraina on the northern slopes of the Riding Mountains, the home of Canada’s National Ukrainian Festival near Dauphin. The Hall of Fame opened in Winnipeg eight years ago. It is felt that the new location will expose the museum to a larger audience. It will be located in Rhodes Hall which was moved from the Rural Municipality of Ethelbert to be part of the Selo Ukraina site. Selo Ukraina, which in English means Ukrainian Village, is a centre for preservation of Ukrainian culture and heritage. The UMA Hall of Fame Museum showcases Ukrainian music and performers. A grand opening of the museum is planned for the summer of 2010 at the Ukrainian Festival.

The **St. Francois Xavier Historical Society** has prepared an honour roll memorial for 139 residents who served in World War I, World War II and the Korean War. Sixteen lost their lives in these wars. With financial help from Manitoba Tourism and Heritage and the Rural Municipality of St. Francois Xavier, the society erected a black granite memorial with the names of all the war veterans. Volunteers planted a garden. The society is looking for pictures of all the local veterans listed on the memorial. Only five photos have been received so far. Anyone interested in lending photos or helping the society with other projects can call the municipal office at 204-864-2092.

Friends of **Camp Hughes** held the second annual “Hughes Heritage Day” on Sunday, 4 October. Camp Hughes was a training ground in Manitoba for Canadian Militia between 1910 and 1933. Approximately ten kilometres of trenches give an accurate picture of the trenches on the Western Front in World War I. Static displays of World War I and an archaeological presentation of the site were provided by the Legion House Museum and the Military History Society of Manitoba.

The *Minnedosa Tribune* reports that a complete inventory of **Minnedosa’s** older buildings was compiled this fall in partnership with the Manitoba Historic Resources Branch. A \$5,000 provincial grant was expected to cover all expenses. The process included door-to-door visits to all structures believed to be built before 1930. Information compiled will include date of construction, previous owners, and current owners, and any unique features about the building. Information and photos will be in an initial report to be presented to the community in March 2010. At the end of the project, the community will receive a large binder with an inventory of Minnedosa’s “Special Heritage Places” As a result of the inventory more Minnedosa sites may be deemed worthy of heritage designation in the near future.

The *Valley Leader* reports that the hunt is on for old **Winnipeg Streetcars**. An 11 x 8 wooden streetcar known as #356, found in 1980 in the Kildonan area after it was used as a chicken coop, is stored in the Winnipeg Railway Museum at the Forks. While it awaits restoration, a group of volunteers is looking for parts on other former streetcars and also carefully examining photos since “there are no blueprints to go by.” Amateur historian Steven Stothers who is spearheading the restoration project

found that forty streetcars had been acquired by a Winkler businessman. An advertisement in the 28 September 1955 issue of the *Winkler Progress* promoted the purchase of streetcars for “shooting lodges, cabins, granaries, home dressing rooms, greenhouse, chicken house, work shop, storage of all kinds, garage, community house,, etc.” The price was not mentioned. The hope is that even if the wooden and metal streetcars cannot be found intact, people will have memories as the streetcars were modified to meet their owners’ needs. If you have any information for Strothers about these streetcars phone 204-942-2663 or go online to www.winnipegstreetcar.com and tell your story. Visit the Streetcar 356 display at the Winnipeg Millennium Library during November and December.

The oldest skyscraper in Western Canada is coming back to life after being empty for 17 years. On 15 October officials from the Red River College and all three levels of government announced that restoration and renovation of the 104-year-old **Union Bank Tower** at Main Street and William Avenue in



W. Fraser

A renovated Union Bank Tower in Winnipeg is to come alive as a facility of Red River College.

Winnipeg will begin immediately. The \$27 million funding is coming from federal, provincial and city governments, Red River College, CentreVenture, PattersonGlobalFoods and the Winnipeg Foundation. The two-year project will create in the existing “tower” and two adjoining buildings a multipurpose facility for Red River College, providing space for the college’s culinary programs, three restaurants and, on the upper floors, student residences. The two adjacent buildings are needed because the steel frame “tower” cannot house the heating and cooling systems that are required.

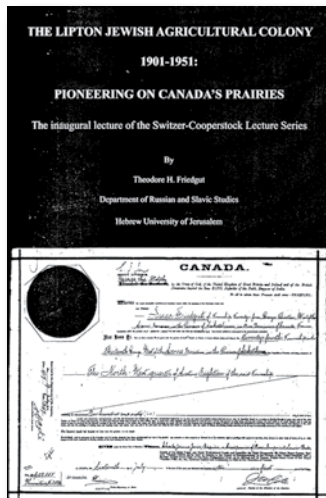
The *Winnipeg Free Press* reports that the Manitoba Transit Heritage Association has received two vintage buses from New Flyer Industries: a 1956 Scenic Cruiser, a one- and-a- half deck bus, and a 1958 Model T-40 conventional bus at a ceremony in October. The MTHA has six other operational buses, including a 1937 coach and a 1950 electric trolley. The association hopes to contact foundations and private sector partners to begin building a bus museum in the next five years similar to the London Transport Museum in England. New Flyer Industries dates back to 1930 and is the largest manufacturer of transit buses today in Canada and USA with plants in Winnipeg and St. Cloud, Minnesota.

The Fort Garry Historical Society will hold its general meeting and luncheon on 14 November at Riverwood Square, 1778 Pembina Highway. The guest speaker will be Sherry Dangerfield, an interpretive planner who will give an illustrated presentation on how museums engaged the public in the past.

Brandon Sun Community News reports that the Gender and Women’s Studies Program at Brandon University scheduled a Queer History Colloquium on 4 November. Four guest speakers from universities in West Virginia and Wisconsin and the University of Manitoba were to speak on topics related to lesbian and gay history. The event is part of a speaker’s series on the work of people who are advancing the frontiers of women’s equality, gender issues and social justice.

The MHS Young Historians Awards will be presented at the Dalnavert Visitors’ Centre on Sunday, 15 November from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada launched two books on 26 October. Copies can be purchased from the Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada, 123 Doncaster Street, Winnipeg, MB R3N 2B2; phone 204-477-7460 or email: jhc@jhcwc.org.

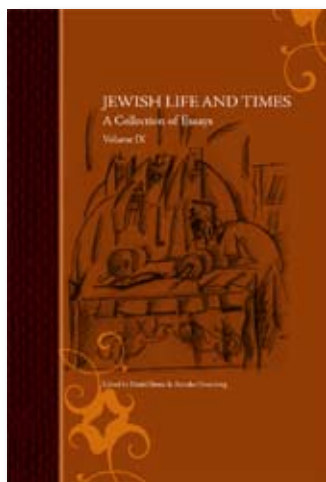


The Lipton Jewish Agricultural Colony, 1901-1951. Pioneering on Canada's Prairies by Theodore Friedgut (Professor Emeritus of History, Hebrew University), 78 pages, 5x8 booklet form, \$6.00 plus shipping.

This is the most thorough account of any Jewish farm colony. It is written by a distinguished historian of

Russia who was born in Regina and whose family lived on the colony. It was the inaugural lecture of the Switzer-Cooperstock Endowed Lectureship.


Jewish Life and Times, volume 9, edited by Daniel Stone and Anna-lee Greenberg, 117 pages 5½x8½ book, \$15.00 plus shipping.



A collection of scholarly articles originally given as lectures to the society. The volume is dedicated to Harry Gutkin, president of the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada for nineteen years and author of three books that won awards from the MHS. It includes an obituary,

eulogy, and bibliography of his works. Its contents are as follows:

- *Wilderness Gentry: Jewish Fur Traders in the Eighteenth Century* by Scott Stephen.
- *A Jewish Farmer Can't Be: Land Settlement Policies and Ethnic Settlement in Western Canada 1870-1919* by John Lehr.
- *More than Just Business: An Historical Overview of Jewish-Mennonite Relations in Winkler* by Hans Werner with commentary by John J. Friesen and Harold Buchwald.
- *Jewish Cemeteries in Manitoba: A Preliminary Investigation into the History, Built Structures, and Landscapes* by Scott F. de Groot.
- *Chief Rabbi Israel Isaac Kahanovitch: His National Significance* by Jodi Giesbrecht.
- *The Golden Age of the Jews of Bukovina, 1880-1914* by Fred Strambrook.
- *Jews in the Artistic and Culture Life of Ukraine in the 1920s* by Myroslav Shkandrij.
- *Coverage of the Holocaust in Poland in Winnipeg's Jewish and Polish Press, 1939-1945* by Daniel Stone.
- *Argentinean Jewish Immigration to Winnipeg: A Personal Account* by Evelyn Hecht.



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| <p>15 November Young Historians awards reception at Dalnavert Visitors' Centre; everyone welcome</p> <p>16 November MHS Book Club: Mary Quayle Innis: <i>Mrs. Simcoe's Diary</i>, Dalnavert Visitors' Centre</p> <p>18 November MHS Film Night at the Park Theatre, 698 Osborne Street, 1934 northern tour on the HBC ship <i>Nascopie</i></p> <p>21 November Heritage Needle Arts Sale at Dalnavert</p> | <p>7 December Dalnavert Open House</p> <p>13 December Readings of <i>The Giving Chest</i> and <i>The Night before Christmas</i> at Dalnavert</p> <p>15, 16 and 17 Richard Hurst's annual dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' <i>A Christmas Carol</i> at Dalnavert</p> <p>18 January MHS Book Club Maggie Siggins, <i>Marie-Anne: The Extraordinary Life of Louis Riel's Grandmother</i>, Dalnavert</p> <p>6 February Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner</p> |
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