

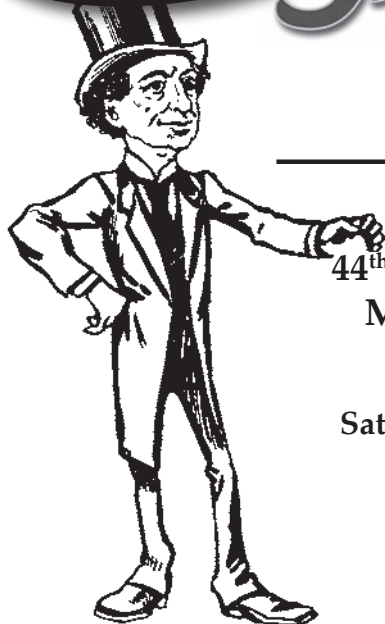
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44th Annual Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner

6:00 pm

Saturday, 17 January 2009

Provencher Room,
Fort Garry Hotel

Silent Auction

Tickets: \$90 (members), \$100 (non-members)

Our Guest Speaker

Since joining the federal government in 1983, Mr. Alan Latourelle has occupied positions of increasing responsibility in the fields of corporate services, strategic planning, portfolio affairs, policy and operational program delivery. He was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Parks Canada in 2002. Under his leadership, three new national parks were established — the Gulf Islands in British Columbia, the Torngat Mountains in Labrador and Ukkusiksalik in Nunavut. As well, Tuktut Nogait and St. Lawrence Islands national parks have been expanded and the establishment of the national marine conservation



Mr. Alan Latourelle, Head of Parks Canada, will be the featured speaker at the 44th Annual Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner on 17 January 2009.

area in western Lake Superior has been achieved. In addition, He has spearheaded such new initiatives as the Action Plan to Protect Canada's Natural Heritage, which also addresses the improvement of ecological integrity in Canada's national parks.

Mr. Latourelle has also provided executive leadership for the Historic Places Initiative (HPI), including introduction of the Canadian Register of Historic Places, the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada, the Commercial Heritage Properties Incentive Fund and a collaborative governance framework for HPI that engages all provinces and territories in the development of a culture of conservation. His recognized skills have also led to Mr. Latourelle being invited to become a member of the boards of Directors of The Banff Centre and of the Montréal Harbourfront Corporation. His educational background includes a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the Université du Québec and a Master of Business Administration from Queen's University.

Macdonald Dinner Tickets

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

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OR call the MHS office at 204-947-0559 and speak to Jacqueline Friesen. (If no answer, please leave a message and we will call back.) Please call before 15 January 2009.

President's Column



MHS President
Dr. Harry Duckworth

Last February the Manitoba Historical Society was invited to send a representative to a forum, hosted by Mr. Mark Warawa, MP for Langley, and Parliamentary Secretary to the federal Minister of the Environment, to consider the possibility of setting up a National Trust for Canada. Jack Bumsted asked me to go to Ottawa on our behalf. It was

a generous invitation—all expenses paid by the Ministry—so my attendance cost the Society nothing. I was excited to find myself among the group of about twenty, representing most provinces and territories, who assembled for a day and a half in one of the committee rooms in the Centre Block. There were several persons whom I had heard of but not yet met, influential and experienced in the problems of caring for historic buildings (“built heritage” is the current phrase) and places. Among others whom I was especially glad to meet and listen to were Natalie Bull, Executive Director of the Heritage Canada Foundation; Richard Alway, Chair of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada; and Alan Latourelle, CEO of the Parks Canada Agency.

The Ministry of the Environment has heavy responsibilities for preserving historic buildings as well as special parts of Canada's natural environment, and it is thinking hard how to facilitate heritage preservation without greatly extending its own costs. It has been attracted by the model of the National Trust in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (Scotland has its own National Trust), and a senior officer of that organization gave the opening presentation. The National Trust is an amazing success story, the proud and fiscally sound operator of over 400 properties, supported mainly by the annual dues of some 2.5 million members. It was difficult for some of us to see how such a powerful private organization could be replicated in Canada today. We also had a presentation from the President of the National Trust of the USA, which had been maintained by a modest congressional appropriation for many years, and now, with that support recently withdrawn, is trying to shift to a base of private support. A third presentation was from an academic scholar who recounted the history of the Heritage Canada Foundation (HCF), founded with great hopes in the mid-1970s but quickly embroiled in problems as it took on the ownership of several historic buildings without the means to operate them. Under Natalie Bull's energetic management, the HCF is building new links and partnerships, including, I hope, our own Society.

There was energetic and forthright discussion of all the issues, and although the consensus seemed to be that a National Trust for Canada would not come



The 44th Annual

Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner Tickets

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cheap, I expect that the recently returned government will continue to consult and hone its ideas. Several people pointed out an important unmet need that was not on the planned agenda of the forum: there is still no legislative protection for historic places at the federal level, and legislation in the provinces and the communities is patchy and inconsistent. At present there is more federal protection for snails in Banff National Park than there is for the Parliament Buildings themselves. Two exceptions are railway stations and lighthouses, for which specific protective bills were passed because of the efforts of private members. It is to be hoped that this lack of protective legislation will be redressed soon.

I returned from Mr. Warawa's forum with lots of new information, a greater understanding of how complex and fragmented our country's response to historic places is, and knowledge of some of the important players in the game. One of these, clearly, is Alan Latourelle, recently appointed the head of Parks Canada. Apart from administering the National Parks, his Agency is in charge of the federal program for the designation of Historic Sites and Places, and it has the care of 158 National Historic Sites, a noble list of places of paramount importance in the history of our land. The eight Parks Canada sites in Manitoba include the three great surviving structures of the fur trade era—Fort Prince of Wales, York Factory, and Lower Fort Garry—besides the Linear Mounds site of aboriginal burial mounds, near Melita; Riel House; the St. Andrew's Rectory; a group of Depression-era buildings at Riding Mountain; and Winnipeg's Forks National Historic Site.

Which brings me to the Macdonald Dinner: The Society has invited Mr. Latourelle to be the speaker at the Macdonald Dinner, at the Fort Garry Hotel on Saturday, 17 January 2009, and he has accepted. Given the importance of his Agency in the care of our historic places, and the sense that our country's ways of dealing with our heritage are changing fast (with the federal government inevitably playing a strategic role), Mr. Latourelle is expected to give us a timely and stimulating message. My invitation to the Society membership to support the Macdonald Dinner would be warm in any case, but I hope that our guest speaker will be an extra attraction, and that he will be welcomed by a large and appreciative audience.

A final note: Last year, as an experiment, we reduced the price of tickets for the Macdonald Dinner

substantially, because some people had told us that they would not be attending because the cost was so high. The reduction made no difference to the attendance, as it turned out, and because fundraising is crucial for us, we have decided to return the price to almost what it was before last year's Dinner. I expect that every member understands how important it is that the Dinner shows a significant profit, and will accept the need to charge this higher amount, for what, after all, is an entertaining and enjoyable occasion in the life of our Society.

Harry Duckworth

NOTICE

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

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

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

Holiday Office Hours

The MHS administration office will be closed for the holidays effective Monday, 22 December 2008. Regular hours of operation will resume on Wednesday, 7 January 2009.

The office is open to the public Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, from 1–5 pm. Other times by appointment.

Happy Holidays

Welcome New MHS Members!

Charles Phelan	Tammy Paulson
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In MemoriamWilliam G. Greenaway *in memory of W. J. Dutka***Centennial Farm Awards Program**Margaret Sawicki
Doreen & Emile Arnal**Dalnavert Garden Program**

Gary R. McEwen

Young Historians George Bryce Award

Jim Blanchard

Obituary

Jean Dupont of Saint-Georges died in Pine Falls at 76 years of age on 2 October 2008. He farmed until ill health forced him to retire. He was also very involved in his community. He was secretary-treasurer of the Dupont School District and then secretary of the Consolidated School of Saint-Georges. He was known for his keen interest in preserving history. He was instrumental in founding the Musée de Saint-Georges and became the first president of the Saint-Georges Historical Society. He later became the official curator of the Musée de Saint-Georges and took a museum course at the Manitoba Museum. Some MHS members will remember his friendly welcome to visitors on MHS field trips that included a visit to the museum at St. Georges.

MHS Program***Opening the Vault Door,
Exploring Masonic History*****28 January 2009**

The history of Freemasonry in the Canadian West goes back almost 200 years. The archives of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in Winnipeg contain items dating back as far as the early days of the Selkirk Settlers. On Wednesday, 28 January 2009, members of the Manitoba Historical Society will have a rare opportunity to view some of that archival collection. This free event will be held at the Masonic Memorial Centre, 420 Corydon Avenue (Confusion Corner).

After a light lunch of soup and sandwiches there will be a brief presentation by Allan Brock, Grand Archivist, followed by a question and answer period. We will then have an opportunity to look at the items on display with several Masons available to provide assistance and answer questions.

Doors will open at 12:00 noon with lunch served at 12:30 and the event should wrap up by around 3:00 pm. There is ample parking at the east side and rear of the Centre and a number of bus routes serve the area. As the Grand Lodge of Manitoba is hosting this event there will be no charge for MHS members. Other wishing to attend should contact the MHS office (204-947-0559) for more information.

As seating is limited, please call Carl James at 204-631-5971 by Monday, 26 January 2009 to confirm your attendance.



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Masonic Memorial Centre, 420 Corydon Avenue, Winnipeg

New Survey Underscores Funding Gap for Canada's National Historic Sites

The findings of a recent Environics survey of national historic sites lends greater urgency to Heritage Canada Foundation (HCF) call for a national landmarks fund.

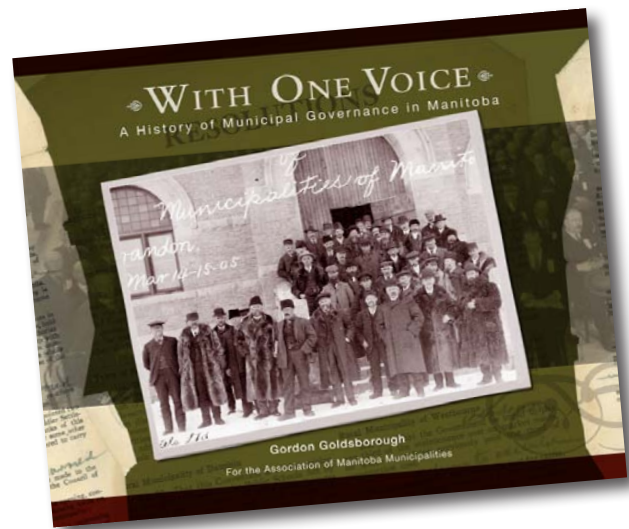
Commissioned by Parks Canada, the survey found that 69% of the 689 National Historic sites managed by owners other than the federal government are deteriorating, and will need major rehabilitation within the next two years. Despite the national significance of the sites, the federal government is largely absent as a funding partner. Between 1988 and 2000, the National Historic Sites cost share Program (NHSCSP) provided bricks-and-mortar funding to 57 non-federal sites. The funding benefitted sites like the Inglis Grain Elevators in Manitoba and the Saint John City Market in New Brunswick. NHSCSP projects leveraged 2-3 times the \$27 million invested by the government. Since 2000, however, the program has been dormant and without funding. In 2003, the Auditor General reported that at least 118 requests for funding had gone unanswered.

The Heritage Canada Foundation has encouraged the federal government to make a national landmarks fund and a federal rehabilitation tax credit the cornerstones of any new federal investments in heritage. With federal seed money, HCF could leverage matching donations from corporations and individuals and create a dedicated source of funding for national historic sites in non-government hands. In the United States, *Save America's Treasures*—a public-private partnership established by Congress—has provided funds to the Statue of Liberty and other iconic U.S. sites from the National Trust's Most Endangered Places List. To date, \$116 million US has been awarded to 431 projects and more than \$217 million US has been matched by individuals, businesses and foundations.

The Parks Canada *Survey of Owners of Non-Federal National Historic Sites 2008* can be viewed online.

The Heritage Canada Foundation is a national, membership-based, non-profit organization with a mandate to promote the preservation of Canada's historic buildings and places.

For more information, contact Carolyn Quinn, Director of Communications, email: cquinn@heritagecanada.org phone: 613-237-1066 ext. 229.



New Book on Manitoba History

With One Voice: A History of Municipal Governance in Manitoba

This new book, by MHS webmaster and past president Gordon Goldsborough, will be published in late November by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, in commemoration of its tenth anniversary.

Local governments provide the facilities and services that each of us use on a daily basis. They are responsible for ensuring that our faucets deliver clean water, the sewers take away our wastes, and garbage and recyclables are collected. They build and maintain our roads, operate our libraries, protect us from fire and crime, and in bygone days, they equipped our schools and hospitals. No wonder that villages, towns, cities and rural municipalities have been described as “the most important level of government.”

With One Voice describes over 100 years in the history of Manitoba from a municipal perspective, covering such topics as daylight saving time, income and property taxes, rural electrification, the war waged on gophers and other animal pests in farm fields, the colour of margarine (it was not always yellow!), and video lottery terminals. Woven through the story are sidebar articles on the history of parking meters, pioneering women in politics, Manitoba ghost towns, Sunday shopping, and much more.

Copies of *With One Voice* are available for \$24.95 each at major book retailers in Manitoba, including Pennywise Books and Candlewood Books in Brandon, and the Winnipeg locations of McNally-Robinson Booksellers.

New Provincial Archivist

Manitoba Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport has announced the appointment of Mr. Scott Goodine to the position of Archivist of Manitoba, effective as of 1 December 2008.

Goodine comes to the Archives of Manitoba from the Provincial Archives of Alberta, where he has worked as Team Lead of the Private Records group. He has also served as President of the Association of Canadian Archivists for the past two years.

Dalnavert Museum

Come to our House for Christmas!

At Dalnavert Museum, we're "making a list and checking it twice" in preparation for the busy Christmas season.

By early December, the house is decked out with Victorian-style decorations, including a turkey dinner and all the trimmings. The shop and auditorium take on a festive flair and seasonal displays are created for the glass cases in the auditorium.

Our annual Dickens' readings, by actor Richard Hurst, are the highlight of our Christmas calendar and raise thousands of dollars for the Museum. Attending a performance is guaranteed to put anyone in the Christmas spirit!

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Christmas Carol program, which plays to sell-out audiences every year. A pair of tickets, or a CD of the reading, makes a wonderful gift for you or someone else.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 pm on 16, 17, 18, 20, 21 and 22 December. Tickets are affordably priced at \$15 and include light refreshments—cranberry apple cider, shortbread and dainties—served after the show. Doors open at 6:00 pm, so guests can view the house, enjoy carols by the Potpourri Singers (6:45 pm to 7:15 pm) and browse in the shop.

The Dickens' evenings are suitable for those age 12 and up, so we have arranged a special story time session for youngsters. On Sunday, 7 December from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, kids age 5 to 10 can enjoy a reading of a new book titled *Rainbow Heidi's Gingerbread House* by author Davey Splash. Tickets are only \$5, and snacks and activities are included.

Advance booking is required for these two events.

We hope you will make Dalnavert Museum part of your Christmas celebrations, by visiting the house, attending an event or buying presents in the shop. We have gifts for everyone on your list and a 10% discount for MHS Members is an added incentive. Just have your membership card handy when making your purchases.

If not sure what to buy, here are some suggestions:

Stocking Stuffers and Gifts under \$10

Jams, teas, jewellery, mugs, figurines, address books, notebooks, bath products, scarves, candles, wooden toys and small stuffed animals

Gifts under \$20

Stoneware rock rattles (these decorative objects make excellent paperweights), votive holders, picture frames, pottery, mini tea sets, barware, and scrumptious fruitcakes

Gifts over \$20

Books, books and more books, art prints, Bohemian glassware, teapots, pens carved from exotic woods, wall hangings, music boxes, designer-inspired handbags, large stuffed animals and stained glass.

If you are still unsure, you can buy a gift certificate in any denomination that can be used for Museum admissions or merchandise.

Please note our days open and closed during the holiday season. The Museum will be open "regular hours" in December, from the first thru the 21st, plus special evening hours for our Dickens' performances on the 16, 17, 18, 20, 21 and 22. We will be closed 22 December (daytime) as well as 23, 24, 25 and 26 December. We will be open 27 and 28 December, which fall on Saturday and Sunday, then closed 29, 30, 31 December and 1 January. We will be open 2, 3 and 4 January.



MHS Book Club Schedule 2008–2009

Book club meetings are open to all. It is not essential that you read in advance the book that is being studied. With the exception of the 1 December meeting at Parks Canada, all meetings of the book club take place at the Dalnavert Visitors' Centre at 61 Carlton Street, Winnipeg. If you plan to attend any meetings please confirm your attendance with Judy at 204-475-6666.

Please note that in the brief write-ups that follow, "WPL" refers to Winnipeg Public Library and it is followed by the number of copies of the book being studied that are available there. "T" is followed by the name of the person who is bringing light refreshments to the meeting.

1 December 2008

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

Rienhold Kramer, *Mordecai Richler: Leaving St Urbain* (2008) **Leader Marg Kentner** (WPL: on order, 17 requests); T Carol Scott

16 February 2009

Richard Gwyn, *John A: The man who made us* (2007) **Leader Shirlee Anne Smith** (WPL: 5 copies); T Joanne Ledohowski

16 March 2009

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

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 pm

Potluck, select books for next year

MHS Walking Tour

Many MHS members and non-members took advantage of the fine weather and took part in a historical walking tour of North Point Douglas on 20 September. Carl James, MHS program committee chair, was the tour guide.



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Carl James, MHS Program Chair, was guide for the tour of the Point Douglas neighbourhood.



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The **Point Douglas** tour stopped in front of the former home of William "Intrepid" Stephenson (1896–1989).

Heritage News

On 9 to 12 July 2009, there will be a 125th anniversary homecoming for the **RM of Lansdowne** at Arden. Past residents of the RM can contact Leah Dear for more information at 204-368-2403, email idear68@hotmail.com or contact the RM office at 204-368-2202.

Long-time MHS member **Dr. Jim Mitchell** of Winnipeg signed the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation's first riparian conservation agreement on the Red River. The forested land on the riverbank on his farm will now be protected for future generations. The 79-acre parcel of riparian forest – mainly ash and oak – is on a larger tract of farmland on the Red River south of Winnipeg that was settled by his wife Catherine's ancestors in 1891. The farm was recognized as a centennial farm by MHS in 2006. Other farmers are following Dr. Mitchell's example and are pursuing conservation agreements with MHHC to protect riparian woodlands on their property.

A new bell Tower overlooks Victoria Park in **Souris**. A cast iron bell, forged at Michigan Bell foundry, arrived at Souris in 1905 and sat for years in front of the Civic Centre. Now it has been installed in a new bell tower in a prominent location at the end of Crescent Avenue. An electronic bell ringer will be installed when sufficient funds are raised.

The Interlake Spectator reports that **RM of Gimli** will buy the Gimli Public School, built in 1915, from the Gimli Heritage Development Corporation for \$157,000, the amount the non-profit corporation had left in its mortgage. The heritage corporation was formed in the 1990s to save the school, a rare example of early 1900s architecture, from demolition. Volunteers, especially a core group known as the Gimli Nine, worked to repair and restore the school building. The RM already has office and meeting space in the building. Rentals from other office tenants will be paid to the RM. *The Spectator* notes that the heritage corporation had been set up as a temporary board and that it was always expected that the municipality would eventually own the building.

The **Gimli Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee** presented a heritage management plan that covers the period from 2008 to 2010 to the Gimli Council in September. The committee plans to continue to inventory heritage sites. The committee also proposed to "learn and share more about the municipality's

cottages, many of which will be 100 years old during the period 2008–2012." The committee plans to develop heritage tours and to help owners restore and preserve heritage homes. The commercial fishery was also identified as a cultural asset that needs to be more fully explored.

The **Selkirk Settler Monument** on Waterfront Drive was dedicated with great fanfare after over 350 pipers, drummers and Scottish organization members paraded from the Legislative Building to the site. Guests of honour, including Lieutenant Governor John Harvard, were accompanied across the Red River by voyageurs from the Red River Brigade for the official dedication of the Selkirk Settlers monument from Scotland to the Province of Manitoba. The current Lord and Lady Selkirk and others visited a Selkirk Settlers Encampment at Fort Gibraltar. Over 250 guests attended a dinner put on by the St. Andrews Society. The monument, which was completed more than a year ago, is a replica of the Emigrant's Statue in Helmsdale, Scotland. It commemorates the journey of the Selkirk Settlers from Scotland to Red River. For more information on the dedication celebration or on the Bicentennial celebrations planned for 2012 contact Robert Bruce Baron at northstt@mts.net.

On 25 June the **Manitoba Living History Society** received a grant of \$7,300 from the Manitoba government to develop a "Costume Guide and Interpretive Manual" for the 2012 Bicentennial of the arrival of the Selkirk Settlers. The grant will be used to research the life and times of the settlers, recreate some of their clothing, and learn and demonstrate in public events some of the skills needed for survival in the early years of the Selkirk Settlement.

A major restoration project costing \$250,000 has been undertaken for the preservation of **Seven Oaks Museum** and its surrounding property. John Inkster's log house was completed in 1853 on lot 6 in the Parish of Kildonan. John Inkster of the Hudson's Bay Company was a pioneer merchant and trader. The house was built on a stone foundation with a stone-lined cellar. The house, which is 45 feet by 26 feet, was lived in continuously until 1954. John and Mary Inkster's nine children were raised in this house. The Inksters operated a store and post office in a building adjacent to the house. Probably the most famous of the children was Colin Inkster who served as a Manitoba sheriff for 51 years.



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Seven Oaks Museum on Canada Day 2008.

The house became a museum in 1958. The museum today has family artefacts and many other items that date back to the Red River Settlement. Seven Oaks Museum is open every day from Victoria Day to Labour Day.

Carberry's Heritage Grant program offers grants to downtown businesses for up to \$2,000 for historically sensitive exterior improvements to the façade of their buildings. A grant of \$2,000 was made to the Seton Centre on Main Street for masonry and roof repairs, a new sign and exterior painting.

A small fire cart has been added to the collection of the Carman Museum. It was pulled by men, not by horses. A lead tank on the cart would have held

some fire-fighting chemical, possibly baking soda. The cart was found in a bush near Wingham, north of Elm Creek.

Gretna celebrates its 125th anniversary this year. This town on the Canada–USA border was originally known as Smugglers Point in 1883. It was a place where tall oak trees along the Pembina River offered cover to those crossing the border with undeclared goods. The arrival of the CPR drew more businesses such as the Ogilvie Milling Company to the area. The founder of Ogilvie Mills, William Ogilvie, named the new community after his home, Gretna Green, in Scotland near the English border. On 11 November 1965, an old school bell was rechristened the “Bell of Peace” and officially dedicated during Remembrance Day ceremonies. The bell is displayed on a high structure. It now rings only once a year, at the annual Remembrance Day service.

Visit the **Manitoba Museum** or take a virtual tour. Travel from north to south through Manitoba's rich natural and human history. Tour the Museum's nine interpretive galleries beginning in the Earth History Gallery where Manitoba's geological past is revealed. Explore the aurora-lit north of the Arctic/Sub-Arctic Gallery, then walk south past granite cliffs and icy streams in the coniferous Boreal Forest Gallery. Try your sea legs in the Nonsuch Gallery, on board a 17th century ketch bound for Hudson Bay, and learn more about the 300-year history of the great Canadian fur trade in the Hudson's Bay Company Gallery. Harness your fear and follow your curiosity in the multi-level expanse of the new Parklands/Mixed Woods Gallery. Journey south to the windswept prairies in the Grasslands Gallery, and then explore the boardwalks and back rooms of a vibrant young Winnipeg during the 1920s in the Urban Gallery. To take the virtual tour, visit www.manitobamuseum.ca

Centennial Farms

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

Carman	Fred & Joyce Van Koughnet	SE 9-6-4 WPM 1908
Deloraine	Philip & Myrna Adams	NW 35-2-23 WPM 1908
La Riviere	Everett & Anne Morrow	SE 28-3-10 WPM 1908
Marquette	Alvin & Florence Tully	SW 30-13-3 WPM 1904
Meleb	Eleanor (Sorokowski) & Ernie Kolsun	SE 23-20-2 EPM 1908
Swan Lake	David & Diane De Roo	SE 35-5-11 WPM 1902



Macdonald Dinner Tickets

Contact the MHS office at 204-947-0559 or info@mhs.mb.ca. Visa, Mastercard, cheques, and cash are accepted. Tickets are \$90 each for MHS members, and \$100 each for non-members. Please call before 15 January 2009



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Elzéar Goulet Memorial Park, St. Boniface.

Elzéar Goulet Memorial Park Commemorates Prominent Métis

Monuments and plaques commemorating Elzéar Goulet (1836–1870) were unveiled during the summer of 2008 in the park on Taché Avenue that bears his name. Goulet was part of a prominent Métis family. As a young man, he relocated to Pembina in what is now North Dakota and became an American citizen. There he began to raise a family with his wife, Héléne Jerome. Goulet was appointed in 1861 to replace his brother Roger as the mail carrier between Pembina and the Red River Settlement. Whether by horse in the summer or dog sled in the winter his weekly trips between the two settlements made him well known and respected.

Goulet was a military leader with Louis Riel's provisional government in 1870. He was involved in the conviction of Thomas Scott who was executed for treason by the provisional government. For his part in the execution, Goulet on 13 September 1870 was chased by an angry mob on the streets of Winnipeg in broad daylight and pelted with rocks from the shore and he drowned as he attempted to swim across the Red River to St. Boniface not far from the memorial site. Investigation of his murder identified the principal perpetrators but charges were never laid for fear that attempted prosecutions would be unenforceable. Goulet was buried in his family plot under a simple tombstone in the St. Boniface Cathedral Cemetery.

The British Government and Red River

The British Government and the Red River 1869-1871 is a report commissioned by the Department of Justice in 2003 in connection with litigation involving the Métis Federation of Manitoba. The report was

written by Professor Ged Martin. Martin taught Canadian studies for many years at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He now lives in Ireland. His report is now published, with the permission of the Department of Justice, on www.gedmartin.net.

You can access the report by following this link:

www.gedmartin.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=142

The report shows that British Prime Minister W. E. Gladstone was remarkably well informed about the Red River, and even briefly considered holding a plebiscite among the Métis population to determine their attitude to joining Canada.

CONTEST

Win one of three copies of *With One Voice: A History of Municipal Governance in Manitoba*, a new book by MHS webmaster Gordon Goldsborough.

Search the MHS web site (www.mhs.mb.ca) for answers to the following municipal questions:

1. When and where were Manitoba's first parking meters installed?
2. How many times does "municipality" appear in the titles of works that have won a Margaret McWilliams award?
3. How many people attended the 1905 founding meeting of the Union of Manitoba Municipalities?
4. What Rural Municipality in Manitoba is named for a drowning victim?
5. Why are the Rural Municipalities of Birch River, Chatfield, and Kreuzberg unique?

Each answer must include the URL address of the page on the MHS web site where you found it. Other web sites are not acceptable.

Winners will be those submitting the earliest entry with all correct answers, no later than **30 December 2008**.

Email entries to webmaster@mhs.mb.ca.

Young Historians Awards Presentations



G. Goldsborough

Young Historians awards were presented at a ceremony at the Dalnavert Visitors' Centre on 9 November. The awards were presented by Dr. Ken Thorlakson and Dr. Harry Duckworth. Receiving the awards were (left to right): **Chelsea Chimilar** (2nd Place, Research Paper, Balmoral Hall), **Nicole Askin** (1st Place, Research Paper, St. John's Ravenscourt), **Breanna Mulhall** (1st Place, Historical Fiction, St. Mary's), **Jessica Enns** (2nd Place, Historical Fiction, St. Mary's), and **Jennifer Burgess** (3rd Place, Historical Fiction, St. Mary's).



G. Goldsborough

The 2007 Dr. Edward Shaw award was given to Nicole Askin (center) of St. John's Ravenscourt School for her paper on the early libraries of Winnipeg. Presenting the award were the late Dr. Shaw's daughters, Margaret Shaw-Mackinnon (left) and Irene Shaw (right).



Helen & Wes Wong (M. Yoh)

Lee Low Family

Free Exhibition:

Windows on Chinese Settlers in Western Manitoba

Tommy McLeod Curve Gallery,
2nd floor, John E. Robbins Library,
Brandon University

16 January to 16 February 2009

A collection of photographs and archival material documenting the Chinese presence in Western Manitoba since 1884—compiled by Dr. May Yoh and Dr. Alison Marshall over the last twenty years—will be exhibited at Brandon University.

The exhibition relates to early Chinese laundries, restaurants, the lives of families, men, and women, as well as the Chinese Nationalist League, and intercultural and recreational events.

Two samples are shown above. The left shows Lim See in Chinese jacket and skirt, at the time of her arrival in 1921. She would soon become Wong Lim See or Mrs. Sam Wong. The right shows Lee Low of Carberry, accompanied by his brother Tong and sons Walter and York. The photo was taken outside the Rex Cafe in 1949.

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- 22 November** Heritage Needle Arts Sale at Dalnavert Museum
1 December Book Club: Bob Coutts on his book *Voices from Hudson Bay* and tour at Parks Canada, 145 McDermot
7 December Children's story time at Dalnavert: *Rainbow Heidi's Gingerbread House*
16-18, 20-22 December Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* with Richard Hurst

- 17 January** Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner at the Fort Garry Hotel
19 January Book Club: Reinhold Kramer: *Mordecai Richler Leaving St. Urbain*, at Dalnavert Visitors' Centre
28 January "Opening the Vault Door, Exploring Masonic History" at Masonic Memorial Centre, 420 Corydon (Confusion Corner), lunch and presentation

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