

Time Lines

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17 January 2009

44th Annual
**Sir John A. Macdonald
Dinner**

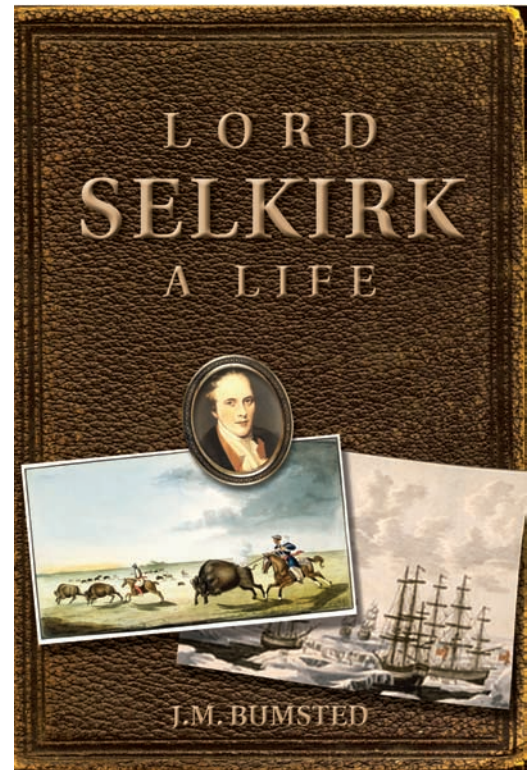
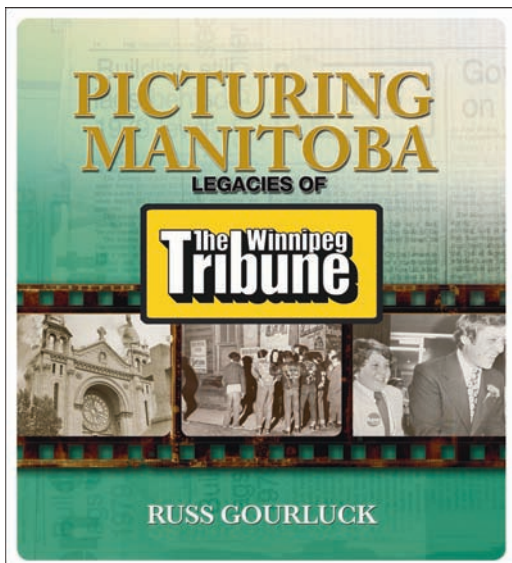
Details will be in the next
issue of *Time Lines*.

Book Launch

*Picturing Manitoba:
Legacies of the Winnipeg Tribune*
by Russ Gurluck

From the bestselling author of *A Store Like No Other: Eaton's of Winnipeg* comes a new Manitoba history book. *Picturing Manitoba* relates the 90-year history of the *Winnipeg Tribune*. Published by Great Plains Publications, the book will be launched at a ceremony to which all are welcome:

Sunday, 5 October 2008, 3:00 PM
McNally-Robinson Booksellers, Polo Park



Book Launch

Lord Selkirk: A Life
by J. M. Bumsted

The product of three decades of research, this is the definitive biography of Lord Selkirk. Professor Bumsted's passionate prose and thoughtful analysis illuminate not only the man, but also the political and economic realities of the British empire at the turn of the nineteenth century.

In addition to being the MHS Past President, J. M. Bumsted is the author of many books on Canadian history.

Lord Selkirk: A Life is published by the University of Manitoba Press, and will be launched at a ceremony to which all are welcome:

Sunday, 16 November, 1:30 PM

Dalnavert Visitors' Centre
61 Carlton Street, Winnipeg

President's Column



MHS President
Dr. Harry Duckworth

I have been thinking about an item on the CBC Radio program *The Sunday Edition*, last 3 August in which Joanna Awa, the Inuit journalist, interviewed Randall Kennedy, a professor at the Harvard Law School. Kennedy, who is black, has recently published a book, entitled *Sellout*, in which he explores the meaning of the

word “sellout” in American politics, particularly black politics. My point of departure came early in the interview, when he remarked that Americans are very good at identifying types of behaviour that they feel they should be frightened of—and that periodic dislocations, such as the anti-Communist movement that began in the late 1940s, are the result of this institutional fear.

Americans who are in the mainstream have little difficulty in identifying what is “other” because they feel themselves to be living in a homogeneous society, with a single history and a common set of values and expectations. In the century and a half following their Independence, the Americans assembled their history, an important part of creating their national identity. Historic sites were identified, and elevated almost to the status of sacred places. The myth of the frontier, still a powerful factor in domestic politics, was created, cultivated, and peopled with heroes. The history that the Americans produced is full of symbols and moral tales, easy for children to study and remember. We have nothing like this in Canada.

Over the last generation, the same paradigm has been followed in the United States as groups hitherto oppressed—especially the blacks—have moved into positions of greater influence. Now we have a Black History Month, and black history is a recognized sub-discipline in universities. An important part of the women’s movement, also, has been the development of a separate category of women’s history, or women’s studies.

Beyond our own continent, there are plenty of examples of how the history of a particular race

or nation reinforces identity—that is, telling its members what they should be proud of and what they should fear. The Serbs have used the fact that the breakaway state of Kosovo contains the site of a historic battle involving Serbia—which took place in 1389—as a reason why Kosovo should remain part of a greater Serbia. It is not so much that the battle was fought there, so long ago, that is important to them, but that they are reminded of their national identity in a compelling way. The Protestants in the north of Ireland still celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, not just because that battle secured the future of the Protestants living there then, but because the Irish Protestants have long considered themselves a group apart, and have needed their own symbols. The solemn marches on 12 July, and the beat of the dreadful drum, reassure them, remind them who they are and whom they fear.

The Manitoba Historical Society was founded in 1879 by a group of recent arrivals in Winnipeg, who came from British stock and regarded themselves as the guardians of their traditional values, living on the fringes of the British Empire. It was natural for them to form a Society that would reinforce their feelings of identity. As part of its mandate, the Society encouraged the collection of materials for western Canadian history. That history was built around certain grand themes—the development of the fur trade by the Hudson’s Bay Company; the exploration of the vast wilderness by great men like Alexander Mackenzie, Simon Fraser or David Thompson; and the courage of the Selkirk Settlers. This view of our history reassured the early members of the Society that people like them had conquered a new land and brought civilization to it. It was a naive, intolerant version of history – much labour has since gone into correcting the misrepresentations and filling in the gaps—but valuable information was uncovered and preserved, and the efforts served their purpose at the time.

Now we are in the twenty-first century, and in a very different country from that of 1879. How are Canadians succeeding in the construction of a history that will reinforce our national identity? Some of the more insipid efforts of the past—building up the reputations of Wolfe, Brock, or Laura Secord, for instance—have largely been set aside as irrelevant, or too exclusive for the cultural mosaic. What should we replace them with?

It is no simple matter deciding what our history should be. Some would say that we should not even try to do this—that any historical fact that we teach a child is likely to prejudice its mind. Even in the population of 19th century Winnipeg, there were many histories that the elite ignored. In the 1930s the Society, now more mindful of the complexity of Manitoba's population, did encourage writing of ethnic histories as a way of filling some of the gaps. Our present-day Ethnic Dinners often continue that tradition. But the results of every government Census remind us that the task of establishing our identity as Canadians is losing ground, as our culture is becoming more and more diverse.

Canada is now the home of many people who know little of what happened here in the past, and who have no pragmatic reason to care about much of it. If questions are asked about our more unusual features, historical explanations are available—we are officially bilingual because of a certain series of events, for instance—but the explanations may or may not make us feel more “Canadian.” New arrivals in our country have their own symbols of identity, their own checklists of what to be proud of and what to fear. Such a checklist, subliminally-felt, is not simply to be discarded and replaced, though their children will create new and different checklists of their own. These days, we are constantly confronted with times where the checklists of individual Canadians, rooted in their own histories, are so different that no compromise is possible. Then, somewhat surprisingly, the public discourse can suddenly reveal that the majority's view of one aspect of national identity is reasonably clear. The recent outcry over the Ontario government's proposal to permit sharia law is an example of this.

We are not short of evidence that there is a national craving to define identity, even as our population continues to change. The widespread interest in public discussions like the “greatest Canadian”, or the “greatest Manitoban”, is an example of the evidence. Some of us take refuge in the surefire basis for defining Canadian identity—how we are different from the Americans—which may help to provide a list of what to fear, but does little to define what to be proud of. We sense that we should be teaching our children the fundamentals of Canadian history, but we are also aware that if we succeed, we will shape their minds. With all the contrary forces at work in the world, the responsibility of choosing

what to teach can seem overwhelming. Still, I think that it is important that we try.

I have no convincing answers, but I'm pretty sure where they must come from. Historical Societies, like our own, will continue to be important, with our ability to foster historical inquiry and discussion, and to sense societal needs that governments haven't yet noticed. Efforts to identify and preserve historic sites and buildings will continue to be important: these places are important now, but they will be more so in the future, if they survive long enough to become venerable. These are simple ideas, but no less valuable for that.

Harry Duckworth

P.S. In my last column in *Time Lines*, I stated that the Society receives no government funds for Dalnavert operations. This is not actually true—we do receive annual grants from the city of Winnipeg (\$8,500), and from the Province under the Community Museums Program (\$3,150). The Province also gives us an Urban Green Team grant, which pays a student for part of the summer, while the Federal Government's Young Canada Works Program helps us to pay wages for “indoor” summer students. All of these contributions help us to operate Dalnavert, and I'm sorry to have misled people on these points.

Step back in time on Saturday, 25 October

At the **Headingley Heritage Center, Jim's Garages** features artefacts from the petroleum and service station industries going back the beginning of the automobile era. It showcases the role their products have played in the economy and culture of local communities. Several antique vehicles, including a 1917 Model T school bus are on display. Also, see what an old rural general store would have looked like.

Located on Highway #1 west, 5353 Portage Ave. (across from Nick's Inn)

Admission is \$2.00. Tour starts at 2:00 pm
Please contact Ross Metcalfe at 204-831-8165 to confirm attendance or with any questions.

Obituaries

Hartwell W. Bowsfield, historian, archivist and for many years a MHS member, died in Toronto on 10 August at 86 years of age. He was a graduate of the University of Manitoba and he served in the RCAF during World War II. He was Manitoba Provincial Archivist from 1952 to 1967. In these years, he was very active in the Winnipeg heritage community. He wrote 17 articles for *Manitoba Pageant* and at times also served as its editor. He contributed two articles to MHS *Transactions*. He edited for the Manitoba Record Society *The James Wickes Taylor Correspondence 1859–1870*. After leaving Winnipeg, he went to Toronto where he received a PhD from the University of Toronto and was a professor of history at York University. More information on his career is available on the MHS web site at www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/bowsfield_h.shtml.

Eileen Dorothy Pruden, died on 23 August in Winnipeg at 87 years of age. She was the wife MHS past president Gordon Pruden, who passed away in 2000. As an employee of the Manitoba government, she worked in many departments, including several years as Premier Duff Roblin's personal secretary. When she retired from the public service, she held the position of editor the *Education Manitoba* magazine. She continued writing and editing. Her 1972 article in the *Manitoba Pageant* "Macdonald House—an Exercise in Restoration" is still a valuable reference on the history of Dalnavert's restoration. Eileen was an active MHS member, and also a member of the Canadian Authors Association, the Red River Valley Historical Society, and Prairie Public Television.

Long-time member and Dalnavert volunteer **Anton Kirk** died in Winnipeg at the age of 93 on 3 August. Anton, or more simply "Tony" as he was known around Dalnavert, was counted amongst its volunteers for more than 25 years. Shortly after his retirement as a bookkeeper with a local office, Tony worked at the Reception Desk. He also kept an accurate record at the till for any fundraising event. Usually his endeavours were in concert with his wife Patty. In his own words Tony volunteered at Dalnavert because, "...When I retired in November 1974, I wanted to share the fruits of my labour with the community." Tony was also well known as a volunteer and supporter for many other groups in the cultural and arts community.

Muriel V. Brokke (nee Goldring) died on 20 July in Winnipeg. She had been a MHS member for many years. She was born in Winnipeg in 1916 and spent her early years in Middlechurch. Her work experience began with Canada Post and ended with the Department of Manpower and Immigration. In her 29 years of retirement she enjoyed travel, family, attending Wednesday Morning Musicale, the Althea Shrine, and the Hawthorne Club of North Kildonan.

MHS Book Club Schedule

With the exception of the 1 December meeting, all Book Club meetings will take place at Dalnavert Visitors' Centre (61 Carlton, Winnipeg). Please confirm attendance with Judy at 204-475-6666. Note: T= Treats, WPL = Winnipeg Public Library.

20 October, 7:00 PM: Charlotte Gray, *Nellie McClung* (Penguin, 2008) Leaders Dodie Metcalfe & Pat Challis (WPL: 9 copies in processing); T Shannon Seney.

17 November, 7:00 PM: Judith Hudson Beattie & Helen M. Buss, *Undelivered Letters...*, (2003) Leader Judy Valenzuela (WPL: many copies); T Cathy Phillipson.

1 December, 7:00 PM: Guest Bob Coutts on his book *Voices From Hudson Bay: Cree Stories from York Factory*, edited by Flora Beardy & Robert Coutts (McGill-Queens, 1996, 2007; WPL 3 copies). At Parks Canada, 145 McDermot with tour of labs, etc.

19 January 2009, 7:00 PM: Rienhold Kramer, *Mordecai Richler: Leaving St Urbain* (2008) Leader Marg Kentner (WPL: on order, 17 requests); T Carol Scott.

16 February 2009, 7:00 PM: Richard Gwyn, *John A: The Man Who Made Us* (2007) Leader Shirlee Anne Smith (WPL: 5 copies); T Joanne Ledohowski.

16 March 2009, 7:00 PM: Carolyn Podruchny, *Making the Voyageur World: Travelers and Traders in the North American Fur Trade* (2006) Leader Cathy Phillipson (WPL: 3 copies); T Jane Frain.

20 April 2009, 7:00 PM: H. S. Ferns, *Reading from Left to Right* (c1983, 1 copy); S. J. & H. S. Ferns, *Eighty-Five Years in Canada* (c1978, 6 copies) Leader Jim Alward; T Pat Challis.

11 May 2009, 6:00 PM: Potluck, select books for next year.

Memories of the Royal Alex

MHS member Doug Belcher is organizing a tour to relive memories of the now-demolished Royal Alexandra Hotel, whose dining room has been painstakingly re-assembled at the Canadian Museum of Rail Travel in Cranbrook, BC. The bus from Winnipeg to Cranbrook will leave on 27 November and return on 1 December. The deadline for booking is 20 October. The \$525 price includes bus transportation, a tour of the museum, a nine-course gala banquet, and breakfast at the Royal Alexandra Hall, and two nights in a nearby hotel (double occupancy). To reserve or get more information on this nostalgic experience, phone the tour operator, Doug Belcher in Winnipeg, at 204-334-2108.

Ross House Museum

Ross House Museum closed at the end August after a very busy summer. Victor Sawelo, Ross House Museum manager, reports that the number of visitors to the museum including casual visitors, Doors Open visitors, Canada Day visitors, a tour from Wellington School, walking tour participants and those visiting because of the Summerfest program totalled at least 854. Summerfest was organized by the Point Douglas Residents Committee and managed by the North Point Douglas Women's Association and the MHS Ross House Museum. Accompanying photographs show some of the Summerfest events that took place on Saturdays this summer.



V. Sawelo

The Nature Conservancy of Manitoba at Ross House Museum.



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Horseback police officers Sherry Blunden and Darrell Brown greet visitors to Ross House on 'Our Hero's Day.'



V. Sawelo

Nature Conservancy volunteer Judy Robertson holds an owl.



V. Sawelo

Hero's tug of war. That's Keith McCaskill, the Winnipeg Police Chief on the left, in the sunglasses.



W. Fraser

Dalnavert News

Summer was a busy season at Dalnavert, with lots of walk-in tours, weddings and wedding photo sessions, and events such as a Shadows of Manitoba Ghost Investigation, rental functions, day camps and two special theme days.

At a *Family Tea* on 15 August, children made butter and sampled it on scones, learned napkin-folding and enjoyed Victorian games, story-time and a guided tour. At *All in a Day's Work*, on 22 August, the participants viewed the house from a servant's perspective, made crazy-quilt placemats (inspired, of course, by the pattern in the maid's room) and snacked on light refreshments.

These "old-fashioned fun days" were organized by our summer Program Assistant, Lynnette Van Bruggen. Only two children attended the first event, but they loved being the centre of attention! So much so, they returned the next week. Three other children also participated in the day's activities.

Despite the small turnout, planning and delivering the programs provided Lynnette with valuable experience...and the kids had a great time! Hopefully, they will tell their friends about the Museum. Three consecutive mentions in the Free Press Tabloid should raise our profile, too.

This year's contingent of summer students included April Peel and Ben Rew, who worked as Interpreter/Visitor Service Clerks. Lynnette's official title was Interpreter/Program Assistant. The students' energy and enthusiasm brightened the days of our visitors and summer volunteers alike.

The Young Canada Works Program and a one-time grant from the Museums Board offset the students'



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Displays in the Martin Auditorium of the Dalnavert Visitors' Centre, prepared by industrious volunteer Jane Fudge and Parks Canada curator Virginia Lockett.

wage costs. An Urban Green Team Grant awarded by the Government of Manitoba allowed us to hire Victoria Markstrom as a grounds maintenance worker for a six-week term. She helped keep the veranda, yard and parking lot tidy during July and August,

and spent many hours weeding and watering. These grants stretched our budget considerably, and we are grateful to the Government of Canada, the city and the province (respectively) for their support.

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

Special thanks to Barb McEwen, Lynne Mellow, Ginny Prins, and Cunchun Yang for their efforts in making the garden a feature attraction.

Now that the seasons have changed, Dalnavert's calendar is filling up with school tours, rentals and our own events, such as a Shadows of Manitoba Paranormal Investigation on 25 October;

a Harpsichord Concert on 26 October, a show and sale of custom teddy bears on 2 November and the Heritage Needle Arts Sale on 22 November. As of this writing, details were still pending for these events. For the most up-to-date information, call the Museum at 204-943-2835.

The dates for the 20th annual presentation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* - performed by actor Richard Hurst - are already set for 16, 17, 18, 20, 21 and 22 December. (No performance on 19 December.)

Book your tickets early for this seasonal treat! We sell out every year and this "anniversary edition" is sure to be especially popular.

And speaking of anniversaries, the year 2009 will mark the 35th "birthday" of Dalnavert Museum, which opened to the public in 1974. We want to make this year one for the record books and we will keep you posted on plans for celebrating this milestone.

Linda Neyedly, Museum Director

THE 1918 INFLUENZA PANDEMIC IN WINNIPEG



University of Manitoba historian Eysyllt Jones presents a public lecture on the influenza pandemic that struck Winnipeg nearly 90 years ago. Professor Jones will explore Winnipeggers' lives through the terrible episode and its long-term effects.

Eysyllt Jones is the author of "Influenza 1918: Disease, Death and Struggle in Winnipeg."

Tuesday, 7 October, 7:00 PM

This free event will be held in the Carol Shields Auditorium, Second Floor, Millennium Library, 251 Donald Street, Winnipeg. Earlier this year, Dr. Jones received an MHS Margaret McWilliams award for her book *Influenza 1918: Disease, Death and Struggle in Winnipeg*.

Heritage News

In July, **Brandon** held its seventh Doors Open of 13 historical sites. Some of the sites were #1 Fire Station, Daly House Museum, and the Maley House on 1604 Victoria. Those who participated enjoyed a free two-day self-guided tour in the heart of Brandon.

Lac du Bonnet Leader reports that the Hans Erickson Log Cabin, which is currently located in Old Pinawa, will be moved to Halliday Park on PR 502 in the RM where it will be turned into a museum with artefacts and other items of area history. The Lac du Bonnet and District Historical Society had earlier plans to place the cabin on Third Street next to the library but this was not possible because of zoning regulations.

A plaque from the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada was unveiled on 5 July at **Dominion City** to commemorate the driving of the last spike in 1878 on the rail line constructed by CPR from St. Boniface to St. Vincent, just south of Emerson. This line, known as the Pembina Branch, which connected with American lines, provided the first rail link for Manitoba with the rest of the continent. The spike driving was took place for "Roseau Crossing", also known as "Penza" which changed to Dominion City in 1880. After many others had taken a swing at the spike, it is believed that it was finally driven home by the foreman's daughter, one of the few who were sober. The unveiling took place at Dominion City Summerfest on the 125th anniversary of the RM of Franklin.

Residents in the **Cadurcis** district are compiling a new history book. Most families have supported the project by submitting family histories. A draft copy of the book was on display at the Cadurcis Church's 125th anniversary on the August long weekend. The book, which has, about 70 pages will be ready for purchase this fall.

The *Morden Times* reports that the **Pembina Threshermen's Museum** will be undergoing changes with a 40th anniversary project. A grant from the Manitoba Community Places Services Council for \$7,250 will help pay for the cost of moving two buildings, the former Roseisle United Church and Pomeroy School, which had been at the museum since the 1970s, to new foundations at a different location on the Museum grounds. This move will open up space for new exhibits and special events. Check out the web site at www.threshermensmuseum.com.

The *Souris Plaindealer* reports that "The Plum" Museum and Tea Room celebrated the 125th anniversary of the cornerstone laying of the original St Luke's Anglican Church, on 13 August. A banquet was held at the **Souris and Glenwood Community Hall**. Special guests were descendents of the original members of the church built in 1883. Guest speakers included two members of the Manitoba Legislature. Mayor Darryl Jackson brought greetings from the town. "He spoke with enthusiasm of the work of the Heritage Club which owns and operated The Plum as a thriving tourism site." The Souris and District Heritage Club was established in 1989 and preserved and restored remnants of the original church to create "The Plum" as we see it today.



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Averill Whitfield, President of the Souris and District Heritage Club, at "The Plum"

Postal history was highlighted in the *Gazette* report of **Ninette's** celebration of its 125th anniversary on 1, 2, and 3 August. On 1 January 1884, a post office opened on James Overend's farm to serve the homesteaders in the new farming community. Contractors hauled the mail over the 13 miles from Ilford to Ninette until the rail line was built in 1889. A rail station was built and the post office was relocated to the new station. Overend built the first store in 1899 and the Overend Hall in 1905. After Ninette's centennial an addition was built and the hall was renamed the Ninette Centennial Hall. The first grain elevator was built in 1900 and a second was added in 1903. The town grew with the opening of the Sanatorium for tuberculosis patients in 1910 and the development of Pelican Lake as a recreation area. Festivities marking the anniversary included the unveiling of a new Ninette postmark that will appear on outgoing mail from the post office.

An attractive new sign with words and pictures outlines the history of the village of **St. Alphonse**. The text is reprinted here:

St Alphonse, also known as Decosse until 1886, was established in 1883, on 20 acres of land jointly donated by Jules Poirier and Louis Vendette for the purpose of building a church and a school. Archbishop Alexander Tache of St. Boniface granted the community a Canonical Decree as a Roman Catholic Parish on 6 December 1883. The community's ethnic identity began a transformation in 1888-89 with the arrival of Belgian Immigrants to the area and the departure of many of the French Canadian Colonists. Both community and parish marked their centennial in 1983 and their 125th anniversary in 2008. Preservation of the area's Belgian culture and heritage remain a matter of community pride.

The latrine at **Fort Dufferin** will be restored. It is a low frame-type building about 16 feet long and 100 feet wide of hewed beam and mortise and tenon construction. In addition to structural repairs, cedar shingles have to be replaced. A \$5,900 Community Places grant will pay to restore the building to its original use when it was as a place to wash up when the day's work was done.

At **York Factory**, riverbank erosion threatens to wash away the buildings on the site. The federal government has begun a five-year research and engineering project to determine how to save the building for future generation researchers and tourists. The project team includes Parks Canada, Natural Resources Canada, Churchill Northern Studies Centre and the University of Manitoba. The \$1.75 million project will study soil, permafrost, river erosion, drainage and past interventions.

Daly House Museum in **Brandon** held a writing contest for people to write down oral histories that focused on Brandon history. The last time a collection of Brandon's oral histories was produced was for Brandon's centennial in 1982. This collection is still available in the Brandon Public Library. A recent *Brandon Sun Community News* reports that the new contest winner, Gerry Beaubier, collected over 100 pages of family stories, which he was able to verify. The runner up, Linda Wakefield, wrote on her experiences as an employee of downtown movie theatres as they closed.

In **Brandon**, the corner of Eighth Street and Princess was forever changed when the 115-year-old Beaubier Hotel building was demolished in August of this year to make way for a new YMCA pool. The hotel was a fashionable place to stay in the 1890s but in the past few decades its reputation declined and the building was modified to provide rental units for Manitoba Housing.

Keven Van Camp, president of the **St. François Xavier Historical Society** reports that the society's bus trip on 26 June visited Cypress River, the Stockton Ferry, Wawanesa, Souris, Boissevain, and Morden. Some MHS members participated. The tentative plan for next year is to visit Lake of the Woods, Kenora, and intermediate points.

A walking trail was officially opened and dedicated in **Rapid City** during the town's 125th anniversary celebrations this summer. The trail measures 4.6 km in length. Some of the stopping places are the house of author Frederick Philip Grove who lived in the community from 1921 to 1929 and the school (now the museum) where he was principal. Other sites include the fish ladder, mill office, legion hall, churches, creamery site, town office, fire hall, railway station house and Queen's Hotel. The Valley View Golf Course, the beach playground, the Lions' pavilion and the agricultural grounds are also on the tour.

The Red River Valley Echo reports that the **Morris** 125th anniversary was the occasion for opening a metal box placed in the cornerstone of the school built at the corner of Lucinda and Railroad Streets in 1908 and demolished in 2005. The box contained copies of the *Winnipeg Telegram* and *Manitoba Free Press*, both dated 22 September 1908, the *Morris Herald* dated 13 August and 13 September, a fragile envelope holding pages listing politicians and board members of the time and a list of all attending the cornerstone ceremony. Some currency and coins were also found inside. The box and its contents will be placed in the Morris Museum. The cornerstone will mark the lot where it was located originally.

The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada commemorated the achievements of **Margaret Newton** (1887-1971) with the unveiling of a plaque in her honour at the Manitoba Agricultural hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in Portage la Prairie on 17 July. While still a doctoral student in plant pathology, Newton discovered that, there was more than one

strain of wheat rust. Her experiments advanced scientific knowledge of stem rust in wheat, which represented a major threat to the Canadian economy. Throughout her long career, much of it spent at Winnipeg's Dominion Rust Research Laboratory, her meticulous research led to the development of rust-resistant grains. She became an internationally acclaimed scientist and a striking role model for Canadian women in science. An article on Margaret Newton will appear in *Manitoba History* #59.

United Empire Loyalists Program

The upcoming program for the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada Manitoba Branch follows:

Saturday, 27 September, 11:00 am

Meeting at the Belmont Hotel in Belmont. Lunch at 12:30 pm – brief meeting and Loyalist presentation. Museum tour to follow.

Saturday, 18 October

Do you have a loyalist ancestor? Attend the Elizabeth Briggs Loyalist Genealogy Workshop sponsored by the Millennium Library & Manitoba Branch United Empire Loyalists' Association Carol Shields Auditorium - 2nd Floor, Millennium Library

Elizabeth Briggs, Manitoba's foremost genealogist is currently the Genealogist in Residence at the Millennium Library in Winnipeg. The program is:

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| 10:00 | Registration |
| 10:30-11:30 am | Introduction to UEL |
| 11:30-12:30 pm | Internet sources for UEL Research |
| 12:30 -1:30 pm | Lunch break and Manitoba Branch UELAC AGM |

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

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| 1:30-2:30 pm | More advanced resources for UEL |
| 2:30-3:30 pm | Discussion panel including Alice Walchuk, Manitoba Branch Genealogist |

There will be a Loyalist display on main floor of the library during September and October.

The public is invited to participate in this event. Pre-registration is required. Leave message at 204-489-7180 or contact jmcarter@mts.net before Wednesday, 1 October.

Saturday, 22 November

Location not confirmed – 10:30 am meeting, 12:30 Lunch (Approx \$20), 1:30 Prof. Wilson's presentation: *Col William Marsh – Green Mountain Boy, Loyalist, Secret Service Agent*.

Saturday, 6 December

Afternoon Tea at the Carter's 2-4 pm, 2-1800 Wellington Crescent in Winnipeg, Cookie Exchange – Please bring one dozen cookies.

Prospective and new members are always welcome. For further information please contact Barb at bjandrew@westman.wave.ca or Margaret at jmcarter@mts.net or leave a message at 204-489-7180.

The United Empire Loyalists were the 50,000 people forced out of the British American colonies because of the American Revolution. They were a multi-ethnic group from all walks of life that settled in the Maritimes, Quebec, and Ontario. Some came west as explorers, e.g., Simon Fraser and Alexander Mackenzie while others joined in the fur trade and settled in the west. When land was available in the late 1800s many of their descendants migrated west for land on the prairies. One in every seven Canadians has a Loyalist ancestor.

Smarter than an 1895 Eighth Grader?

Here are some questions from a two-hour exam in grammar and orthography given to Kansas eighth graders in 1895. Would any of us have passed?

- Give nine rules for the use of capital letters.
- Name the parts of speech and define those that have no modifications.
- Define verse, stanza and paragraph
- What are the principal parts of a verb? Give principal parts of "lie," "play," and "run."

- Define case; illustrate each case.
- What is punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of punctuation.
- Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.
- What is meant by the following: alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication
- What are elementary sounds? How classified?
- What are the following, and give examples of each: trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals.
- Give four substitutes for caret 'u.'
- Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e.' Name two exceptions under each rule.
- Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
- Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup.
- Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.
- Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.
- Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

Winnipeg Fire Insurance Maps Online

Early fire insurance maps provide a wealth of information about buildings in towns and cities, including street addresses, dimensions, orientation on lots, and construction materials. The maps were available only under severely restricted conditions. Now, a set of 92 fire insurance maps for Winnipeg in 1906 is on the web site of Library and Archives, with the promise of more to come.

Go to www.collectionscanada.ca. Under *Archives Search*, type *Fire Insurance Plans of Canada, Manitoba*. Click on *Insurance Plan of the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Volume 1, August 1906*.

Centennial Farms

The Manitoba Historical Society began the Centennial Farm program in 1980, under the leadership of Alice Brown, a past president of the Society. The program recognizes family farms that have remained in continuous family ownership for 100 years or more. Eligible families receive a Centennial Farm plaque, suitable for display in the house or farm office. To date, over 1,300 Manitoba farm families have received recognition from the Society.

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

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Erickson	Orville & Lavina Gusdal	NW 18-18-18 WPM 1908
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Fraserwood	Edward Karish, Peter & Lois Karish	NE 23-19-1 EPM 1908
Killarney	Jack & Eleanor Skeoch	NW 13-2-18 WPM 1898
Ochre River	William J. Boles	SW 3-24-17 WPM 1907
Pilot Mound	Ken & Marge Norrie, Karen (Norrie) & Bruce Potter	NW 13-4-11 WPM 1908
Roblin	Wayne & Betty Wenner	SE 36-25-28 WPM 1908
St. Alphonse	Maurice & Lillian Delichte and Henry & Meredith Delichte	SW 34-5-12 WPM 1907 WSE 34-5-12 WPM 1908
St. Eustache	Normand & Linda Picard	WNW 36-11-4 WPM 1908
Starbuck	Neil & Victoria Frantz	SW 2-9-2 WPM 1904
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18 October	Elizabeth Briggs Loyalist Genealogy Workshop at Millennium Library	26 October	Harpsichord Concert at Dalnavert
20 October	Book Club – Charlotte Gray's book, <i>Nellie McLung</i>	2 November	Heritage Needle Arts Sale at Dalnavert
17 November	Book Club – Judith Hudson Beattie & Helen M. Buss, <i>Undelivered Letters</i>	16 November	Book Launch – <i>Lord Selkirk: A Life</i> by J. M. Bumsted at Dalnavert
20 October	Booking deadline for the Royal Alexandra tour to Cranbrook, BC	1 December	Book Club – Bob Coutts speaks on his book, <i>Voices from Hudson Bay: Cree Stories from York Factory</i> at Parks Canada, 145 McDermot
25 October	Step Back in Time – Headingley Heritage Centre tour	16-18, 20-21 December	20 th annual presentation of Charles Dickens' <i>A Christmas Carol</i> at Dalnavert
25 October	Shadows of Manitoba Paranormal Investigation at Dalnavert	17 January 2009	Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner

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