

# Time Lines

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Archives of Manitoba, Personalities - Campbell, D. L.

**Douglas L. Campbell** (1895-1995), Manitoba premier from 1948 to 1958, sat in the legislature for 47 years. His life and career will be featured in a presentation at our AGM in May.

## Annual General Meeting & Luncheon

**Saturday, 26 May 2007, 10:00 am**  
**Dalnavert Visitors' Centre**  
**61 Carlton Street, Winnipeg**

All MHS members are encouraged to attend the Annual General Meeting, this year held at the Dalnavert Visitors' Centre in Winnipeg. It begins at 10:00 am. Along with society business, the meeting will include presentations of two Kemp Awards for 2006. The award, named for former MHS president Douglas Kemp (1913-1997), is given in recognition of exceptional service to the MHS and Manitoba's heritage community.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, we will walk down the lane to Amici Restaurant at 326 Broadway (side entrance on Hargrave) for a gourmet luncheon at 12:30. After lunch, our guest speaker, Bill Burns, will talk about the life and career of former Manitoba premier Douglas L. Campbell. Bill is Campbell's son-in-law, married to his daughter Dwili. Bill has been a leader in his real estate profession, as well as in a wide range of civic and community organizations.

The luncheon includes a choice of three meals, all of which include soup or salad, and coffee or tea:

1. mixed greens with grilled chicken, fruit, almonds and goat cheese with an orange caramel vinaigrette, OR
2. penne with asparagus, sun-dried tomato, and mushrooms in a dill cream sauce, OR
3. penne with grilled chicken breast in a roasted garlic cream sauce with peppers and spinach.

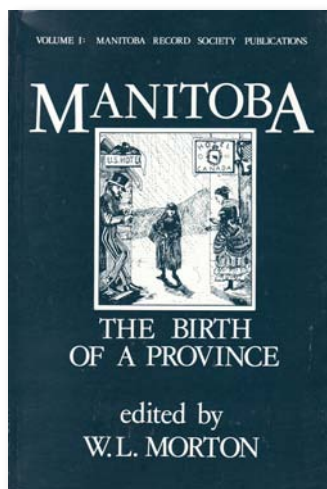
Cost of the luncheon is \$25 per person. Call the MHS office at 204-947-0559 by 21 May to confirm your attendance and your choice of meal. Cash, cheques, Visa or Mastercard are accepted.

## President's Message: Death of a Friend

On 1 April 2007, the Manitoba Record Society (MRS), an organization founded under the umbrella of the Manitoba Historical Society in 1965, voted itself out of existence and transferred the remainder of its assets to the MHS, to be used for documentary history in the province. The history of the MRS



Dr. J. M. Bumsted



*Manitoba, The Birth of a Province*, compiled by W. L. Morton, was the first volume in the MRS series of 12 books.

history of the province. Modelled loosely upon the Champlain Society, it was the original intention of the MRS to produce volumes of collector editions that would increase in value as years went on, and the earliest volumes were thus carefully numbered to serve this end. The date of founding was a matter of considerable importance. The mid-1960s was a special period of great activity for the arts and heritage in the nation and in Manitoba. The public funding available at this time for the national centennial and three years later for the provincial one was relatively bountiful, and released an enormous outburst of energy which, in many cases, could not be sustained over the long haul. The first volume was Morton's own edition *Manitoba, The Birth of a Province*, which included among other documents an English version of the journal of Father Noel Ritchot, one of the delegates of the provisional government to Ottawa in 1870, describing the negotiations with The Canadian government leading to the passage of the Manitoba Act in early May of that year and beyond. This was followed a year later (1966) by *The Daffoe-Sifton Correspondence, 1919-1927*, edited by Ramsay Cook, and in 1968 by Hartwell Bowsfield's edition of *The James Wickes Taylor Correspondence, 1859-1870*. The inaugural volume contains an appended list of original members of the MRS. This list makes clear that the society was initially supported by a large number of individuals and organizations, including dozens of university libraries. Following the Bowsfield volume, there was a hiatus until 1974, when Bill Smith took over the general editorship of the society and published *The Diary of Henry*

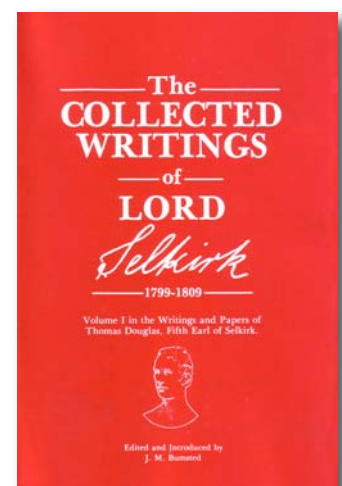
tells us a good deal about the ebbs and flows of history and its funding in Manitoba (and in Canada), and deserves to be recounted in some detail. I was intimately involved with many of the activities of the MRS, and am probably in the best position to tell its story.

The Manitoba Record Society was founded by several Manitoba historians, led by W. L. Morton, to publish key documents in the

*Budd, 1870-1875*, edited by Katherine Pettipas. After another hiatus, Brian McKillop became general editor and shepherded through the press in 1979 Alan Artibise's collection, *Gateway City: Documents on the City of Winnipeg, 1873-1913*.

As this publication record suggests, from almost the very beginning the MRS had trouble maintaining its original momentum, when it had produced three volumes in the space of four years and then slackened off. The society was very much a volunteer organization, led by academics who contributed their time and effort, assisted by a small handful of academics and laypeople. Among the others were Mae Kawata, departmental assistant in the History Department at the University of Manitoba, Barry Hyman, Morton's student research assistant at the time of the founding of the society, and Derek Bedson. One of the greatest problems, which the society never really solved, was the relationship between membership in the MRS and the publication of its volumes, which appeared on an irregular basis. Had the society decided to publish every two years or every three years, stuck to the schedule, and billed its members commensurately, continuity might have been established. As it was, the membership paid for a volume only when it appeared, and declared its membership only through payment. The result was considerable and continuous depletion of the original membership list, further complicated by a substantial loss of institutional (i.e., library) memberships in the 1970s as university funding became less generous.

The MRS might well have died at the end of the 1970s, but it got a new lease of life through the medium of the Selkirk Papers Publication Project. Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC, commonly known as "Sherk" rather than "Shriek") had devoted large sums of money to bankrolling major editorial projects in Canada. Most of the projects involved the publication of the papers

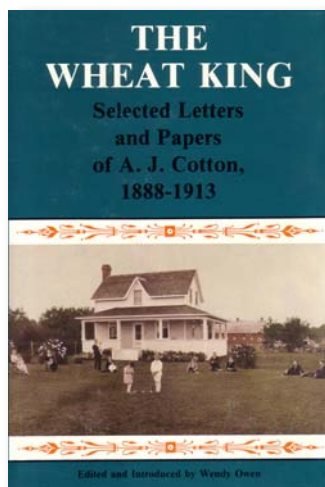


A two-volume set on the writings of Thomas Douglas, Fifth Earl of Selkirk, was edited and introduced by J. M. Bumsted.



of figures of international literature, such as Erasmus and Benjamin Disraeli. The only Canadian figure whose papers had received massive SSHRCC funding was Louis Riel, whose collected papers appeared in four volumes under the general editorship of George Stanley from the University of Alberta Press, in 1979. The idea of producing the Papers of Lord Selkirk at the University of Manitoba was the brainchild of Brian McKillop, and as the only scholar who was working seriously on Lord Selkirk at the time, I was inevitably brought into the project at an early stage. Brian was actively supported by Derek Bedson, the clerk of the Manitoba Privy Council at the time. The eventual result was that I came in 1980 to the University of Manitoba to become general editor of the Selkirk Papers Project, intended to produce a print edition of Selkirk Papers in twelve volumes published by the Manitoba Record Society and the University of Manitoba Press with major funding from SSHRCC's Major Editorial Grants section. The Selkirk Papers consisted chiefly of a base of 20,000 pages of transcripts from the muniment room of the Selkirk family, copied for the Public Archives of Canada at the turn of the century, which included Selkirk's own papers but also a great variety of other papers on the early fur trade, including those of the North West Company. These were to be supplemented by Lord Selkirk's own papers scattered in archives across the globe, by the various controversial writings engendered by Selkirk's legal battles with the governments of Upper and Lower Canada (including a number of trial transcripts), and by Selkirk's own published writings.

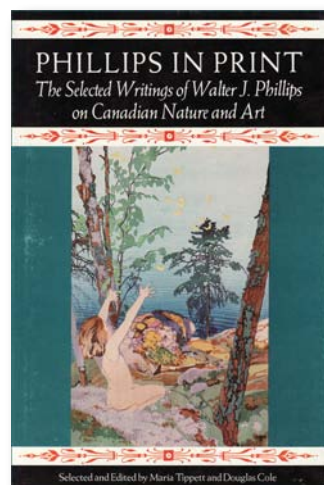
A startup grant from the Manitoba government was to fund the preparation of the application, which a consortium of scholars under my direction prepared under the immediate auspices of the Manitoba Record Society and the University of Manitoba during the academic year 1980-81. The final application ran to over 500 pages and involved a budget of over five



*The Wheat King*, a collection of papers of early farmer A. J. Cotton, was the eighth book in the MRS series, compiled by Wendy Owen.

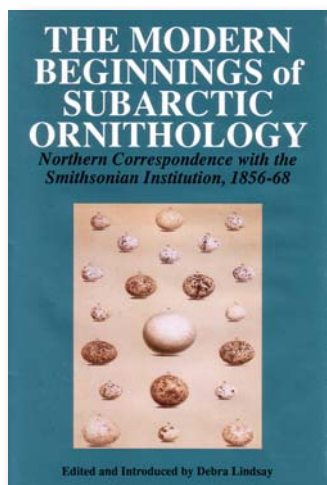
million dollars over five years, about half of it coming from the SSHRCC. What none of us knew at the time was that SSHRCC had found major editorial grants far more expensive than it had originally expected. It turned out there were far more Erasmus and Disraeli papers than anyone had realized, and several of the projects looked as if they would never end. As a result, at virtually the same time that I appeared in Ottawa with six copies of the Selkirk application, SSHRCC was announcing the termination of the major editorial grants programme. As a concession to the University's efforts in good faith to prepare an application, the Selkirk papers were to be adjudicated despite the wind-down of the programme. We all suspected this was the kiss of death, and it was. The adjudicators loved the project, and SSHRCC offered to fund a part of it to the tune of \$100,000 or so, but being unable to decide on what this money would fund, we rejected it. The MRS already had enough money left from its startup grant to fund the publication of the actual writings of Lord Selkirk, which the society would publish under my editorship in 1984 and 1987.

And so the Manitoba Record Society would live on for the foreseeable future. I took over the general editorship in 1981, and in 1982 the society brought out Maria Tippet's and Douglas Cole's edition of *Phillips in Print: The Selected Writings of Walter J. Phillips on Canadian Nature and Art*, copiously illustrated with Phillips reproductions. The volume sold very well, and provided a profit to help us keep going through a number of further volumes, although the membership base continued to erode away. By this time the MRS had an ever-increasing inventory of



The writing and art of Walter J. Phillips were featured in the sixth book, edited by Maria Tippet and Douglas Cole.

back volumes stored in the basement of St. John's College. Unfortunately, every general editor (including yours truly) had fallen and would continue to fall prey to the siren lure of printing economics. Five hundred copies can be printed for \$8 a volume, for example, and an additional five hundred cost only \$1 each. Professional publishers know about the costs of storage; we did not. We printed the additional



A book on correspondence between HBC employees and the Smithsonian Institute was the subject of the tenth MRS book by Debra Lindsay.

Inventory was the society's chief asset. Sell it and you will be stable. Unfortunately, nobody wanted to buy the inventory except booksellers who wanted to get it cheap and sell it dear. We tried selling it as a package at special prices; this involved the reprinting of volume one, which we were virtually out of, and added to the inventory rather than reducing it. We tried giving some of the inventory away to schools, but they did not want it. As everyone discovers when they try to dispose of a large collection of books, nobody wants to know.

As well as the Selkirk volumes, the MRS brought out *The Wheat King: Selected Letters and Papers of A. J. Cotton, 1888-1913*, edited by Wendy Owen, in 1985. The papers and photographs published in *The Wheat King* were the possession of a single family in Swan River, who approached the MRS about publication. We agreed, if the family agreed to take a substantial number of volumes for sale in Swan River. It did so, but the arrangement left a substantial increase to the inventory. Debra Lindsay's volume, *The Modern Beginnings of Subarctic Ornithology: Northern Correspondence with the Smithsonian Institution, 1856-1868* came out in 1991. I tried to quit the general editorship in 1992, and Debra took over to publish in 1994 *Ottawa at War: The Grant Dexter Memoranda, 1939-1945* edited by Fred Gibson and Barbara Robertson. This volume was subsidized by a major foundation, and so naturally the MRS published more copies than it was able to sell. Debra left for the Maritimes, and Barbara Kelcey was the general editor for the final volume, published in 1997, *A Great Movement*

Underway: Women and the Grain Growers' Guide, 1908-1928, which had been edited by herself and the late Angela Davis.

five hundred, and thus continually added to the inventory, since none of the volumes after Phillips had much popular appeal. Derek Bedson and Lovell Clark did their best to put the society on a stable financial basis in the early 1980s, approaching a number of Winnipeg businessmen for assistance. Unfortunately, their approach eschewed asking for handouts, and emphasized the quest for a business plan. Everyone they spoke to said the same thing: the

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By the time of the Kelcey-Davis volume appeared in print, the MRS was more than thirty years away from that original membership list of 1965. It had been badly decimated over the years as people died or moved, and only about one hundred of the list remained to receive *A Great Movement Underway*. Changing technology made it unlikely that print runs of documents could still be sold – or even given away. What the MRS now represented was a storage problem. St. John's College asked us to remove the inventory. In the late 1990s, I was able to store it in the offices of the Institute for the Humanities, and we then moved it into the basement of the Fletcher Argue Building. But the original energy of the Society was long dead, and when the Faculty of Arts evicted the books in 2005, we knew that we had to liquidate the inventory before we could go out of business. As the membership of the Manitoba Historical Society knows, we had trouble giving the inventory away, but eventually reduced it to a manageable proportion. We also agreed with the MHS to digitize the various volumes and put them up on the MHS web site. They will appear in the autumn as a final result in the long saga of the Manitoba Record Society.

As I have suggested, if I had it to do over, I would do two things differently: 1) a better system for memberships and subscriptions, and 2) better control over inventory, which essentially means publishing fewer copies. But I suspect that the real problems – the limited public interest in most historical documents and the changing technology rendering the book obsolescent – would not be addressed by improved business strategy.

J. M. Bumsted



*The Grain Growers' Guide* was the weekly newspaper of the United Grain Growers Association. The letters and editorials selected for this MRS volume by Barbara Kelcey and Angela Davis reflected topics of interest to farm women.



### Manitoba Day Lecture

May 12<sup>th</sup> acknowledges the date in 1870 when The Manitoba Act was passed by the Canadian federal government, and Manitoba joined Confederation.

The first annual Manitoba Day Lecture of the Manitoba Historical Society will take place at the Dalnavert Visitors' Centre (61 Carlton Street) at 2:00 pm on 12 May 2007.

#### "The Manitoba Act and the Founding of Manitoba"

by MHS President J. M. Bumsted

Admission is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

### Obituaries

**Anna Kirstine Storgaard**, a former MHS member and supporter, died on 11 March 2007. She was born in Ochre River, Manitoba in 1929. She earned BSA and MSc degrees from the University of Manitoba and a PhD from Pennsylvania State University. She taught in the University of Manitoba's Plant Sciences Department for many years.

**Agnes Mccausland Benidickson** BA (Queen's), LLD, CC, O.Ont., Chancellor of Queen's University 1980 - 1996, died in Ottawa on 23 March 2007. Born in 1920 at Chaffey's Locks, Ontario, she was the eldest child of James A. and Muriel Sprague Richardson. She lived a life enriched by her family, her travels, her experiences and above all by her service to community and country through the organizations which she founded and helped to lead and sustain through her tireless volunteer efforts. Mrs. Benidickson was a long-time supporter of Dalnavert Museum.

**Birk Sproxton**, writer and historian, died on 14 March 2007 in Red Deer, Alberta. He was born at Flin Flon in 1943. He earned BA, MA and PhD degrees from the University of Manitoba. He spent 31 years a creative writing instructor at Red Deer College. In 2005 his book, *Phantom Lake, North of 54* received the MHS Margaret McWilliams Local History Award. He recently edited a book, *The Winnipeg Connection: Writing Lives at Mid Century* which was on the short list for a 2006 Margaret McWilliams Award.

### New on the MHS web site

[www.mhs.mb.ca/data/census/1911/winnipeg](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/data/census/1911/winnipeg)

This page lists Winnipeg streets contained in enumeration districts of the 1911 Canadian census. This is a useful aid for those trying to find people at particular addresses. The page is linked to a census transcription project at AutomatedGenealogy.com.

[www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/manitoba3d](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/manitoba3d)

This feature accompanies an article in *Manitoba History* 54, entitled "Manitoba in 3D." It includes three-dimensional anaglyphs of Manitoba historical photographs, and also describes how to make anaglyphs from stereoviews.

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

This page contains hundreds of biographical profiles for noteworthy Manitobans, using such sources as the Manitoba Legislative Library, and the books *Pioneers and Prominent People of Manitoba* and *Pioneers and Early Citizens of Manitoba*. Corrections and expansions are welcome. Send them to Gordon Goldsborough at [webmaster@mhs.mb.ca](mailto:webmaster@mhs.mb.ca).

### Manitoba Historic Fur Trade Tour

18 - 19 August 2007

Exclusive tour limited to 12 persons  
\$1,899 + GST per person dbl occ.



*Walk in the footsteps of the early explorers  
and HBC fur traders*

*Includes:* Norway House tour, Churchill's Sloop Cove & Fort Prince of Wales tour (see Beluga Whales on the boat trip to the Fort), York Factory tour, private charter flights Winnipeg/Norway House/Churchill/Gillam/Winnipeg & Gillam/York Factory/Gillam, expert tour guides throughout entire tour, overnight Churchill hotel, all meals and transfers.

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## Long Service Fisher Awards

The provincial government has introduced a new award recognizing Manitobans with fifty or more years of commercial fishing experience. On 11 April 2007, Water Stewardship Minister Christine Melnick congratulated the 99 recipients of Manitoba's first Long Service Fisher Award. "The Long Service Fisher Award recognizes the contribution of Manitobans who have worked the waters of this province harvesting fish for a half-century or more," said Melnick. "The recipients of this new award have made a lifelong cultural and economic contribution to our province and I'm honoured to recognize their accomplishments." The minister thanked the Manitoba Commercial Inland Fishers Federation (MCIFF) for its work as a partner in organizing the award.

The commercial fishery is important to the economies of many northern communities and contributes over \$50 million annually to the overall provincial economy. There are more than 3,200 commercially licensed fishers and their helpers in the province, the vast majority of whom are of First Nation, Métis, or Icelandic descent.

## Recipients of Manitoba's First Long Service Fisher Award

Leo Allard	Edward Anderson
Harold Bennett	Ben Benson
Ignace Bighetty	Joseph Bighetty
Theodore Bighetty	Maurice Blanchard
Harry Breitzkreitz	Benny J. Bruce
Harvey Bushie	Albert Campbell
Emile Caribou	Napoleon Charlette
Bruno Chartrand	Donat Chartrand
Leonard Chartrand	Nelson Chartrand
Lloyd Clegg	John C. Cochrane
Celestin Colomb	Gabriel Colomb
Albert Combot	Jim Corman
Peter Davidson	Gerald Doll
Carl Dram	James Ducharme
Lionel Ducharme	Reginald Ducharme
Dennis Dumas	Siggi Emilson
Gilbert Filion	George Flamand
Marcel Flamand	Clarence Fleming
Robert Gaudry	Roland Gaudry
Marvin Genaille	Sveinn Gillis
James Govereau	Roy Gudmundson
Peter F. Harrison	Elmo Helgason
George Hudson Sr.	Edwin Huhtala
A.W. (Bill) Hutchinson	August (Gus) Isfeld
Jack Jacobson	Joe Johannson

Armann Jonasson Sr.  
 Alfred Klein  
 William LaFerme  
 Raymond Lamirande  
 Gerald Lavallee  
 Angus Linklater  
 Colin McKay  
 Philip Monias  
 Ken Myers  
 Paul Olson  
 Stanley Parenteau  
 Leo Peterson  
 Adam Sedor  
 John Selkirk  
 Henry Seymour  
 Eddie Sigurdson  
 George Simundson  
 Adelard Sinclair  
 Joseph Sinclair  
 Walter Sinclair Sr.  
 William J. Stoney  
 George Tomalin  
 Norman Traverse  
 Frances Turner  
 Dominic Wood

Norman Kirby  
 Robert T. Kristjanson  
 Ernest Lambert  
 Alfred Lavallee  
 Julius Ledoux  
 Franklyn Magnusson  
 Hector Monias  
 Gilbert Munroe  
 Gudjon Olafson  
 Tryggve (Ted) Olson  
 Arthur Pelletier  
 Stanley Ross  
 George Selkirk  
 Elmer Seymour  
 John Seymour  
 Ken Sigurdson  
 George Simunko  
 Fred Sinclair Sr.  
 Lazare Sinclair  
 Melvin St. Goddard  
 Grant Tober  
 John G. Traverse  
 Alex Trost  
 Edward Valiquette

## Welcome New MHS Members!

Linda Wray  
 Steve James  
 Dale Brawn

## Donations & Contributions Thank You!

Lee Gibson  
 Janet E. Redgewell  
 Susan Rosenberg  
 Mildred Hallama  
 Carl James  
 Garry & Marla Brickman

## Council Nominations

The MHS Council meets every two months to manage the general affairs of the Society. Membership is a great way to meet others interested in Manitoba history, and to learn about historical goings-on around the province. Up to ten members will be appointed to the Council at our AGM in May. If you are interested in joining the Council, or discussing how you can participate, please call the MHS office (204-947-0559), Gordon Goldsborough (204-885-3969), or Mary-Louise Zorniak (204-488-8761).



## Views from the MHS Multicultural Dinner 2007

All photos by Bill Fraser.



Lucky table 13 awaits the call to the food line.



An array of delectable Japanese dishes are prepared.



Sushi anyone?



Judge Art Miki speaks on the Japanese experience in Manitoba.

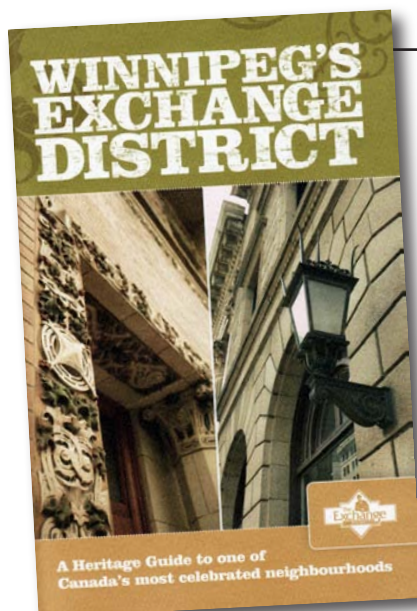


Japanese dancers perform with their fans.



MHS members join in with the dancers.





### Exchange District Walking Tour Book

A new booklet from the Winnipeg Exchange District Business Improvement Zone (BIZ), published with help from the City of Winnipeg, profiles 56 sites in this historically significant area.

Free copies are provided to those taking walking tours sponsored by the BIZ. The 1½ to 2 hour tours depart at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm from Old Market Square between 1 June and 3 September 2007, weather permitting.

Contact the Exchange District BIZ at 204-942-6716, send email to [walkingtours@exchangedistrict.org](mailto:walkingtours@exchangedistrict.org) or visit their web site at [www.exchangedistrict.org](http://www.exchangedistrict.org).

### Historic Railway Tour to Qu'Appelle

Rail Travel Tours packages up the "return of steam" to Winnipeg with a weekend of rail travel featuring a trip behind CPR Locomotive *Empress* 2816. Rail Travel Tours packages up a weekend of scenic rail travel and Qu'Appelle Valley tour featuring a return trip to Winnipeg behind CPR's restored steam locomotive, *The Empress* #2816 from Broadview, Saskatchewan to Winnipeg. Scheduled for Friday, 17 August to Sunday, 19 August 2007 for only \$465 (per person based on double occupancy), the tour begins with a ride on VIA Rail's *Canadian* from Winnipeg through scenic parts of Western Manitoba and into Saskatchewan. Visit Melville, Saskatchewan, with two nights hotel stay, and celebrate the cities 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and tour the Qu'Appelle Valley and area attractions. Transfer south to Broadview, Saskatchewan and board the steam train for the return trip on the CPR main line to Winnipeg for a better part of Sunday. For more details or to book while the limited space remains, contact Rail Travel Tours at 204-897-9551 as soon as possible.

The CPR *Empress* locomotive 2816 re-entered active service in 2001 as a roving ambassador for Canadian Pacific Railway. CPR's 2816 is a class H1b Hudson-type locomotive built by Montreal Locomotive Works in 1930. CPR *Empress* is now the only surviving H1b Hudson and is one of only a handful of preserved and operating CPR steam locomotives in North America. Initially the locomotive ran westward out of Winnipeg to Calgary; its final revenue run was on 26 May 1960. Having logged more than two million miles in active service, 2816's fires were extinguished. After a complete three-year rebuild, 2816 was restored to the original specifications with external details from the 1930 and '40s.



Rail Travel Tours

Steam locomotive #2816 in Winnipeg on Canada Day, 2003.

### Bus Tour of Western Manitoba

The St. Francois Xavier Historical Society is planning a bus tour to western Manitoba on Tuesday, 26 June. Tentative schedule and plans include: St. Leon Wind Farm, Souris (Swinging Bridge, Agate Pits, Hillcrest Museum, etc.), Clay Banks Buffalo Jump in Cartwright, Darlingford War Memorial, and Manitou's Log Cabin. The bus will depart St. Francois Xavier Community Centre at 8:00 am and will return at approximately 8:00 pm. Estimated cost is \$65 per person and includes transportation, morning coffee, lunch, dinner and all admissions. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Jean and Ed Owchar at 204-864-2304.



## Heritage News

*Did you know?* The **International Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo** is a fraternal service organization for people in the forest products industry. It's one of the oldest in existence, founded in 1892. Interestingly, the first chapter outside the United States was established in Winnipeg—Hoo-Hoo Club No. 24—in March 1924. Some founding chapter members were Theodore A. Sparks, Clifford M. Ackland and Frank R. Dowse, all of them involved in some way in Winnipeg's lumber industry. What is a Hoo-Hoo? No one seems to know; their web site only hints obliquely that "what the name is, what it stands for, is more important than where it came from." A founder suggested an alternate name of The Ancient Order of Camp Followers but it did not seem to curry favour. For more information about the club and its history, see [www.hoo-hoo.org](http://www.hoo-hoo.org).

The **Marine Museum of Manitoba in Selkirk** is closed this summer because of water damage from a spring flood in April. It is unfortunate that the museum will not be able to open during Selkirk's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. The museum is looking for volunteers to help with clean up and is also seeking donations to help restore damaged artifacts. Phone 204-482-7761 or email [marinemuseum@mts.net](mailto:marinemuseum@mts.net).

The **Manitoba Genealogical Society** is holding a free Open House for Manitoba Day, on Saturday, 12 May from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the MGS Library at Unit E, 1045 St. James Street, Winnipeg. There will be coffee and cookies as well help with your family history. Phone 204-783-1632 for any enquiries.

A history committee is working preparing archive material and displays for the **Centennial of Swan River** in 2008. A history walk and map are being prepared indicating buildings and residences for those who wish to a walk through Swan River history. If you have old photos for display please send them to the town office with label, year and information. If you have information that might help the researchers please call Carolle Cowan at 204-734-4479.

A new **history book of Neepawa** is planned for its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008, as an update on an earlier history that was completed in 1983. The new book will be called *The Beautiful Plains Story*. It will include the Town of Neepawa and the RMs of Langford, Lansdowne and Rosedale. It may still be possible to submit photos, family histories, and information

about businesses, service clubs, churches and schools. The history book has a web site at [www.discoverneepawa.com/history.htm](http://www.discoverneepawa.com/history.htm). If you have questions, email [historybook@wgc.wcgwave.ca](mailto:historybook@wgc.wcgwave.ca).

The Valley Leader reports that the **Carman-Dufferin Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee** would like to see the theatre on the third floor of Memorial Hall in Carman restored to what it was in 1919. The theatre as well as the rest of Memorial Hall were frequently in use for concerts, dances and movies until the late 1960s. The theatre cannot be used as a public area today until it meets current fire safety standards. Upgrading would include new stairs, an elevator, wash room facilities and refurbishment and repairs. A restoration plan that was announced in 1995 has not been implemented because of lack of funding.

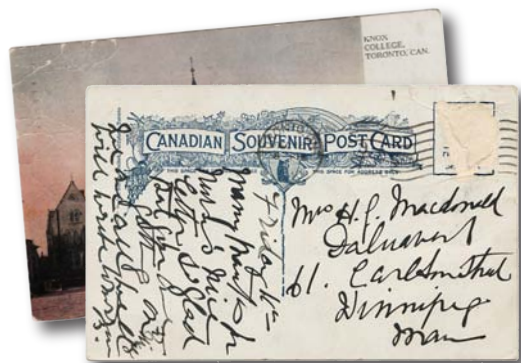
As we celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Vimy Ridge** we are reminded by the Military Historical Society of Manitoba that Camp Hughes south of Highway 1 and 10 kilometres west of Carberry was a major training centre for Canadian troops during World War I. Trenches made at Camp Hughes were similar to those used in Europe during the war. Remnants of the trenches and of camp buildings remain in fields that have been leased to cattle farmers. The camp moved to a new site to become Camp Shilo in the 1930s. Camp Hughes was listed as a provincial heritage site in 1995. Some artifacts have been found but plans for conservation and interpretation of the site have not yet been implemented.

Federal and Provincial governments have announced that each would grant \$125,000 towards restoration and preservation projects for the **Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum at Brandon**. The funds will be used to stabilize deteriorating historic buildings and to work towards completing its archiving system.

**Brandon City Council** passed a motion that a committee be set up to look at the possibility of setting up a general museum in the city. Expectations of the committee include evaluation of potential sites, estimate of capital costs, and identification of funding resources, and detailing a plan for ongoing operation of the museum, including a community archives. The committee will have three members of the City Council and a minimum of three members from the community.

The **2007 Rivers Heritage Conference** will take place at the Fort Garry Hotel from 10 to 13 June, coinciding with the official designation of the Red River as a Heritage River. Speakers at the conference include Justin Trudeau, and writers Peter C. Newman and Ian Tamblyn. For more information on the conference phone 204-987-4356 or email [info@riverswest.ca](mailto:info@riverswest.ca).

On 12 May, Manitoba Day, the **Western Canada Aviation Museum** will be hosting a Toonie Day! All admissions will be \$2. For more information please call 204-786-5503 or [info@wcam.mb.ca](mailto:info@wcam.mb.ca) Saturday hours are 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The address is 958 Ferry Road, Winnipeg.



### Dalnavert Postcard Comes Home

A postcard sent in 1910 to Gertie Macdonald by a friend in Toronto, was recently donated to the MHS by member Giles Bugailiskis. Gertie and her husband, Hugh John Macdonald, lived at 61 Carlton, known then and now as "Dalnavert." There is no indication of how the postcard ended up leaving Dalnavert in the first place, but has probably been owned at some point by a stamp collector, who removed the card's stamp.

### Centennial Farms

The following Centennial Farm has been designated since the last *Time Lines*.

<b>Warren</b>	Donald Monroe	pt. SE 34-13-1 WPM 1906
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Corrections for the March/April issue:

<b>RM of Gilbert Plains</b>	John & Maria Myk, Sharon (Myk) Karpenic	SW 34-23-21 WPM 1898
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<b>Ladywood</b>	Shelley (Joba) Kasian, Craig F. & Lorne E. Joba	WNW 24-14-7 EPM 1906
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### MHS Awards Ceremony

The 2006 winners for Margaret McWilliams Awards were awarded by Lieutenant-Governor John Harvard at a ceremony at the Dalnavert Visitors' Centre on Saturday, 28 April 2007. Photographs from the awards ceremony will be published in the next issue of *Time Lines*.

*"I Will Fear No Evil:" Ojibwa-Missionary Encounters Along the Berens River, 1875-1940* by Susan Elaine Gray, University of Calgary Press.

*Mennonites, Politics, and Peoplehood: Europe - Russia - Canada, 1525 to 1980* by James Urry, University of Manitoba Press (Honourable Mention).

*St. John's College: Faith and Education in Western Canada* by J. M. Bumsted, University of Manitoba Press.

*St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church: Celebrating 100 Years, Together for Tomorrow* by St. Nicholas Church (Honourable Mention).

*Vista Tales from Islay School District No. 733 in Vista, Manitoba* by Gerald Brown.

*Going Downtown: A History of Winnipeg's Portage Avenue* by Russ Gourluck, Great Plains Publications.

Also announced at the ceremony were Centennial Organizations Awards to:

- St. Matthew's Cathedral (Brandon, founded 1882)
- St. Paul's Anglican Church (Dauphin, founded 1898)
- The Canadian Club of Winnipeg (founded 1904)
- Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Portage la Prairie, founded 1906)

Profiles of these organizations, along with preceding award recipients, are available on the MHS web site at [www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/organization](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/organization).

Manitoba Centennial Organization Awards were initiated in 2004 to commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MHS. They acknowledge non-profit and not-for-profit groups that have operated continuously in Manitoba for 100 years or more.



## Address Change

Effective 1 July 2007,  
the MHS office will move to:

61 Carlton Street  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
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The office telephone number and  
email address are unchanged at:

204-947-0559  
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## MHS Office Move

As of Canada Day 2007, the MHS office will be located in the Dalnavert Visitors' Centre, 61 Carlton Street. The move was necessitated by the lease expiry of our present office at the end of June. The MHS Council recommended this location as the best option of several considered, following consultation with society and museum supporters.

Having our office at Dalnavert, which the Society has owned since 1970, makes clear the relationship between the MHS and its museum. The site is close to the Archives of Manitoba, the Manitoba Legislative Library, the Millennium Library, and the University



MapQuest

Star shows the location of the MHS office at Dalnavert Museum & Visitors' Centre, 61 Carlton, east of the legislature building.

of Winnipeg. It is readily accessible by public transit, and parking is available in the museum lot. The building is barrier-free with level access off Carlton. The office will be located on the main floor, at the south end of the Visitors' Centre.

The MHS and Dalnavert will reduce expenses by sharing office equipment such as Internet and email access, photocopier, and fax. The MHS will pay rent, providing revenue to the museum while keeping funds "in our own pocket." Dalnavert will now be occupied seven days a week, providing better security for the staff and the site. It will be easier for MHS members to visit and enjoy their museum and its excellent gift shop. And, of course, visitors are always welcome as volunteers at the museum.

The postal address for the Society will change but mail will be forwarded for at least a year. The office telephone number and email address will not change so we expect minimal disruption of communications during the transition.

## Upcoming in Manitoba History

- The life and death of 18<sup>th</sup> century Chipewyan leader Matonabee
- Thanadelthur: The making of a Canadian icon
- Corporate competition, desertion, and voyageur agency, 1815-1818
- Greetings from Winnipeg, then and now
- The spiritualist legacy of T. G. Hamilton
- Mapping the Red River Valley in the 1870s
- The Murder Oak: A tale of tragedy and justice
- J. W. Chafe: Winnipeg's renaissance man
- Prairie monuments: A video history of Oakville
- Frederick P. Grove: An update
- Lake Killarney water quality ... the long view

## Important Reminders

- Please check the expiry date on the mailing label of your newsletter and renew your membership when due. Renewal can be done by mail, phone, or visiting the MHS office (Tuesday, Wednesdays, 1:00 to 5:00 pm). Cash, cheque, Visa or Mastercard are accepted.
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## Calendar of Events

For updates and more information, see [www.mhs.mb.ca/news/events.shtml](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/news/events.shtml)

**7 May** MHS Book Club and Pot Luck, Dalnavert Visitors' Centre, 6:00 pm.

**12 May** Manitoba Day Lecture by Dr. J. M. Bumsted, Dalnavert Visitors' Centre, 2:00 pm.

**12 May** Deadline for entries to Young Historians Competition.

**26 May** MHS Annual General Meeting & Luncheon, Dalnavert Visitors' Centre, 10:00 am.

**26 June** St. Francois Xavier Historical Society bus tour to western Manitoba.

**22 July** Antiques and collectibles sale, in benefit of Neepawa's Margaret Laurence House, Yellowhead Centre (Neepawa). Contact Blair Chapman, 204-476-2359 or [bchapman@bpsd.mb.ca](mailto:bchapman@bpsd.mb.ca).

**17-19 August** Three-day scenic rail tour to Saskatchewan's Qu'Appelle Valley behind the CPR's restored steam locomotive, Empress #2816.

**21-22 Sept** Annual conference, Association of Manitoba Museums, Sam Waller Museum, The Pas.

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