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The Manitoba Historical Society gratefully extends our thanks and appreciation to the volunteers and staff listed here and elsewhere in this report, who have donated countless hours of their time to assist us in our work to preserve, protect and promote the history of Manitoba.





Message from the President

New MHS Office Location

After the transfer of Dalnavert Museum to the Friends of Dalnavert Museum, Inc. had been agreed upon, the massive task of downsizing, moving documents and library holdings to Room 710A, One Lombard Avenue (Richardson Building) began in earnest. This work consumed the entire summer of 2015.

The two office suite and access to a small board room facilitates our operations. Special thanks to MHS member movers Dennis Butcher, Harry Duckworth, Roy Friesen, Jane Fudge, Carl James, Jock Lehr, Linda McDowell and move coordinator CAO Jacqueline Friesen.

Outreach and Promotion

One of the primary mandates of the MHS is to foster the preservation of property relevant to an appreciation and promotion of the history of Manitoba. To that end, I was delighted to have the opportunity to personally present MHS Centennial Organization Awards to the Village of Winnipegosis plus the St. John's and Cornish Libraries.

Equally satisfying was a trip to Killarney in September when I was invited to speak to the attendees of the 2015 Manitoba Communities in Bloom Conference - a group that has similar objectives regarding the promotion of the province's heritage.

Thanks to Charleswood Historical Society's board member and community booster, Dan Furlan, I thoroughly enjoyed assisting him in the unveiling of a series of plaques that illustrated the newly renovated historic Caron House (Charleswood).

I was delighted to represent the MHS at the following celebratory events: a Heritage Winnipeg Luncheon Fundraiser; the Canadian Aviation Historical Society evening lecture on Cadet history in Manitoba; the 1919 film showing of *Romance of the Far Fur Trade* at the Manitoba Archives; the Annual Canada Day Celebrations at our MHS Ross House Museum; the official opening of Upper Fort Garry Gate (originally saved and preserved by the Manitoba Historical Society); the John Pritchard School 100th Anniversary; and our annual MHS Film Night in collaboration with Heritage Winnipeg and the Manitoba Transit Heritage Group - a screening of the film *the Streetcar Era in Winnipeg*.

On another evening, I enjoyed with MHS members – as a part of the MHS on-going lecture series - a presentation by Dr. Royden Loewen, University of Winnipeg titled “Old Order Mennonites in today’s world. “

A different event but similar in purpose, was the informative evening with the monthly MHS Book Club when the Club’s special guest author Shirley Render shared excerpts from her book *Double Cross – the Inside Story of James A. Richardson and Canadian Airways*.

Our largest MHS promotional event is the annual gala evening – this past February the 51st Annual John A. Macdonald Dinner. Commemorating the 100th year of women attaining the vote in Manitoba, introductory Speaker Linda McDowell reminded all present of the contributions of Nellie McClung to the legislation granting women the vote in 1916. Keynote Speaker Jenifer Ditchburn delighted the audience with her easy-going presentation describing how women over the decades have become a critical presence in the parliamentary press gallery corps.

Recognizing and Promoting Public Interest in Manitoba

Unique perhaps to the MHS, it is one of our mandates to support individuals or groups of Manitobans who volunteer their time to highlight an aspect of our past. One such group is the team representing the Flin Flon Heritage Project. Doug Evans, Ted Nelson and Phil Gies are working to document archival material by digitizing written accounts of Flin Flon including that of the surrounding area. Whether school yearbooks, minutes of meetings, newspapers that no longer publish or family memorabilia – this group wants former Flin Flon area residents to become aware of the project. The MHS intends to support their publicity objective.

A similar project is one being promoted by Gordon McDiarmid. His goal is to remind us all of the contributions of many brick manufacturing operations in Manitoba - all of whom made a very tangible impact upon the built environment and architectural design of many of the buildings still standing across Manitoba. Once again, the MHS plans to support such a venture.

Recognition of Manitoba’s Cultural Heritage

A different approach to learning about culture and heritage are the annual MHS field trips led by Jock Lehr and Ed Ledohowski.

I was fortunate to attend the fall expedition, along with other MHS members and friends, on a tour of the historic sites of Manitoba’s Interlake Region. We were able to enjoy the opportunity to see up close aspects and often rare glimpses of our past that only become known when guided by such an adventure.

A Future for the MHS - Strategic Planning

The Society has begun its renewal process post Dalnavert. By conducting a series of strategic planning sessions, we hope to examine all aspects of our organization. Most importantly, we intend to consider new ways and means of implementing our MHS constitutional mandate. This process is in its early stages. As President, I look forward to and feel fortunate to be part of this important stage in the growth and development of our organization.

New Benefit available for MHS Members only

The Society has partnered with McNally Robinson in its *Partners in Culture Program*. New members and renewing members of the Society will be entitled to enjoy a discounted price on most books, gifts and music plus restaurant items offered at McNally Robinson. The program will be launched in the fall of 2016.

Thank You to MHS Chairs, the Executive and Members of Council

In closing, I would like to thank the following MHS members who have chaired a Committee, lead a project, or have organized a MHS event this past 2015-2016 year: Robert Coutts; Harry Duckworth; Patricia Forsythe; Dan Furlan; Gordon Goldsborough; Shelia Grover; Carl James; Esyllt Jones; Jock Lehr; Anne MacVicar; Dave McDowell; Robert O’Kell; Jim Richtik; Greg Thomas and Darryl Toews.

My sincere thanks are also extended to all 2015-2016 members of the MHS Executive and Council.

To our Chief Administrative Officer Jacqueline Friesen, a warm and heartfelt appreciation for maintaining the integrity of the office and ensuring that the MHS continues to be a factor in the preservation and promotion of history in Manitoba.

Gary R. McEwen, President

Ross House Museum

Ross House was built in 1854 on the banks of the Red River, at the foot of Market Avenue, for William and Jemima Ross. In 1855, the Council of Assiniboia reorganized the Red River Settlement's mail service from the bi-annual packet via The Hudson's Bay Company to the service by way of Pembina and appointed William as its first postmaster. He used his home as the first post office until his death in May 1856. The museum reflects the history of the Ross family and William Coldwell and their contribution to the Red River Settlement. The MHS rescued the house from demolition in 1949, and once restored, it was relocated to Higgins Avenue in 1952, with the final move to Joe Zuken Park, in 1984. The museum is now owned by the City of Winnipeg, operated by the Manitoba Historical Society, which makes applications and receives grant funding from municipal, provincial, and federal grants, to support operations and summer student employment. We are proud to continue our association with Ross House over the years, and take pride in managing this important historic site in the history of the City and Manitoba.

This year the museum served in other capacities in addition to our programming and events, ranging from serving as film location for a historic documentary, directed by Peter Jordan, as site for wedding photographs, and as always, a community meeting place for local groups and residents.

We were featured on the Global TV local breakfast show, in June, a wonderful way in which were able to promote the new summer season for Ross House, Joe Zuken Park, and to bring awareness to the cultural and historic importance of the community of Point Douglas.

Summer students Kiersten McLeod, and Caitlyn Gowriluk, were hired to manage our visitor services, programming, and promotion of the museum, and we thank them for the valuable assistance provided to us in these endeavors, and the many other tasks they took on. Both students were fluent in French which was a

valuable asset to the museum. Due to their efforts through our Facebook and twitter pages, Heritage Winnipeg's Laura McKay featured us in her blog spot, and we saw an increase in visits to our museum, as well as to our social media sites.

In May, we participated in the Annual Doors Open Winnipeg and extend our gratitude and thanks to our volunteers for the day, Marcel and Genevieve Parcochette, Carolyn MacKenzie, Jaret Horbatiuk, Mark Kuzniak, and Merielle Clark.

We hosted Community Retirement Manitoba, along with Barber House, and the Manitoba Indigenous Cultural Education Centre, in a tour of the community, which was arranged by CRM program co-ordinator D'Arcy Mansell.

We hosted the Eaglewing Daycare, and had a surprise visit from Hon. Minister Ron Lemieux, who came alone and enjoyed the visit.

We continued to offer our popular walking tour of Point Douglas, with our staff, and with the help of volunteer Carl James, MHS Executive Board member.

Our annual Canada Day Celebration was a very successful event, and we thank our partners, volunteers from the Church of the Rock. These dedicated volunteers have, throughout the years, have been instrumental in making the annual event the success that it is each year.

Activities at the Canada Day event included displays from the Manitoba Living History Society, bouncy castles, face painting, games, and music, traditional opening ceremonies, including flag raising, with piper Melissa Oroboko, with special guests President Gary McEwen, MHS, Kevin Chief and City of Winnipeg Councillor, Ross Eadie. Barbeque sausage on rye celebrating the north end from Metro Meats was served, as well as birthday cake. The Canada Day event is made possible with the generous assistance of the Celebrate Canada funding from the Government of Canada, and a donation from the Zuken Foundation, to whom we extend our thanks and gratitude.

Thanks to the funding from the Clan Ross the project called The Panel Cover which was two years in the planning got completed after countless revisions and unexpected delays. It serves to protect the display of Wpg. Bird's Eye View 1884. It is locked over this during night and off season. It displays information pertinent to visitors about the museum's schedule of opening and the sponsors. The artwork is a decal which has a replacement in the anticipation of vandalism. The museum's brochures were redesigned, as a rack card, The City Museum's Board designed a template for City funded museums, and the Ross House manager completed the work with a photo and bi lingual text. The rack card was printed and ready for use in the 16-17 season.

The museum was closed for the season September 3, and we look forward re- opening for the season next summer.

Victor Sawelo,
Ross House Museum Manager

Jacqueline Friesen, CAO

Membership Committee

1. The membership of the Committee has dramatically expanded in the last year. In June, 2015 there were seven members on the Committee (Margaret Carter, Dan Furlan, Carl James, David McDowell, Robert O’Kell, Jim Smith and Lily Stearns. Since then one member of the Committee (Lily Stearns) has resigned because she has other conflicting commitments. But four new members have joined the Committee: Wayne Arseny, Bashir Khan, Alan Player-Mason, and Heather Richardson. In addition, Gary McEwen (ex officio) has made it a practice to join the Committee’s deliberations whenever he can. The result has been a very lively discussion of membership issues, both how to retain current MHS members, and how to attract new members. The Committee has met 8 times in the last year: 8 June 2015; 29 July 2015 (jointly with the Program Committee); 20 October 2015; 16 November 2015; 19 January 2016; 1 March 2016; 11 April 2016; and 2 May 2016.
2. The Committee continues to believe that the MHS needs to develop a more extensive and more varied program of events. These would certainly include the kinds of successful events currently offered (i.e. Macdonald dinner, lectures, field trips, film nights, multi-cultural dinners, and book club). But we also need to sponsor new events that appeal to a younger demographic. There is a general agreement that to attract new members it will be necessary to expand the use of the website, including more ways to make it interactive, and to develop a greater presence in electronic social media. We also need to develop initiatives that connect us with both high-school and university students and their teachers. Making the MHS a resource for both teachers and students would help this process.
3. The Committee also agrees that a stronger effort should be made to identify and include other target groups of potential members and find ways to include them in our programs –perhaps through joint sponsorships. We are in the process of developing a list of such target groups, but have not yet agreed upon how contact with them should be initiated. We hope to have a template of topics for such conversations soon. It is notable that Dalnavert has launched an ambitious program of events since it was transferred to The Friends of Dalnavert Museum. Reciprocal cooperation with them on publicity would be valuable. A new MHS brochure (including membership information) has been printed up and will soon be available also in electronic form on the Society’s web-page. This brochure should always be distributed to potential members at every program event. The lack of an updated brochure over the past year has been a major deficiency, though the Committee did discuss and forward a draft of one to the Executive. Attendees at every MHS event who are not already members should be encouraged to give us their name and e-mail address, so that we can follow up with them about their interests in our History.
4. With respect to the retention of current members, the Committee believes that there should be a strong effort to communicate more frequently by e-mail. This will require expanding the list of e-mail addresses we have on file.
5. It is essential, the Committee thinks, that more MHS members become involved in the activities of the Society. There are currently too few people trying to do too much. Our vampiric slogan must be “New Blood.”



A list of on-going activities by the Membership Committee, in conjunction with other committees.

1. Contacts with high-school and university students, including plans for a students' panel discussion in the fall.
2. Contacts with social studies teachers and plans for an informational table at the two-day Manitoba/Saskatchewan In-Service meeting in Winnipeg, 21-22 October.
3. The development of MHS resource materials for teachers.
4. Campaign to increase electronic/ social media contacts with the Society's members.
5. Exploration of joint sponsorship of programs with Dalnavert and with other historical and cultural groups.
6. Recruitment of both current and new MHS members to serve on committees and participate in the Society's events.
7. Development of new web-based, interactive programs likely to attract the interest of younger people.

Robert O'Kell (Chair), Wayne Arseny, Margaret Carter, Dan Furlan, Carl James, Bashir Khan, David McDowell, Gary McEwen, Alan Player-Mason, Heather Richardson, Jim Smith.

MHS Award Programs

Awarded in recognition and celebration of the contributions of Manitobans dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of Manitoba

Lieutenant Governor's Award for Historical Preservation and Promotion

This was the sixth year of the program, proposed by the MHS in 2011 to Lieutenant Governor Philip S. Lee to recognize Manitobans for their prolonged, meritorious contributions to the preservation and promotion of Manitoba history. In 2015, our proposal to Mr. Lee's successor, the Honorable Janice C. Filmon, to continue the program was met with approval.

Nineteen nominations were received by the deadline of 29 February 2016, of which five were recommended to Mrs. Filmon by a committee consisting of Dr. Harry Duckworth (MHS Past President), Dr. Gordon Goldsborough (MHS Councillor), Mr. Carl James (MHS Councillor), Dr. John Lehr (MHS Councillor), Mr. Alan Mason (MHS Vice President), and Mr. Gary McEwen (MHS President). The awards were presented during a ceremony and reception at Government House on Manitoba Day (12 May 2016).

Mr. Shayne Campbell has been preserving historic artifacts and buildings in the Argyle area since he was 14 years old, and he was the driving force behind the Settlers Rails and Trails Museum, established in 2010. He has done extensive research to clarify many aspects of local history; created drawings of lost buildings; written articles for the local newspaper; and prepared special exhibits on themes such as the Argyle Curling Club. His large collection of First World War artifacts and uniforms, and information he collected about local war veterans, have kept the memory of the veterans green, and have been a special source of interest for local students. His gift for promoting heritage events has allowed him to play a key role in Argyle district heritage celebrations, most recently the Brant-Argyle School Centennial celebration in 2014.

Ms. Pat Eyolfson has been a driving force in the Arborg and District Multicultural Historical Association since it was founded in 1999. Her leadership skills have been very important in the creation of the Heritage Village site, recognized as a Manitoba Star Attraction last year. At the site, historic buildings and artifacts, illustrative of the rich variety of ancestral cultures of the Interlake, have been brought together and made available for examination and study. Ms. Eyolfson has been a source of new ideas for the Heritage Village, but also does much of the hard work needed to identify funding sources, organize volunteers, and write grants. The Heritage Village involves everyone—it uses students as interpretive staff, and local seniors assist in the revival of traditional skills like soap making and wool spinning.

For well over 30 years, **Mr. Gordon McGill** has been involved in the restoration and development of the Boundary Commission North West Mounted Police Trail. In 1991, he organized a re-enactment of the historic trail ride, the original of which brought the rule of law into the Canadian west. In 1998 he became Chair of the Boundary Commission North West Mounted Police Trail, and has been a dominant force ever since. He has seen to the improvement of facilities along the Trail, including several local museums; located and shared various historic resources; and made sure that local governments are aware of the tourism opportunities that the Trail provides. The reach of the Trail, and Mr. McGill's energy in understanding and promoting it, have made him a powerful influence in regional heritage efforts all across south Manitoba.

Ms. Janis McMorran, the volunteer Museum Curator at the Pinewood Museum at Clear Lake, has been involved in local heritage activities for almost 40 years. In the summer she runs the Museum, located in a handsome 80-year old cottage, and operated by the Riding Mountain Historical Society. Apart from preserving, displaying and cataloguing the collections, she takes responsibility for the building itself, ensuring that maintenance and repairs are consistent with its historic features. In the winter she does research, takes courses, and locates artifacts and photos to enrich the collections. She has completed a formal program of study leading to a Certificate in Museum Practice. One of her references calls her “the heart and soul of the Riding Mountain Historical Society”, and another calls her “a gift to the museum and the community.”

Mr. Raymond Philippot, President of the Historical Society of St. Claude, has been involved in heritage activities since retiring from dairy farming, 25 years ago. He soon became President of the Historical Society, inheriting responsibility for an existing local Museum and small collection of historic buildings. He has seen to the refurbishing of the Museum, the former train station, and added four more buildings. He has created a new museum, The Dairy Museum of Manitoba, the province's most important source of knowledge for the history of dairying. He has also organized the creation of a local Archives centre, with a secure, acclimatized vault for the proper storage of documents from public and private sources. He has done historical writing. He has been very successful in publicizing the St Claude heritage resources, including forging a strong link with Tourism Québec, which leads to many visitors, particularly Francophones.

Gordon Goldsborough & Harry Duckworth

Centennial Awards

Awarded in recognition and celebration of the history of farm families, organizations and businesses who have reached the milestone of operating for 100 years or more.

Centennial Business & Organization Awards

In 2015-2016 a number of changes occurred in the Centennial Business and Organizations Award Committee, as,

- Jim Smith agreed to join as Co-Chair-responsible for Centennial Organizations
- The Sponsorship Plan was approved to seek funding for these Centennial Awards
- A partnership was established with the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce to promote both the Award and sponsorships
- Steps were taken to prepare the Awards in French to appropriately meet incoming requests

While efforts to secure longer term sponsorship funding have taken up time, contacts and follow ups for possible awards have been slower.

To date for 2015-2016 fourteen organizations and businesses were identified as eligible for the Centennial Awards, two were awarded, six of these are in process, and follow up is taking place with the remaining six.

Looking ahead, the Committee is planning a number of actions, including,

- Funding the Awards through external sponsorships
- Active promotion of the Awards through the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce and other avenues
- Increasing the number of contacts for awards, as there are more reaching the 100-year mark
- Setting guidelines for follow-ups to focus effort on the most responsive participants
- Assisting in raising the profile of MHS through publicizing the Society through the Centennial Award Program

Dan Furlan, Co-Chair

Centennial Farms Awards

The sponsorship of the Centennial Farm program from the Murray Family Foundation has been much appreciated over the past several years and we thank them sincerely for their financial support.

The co-operative working relationship with Manitoba Department of Agriculture and in particular, Shirley Warelis Thompson, the administrator of the department's Heritage Farm program for the past 5+ years, is also much appreciated. Shirley is leaving this program to move to another area of responsibility. I want to say "thank you" to her and wish her well. She has been a very positive and supportive person to work with on our complimentary programs.

The co-operation and support of the Centennial Farm Committee members – David McDowell, Denise Kolesar and Corinne Tellier – is also much appreciated. From researching land sales, to keeping our financial records, to proof-reading my high school French translations and offering invaluable opinions on "gray"

areas, everyone contributes with their own skills. Thank you, committee members, for your years of doing Centennial Farms presentations as well. The 2015-16 volunteer hours – 440 +.

The work of the Committee continues with the support of Richardson International Limited. This has been acknowledged on the plaques and certificates for several months, and we thank the company for its support.

MHS Centennial Farm Awards, 2015-16- 100 -year recognition

Region	Family	Farm Location	Year Established
Alonsa	Ken and Janice Dunn	SE 32-21-11 WPM	1915
Alonsa	Donald and Beverley Jarvie	NE 19-22-11 WPM	1910
Brandon	Darline Brownridge and Sandra Brownridge	NW 2-11-19 WPM & Nrthly 101 acres of SW 2-11-19 WPM	1914
Dauphin	Ernie Kalinowich, Nestor Kalinowich & William Kalinowich	N.W. 15-30-22 WPM	1915
Dauphin	George and Brenda Panko	SE 22-26-19 WPM	1915
Eriksdale	David and Nicole Gleich	NW 24-21-7 WPM	1910
Ethelbert	Wayne and Lynn Pitura	NW 17-29-22 WPM	1915
Fortier	Darcy and Andrea Miller	Pt of SW 23-11-4 WPM & N½ of NW 14-11-4 WPM	1911
Fork River	Gary and Linda Kostyshyn	SE 33-29-20 WPM	1908
Pine River	Steve Kushnerek, Orest Kushnerek & Elizabeth Kushnerek	S.E. 9-33-22 WPM	1913
RM of Lawrence	Sonia (Ohryn) and Ivan Kostyshyn	N.W. 18-30-16 WPM	1910
RM of Harrison Park	Helen Kashton Leonard and Dianne Kashton	159.2 acres of SW 9-19-22 WPM	1908
Vogar	Halldor and Marianne Johnson	SW 27-22-9 WPM	1908

MHS 2105-16 Centennial Farm Awards, 125 and Over

Darlingford	E. Scott Nichol and Donna May Berry-Nichol	SE 34-2-7 WPM	1877
Harding	Orley and Adele McLaughlin Darryl McLaughlin	SW 13-11-23 WPM	1888
Portage La Prairie	Harold and Carole Moffat	SE 2-11-6 WPM	1890
Oakville	Chad and Heather Miller	SW 2-11-5 WPM	1889
Oakville	James and Jacquelyn Blight James, Kevin and Kameron Blight	S 1/2 of SE 31-11-4 WPM	1890

Events and Programs

Public presentations and events, designed to showcase and promote all aspects of the history of Manitoba, to celebrate, enlighten, educate, and to entertain.

Celebrating Manitoba's Culture

Multicultural Dinner

Our year began with the very popular multicultural dinner in partnership with Manitoba's Irish community . The event was held at the Irish Association of Manitoba club on Erin Street. The evening featured Irish music, food and drink and guest speaker Robert Wall who told his story of coming to Manitoba in the 1960's

Lecture

In November there was an interesting presentation by Dr. Royden Loewen from the University of Winnipeg about the Old Order Mennonites and their conflicts with their traditional lifestyles in a modern and fast changing world.

Field Tripping through History

Spring Field Trip – June 2015

The first MHS bus tour was held in June. We had an extensive tour of James Valley Hutterite colony, visited a large commercial vegetable farm near Portage la Prairie and stopped at historic churches in Fannystelle, Poplar Point and Baie St. Paul.

Fall Field Trip- September 2015

The second bus tour was in September visiting a number of sights and monuments in the eastern Interlake region. Stops along the route included Gimli, Fraserwood, Bender Hamlet, Inwood and Komarno.

History through Film

The annual MHS film night featuring the streetcar era in Winnipeg was held in March at the Dalnavert Visitor's Center. The film *Backtracks* told the story of the role streetcars played in the development of a rapidly growing city. Brian Darragh, one of Winnipeg's last streetcar drivers, entertained us with stories from his book. There also was a presentation by members of the Manitoba Transit Heritage group.

Carl James, Chair

History Book Club

This club was founded by long time MHS member and volunteer, Judith Valenzuela (aka Judith Hudson Beattie) historian and former Keeper of the Hudson Bay Archives. The group is open to members in good standing of the Society, and is an opportunity for members to meet each other socially, share a good history book, and learn more about the history of Manitoba.

The MHS book club was fortunate to find a new location for meetings at the Centre Cultural Franco Manitobain for the past year. And we have been able to secure the room for the year ahead. With the upcoming year 2016 marking the one hundredth anniversary of women in Manitoba gaining the right to vote,

our first book appropriately was Firing the Heather – The Life and Times of Nellie McClung. Discussion was led by our guest for the evening, Linda McDowell.

Our October book was The Manitoba Flood of 1950 – An Illustrated History by J.M. Bumsted with discussion led by Carl James. And our November selection was The Massey Murder – The Maid, Her Master and the Trial That Shocked a Nation by Charlotte Gray with discussion lead by Judy Valenzuela.

We began the new year with Diane Haglund’s selection The Inconvenient Indian by Thomas King. For February, author Shirley Render spoke about her book Double Cross – The Inside Story of James A. Richardson and Canadian Airways. Our March book was The Gallant Cause - Canadians in the Spanish Civil War 1936-1939 by Mark Zuehlke with discussion led by Ray Burns. And for our April meeting, author Esyllt Jones spoke about her book Influenza 1918- Disease, Death and Struggle in Winnipeg

Carl James, Coordinator

War Memorials of Manitoba Project

Background

As part of its mandate to preserve Manitoba's history, the MHS has created web pages for all known WWI and WWII community war memorials in Manitoba. It is part of a project initiated by Patrick Morican to create a comprehensive inventory of Manitoba's war memorials.

<http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/warmemorials/index.shtml>

Each MHS memorial page provides a photo of the memorial, a map and GPS coordinates of its location, background information about the memorial if known, and the list of names found on the memorial if such a list exists. Some memorials simply pay tribute to the fallen without naming them (examples include the memorials in Arborg, Glenella, Sperling, and Winnipegosis).

There are approximately 4,850 names found on known memorials. The names listed are typically those of soldiers but on some memorials the names of nursing sisters who died as a result of the war are also listed. One example is that of Nursing Sister Christine Frederickson whose name is found on the RM of Argyle memorial in Baldur and on the memorial in Glenboro.

The memorials typically provide few details about the person other than the given name(s) or initial(s) and the last name. A few memorials also include ranks and death dates. In nearly all cases, the names listed on a memorial represent only those who died as a result of the war. It should be noted that the information found on war memorials is not always accurate as the names added to memorials were often provided by the public. One example is the war memorial in Morden. It was dedicated in 1921 but includes the name of one soldier - Private Sydney McKone - who survived the war and lived until 1993.

MHS volunteers have worked to identify the names found on the memorials with approximately 90% of the WWI names identified thus far. Approximately 15% of the names appear on more than one memorial.

Sources used to help identify the names on existing community memorials include:

- Library and Archives Canada (attestation papers and service records)
- Veterans Affairs Canadian Virtual Memorial (CVWM)
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC)
- Winnipeg Evening Tribune daily casualty lists from 1914-1919

- Honour Roll lists found in community history books and other sources

One result of the effort to identify the names on Manitoba's community war memorials was the realization that the names of many Manitoba-connected soldiers do not appear on a war memorial in the province. For that reason, an independent research project was initiated by MHS volunteer Darryl R. Toews to compile a list of soldiers and nursing sisters whose names do not appear on a known community memorial. That list contains approximately 4,000 names and continues to be a work in progress.

Sources used to create the list include:

- Winnipeg Evening Tribune daily casualty lists that identified soldiers who resided, trained, or enlisted in Manitoba
- Manitoba Archives World War I Index Cards (primarily created using Winnipeg newspaper casualty lists)
- Honour Roll lists found in community history books
- Veterans Affairs Canada Virtual Memorial and Library and Archives Canada sources

The MHS has created a virtual Manitoba Historical Society War Memorial to list these names on its website:

<http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites/mhswarmemorial.shtml>

The work to identify the remaining names on the memorials continues. Library and Archives Canada is in the process of digitizing the service records of all of Canada's WWI military personnel. These records, when available, should help in that process. Other plaques and memorials are being found and those will be added to the MHS website as well.

The complete list of WWI names (those appearing and those not appearing on a known memorial) has also been given to Provincial Toponymist Des Kappel to support the Manitoba Government's Geographical Names Program and its efforts to name geographic places after WWI fallen from Manitoba. For more information, please contact me directly drtoews@mymts.net or (204) 822-6137

Darryl R. Toews

Publications

Publications Committee

The Publications Committee is responsible for production of the *Manitoba History* journal (with the integrated *MHS Gazette* newsletter) and the MHS website (www.mhs.mb.ca).

Journal/Newsletter

Our editorial team members are as follows: Jim Burns (Copy Editor), Bob Coutts (Editor-in-Chief), Gordon Goldsborough (Pageant Editor and Production Coordinator), Sheila Grover (Newsletter Co-Editor), Esyllt Jones (Associate Editor), Frieda Klippenstein (Reviews Editor), Greg Thomas (Newsletter Co-Editor), and Maria Zbigniewicz (Page Layout).

During the 2015-2016 period, the journal/newsletter was published three times: No. 78 Summer 2015, No. 79 Fall 2015, and No. 80 Winter 2015). The articles included in each issue can be found on the MHS website (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb_history). Mailing of the integrated journal/newsletter package is coordinated directly by our printer, Premier Printing, to all Canadian members using mailing labels provided by the MHS administrative office. We continue to achieve considerable cost savings for postage by hand-

delivering copies, in envelopes, destined to American and European members to the US Postal Service in North Dakota.

Editorial assistance with issues of the journal/newsletter published in 2015-2016 was provided by Wayne Arseny (Emerson), Jordan Bass (University of Manitoba Medical Archives), Peter Clarke (Winnipeg), Stefanie Goldsborough (Winnipeg), Scott Goodine (Archives of Manitoba), Great-West Life Assurance (Winnipeg), Diane Haglund (Winnipeg), Frank Jankac (Milton, Ontario), James Kostuchuk (Portage la Prairie), Ian Loveridge (Waikato, New Zealand), Jacob Marks (University of Manitoba), Rob McInnes (Winnipeg), Lena Nason (Vancouver, British Columbia), Katherine Nichols (Brandon), Donna Pim (Ottawa, Ontario), Glen Suggett (Portage la Prairie), Bronwen Quarry (Archives of Manitoba), Jan Taylor (Winnipeg), and Jason Woloski (Manitoba Legislative Library).

Single copies of the journal/newsletter are sold at McNally Robinson Booksellers (Winnipeg). In 2015-2016, they sold 31 copies of No. 77, 39 copies of No. 78, and 40 copies of No. 79, paying \$6 from each sale to the MHS. Gratis copies of each issue are provided to the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, Premier of Manitoba, and Minister of Sport, Culture & Heritage.

Access to a digital version of the journal/newsletter is provided to members in good standing via the MHS website (www.mhs.mb.ca/members). The digital version contains the full contents of the paper version and is full colour and searchable. At present, 100 members have access to the digital version. An unknown number of people can access the digital version via the MHS arrangement with EBSCO Information Services (Ipswich, Massachusetts), which provide it to subscribing academic libraries and institutions, for which the MHS receives a small royalty.

A special issue of *Manitoba History* on the theme “Western Canada at War,” supported by a \$40,000 grant from the federal government, is expected to be published as No. 82 in Fall 2016. Another special issue, comprised of papers presented in November 2015 at a Western Canadian Studies Conference at the University of Manitoba, with Dr. Ryan Eyford (University of Winnipeg) as guest editor, is expected to be published in 2017.

Our 2015 proposal to the provincial government for a Publisher Project Support Grant, to carry out a comprehensive market assessment survey for *Manitoba History* with the objective of increasing its circulation, was unsuccessful. It would have engaged Probe Research Inc. to conduct a poll of public awareness about the MHS as part of its monthly telephone poll of 1,000 random adult Manitobans. The firm nevertheless donated two questions to a poll conducted in December 2015. The questions were: “Have you ever seen, read, or heard anything about an organization called the Manitoba Historical Society?” and “As far as you know, what kinds of things does the Manitoba Historical Society do?” A report on the results of the survey was presented to the MHS Council at its regular meeting in January 2016. Overall awareness (Q1) was 69% with higher values in Winnipeg, among females, of high-income people over 55 years of age, increasing with their level of education. The top-five noted activities (Q2) were historical presentations/education (42%), preservation of heritage landmarks (30%), publication of journal/magazine (17%), operation of Ross House Museum (6%), and tours/field trips/website (2%), although 27% could list no specific MHS activity.

In 2015, the MHS Council approved a committee recommendation to shorten the embargo on past issues of *Manitoba History* (that restricts recent issues from being made freely available on the MHS website) from five to three years, and book reviews and the newsletter to one issue. Despite the shortening of the embargo, a considerable backlog of material has accrued (*Manitoba History* Nos. 63 to 71) due to other time commitments by the MHS Webmaster. It will be made available on the website as time permits.

Website

Routine maintenance of the website over the past year has involved periodic correction of factual and formatting errors, addition of hyperlinks between related documents, and posting of news and events on the MHS Facebook group.

About 400 new biographies were added this year to our Memorable Manitobans online collection, now comprising some 9,700 people. Suggestions for additions are received, generally by email, on a regular basis. We especially acknowledge the help provided by Nathan Kramer (Winnipeg), who has diligently researched numerous new entries and added corrections and updates to many more.

Manitoba Historic Site Digital Inventory & Mapping

For the past six years, we have been creating a comprehensive inventory of historic sites in Manitoba for the MHS website (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites). It allows visitors to identify and learn about historic sites around the province, including municipally, provincially and federally designated sites, commemorative plaques, monuments, war memorials, and sites that, though not designated, have been locally identified as having historic value. In the past year, field work was done primarily by Gordon Goldsborough and Alan Mason. Nathan Kramer has identified additional historic sites in and around Winnipeg. Follow-up research on specific sites was conducted by Gordon Goldsborough and Nathan Kramer. The total number of sites increased from 5,595 as of May 2015 to 6,097 sites by 5 June 2016. During the past year, we added a large amount of information to web pages relating to military monuments, thanks to Darryl Toews (Morden), including a comprehensive list of casualties whose names are not listed on any monument. We have dubbed this list the Manitoba Historical Society War Memorial and a central index is available at www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites/mhswarmemorial.shtml.

Two collaborative projects relating to historic site mapping were continued in 2015-2016. We assisted the Rural Municipality of Morris to map the 32 one-room schoolhouses that had operated in the municipality through the years and, in July 2015, we helped to locate and install signs at each of these sites. Each sign features a QR code that allows people with smartphones to view a page on the MHS website where further information about specific schools is provided. The second project is with the Heritage Committee of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba (EGM) to locate and map pre-1935 bridges around the province. To date, the project has mapped 154 bridges as of 5 June 2016 and is expected to continue into 2017.

To make the inventory of historic sites more useful and powerful on mobile devices such as tablets and smartphones, we hired Shared Logic of Brandon to develop a database-driven “back end” for the interactive map. This map became operational as of December 2013. A Manitoba Heritage Grant received in early 2014

to continue the development of this database has not yet been completed by Shared Logic but the work is expected to be done by the Fall of 2016.

The web site now comprises over 45,990 files, increased from 43,800 a year ago. It attracted between 759 and 2,878 visitors per day, averaging 1,528 per day for a total of 557,606 in the past year (1,441 and 525,821 last year, respectively). Most of these visitors originate in Canada (87% of total) or the US (7%), peaking in mid-week and decreasing on weekends and mid-summer months. About 170 search queries are made on our website each day (excluding searches on Google generally that direct traffic to our website), for a total of 62,861 queries in the past year (71,740 last year). We receive numerous emails daily on questions and comments relating to the website.

As part of outreach activities that we have undertaken to promote awareness and use of the MHS generally and its website specifically, we have given audiovisual presentations at the Carleton Breakfast Club (13 November 2015), Selkirk Public Library (18 December 2015), Good Neighbours (1 February 2016), Manitoba Caving Society (21 March 2016), and Creative Retirement Manitoba (15 April 2016).

During the past year, we have been working to raise the profile of the MHS on social media. We believe this will be a useful way to broaden awareness of MHS activities and attract new members, especially from a younger demographic. We are using a Facebook public group (www.facebook.com/groups/manitobahistory) to enable people to share information on a wide range of historical topics. For example, a “Flashback Fridays” feature every Friday draws attention to a page on our website, typically about an historic site or newly posted online article from *Manitoba History*. We also post MHS news items, including notices of upcoming events, and draw attention to newly published issues of the journal/newsletter. The group has 2,654 members as of 5 June 2016, the majority of whom are not paid MHS members. Several posts to the group are made each day, and any inappropriate content is removed by one of the group’s four administrators: Jacqueline Friesen, Jane Fudge, Gordon Goldsborough, or Nathan Kramer. A Twitter feed (<https://twitter.com/manitobahistory>) is now being administered by Maria Zbigniewicz. As of 5 June 2016, it has 456 followers and is growing at a rate of about one follower per day. A link to the MHS Facebook and Twitter accounts is displayed on the bottom of every page on the MHS website.

Local History Book Digitization

In 2015-2016, the MHS continued its participation in an initiative of the Manitoba Library Consortium to digitize local history books. The objective is to make these books fully text-searchable and more readily available on the Manitobian website (www.manitobian.ca), with the objective of having nearly all of them digitized in time for Manitoba’s 150th anniversary in 2020. We are calling the project “Manitoba 2020 Hindsight” and have registered a web domain to direct people to a directory of digitized materials on the MHS website (www.Manitoba2020Hindsight.ca). Acquisition of additional materials is ongoing. Members of the project team are Gordon Goldsborough (MHS), Brett Lougheed (University of Winnipeg Archives), Shelley Sweeney (University of Manitoba Archives), and Jason Woloski (Manitoba Legislative Library). Gordon Goldsborough is the Chair of the Manitobian committee.

Gordon Goldsborough, Chair

Manitoba History

A journal celebrating and promoting the history of Manitoba and Western Canada, published by the Manitoba Historical Society.

Three issues of *Manitoba History* were published in 2015. These included issues numbers 77 (Winter), 78 (Spring), and 79 (Fall). One of the issues, number 77, was launched at a public event at the Asper Jewish Community Campus and a variety of authors in that issue spoke. We hope to continue public launches where appropriate – for instance with special issues of the journal. Our “Western Canada at War” special issue will be launched in the Fall of 2016 at public events in Winnipeg and in other communities in the west. (See below for a summary of that initiative.)

I should note that we have made a concerted effort over the last year or two to expand the focus of *Manitoba History* to include scholarly articles, popular articles, and reviews that pertain, not just to Manitoba, but to the west in general. This accomplishes three things: it places Manitoba’s past within a broader historical context, it potentially increases our readership, and expands our pool of contributors.

Manitoba History in 2015

The 2015 issues contained the following scholarly articles. As the Council knows, each of the scholarly articles is peer reviewed:

“‘An Excuse for Being So Bold:’ D. W. McDermid and the Early Development of the Manitoba School for the Deaf, 1888-1900”, by Sandy Barron.

“Stories of Bayanihan and Belonging: Filipinos in Manitoba, Part 2”
by Alison Marshall

“Pioneers on the Forest Fringe: The Wood Economy of the Red River Settlement, 1812-1883.”
by Thomas Shay

“William James Sisler, A Most Unconventional, Conventional Man, Part One: The Educator as a Young Man”
by Jim Mochoruk

“A Cup of Cold Water: Alfred Kirkness and the Brandon Residential School Cemeteries”
by Anne Lindsay, Clare Cook, and David Cuthbert

“William James Sisler, A Most Unconventional, Conventional Man. Part Two: The Educator as Assimilationist, Defender and Public Intellectual”.
by Jim Mochoruk

“A Great Feeling of Unity’: Anglican Hospitality for Orthodox Congregations in Manitoba”
by Stephen Sharman

The three issues also contained a large number of popular articles in the section we are now calling “Pageant”. Gordon Goldsborough edits this section of the journal. They included:

A Stitch in Time: Winnipeg Jews and the Garment Industry

by Stan Carbone

Dick Tracy Gets Smacked Down: Crime Comics in Manitoba

by John Burchill

A Premier, a Tin Box, and a Landlady: Ellen Cooke and the Norquay Papers

by Gerald Friesen

Father Svoboda’s Helicopter

by William D. Wade

Edward Worrell Jarvis in Western Canada

by Sam McBride

The Postage Stamp Province

by Gordon Goldsborough

Ethnic Filtering in Nelson River Historiography

by Terence Moore

J. P. Robertson: Manitoba’s First Librarian, Curator, and Archivist

by M. C. Kotecki

The Early Years of the Manitoba Home for Boys

by Cameron Harvey

Place and Replace: Church Union and Church Buildings in Manitoba

by Peter Bush

Dr. Donald Loveridge

by Gerald Friesen and Barry Potyondi

Gordon also edits the “Cool Things in the Collection” section of each issue. Contributions generally come from archivists at the provincial and city archives, as well as from the university archives in the province.

A highlight of each issue of Manitoba History is the “Reviews” section. Frieda Klippenstein edits that section and does an excellent job in selecting books on Manitoba and western Canadian history as well as finding qualified reviewers both locally and across the country. A total of 20 book reviews were published in 2015. I

should note that we are expanding the reviews section to include exhibit and site reviews. Two of these will appear in the upcoming Spring 2016 issue.

Editorial Staff Each issue also contains the MHS newsletter now entitled “Gazette”. Greg Thomas and Sheila Grover do an excellent job in gathering material for this section including the president’s report, heritage news from across the province, as well as upcoming events.

Printing, Layout and Mailing The layout of each issue is done by Salix Consulting. Printing and mailing is carried out by Premier Graphics. Printing costs are approximately \$3000 per issue. Layout for the journal is \$800 and for the Gazette

As always I want to thank the wonderful people who volunteer to put *Manitoba History* together three times a year. They include Gordon Goldsborough who edits the Pageant and also serves as our production coordinator. Esyllt Jones is Associate Editor, Frieda Klippenstein edits the Reviews section, Greg Thomas and Sheila Grover edit the Gazette, and Jim Burns does our copy editing. Each carries out their considerable tasks on a volunteer basis, they are a great group to work with, and are dedicated to making *Manitoba History* one of the top journals in the country.

I continue to enjoy working on *Manitoba History*. The current year marks the 30th anniversary of my association with the journal. It has gone by quickly.

As always, I want to thank the MHS for its continued support and encouragement

Robert Coutts, Editor in Chief

Manitoba History

“Western Canada at War” Manitoba History Project

Recently we have contracted a new project coordinator to replace Krista Walters whose schedule did not allow her to make meetings in Winnipeg (Krista lives in Melita). We have selected Andrea Smorang, a graduate student here at the U of M as the new coordinator. An office at St. John’s College has been reserved for *Manitoba History* and for Andrea’s work. Dr. Esyllt Jones, our Associate Editor, is leading the WCaW initiative. All three of us are located at St. John’s.

As detailed in our initial proposal, we have identified a local coordinator in Lethbridge, Alberta to organize events in Alberta this year. She is organizing the details of a public launch of the ‘Western Canada at War’ issue of *Manitoba History*. As well, we have arranged for three faculty members at the University of Lethbridge who are working on social histories of WWI, to speak at this launch, including one of the special issue contributors. Events in Calgary and Edmonton are being negotiated but have yet to be finalized.

We have been working with *Saskatchewan History* to coordinate a public event in Regina, and are in contact with historian Bill Waiser, Chair of the Great War Commemoration Committee at the University of Saskatchewan, about an event in Saskatoon, either on his campus or a public event outside the university. This will be held most likely in conjunction with Remembrance Day.

In Winnipeg, we are planning a panel at the University of Manitoba on the topic of ‘Humanities and War’,

which we anticipate might turn into two events, with the possibility of an additional panel at the University of Winnipeg.

The public launch of the special issue of *Manitoba History* in Winnipeg will likely be held in November 2016 at the Millennium Library. These events will take place around Remembrance Day and Aboriginal Veterans Day, and will correspond with the launch of the special issue. We have also been in touch with other venues in small towns around Manitoba, working with local libraries. We expect to hold at least two events in rural locations in Manitoba. Once these are confirmed, we anticipate building on them to organize additional public events. The Winnipeg events and the launch of the special issue of *Manitoba History* will be promoted through the Manitoba Historical Society, the University of Manitoba, and the Millennium Library.

As for the special issue of *Manitoba History*, we have five contributions (with the possibility of a sixth) related to the home front themes outlined in our proposal. They still remain to be peer-reviewed. However, we are on track to publish the issue later in 2016, probably in late October so that it is available for the planned events.

We were unable to expend all of the project funding allotted for the 2015/16 fiscal year, however Canadian Heritage allowed us to carry the funds over the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Robert Coutts, Editor in Chief
Manitoba History

Historic Preservation Committee

The committee, consisting of Gordon Goldsborough and James Kostuchuk as Co-Chairs, with Ross Metcalfe and Joyce Wawrykow as members, has three projects underway in 2015-2016:

1. Our ongoing Rural Schools Project is developing a case study to illustrate the potential usefulness of public buildings in rural Manitoba using, as an example, the multi-classroom consolidated schools erected in the early 20th century. Data were collected during 2013-2014 on nine buildings: Brant-Argyle School (1914), Cardale School (1914), Carroll School (1915), Darlingford School (1910), Gimli School (1915), Melita School (1893), Portage North Ward School (1910), Rapid City School (1902), and Starbuck School (1910). It is expected that two other former schools, Oakwood School (1893) at Oak Lake and Cypress River School (1896) at Cypress River will be visited in 2016. Delays in completion of the project have resulted from our involvement in the Historic Sites of Manitoba project. In the meantime, we are developing three-dimensional digital models of the schools done to date in collaboration with Mr. David Reininger of Paris, France. These models can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/mbschools>.
2. In January 2016, we began a new project on grain elevators in collaboration with *The Manitoba Cooperator*, a weekly agricultural newspaper distributed to most farmers in the province and available for free download on their website (www.manitobacooperator.ca). This project arose from a previous collaboration with the newspaper on old barns that was done in 2015. It examined how many of the barns featured in a published series from the 1980s are still standing today. Our new "This Old Grain Elevator" project is being done in recognition of the fact that fewer than 200 of the over 700 wooden grain elevators that existed in Manitoba in the 1950s are still standing. The majority have been demolished or burned to make way for a fewer number of large, concrete elevators. The purpose of the project is to preserve the legacy of these disappearing prairie icons by sharing information. Each week, a photograph

and brief description of an elevator—existing or gone—is published in *The Manitoba Cooperator* and readers are encouraged to visit a page on the MHS website (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites/thisoldelevator.shtml) where they can provide information on any elevator with which they are familiar. We have collected a large number of photographs of grain elevators (donated by Steve Boyko, Glenn Dickson, Bernie Freeman, Mike Lisowski, Jean McManus, Carole Smith, Chris Thompson, and Leinita Woods) that are being used to illustrate the series, which has met with considerable public enthusiasm. In time, the collected information will be made available in the Historic Sites of Manitoba database on the MHS website.

3. Beginning in June 2015, I have represented the MHS on a weekly radio spot on Terry Macleod's "Weekend Morning Show" on CBC Radio One. The purpose is to profile an interesting but abandoned site somewhere in Manitoba, using information collected during our ongoing Historic Sites of Manitoba project. Past episodes for the series are archived on the MHS website (www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites/abandoned.shtml) and they are recapped on the MHS Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/manitobahistory) and Twitter feed (<https://twitter.com/manitobahistory>). The reception for the program has been so favourable that I have been invited to expand a subset of the featured sites into book format, to be published in Autumn 2016 by Great Plains Publications of Winnipeg.

Gordon Goldsborough, Co- Chair

Policies and Procedures Committee

The Policies and Procedures Committee have begun the task of inventorying existing operational polices to compile into manual format. Our goal of producing a revised manual for all of the ongoing activities of the Society by late 2016,

David McDowell, Chair

Administration and Finance

This year saw the transition of the operation of our Dalnavert Museum and Visitor Centre to a new Entity, The Friends of Dalnavert Museum, Inc.

The operational transition process was very work intensive, for both organizations, and a very amicable one, taking place over several months. Thanks are extended to Adele Hempel and Vanessa Warren for making the transition a pleasant one, I am confident that we are leaving our beloved Dalnavert in good hands for the future.

The Society remains the owners of the Dalnavert Museum and Visitor Centre until such time as the Friends of Dalnavert Inc, become a registered Charity, which is anticipated to occur in the 16-17 fiscal year.

As the Friends of Dalnavert moved their operations into the space in May, I also had the pleasure of meeting, working with and along -side Thomas McLeod, the new Dalnavert Manager, as well as the Dalnavert summer students, from May until September when we relocated.

The Society maintained its head office in the Visitor Centre until the fall, when we officially moved to our new premises in the Richardson Building, at One Lombard Place. We are now sharing office space with another charitable organization, The Duke of Edinburgh Awards, the Manitoba Chapter of an International Organization, which is proving to be a mutually rewarding experience.

Thanks and appreciation are extended to Dave Finnbogason, Gary McEwen, Roy Friesen, Harry Duckworth, Dennis Butcher, Jane Fudge, Carl James, Jock Lehr and Linda McDowell, who were all involved with the moving process, in various capacities, which overall took several months to complete.

The Society has a wonderful opportunity to examine new ways and means of continuing the work began by our founders in 1879, while still preserving our own history for prosperity. Our Board and staff have just begun this long process, making it an exciting time to be part of and to become a new member of the Manitoba Historical Society.

In closing I wish to thank our understanding members who are also going through the transitional process and as new operational changes are introduced, and to my colleague, Victor Sawelo, who has provided me with his help and support during the long transition process.

Jacqueline Friesen, Chief Administrative Officer

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The Society expresses our thanks and gratitude for the generous financial support of our sponsors and donors. Your contributions and grants to assist us in carrying out our work of preserving promoting, and protecting the history of our province for future generations.

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Treasurer's Report

Summary

The financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2016 reflect the operations of the Manitoba Historical Society without the significant impact of Dalnavert we have seen in recent years. In fact the statements only include one month of Dalnavert operations (a loss of \$5,517) as the effective date of operational transfer was early May 2015. The transfer of the Heritage Trust Assets, and all operations are complete. The last step is the transfer of legal title to the property which is dependent on Friends of Dalnavert obtaining charitable status. We are told this was obtained in April 2016 subsequent to our year end. Therefore, this will be reflected in next year's statements. As you will recall we prepared the 2016 budget excluding Dalnavert. The budget set a net income target of \$3,000 and our actual net income for the year just ended was \$12,880.

The audited financial statements you have received show the prior year as comparatives so the comments below address the year over year changes.

The Statement of Operations

The net income from operations for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016 is \$12,880, compared to the loss of \$65,314 incurred in the prior year.

	2016	2015
Loss attributable to Dalnavert -	(\$5,517)	(\$62,888)
Income attributable to General Operations -	\$18,397	(\$2,426)
Total Net Income	\$12,880	(\$65,314)

- Dalnavert Operations – effective May 2015, operationally and economically, Dalnavert Museum was transferred to Friends of Dalnavert. In the previous year, the net loss attributable to Dalnavert was \$62,888 versus the current year loss of \$5,517 (one month of operations). The main expenses which are no longer applicable are insurance, property taxes, repairs and maintenance, utilities and staff costs.
- Donations – as part of the transfer of Dalnavert to Friends, MHS received \$40,000 from the Winnipeg Foundation. As you will recall, these funds are restricted in that we can only access the interest earned on the assets.
- Interest – the current year includes \$7,127 in interest income earned on the \$40,000 donation from the Winnipeg Foundation and on the \$95,000 retained from the MHS Heritage Trust as well as other interest earned on the Guaranteed Income Certificates. This \$95,000 category of funds is unrestricted and capital may be accessed if required.
- Net Program income was a loss of \$7,369 compared to a loss of \$1,935. There were a number of items making up this variance, the most significant of which relates to timing of expenses incurred on the web site project in the prior year.
- Interfund Transfers (Schedule 3) – the interfund transfers relate to the transfer of assets (\$95,000) and income (\$31,530) from the Heritage Trust Fund to the General Fund, and some adjustments required to clear up long outstanding due from/(to) balances between the General Fund and the Dalnavert Special Project and Visitor's Centre Funds.

Revenue

Revenue of \$175,995 is 28% or \$38,888 higher than the \$137,107 earned in the prior year due to the following:

- Grant revenue - \$26,400 – the decrease from \$41,400 in the prior year relates to the \$15,000 grant received from the Winnipeg Foundation in the

prior year to fund a review to analyze the feasibility of Dalnavert. This grant was entirely expensed in the prior year as well.

- Donations -\$48,367 – as mentioned previously, this includes the \$40,000 received from the Winnipeg Foundation as part of the transfer of Dalnavert.
- Membership revenue - \$13,242 up marginally from \$12,362 in the prior year
- Management Fee – the \$5,000 relates to an amount received from Ross House for the work provided by MHS.
- Program Revenue & Expense – should be looked at together - refer to Note 6 to the Financial Statements. Overall net program revenue and expenses are down year over year. The major reason for the net loss on program activities is due to the publication of the history journal. However, the journal is a significant deliverable to members and therefore membership fee revenue in addition to royalty revenue should also be considered when looking at this specific item.

Expenses

Expenses of \$163,115 were \$39,306 or 19% lower than the prior year. Dalnavert expenses declined from \$88,981 to \$6,367. General operations expenses increased from \$113,440 to \$156,748. The increase in General operations expenses are due to the following:

- Accounting & Legal - \$10,012 in 2016 versus \$3,900 in the 2015. This increase is due to a combination of adopting the accrual basis of accounting for audit fees for Ross House and Dalnavert (\$1,600 to be recovered from Ross House) and additional audit and legal work related to the transfer of Dalnavert. Our ongoing (normalized) audit fees are expected to be approximately \$4,000.
- Office expenses of \$12,242 are up significantly from the \$4,383 incurred in the prior year primarily due to a number of one-time expenses - the move from 61 Carlton Street to the Richardson Building and the purchase of new computer equipment are the main reasons for the increase.

- Salaries and benefits – the increase year over year reflects a 2% increase in salary and benefits and \$7,200 which was previously allocated to Dalnavert.

Statement of Financial Position

Total assets including the various Trust assets decreased by \$975,497 from the prior year due to the transfer of the majority of the Heritage Trust Assets to Friends of Dalnavert.

The MHS Operating Fund has two funds (\$95,000 & \$40,000 initially) which comprise the total investments of \$126,964 as at March 31, 2016. The change in investments is as follows:

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Opening | \$135,000 |
| • Disbursements | (\$6,524) – interest income |
| • Fees | (\$1,012) |
| • Investment Loss | <u>(\$500)</u> |
| • Ending Balance | \$126,964 |

Transfer to Friends of Dalnavert Museum Note 8

This note summarizes the transfer of Dalnavert Museum and also explains that since beneficial title had not transferred as of the date of the statements, the museum asset remains on the Statement of Financial Position.

MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2016





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Manitoba Historical Society:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Manitoba Historical Society, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2016, and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many charitable organizations, the company derives revenue from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the company and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to contributions, excess of revenues over expenses, current assets and net assets.

Qualified Opinion

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 contributions referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Manitoba Historical Society as at March 31, 2016 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations.

June 4, 2016
Winnipeg, MB

M Group LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

**MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

Year ended March 31, 2016

	Operating Fund	MHS Heritage Fund	Dr. E. Shaw Fund	Dr. Paul Thoriakson 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	March 31 2016	March 31 2015
Current assets:													
Cash	\$ 59,823	\$ -	\$ 403	\$ 1,198	\$ -	\$ 1,887	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,038	\$ 7,762	\$ 1,771	\$ 73,882	\$ 71,970
Investments (Note 4)	78,525	-	4,166	3,154	-	6,307	-	-	6,347	-	23,705	122,204	121,369
Accounts receivable	3,042	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,042	8,827
Prepaid expenses	539	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	539	250
	<u>141,929</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,569</u>	<u>4,352</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,385</u>	<u>7,762</u>	<u>25,476</u>	<u>199,667</u>	<u>202,416</u>
Due from Operating Fund													
Investments (Note 4)	126,964	-	-	206	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	206	65,081
Dalnavert Historic Site	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,264,736	-	-	-	-	126,964	1,034,837
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,264,736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,264,736</u>	<u>2,264,736</u>
Current liabilities:													
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 268,893	\$ -	\$ 4,569	\$ 4,558	\$ -	\$ 8,194	\$ 2,264,736	\$ -	\$ 7,385	\$ 7,762	\$ 25,476	\$ 2,591,573	\$ 3,567,070
Deferred contributions	\$ 13,894	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,894	\$ 13,315
	<u>20,844</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,844</u>	<u>1,644</u>
	34,738	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,738	14,959
Due to Dalnavert Special projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,907
Due to Dalnavert Visitor's Centre Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53,968
Due to Dr. Thoriakson Fund	206	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	206	206
	<u>34,944</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,944</u>	<u>80,040</u>
Fund balances:													
Invested in Dalnavert Historic Site	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,264,736	-	-	-	-	2,264,736	2,264,736
Externally restricted	-	-	4,569	4,558	-	-	-	-	7,385	-	25,476	41,988	1,164,528
Internally restricted	-	-	-	-	-	8,194	-	-	-	7,762	-	15,956	26,866
Unrestricted- General	233,949	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	233,949	40,128
Dalnavert	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(9,227)
	<u>233,949</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,569</u>	<u>4,558</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,194</u>	<u>2,264,736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,385</u>	<u>7,762</u>	<u>25,476</u>	<u>2,556,629</u>	<u>3,487,030</u>
	<u>268,893</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,569</u>	<u>\$ 4,558</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,194</u>	<u>\$ 2,264,736</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,385</u>	<u>\$ 7,762</u>	<u>\$ 25,476</u>	<u>\$ 2,591,573</u>	<u>\$ 3,567,070</u>

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: _____ DIRECTOR _____ DIRECTOR _____

MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

Year ended March 31, 2016

	Operating Fund (Schedule 1)										Restricted Funds										Endowment Funds			
	2016					2015					2016										2016		2015	
	Total	MHS Heritage	Dr. E. Shaw	Dr. Paul H.T. Thorlakson	Dalhavert Special Projects	Historic Building Fund	Dalhavert Historic Site	Dalhavert Visitor's Centre	Documentary History Fund	2016 Total	2015 Total	Margaret McWilliams	Centennial Memorial	2016 Total	2015 Total									
Revenue:	\$ 26,400	\$ 41,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Grants (Note 5)	48,367	4,667	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Donations	13,242	12,362	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Memberships	7,127	731	21	16	12	12	3,894	1	3,894	75,466	32	172	204	338										
Realized investment income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Merchandise sales	-	3,844	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Programs (Note 6)	74,420	60,354	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Management fee	5,000	6,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Rentals	850	11,093	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Other	589	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
	<u>175,995</u>	<u>137,107</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3,894</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3,894</u>	<u>75,559</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>338</u>										
Expenses:																								
Accounting and legal	12,512	6,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Bank charges	1,743	1,836	2	2	3	3	18	12	18	61	2	-	2	3										
Consulting	-	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Goods and Services Tax	-	359	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Insurance	-	1,183	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Newsletters, printing and postage	300	11,864	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Office	12,242	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Programs (Note 6)	81,789	4,383	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Property taxes (museum)	1,209	62,289	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Repairs and maintenance	607	11,630	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Salaries and employee benefits	46,454	10,229	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Telephone and utilities (Note 7)	5,076	53,658	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
	<u>163,115</u>	<u>202,421</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>338</u>										
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expense from operations	<u>12,880</u>	<u>(65,314)</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3,875</u>	<u>(11)</u>	<u>3,875</u>	<u>75,498</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>202</u>	<u>335</u>										
Unrealized investment income/(loss)	<u>(7,025)</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>46,951</u>	-	-	-	-										
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expense for the year	<u>5,855</u>	<u>(65,314)</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3,875</u>	<u>(11)</u>	<u>3,875</u>	<u>122,449</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>202</u>	<u>335</u>										
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>30,901</u>	<u>64,215</u>	<u>4,549</u>	<u>4,544</u>	<u>8,185</u>	<u>2,264,736</u>	<u>3,423,470</u>	<u>7,773</u>	<u>3,423,470</u>	<u>3,333,021</u>	<u>7,355</u>	<u>25,304</u>	<u>32,659</u>	<u>32,324</u>										
Transfer to Friends of Dalhert Museum Inc. (Note 8)	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>(940,334)</u>	-	<u>(940,334)</u>	-	-	-	-	-										
Interfund transfers (Schedule 3)	<u>197,193</u>	<u>32,000</u>	-	-	<u>(10,907)</u>	-	<u>(197,193)</u>	-	<u>(197,193)</u>	<u>(32,000)</u>	-	-	-	-										
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 233,949</u>	<u>\$ 30,901</u>	<u>\$ 4,569</u>	<u>\$ 4,558</u>	<u>\$ 8,194</u>	<u>\$ 2,264,736</u>	<u>\$ 2,289,818</u>	<u>\$ 7,762</u>	<u>\$ 2,289,818</u>	<u>\$ 3,423,470</u>	<u>\$ 7,385</u>	<u>\$ 25,476</u>	<u>\$ 32,861</u>	<u>\$ 32,659</u>										

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

	Year ended March 31					
	2016			2015		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Dalnavert</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Dalnavert</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenue:						
Grants (Note 5)	\$ 26,400	\$ -	\$ 26,400	\$ 26,400	\$ 15,000	\$ 41,400
Donations	48,367	-	48,367	4,667	-	4,667
Memberships	13,242	-	13,242	12,362	-	12,362
Interest	7,127	-	7,127	731	-	731
Programs (Note 6)	74,420	-	74,420	60,354	-	60,354
Management fee	5,000	-	5,000	6,500	-	6,500
Rentals	-	850	850	-	11,093	11,093
Other	<u>589</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>589</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	175,145	850	175,995	111,014	26,093	137,107
Expense:						
Accounting and legal	10,012	2,500	12,512	3,900	2,500	6,400
Bank charges	1,743	-	1,743	1,836	-	1,836
Consulting	-	-	-	-	15,000	15,000
Goods and Services Tax	-	-	-	359	-	359
Insurance	1,183	-	1,183	842	11,022	11,864
Newsletter, printing and postage	300	-	300	300	-	300
Office	12,242	-	12,242	4,383	-	4,383
Programs (Note 6)	81,789	-	81,789	62,289	-	62,289
Property taxes (museum)	-	1,209	1,209	-	11,830	11,830
Repairs and maintenance	-	607	607	-	10,229	10,229
Salaries and employee benefits	46,454	-	46,454	37,305	16,353	53,658
Telephone and utilities (Note 7)	<u>3,025</u>	<u>2,051</u>	<u>5,076</u>	<u>2,226</u>	<u>22,047</u>	<u>24,273</u>
	<u>156,748</u>	<u>6,367</u>	<u>163,115</u>	<u>113,440</u>	<u>88,981</u>	<u>202,421</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expense for the year	18,397	(5,517)	12,880	(2,426)	(62,888)	(65,314)
Unrealized investment income/(loss)	<u>(7,025)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,025)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances, beginning of year	40,128	(9,227)	30,901	49,754	14,461	64,215
Interfund transfers (Schedule 3)	<u>182,449</u>	<u>14,744</u>	<u>197,193</u>	<u>(7,200)</u>	<u>39,200</u>	<u>32,000</u>
Fund balances, end of year	\$ <u>233,949</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>233,949</u>	\$ <u>40,128</u>	\$ <u>(9,227)</u>	\$ <u>30,901</u>

MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE

ROSS HOUSE

	<u>Year ended March 31</u>	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Revenue:		
Grants (Note 5)	\$ 36,464	\$ 33,347
Other	<u>2,792</u>	<u>500</u>
	39,256	33,847
Expense:		
Administration fees	5,000	5,000
Audit and accounting	1,600	1,600
Insurance	1,583	800
Office and sundry	1,231	357
Programs and special events	3,255	934
Salaries and employee benefits	25,464	22,386
Telephone and utilities	<u>984</u>	<u>1,179</u>
	<u>39,118</u>	<u>32,256</u>
Excess of revenue over expense	\$ <u>138</u>	\$ <u>1,591</u>

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	<u>Year ended March 31</u>	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Revenue:		
Sales and royalties	\$ 3,029	\$ 2,396
Expense:		
Publishing costs	<u>12,204</u>	<u>12,026</u>
Deficiency of revenue over expense	\$ <u>(9,175)</u>	\$ <u>(9,630)</u>

**MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SCHEDULE OF INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

Year ended March 31, 2016

	Transfer (from) to Fund					
	Transfer to (from) Fund	Operating Fund		MHS Heritage	Dalnavert Special Projects	Dalnavert Visitor's Centre
		General	Dalnavert			
Operating Fund-						
General	\$ 197,193	\$ (14,744)	\$ 14,744	\$ (126,530)	\$ (10,907)	\$ (59,756)
Dalnavert	-	-	-	-	-	-
MHS Heritage	(126,530)	126,530	-	-	-	-
Dalnavert Special Projects	(10,907)	10,907	-	-	-	-
Dalnavert Visitor's Centre	(59,756)	59,756	-	-	-	-
	\$ -	\$ 182,449	\$ 14,744	\$ (126,530)	\$ (10,907)	\$ (59,756)
			\$ 197,193			

MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2016

1. Basis of presentation:

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

2. 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.

3. 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 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 from donations made to the Society 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 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.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued):

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

(a) 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. Equipment in the amount of \$1,709 (2015 – \$nil), have been expensed in the current year.

(b) 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.

(c) Financial statements-

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

4. Financial instruments:

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.

The Society's investments are recorded at fair market value as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>March 31</u>	<u>2015</u>
Winnipeg Foundation Consolidation Trust Fund	\$ -		\$ 1,034,837
Winnipeg Foundation Manitoba Historical Society Fund	37,099		-
Winnipeg Foundation Manitoba Historical Society Capital Fund	<u>89,865</u>		<u>-</u>
	126,964		1,034,837
 Guaranteed Investment Certificates	 <u>122,204</u>		 <u>121,369</u>
	\$ <u>249,168</u>		\$ <u>1,156,206</u>

4. **Financial instruments** (continued):

Credit Risk

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

Fair Value

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

Currency Risk

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

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5. Grants:

The Society has received grants during the year as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>March 31</u>	<u>2015</u>
Operations- Province of Manitoba	\$ 26,400		26,400
Dalnavert- Winnipeg Foundation	<u>-</u>		<u>15,000</u>
	\$ <u>26,400</u>	\$	<u>41,400</u>
Ross House- City of Winnipeg	\$ 24,609	\$	23,055
Canadian Museum Association	3,310		3,686
Government of Canada- HRDC	4,395		2,456
Canada Day	1,000		1,000
Province of Manitoba- Operating	<u>3,150</u>		<u>3,150</u>
	\$ <u>36,464</u>	\$	<u>33,347</u>
Web site project- Province of Manitoba	\$ -	\$	1,250
Manitoba Lotteries	<u>-</u>		<u>4,500</u>
	\$ <u>-</u>	\$	<u>5,750</u>
Special Journal project- Government of Canada	\$ <u>8,507</u>	\$	<u>-</u>
	\$ <u>8,507</u>	\$	<u>-</u>

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6. Programs:

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

Year ended March 31						
		2016			2015	
		<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Net</u>	
Ross House (Schedule 2)	\$	39,256	39,118	\$ 138	\$	1,591
Manitoba History (Schedule 2)		3,029	12,204	(9,175)		(9,630)
Multicultural Dinner		1,416	1,302	114		(175)
Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner		14,010	13,875	135		1,815
Field Trip		5,256	3,744	1,512		-
Centennial Farms		764	764	-		70
Young Historians		-	-	-		(450)
Margaret McWilliams		250	-	250		175
Memorable Manitoba Homes		563	550	13		-
Web site project		1,368	1,724	(356)		4,669
Special Journal		<u>8,507</u>	<u>8,507</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
	\$	<u>74,420</u>	\$ <u>81,789</u>	\$ <u>(7,369)</u>	\$	<u>(1,935)</u>

7. Telephone/Utilities:

The Society's telephone and utility costs consist of the following:

Year ended March 31						
		2016			2015	
		<u>MHS</u>	<u>Dalnavert</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Telephone and internet	\$	3,025	414	\$ 3,439	\$	4,571
Water		-	294	294		619
Hydro and gas		<u>-</u>	<u>1,343</u>	<u>1,343</u>		<u>19,083</u>
	\$	<u>3,025</u>	\$ <u>2,051</u>	\$ <u>5,076</u>	\$	<u>27,235</u>

8. Transfer to Friends of Dalnavert Museum Inc.:

During the year, there was a division of the fund held within the Manitoba Historical Society Heritage Trust Foundation Fund. Under an agreement effective May 8, 2015, the majority of the funds were transferred to the Friends of Dalnavert Museum Inc., a not-for-profit organization incorporated in Manitoba, while the Manitoba Historical Society retained a balance of \$95,000. The fair market value of this asset as at March 31, 2015, disclosed within the comparative figures is \$1,034,837. In addition, the Society agreed to transfer beneficial title of 61 Carlton Street, property and collections within the Dalnavert Museum, and related intellectual property, to the Friends of Dalnavert Museum Inc. for the sum of \$1. However, as at March 31, 2016 this transfer had not yet occurred and the Manitoba Historical Society still held the beneficial title. This transfer is expected to occur within the 2017 fiscal year end.