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Congratulations

Hugh Dempsey

In May, his book *The Golden Age of the Canadian Cowboy*, won the 14th Annual Literary Award for Non-Fiction.

Alan Armstrong

Alan is President of the Central Alberta Historical Society. He won the Red Deer Mayor's Recognition Award for his work in heritage preservation, especially with the Museum Association. We also appreciate his efforts in establishing the Central Alberta Chapter last year.

EDHS

The Edmonton and District Historical Society's latest publication, *Edmonton: The Life of a City*, recently won the Edmonton Book Prize for works contributing to the understanding of that city.

Tour of Major Sites of the North-West Rebellion an Unqualified Success

by Jim Mackie
Past President The Alberta Historical Society

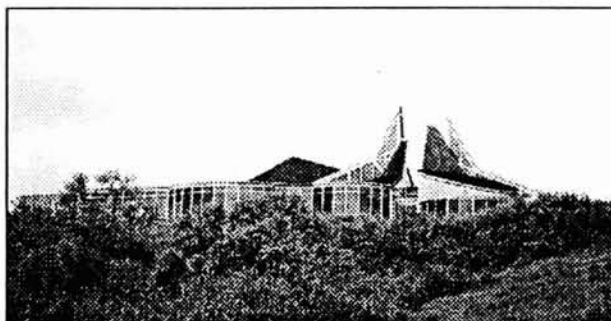
The Central Alberta Historical Society's "Tour of the Major Sites of the North-West Rebellion in Saskatchewan," was a great success. On Sunday June 2, 1996, following a very successful Annual General Meeting in Red Deer of the Historical Society of Alberta and Conference sponsored by the Central Alberta and the Chinook Country Historical Societies, members of the Tour

met at Fort Nomandean, just west of Red Deer, for an orientation. The next morning, a bus load of keen history buffs departed from the Red Deer Museum at 7:00 am. My wife Helen and I were part of this group.

After a picnic lunch at Tomahawk Park, in Cut Knife, we visited the Poundmaker Reserve. We climbed a high hill and which was the site of the Cut Knife Battle where on May 2, 1885, Chief Poundmaker and his

band defeated the forces of Colonel Otter. Chief Poundmaker's grave is located on the top of this magnificent site, which had a 360 degree view of the country side.

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Wanuskewin Visitor Centre, designed by Douglas Cardinal.

Photo by Helen Mackie

"Wanuskewin Heritage Park...its stunning Visitor Centre, designed by Douglas Cardinal, the story of the Northern Plains Indian Culture is told"



Sculpture at entrance to Wanuskewin Visitor Centre. Photo by Helen Mackie

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President's Report

by Kathryn Ivany



Now begins the second year of my term as your President. Happily, the reporting on the first year went well at the Annual General Meeting of the Society at Red Deer. The Central Alberta Historical Society, in conjunction with the Chinook Chapter, hosted a grand conference and meeting. Many thanks to the organizing committee for all their efforts on our behalf.

Members enjoyed interesting presentations, informative tours and delicious meals during the conference. Tony Rees' keynote address on Saturday night reminded us of the need to know and appreciate our history as we contemplate our future actions. John Freisen gave an encyclopedic, yet often humorous, history of the Mennonite tradition using the evolution of methods of transportation as an analogy for their development. On Sunday morning, Michael Dawe drew all our experiences of the weekend together with highlights of Red Deer's progression from frontier to growing city.

One other major accomplishment of the weekend was the launch of the tenth in the series of Alberta Records Publication Board books. *The Preacher's Frontier*, was introduced to our members and the public at a reception at the Red Deer and District Museum. Paul Voisey, General Editor, signed several hundred copies. Those who ordered in advance will receive their copies soon. There may be a limited supply of signed copies available from the office if others wish to purchase them.

Two new members were elected to the executive of the HSA. We welcome Carley Stewart (no stranger to the HSA or Lethbridge members), as 3rd Vice President and Bill McIntyre of Calgary, as Secretary. Sheila Johnston, who previously served as 3rd VP, has moved into the position of 2nd VP. The appointment of Marcel Dirk as 1st Vice President/President elect, which was made to fill a vacancy last year, was ratified by the membership on the recommendation of the nominating committee. These new (and not so new) members join the rest of the executive who are completing the second year of their two year terms. The new executive is as follows:

President: Kathryn Ivany, Edmonton; Past President: Jim Mackie, Calgary; 1st Vice President: Marcel Dirk, Medicine Hat; 2nd Vice President: Sheila Johnston, Calgary; 3rd Vice President: Carley Stewart, Lethbridge; Treasurer: Linda Collier, Edmonton; Secretary: Bill McIntyre, Calgary.

The HSA Executive will continue to develop policy and programmes, in conjunction with the Chapters to ensure the long term viability and relevance of the HSA. If you have any comments or concerns, please do bring them forward to us or your chapter representatives.

We hope many more of you will join us next year for our AGM when we travel to Lethbridge to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Historical Society of Alberta. We have a long history of which we should be proud and I hope next year is the best AGM yet.

Tribute

by Fred Holberton, Calgary

Elise Agnes Corbet 1926-1996

Elise Agnes Corbet, a Past President and a Life Member of the Historical Society of Alberta, passed away at her home in Calgary on May 12, 1996.

She had worked diligently for many years in the field of historical research throughout the prairie provinces as both a consultant and volunteer. Among her publications were "Alberta Women in the 1920's", "Frontiers of Medicine", and "Sports in the West".

At one time, she was Chairman of the City of Calgary Heritage Advisory Board, Chairman of the Riverside Villa Association, and as a member of the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation served as a Director and Vice Chairman.

Elise was predeceased by her husband James Blakely Corbet in 1971 and is survived by one son, James Blakely (Lucy) and their five children.

Elise was a gentle, dedicated individual who left her mark on many lives. She was respected and loved by any with whom she came in contact. She was surrounded by love—her family, her friends. She cherished, accepted and returned love. For such love is for us a model of God's love.

I want to say "Hurrah", not flippantly, but gratefully, reverently, loyally. Hurrah for Elise Corbet! Hurrah for her love and warm humanity!. Hurrah for her courage and endurance! Hurrah for her dedication, hope, humour and wit!. Hurrah for Elise Corbet, God's good and faithful servant!

Elise, was born in Liverpool, England and came to Canada in 1940. She saw post-war service with the Women's Royal Naval Service (WRNS). She will be missed by her friends in Calgary many of whom belonged to the Calgary Women's Literary Club.

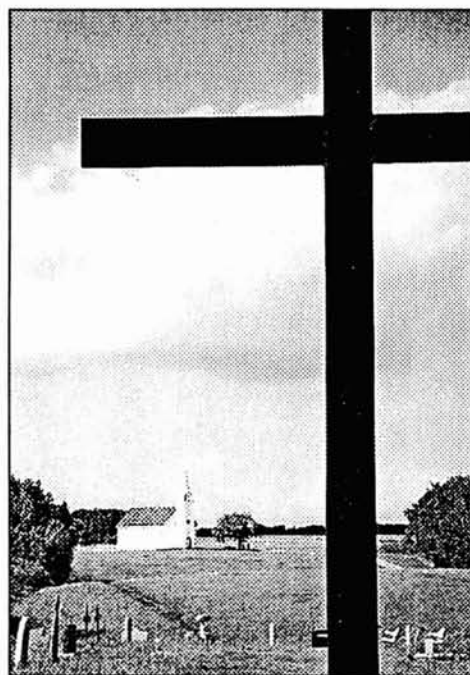
Subsequently, we visited Fort Battleford National Historic Site. We toured five original buildings, which had been preserved and furnished with 1885 period furniture and artifacts. They consisted of the Commanding Officer's residence, Officers' Quarters, the Sick Horse Stable, the Guard House and a Barracks. It was interesting to learn that Colonel Walker was the first Commanding Officer of this 1876, North-West Mounted Police Fort. Before dinner, we time to visit either the Allen Sapp Gallery, or the Western Development Museum.

The next morning, we were off to Fort Carlton, an HBC fur trading post, a reconstruction of a Fort built in 1810. The Fort was a major distribution post for 75 years as it was located on the North Saskatchewan River and the Carlton Trail, both being the major arteries between Lower Fort Garry and Fort Edmonton. The fur and provisions store had a great number of animal pelts and the trade shop was well stocked with merchandise of the period.

A tour of Duck Lake battle site consisted mainly of a tour of the town and the newly built Duck Lake Regional Interpretive Centre. The 360 degree view from the unique observation tower is worth the climb. From Duck Lake, we visited Batoche National Historic Park. In the Visitor Reception Centre, we saw a remarkable, world class audiovisual show which told us about the Metis and their struggles. For the rest of a beautiful warm, sunny afternoon, we wandered about the battle ground, the grave yard, and visited the historic Church and Rectory, restored and furnished to the 1895 period.

After a pleasant stay at the Radisson Hotel in Saskatoon, we visited the new Wanuskewin Heritage Park located 5 km north of Saskatoon. It was very pleasant to wander around the trails which overlooked the South Saskatchewan River. The trails took us to a buffalo pound, a buffalo jump, a Medicine Wheel, Tipi Rings and a archaeological dig. In the stunning Visitor Centre, designed by Douglas Cardinal, the story of the Northern Plains Indian Culture is told. It was difficult to tear ourselves away and return to Red Deer.

One of the best aspects of the trip was the commentary provided by Gerry Beauchamp of the Central Alberta Chapter. Gerry had prepared a 37 page illustrated handout which contained detailed historical information relating to the historical sites we visited. Along the way he provided on ongoing commentary about the Rebellion of 1885 and the participants. He showed videos and passed around books he had collected on the subject. From the time we left Red Deer until our return, he bombarded us with readings and information. This was a trip we will always remember and which has provided us with a better understanding of the Metis and their problems. Don Hepburn of the Central Alberta Chapter and Betty Burton of Fun-Tastic Tours and several others provided information or entertainment on the bus along the way which made the trip most enjoyable. Thank you one and all.



Church & Graveyard, Batoche. Photo by Helen Mackie

Editorial

This is the eighth HSA newsletter that I've had the pleasure of producing and I've yet to include an editorial. So here it is.

Gathering information from throughout the province is a challenge, but in each Chapter reporters are starting to send me material. This is great. Just keep in mind the deadlines and coordinate the timing of your events so they can be advertised ahead of time. You never know who might be interested in your local event and *History Now* goes to all members. Thank you to all who have contributed in the past and welcome to new reporters.

July and August we are all off on holidays so I hope you'll take along *History Now* and read the articles. EDHS is doing a tour **The North-West Revisited** so be sure to read Jim Mackie's article and get an idea of what to expect. For Murder Mystery enthusiast—why not visit Carbon? And plan to visit **Calgary** during **Historic Week**. There is so much to see and learn in Alberta.

Have you seen *Legacy* magazine? Congratulations to Barbara Dacks (former Cornerstone editor) for all her hard work in creating this new publication. It is full of informative articles—there is something of interest for everyone. The Spring Issue had articles on heritage gardens; kids learning to build with pioneer tools; Co-Design that allows people to "see" historic areas in the future; the world of dinosaurs; the Alberta Heritage Craft Collection; Alberta patents since 1905; and a photo contest.

Have a great summer.

Alberta's Early Community Arts Clubs

by Frances L. Kingle

Alberta has had painters who depicted its varied landscape since the early years of the century. Most of these artists were situated in Edmonton and Calgary. Credit for the organization of adult painters in the smaller centres in the 1930's and 1940's must be given to community leaders and the University of Alberta's Department of

Extension art instructors who travelled to meet with these rural art groups.

An early community leader and artist was Laura Evans Reid of

Vegreville. Upon realizing that members of the local art group needed professional instruction, Reid contacted Donald Cameron of the Extension Department in the Spring of 1937. Cameron, interested in getting art instruction out to Alberta's rural areas, met with H.G. Glyde, head of the art department at the Provincial Institute of Technology and Art in Calgary.

The result was that for a month in the Summer of 1937, Vegreville and Vermillion art clubs had Glyde as their art instructor. Each club enjoyed three days a week of outdoor painting and evening lectures held in church basements or school rooms. Glyde's account of the enthusiasm of these amateur painters is matched by his own dedication to bring new ways of seeing and painting to his adult students.

With Glyde's encouragement, art clubs with an Extension instructor were established in Lethbridge in the late 1930's and in Medicine Hat in the 1940's. The determination of Lethbridge art club members is shown in the accounts of their difficulties in finding space for the meetings, often held in the library basement, or in their own homes.

The club had other lecturers, among them Fort Macleod artist, Annora Brown, who had trained at the Ontario College of Art in the 1920's. She encouraged club members to

portray Alberta's brilliant colour and light in their own way. Medicine Hat's art club had Glyde as their first instructor and advisor, and thanks to the city fathers, members were able to hold their meetings and art exhibitions in the city council chambers.

Other art clubs were formed in the 1930's and 1940's in Ponoka, Grande Prairie, and Beaverlodge. All benefited from having Extension

instructors. In the Peace River area, they also had Euphemia McNaught, another graduate of the Ontario College of Art in the 1920's.

It is to the credit of H.G. Glyde and other Extension instructors that they were willing to spend hours travelling to smaller centres and so become acquainted with students within their own communities. They gave generously of their time and expertise which inspired members of the early Alberta arts clubs to record on paper, or canvas, their impressions of the world around them.

Reference: H.G. Glyde, "Community Art in Alberta," *Canadian Art*, 5.1, 1947, pp 30-34

"Glyde's account of the enthusiasm of these amateur painters is matched by his own dedication to bring new ways of seeing and painting to his adult students."



CARBON, ALBERTA

Murder Mystery Weekend September 27-29, 1996

September 28, 1996, marks the 75th anniversary of the Carbon Murder Mystery.

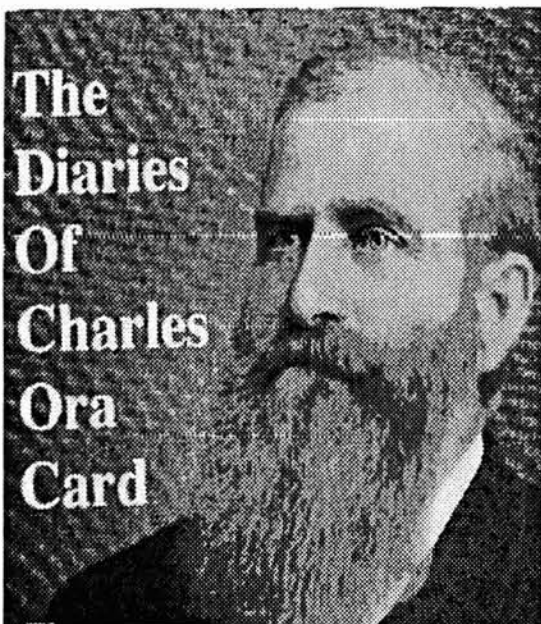
On that date in 1921, east of Carbon, the body of John Coward was found slumped on the front seat of his McLaughlin Buick Special. A man named John Gallagher was charged with the murder, but was later acquitted of the crime. Mr. Coward and Mr. Gallagher were both involved in the mining industry in and around Carbon.

In recognition of this interesting, albeit morbid event in Carbon's history, the Carbon and Area Restoration Society is planning a Murder Mystery Weekend September 27-29, 1996. Plans for this weekend include a guest appearance by the writer of the Carbon Murder Mystery, Frank W. Anderson, historical tours of Carbon, a Murder Mystery Dinner featuring local actors, an arts and crafts show and other events.

The Carbon and Area Restoration Society is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the historical landscape of Carbon and its surrounding district. Presently the society is involved in the Farmers' Exchange Restoration Project. The Farmers' Exchange Building was built in 1914, by two of Carbon's early entrepreneurs, Charles Nash and Charles Burnett. It housed a general store on the lower level and a community hall on the upper level. Interestingly enough, the upper storey of this building was the site of the inquest into John Coward's murder. Plans for the restored building include an interpretive centre, art gallery and an arts and crafts shop and workspace with the upper level converted into rental housing.

Village of Carbon Murder Mystery Weekend September 27-29, 1996

If you require further information about this exciting event, please contact: Wendy or Janice at: 403-572-3244, or Fax 403-572-3778, or you can write to the attention of the Assistant Municipal Administrator, The Village of Carbon, Office of the Municipal Administrator, Box 249, Carbon, Alberta, T0M 0L0.



The Diaries of Charles Ora Card, The Canadian Years, 1886-1903—edited by Donald G. Godfrey and Brigham Y. Card, University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City, 1993.

Donald G. Godfrey, an associate professor at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Telecommunication at Arizona State University and Brigham Y. Card, professor emeritus, sociology of education, Department of Educational Foundations at the University of Alberta faced a number of obstacles when collecting the diaries of Charles Ora Card.

Their primary goal was to assemble a complete set for scholarly research. Finding the original diaries took time before all, including the Canadian years, were in one place. The diaries were not easy to read. Card wrote hurriedly in pencil, while on the move; he used abbreviations; paid little attention to style, punctuation and spelling, however he accurately recorded dates, names and places. Other than standardizing all the diaries' entries and using punctuation for clarity, the writing is as the original. An appendix lists Card's spellings/abbreviations with the full version.

Diary entries are periodized in a Table of Contents into: Exploration and Preparation for Migration to Canada, September 14, 1886—March 22, 1887;

Migration and Settlement: C.O. Card—A Fugitive and Refugee, March 23, 1887—August 1, 1890; The Canadian Mission: Presiding Over the Settlement of the Saints in Alberta, August 2, 1890—April 9, 1895; Much Business: Church and Community, April 10, 1895—March 10, 1897; Major Irrigation Development Project, March 11, 1897—January 31, 1900; Completing the Mormon Settlements, February 1, 1900—August 17, 1901; The Closing Years, August 18, 1901—July 9, 1903.

Each section deals with a dominant concern or major event of that period which allows the reader to focus on their particular interest. Footnotes inform, clarify and correct where alternative research was available and there is a reference index. A further aid to locate information quickly is found at the start of each section where there is list of events, dates and page numbers.

To give a complete scholarly reference, the editors used the original diaries. The only omissions are twenty-one instances between the years 1898 and 1900 where sentences, paragraphs and/or pages had been physically cut from the original. Where possible, the editors have footnoted the substance of the omissions using the family manuscripts of Clarice Card Godfrey, as a reference. The cuts were made by a member of the Card family in an effort to cover up the fact that one of Card's sons, George Cyrus Card, formed a relationship with Alice Louise Jones while he was engaged to Rose Elizabeth Plant. Alice bore a son, Edgar George Card and eventually married George for a brief time. Card gave his support to his son's decision and later again when Alice and George divorced.

The Card diaries show the Mormon church during a critical period, provide one of the most significant contemporary descriptions of the colonizing of Alberta, and reflect the life of pioneers as they

Book Reviews



adapted, developed, and settled two distinct regions, the American North-West and Alberta, or as it was then the North-West Territories.

They also reveal Charles Ora Card's story, his successes and failures, hopes and disappointments, loneliness, fatigue, illness and pain, and his unswerving faith and determination to persevere. He created a town, was a business leader and dedicated religious leader.

This is a book for the curious, both the amateur and the professional.

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HSA Book Sale

Alberta's Coal Industry, 1919, edited and introduced by David Jay Bercuson

The Formation of Alberta: A Documentary History, introduced by L.G. Thomas and L.H. Thomas. Edited by Douglas R. Owsam

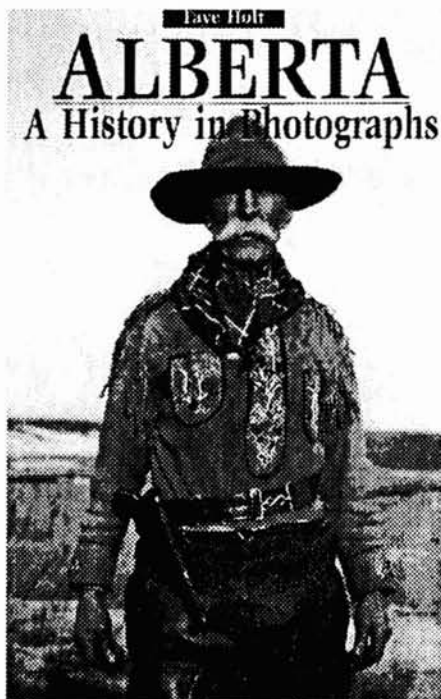
Pioneering in Alberta: Maurice Destrube's Story, edited by J.E. Hendrickson
William Stewart Herron: Father of the Petroleum Industry in Alberta, edited by Dr. David H. Breen

Aberhart: Outpourings and Replies, edited by Dr. David R. Elliott

The Diaries of Bishop Grandin, 1875-1877, Vol I, translated by Alan D. Ridge. Edited by Brian M. Owens and Claude D. Roberto

Winter Sports in the West, edited by Elise Corbet & Anthony W. Rasporich.

Citymakers: Calgarians After the Frontier, edited by Max Foran and Sheilagh S. Jameson



Alberta A History in Photographs,
Faye Reineberg Holt, Altitude
Publishing, Canmore, AB. 1996.

Do you wish to see a photograph of Charles Ora Card surrounded by his family and friends? Turn to page 33, in *Alberta A History in Photographs*.

The book traces Alberta history by using photographs and covers a period from the time of the fur trade 1754, through to the discovery of the Leduc oil field in 1948

The photographs have a short description and are divided into five historical periods, Furs and Bison, Ranches and Rails, Faces from Afar, Boom and Bust and Alternatives and Armies. At the start of each section there is an introductory page which gives and overall view of the period.

With this book the reader can put a face to a name, and a view to a place as it was years ago. Each photograph has been carefully selected and researched. They tell a story of the lives of native people, hunters, traders, North West Mounted Police, miners, ranchers, railroad builders, groups seeking religious and political freedom, settlers, businessmen, climbers, oilworkers and movie makers.

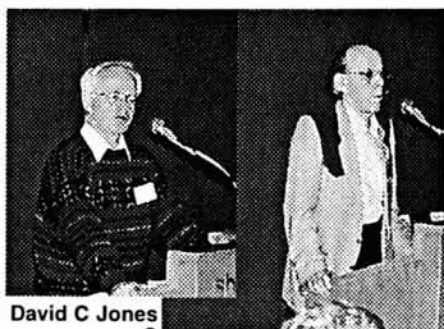
Throughout we can see how gradually man with his buildings and machines has intruded upon animals and their habitat. One remarkable picture taken by a Leduc photographer is a view of the Edmonton Court House, classic architecture 1912, a biplane flies overhead and in the forefront a bear poses amidst his new surroundings.

Read this book for a good visual understanding of Alberta, its rugged, Canadian frontier image with its wild west past and staunch independent residents—whether they are cowboys, homesteaders, explorers, oil men, politicians or strong-willed feminists.

The women are not forgotten, whether it is talented rider Minnie Gardner (sister of Clem Gardner, the All Around Canadian Cowboy), aboard her show jumper; an unnamed woman settler sitting in a snow-bank outside her tent; nurses in the new operating room at the Calgary General Hospital; a teacher in a one-room school; Flores La Due, Fancy Trick Roper/Rider at the first Calgary Stampede; bathing belles of the early 1900's; women working in an Edmonton Lumber yard during the first world war; Nellie McClung, Canada's most famous suffragette; Emily Ferguson Murphy, who won the fight to be a person; or Marge Gilkes who after serving in the in the CWAC, became one of Calgary's first policewomen. They are all there along with the men.

Sources for the photographs include the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame & Museum; BARD University of Alberta Archives; the archives of the cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge (Galt Museum), and Red Deer & District; the Glenbow Archives; Fort Macleod Museum; Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago; Manitoba Archives; Provincial Archives of Alberta; Eunice H. Hanna; and the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies.

Get your copy at local bookstores \$10.95.



David C Jones
& Hugh Dempsey

Photos J.A.N. Mackie

The guest speakers for the May Saturday Book Publishers' Breakfast meeting were Hugh Dempsey and David C. Jones, who represented the Historical Society of Alberta.

Jim Mackie, Past President of HSA gave a brief outline about the society and its mandate before introducing Hugh Dempsey and David Jones.

Hugh Dempsey, Editor of *Alberta History*, spoke about HSA's quarterly magazine, while David C. Jones, as Chairman of Alberta Records Publications Board, spoke about HSA's book publishing programme. Of special interest was the current publication *A Preacher's Frontier*, The Castor, Alberta Letters of Rev. Martin W. Holdom, 1909-1912. (This book was launched at the HSA AGM and Conference in Red Deer, June 2, 1996).

We had copies of our publications and recent issues of *Alberta History* on display and HSA's membership brochure was given to members of the Publishing group with the hope that they will be encouraged to join our society.

The Saturday Breakfast Meeting is a group of small publishers/authors/production people who have similar interests and needs that meet alternate months. Speakers are brought in to discuss a variety of subjects from sales, advertising and distribution to newest production methods. There are no association fees and members attend those meetings where the subject(s) is of interest to them. Dress is informal. New members are welcome. In addition to hearing speakers, members have table discussions to which everyone can contribute. To pre-register call Jim Beckel or Elena Moch, Friesens Books 403-250-3486 or Fax 403-250-8648

Saturday Book Publishers' Breakfast May 25, 1996, Sheraton Cavalier

by Jim Mackie
Past President The Alberta Historical Society

The members who attended Plains, Trains & Automobiles, the 1996 Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Historical Society of Alberta in

Central Alberta Historical Society

Red Deer wish to thank the organizing committees of Central Alberta and Chinook Country Historical Societies for "a job well done."

Chinook Country Historical Society

Cowan's Calgary: A Personal Tour of Our Own City, presented by Trudy Cowan.

What is it like to be a tourist in your own city?

The bus load of people who took up this challenge were amply rewarded. Starting at Fort Calgary, the day long tour took us to East Village which is suffering from "parking lot" syndrome, to an unexpected treat, a visit to see the restoration of City Hall. Donning hard hats, Barry Baker, the project coordinator, took us on a building tour. It had been stripped to the bare walls. The original ceilings are now exposed after having four layers of covering removed from past redecorations.

Next the bus took us to Inglewood, where Calgary began. A community/village that has been saved and which is full of buildings like the Deane, Sutter, Stewart, Knight/Burns, Walker and Cross houses.

The latter is now a restaurant run by George Diamant. We dined in Mrs. Cross's bedroom. George told us a stories about "who sits in the chairs at the upstairs window?", and why the vault was called "turkey".

After a fabulous meal we visited Ramsay; Victoria Park; a brief walk in Union Cemetery; Mission district founded by the Oblate order of catholic priests; Rouleauville, Notre Dame de la Paix Mission; Mount Royal and view of the Coste House; the Anderson apartments which still have an open cage elevator; a stop over to visit Beaulieu, the historic Loughheed House; to Connaught district; and through the warehouse district serviced by railroad tracks; past Mewata, a national historic site, and on to Kensington on our way up to Crescent Road and a view of downtown.

A drive across Centre Street Bridge to Chinatown which is showing strong signs of revival and has expanded and Eau Claire, a community destroyed, It is now full of parking lots, highrise apartments and a shopping mall. One of the buildings that has survived is the old McDougall School which is now the McDougall Centre and used by the Provincial government.

A final stop downtown for tea at the Palliser and a quick stroll down Stephen Avenue to see the sandstone buildings completed the day.

A day full of interesting tidbits about Calgary communities and the people who lived in them. Thank you Trudy, we all enjoyed being "tourists".

An invitation Stirling Speaks

In 1989 the Village of Stirling was declared a national historic site by Parks Canada. It is one of the best examples of Mormon settlement patterns in Southern Alberta. Since then much has been done to preserve Stirling's distinct agricultural and architectural landscape.

We now seek to collect the stories and memories of those who lived in or around Stirling for future historians. The Theodore Brandley Library has begun collecting oral histories of Stirling's old-timer residents. The project entitled "Stirling Speaks," will take place over the next two years, from May 1996 to April 1998. All those who lived in or around Stirling from 1900 to 1970 are invited to participate. When completed, the tapes will be made available to the general public and to researchers.

Please contact Jon M. Duncan, Theodore Brandley Library Research Historian, telephone: 403-756-3379 or fax: 403-756-2262, or e-mail at duncan@main.lis.ab.ca.

News & Views from HSA Chapters

Protecting Photos & Family Albums, presented by Philippe Maurice

Did you know that many photo albums not only do not protect your family heirlooms but may also cause irreversible damage to your photos?

Philippe Maurice is a specialist in the preventative care and conservation of photographs.

He brought numerous examples of both good and bad ways of keeping photos, but first, before we touched any of them we put on white cotton gloves. The gloves protect the material from damaging finger oil.

Other destructive practices are putting photos in albums with "magnetic pages", plastic folders, laminating, framing and hanging on a wall exposed to sunlight, dust or smoke. All destruction is cumulative, so if your photo is a treasure it should be stored safely away and a copy used for everyday reference.

Most of us had committed all of these "sins" in storing our photos. However, the best solution is to leave well enough alone. If possible, print another from a negative which can then be stored correctly.

Philippe gave us an outline on storage and handling of photograph collections, along with suggestions for good archival practices and a list of storage materials.

The \$20 was well spent for the advice received and we went home determined to mend our ways.

For specific problems Philippe can be contacted at Philmsearch Inc. 403-274-5255

Edmonton & District Historical Society

The Edmonton and District Historical Society goes into its 1996/97 year with a veteran executive committee. Most of the members of the previous executive have returned. Dave Leonard has assumed the position of Programme chair. Dave has been Programme chair on earlier boards and we look forward to working with Dave again.

This was the first year for the Edmonton Book Prize and many Edmonton books competed for the \$2000 prize. The winner was *Edmonton: The Life of a City*, compiled from the papers and presentations at Edmonton's Bicentennial: Historical Reflections. The bicentennial conference was produced in 1995 by the EDHS and the U of A History and Classics department.

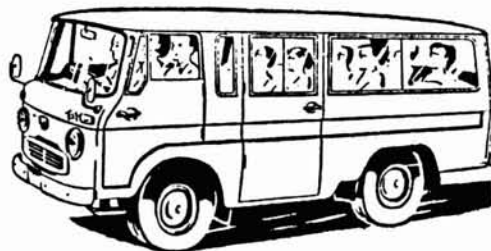
The executive committee is looking forward to a new year of projects, events, and partnerships. Please check the announcements for a list of tours and other events.

EDHS Field Trips

Victoria Trail

Jamboree, Sunday, 21 July, 1996

Fort Victoria, (Victoria Settlement, Pakan), located on the North Saskatchewan River, south of the village of Smoky Lake, approximately 125 km. north east of Edmonton.



The annual Victoria Trail Jamboree will be held Saturday, 20 July and Sunday, 21 July, 1996. The Edmonton and District Historical Society will visit the Jamboree on Sunday, 21 July.

The schedule for our tour bus is:

9 am Embark from Provincial Museum Parking Lot (128 Street and 102 Avenue)

Arrive in time to take part in the events of the day: Church service in the historic Methodist mission church, stage show and other community events, visit the McDougall family graves, and the restored Factor's house.

5 pm arrive back in Edmonton.

Registration fee: Regular \$26; Members \$24 (includes lunch and 1 refreshment break)

Deadlines for receiving registrations: 11 July. Mail to PO Box 1310, Edmonton, AB. T5J 2M1. For further information phone 403-455-2767, ask for Jack or Enid.

Trail of '85—The North-West Rebellion Revisited, 23, 24 & 25, August, 1996

Due to popular request, the Edmonton and District Historical Society will repeat the field trip first presented in 1994. Route: Frog Lake, Frenchman Butte, Ft. Carlton, Duck Lake, Batoche, Battleford, and Cut Knife Hill.

Schedule is:

8:30 am Friday August 23, leave Edmonton, Provincial Museum Parking Lot (128 Street and 102 Avenue)

First night: North Battleford

Second night: Saskatoon

All accommodations, meals and snacks included in the registration fee.

8:30 pm 25 August, arrive back in Edmonton

Registration fee: Regular (Double) \$ 330, Single \$ 395
Members (Double) \$ 299, Single \$ 355

Deadlines for receiving registrations: 22 July. The first 42 registrations will be accepted. Sorry, no telephone registrations accepted. For further information phone 403-455-2767, ask for Jack or Enid.

On a sad note, David Kales, a former EDHS president died last Friday. David was a contributor to the publication *Three Wartime Projects: The Alaska Highway, Canol, and the Northwest Staging Route*. He was president of the society in 1992 and the major organizer of the Alaska Highway Symposium that produced material for the book. David worked as a historical consultant in the city. He had been ill for some time and died at the age of 39.

Lethbridge Historical Society

Reporter Irma Dogertrom

Congratulations and welcome to Carley Stewart the new 3rd Vice President of the Historical Society of Alberta.

The bus tour to the Bar U Ranch was a success. We ended up with two bus loads and we all had a good time.

Our regular fourth Tuesday evening of the month meetings will start again October 22. Our guest speaker is Brigham Y. Card, the editor of *The Diaries of Charles Ora Card*. This should prove to be an interesting evening.

In November the LHS AGM and Banquet will be held, the date, time and place have yet to be decided.

There's a Church in the Valley, by James L. George, is the history of Mountain Mill Church. This venerable building is celebrating its 90th birthday. Situated west of Pincher Creek, it has operated continuously since 1906. The remarkable thing is that it does not have running water or electricity, yet each year the parishioners manage to cook a Christmas dinner the old fashioned way.

Copies of the book are available from the author at 79 Tudor Crescent South, Lethbridge, Alberta, T1K 5C8. Telephone: 403-320-0714.

Friday July 26

- 9 am The Calgary Tower
- 10:45 am The McDougall Centre
- 12:30 pm The Energeum—History of the Energy Industry
- 2:00 pm Calgary Cathedral
- 3:30 pm Knox United Church
- 7:00 pm Connaught District, including a tour of Beaulieu

Saturday July 27

- 9:30 am Rouleauville Square, Nat Christie Centre, St. Mary's Cathedral, Sacred Heart Convent Old St. Mary's School, Mission and Cliff Bungalow Districts
- 1:00 pm The Warehouse District
- 3:00 pm Scarboro District
- 6:00 pm Bowness Park
- 7:00 pm Signal Hill/Battalion Park

Sunday July 28

- 10:00 am Bridgeland-Riverside District
- 12:00 pm History of Hospitals & Medicine in Calgary
- 3:00 pm Old Midnapore Churches and Midnapore District
- 7:00 pm Lowrey Gardens, Spruce Cliff & Shaganappi Districts

Monday July 29

- 10:00 am Canadian Forces Base and Museum of the Regiments
- 12:15 pm History of Agriculture (The Grain Academy)
- 2:00 pm Calgary Exhibition & Stampede Park Historical Tour
- 6:00 pm The Lord Strathcona's Horse Ceremonial Mounted Troop Musical Ride (Farewell Performance)

Tuesday July 30

- 9:00 am *The Calgary Herald*
- 10:30 am The University of Calgary Campus
- 1:00 pm The Historic Olympic Oval & Related Facilities
- 2:00 pm Nickel Arts Museum
- 3:30 pm The Glenmore Dam Reservoir & Treatment Facilities

- 6:30 pm Mewata Armoury Facilities & Park, Swinton Military & Warfare Museum

Wednesday July 31

- 9:00 am The Canadian Western Natural Gas Co. Ltd.
- 10:15 am The Garden Terrace
- 10:30 am The Glenbow-Alberta Institute
- 12:15 pm Central United Church
- 1:30 pm The Palliser Hotel
- 4:00 pm Bow Valley Ranch Site, Lake Sikome & Fish Creek Park
- 6:00 pm First Baptist Church
- 7:00 pm Carnegie Library, Muttart Gallery Central Park Monuments & Gardens
- 8:30 pm Old Haultain School

Thursday August 1

- 9:00 am Old Calgary Sandstone Courthouse
- 11:15 am St. Barnabas Anglican Church & Riley Family Cemetery
- 12:15 pm Hillhurst-Sunnyside & Kensington Districts
- 1:30 pm SAIT campus
- 3:00 pm ACA campus
- 5:00 pm The Calgary Family History Centre
- 6:30 pm Mormon Heritage, Culture Influence & Contributions
- 7:45 pm Our Heritage in Heraldry

Friday August 2

- 9:00 am Grace Presbyterian Church
- 10:00 am Fort Calgary
- 12:00 pm The Chinese Cultural Centre & Chinatown
- 2:00 pm Historic Downtown
- 6:00 pm Windmill Facts, Patton Gardens, Pumphill District

Saturday August 3

- 10:00 am Dominion Bridge Site & Ramsay
- 11:30 am Victoria Park District
- 2:00 pm Elbow Park District
- 5:00 pm Christ Church & Historic Carillon
- 7:00 pm Inglewood District

Sunday August 4

- 10:30 am Reader Rock Gardens
- 12:30 pm Union Cemetery Introductory Tour
- 2:30 pm Union Cemetery Comprehensive Tour
- 4:30 pm Old Jewish Cemetery
- 7:00 pm Mount Royal District

Monday August 5

- 10:30 am Nose Hill Park
- 1:00 pm Rosedale District

PLEASE contact The Historical Society of Alberta office beforehand to confirm date, time and place of events 403-261-3662, this schedule is subject to changes.

The Nose Creek Historical Society 25th

Anniversary of
Theme Celebrations
History Book Project



1996

Dedicated to preserving our
heritage and making history live.
[Incorporated 1969]

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\$23.50. Make cheques payable to: The Nose Creek Historical Society c/o Howard Pole - Treasurer, 303, 350 4th Avenue NE, Calgary, AB. T2E 0J3
Phone: 403-226-0340 or 403-246-2811

Historic Calgary Week July 26 - August 5, 1996

Contact The Historical Society
of Alberta, or Chinook Country
Historical Society, telephone
403-261-3662

Did you Know

- that Edmonton is only the temporary Capital of Alberta?
- that the City's Coat of Arms is probably illegal?
- that the Shaganappi Golf Course is Calgary's original cemetery?
- - that Calgary once had two Mayors and Councils, three times had no Mayor at all, and was twice entirely without a Council?
- that only three of our 34 Mayors were actually born in Calgary, and all three served within the past 30 years?

Come Hear

- how the town burned down whilst the fire engine was impounded
- how two rival Mayors once contested the Mayoralty of Calgary under cover of darkness in a local park with fists and canes
- how a man once declined being sworn in as Mayor of Calgary in order to judge a horse show
- the astonishing story of City Hall's first bomb scare—by a *Herald* reporter who later became a celebrated Hollywood star by masquerading as an Indian
- what the "human fly" did on the roof after scaling the Palliser Hotel

Come See

- a natural spring where David Thompson watered his expedition nearly 200 years ago
- the site of Calgary's first University—more than 80 years ago
- the location where the first school safety patrol in Canada began
- the scene of Calgary's first fatal traffic accident—still a bizarre and unexplained mystery—and its macabre sequel some 80 years later
- the place where a famed aviator once made a perfect landing atop the carousel at the Calgary Stampede

Come Learn

- about a Prime Minister of Canada who once set the type for *The Calgary Herald*
- the real identity of the City's first Mayor—for a single day
- the true meaning of the City's misunderstood Gaelic name
- the actual first name of an early Mayor remembered to history only by his initials—now revealed for the first time in modern memory
- how a Premier of Alberta was nearly tarred and feathered in Calgary, then forced to resign only to see his party defeated as a fundamentalist radio evangelist preached his way to power

Come Discover

- the astounding tale of King Edward VIII's first true love—before Wallis Simpson—and how the career of a great British Official suffered destruction, only to turn the scapegoat into a prominent and successful Calgarian
- how the future King George V once mistook a famous local civic leader, of Scottish birth, for an Indian Chief
- how a Heavyweight Champion of the World once settled quietly in Calgary, only to be drawn into a remarkable murder case
- the romantic saga of a Scottish Chief who married a Princess and, as an act of love, named a mighty Province, penned a popular hymn and indirectly inspired the Motto of a great University—all right here at Calgary
- the location of a beloved and legendary missionary's pickled heart

Come Visit

- Calgary's oldest house, oldest Church and oldest school
- the elegant home of our first Senator—once the social centre of Calgary
- a War Memorial featuring a soldier who never was a soldier, find out his true identity, and uncover the reasons why
- the remnants of the original town race-track, now beneath one of Calgary's most prestigious and affluent communities
- the resting-place of a celebrated whiskey-lover who actually "took it with him"

Glenbow Museum

The Cowboy Colouring Book, was first published in the 1950s, and has been recently re-issued by Great Western Games Ltd. of High River and the Glenbow Museum in Calgary. The 64-page book was written and illustrated by Bert Smith and features one of his well-known paintings on the cover, owned by Bert Sheppard of the River Bend Ranch.

Each illustration captures the colourful life of the western cowboy—from exciting bronc riding to roundups and cattle branding. Details on horse gear, hitches and saddles, as well as information on the daily chores of ranch life give children a strong understanding of the cowboy experience.

Bert Smith is an accomplished artist who painted the life and activities he experienced as a working cowboy on ranches in the Longview area. For many years, he has taught young ranch children how to draw western scenes.

The Cowboy Colouring Book, is available for \$7.95.

For further information call Connie Smith, Glenbow Museum Shop, 403-268-4119, or Doug or Patti Nelson, Great Western Games Ltd. 403-652-4213.

Information wanted for Family Centennial

1997 will mark 100 years since the Nimchuk (Nimczuk) and Strymecki (Strumecki) ancestors arrived in Canada and homesteaded in the Edna/Star, Wostok, Chipman, St. Michael, and Bonnyville areas. The descendants of these people have spread out all over Canada and the United States. If you are a descendant, or a friend, we need your input. We are gathering stories about the families, yarns, tales, photos, and recipes for a book to be published in 1997.

Contact: Gloria at 403-472-2146, or Linda at 604-847-9484, if you need more information.

HSA Calendar of Events - July to September 1996

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| Jul 21 | EDHS | Victoria Trail Jamboree. Members \$24. Deadline July 11 |
| Jul 26 to Aug 5 | CCHS | Historic Calgary Week. See pages 10 & 11. Phone HSA Office to confirm date, time and place. |
| Aug 23-25 | EDHS | Trail of '85—The North-West Rebellion Revisited. Members \$299 (Double) \$ 355 (Single). Deadline July 22. No telephone registrations accepted. |

*Happy Holidays to you all wherever you may go
Take care and we'll meet again in the Fall*

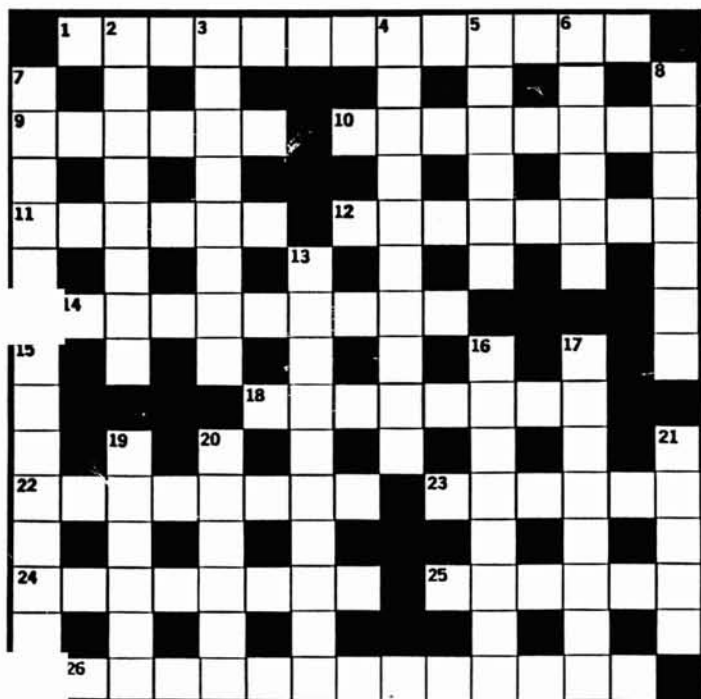


HSA Crossword

Answer to last newsletter crossword:

Across: 1. Blackfoot, 9. Shrove, 10. McDougall, 11. Spring, 12. Blairmore, 15. Lowbrow, 18. Khaki, 20. Roi, 21. Etc, 22. Klein, 24. Strange, 27. Wheatland, 29. Berlin, 30. Saskatoon, 32. Images, 33. Stampeder.

Down: 2. Locale, 3. Cookie, 4. Fog, 5. Oiler, 6. Chipewyan, 7. Louis Riel, 8. Sedgewick, 13. MPH, 14. Elise, 16. Brisebois, 17. Librarian, 18. Klondiker, 19. Askew, 23. Ida, 25. Flutie, 26. Snooze, 28. Heart, 31. Kim.



Across

1. Late Alberta Premier
9. Editor Paul of *A Preacher's Frontier*
10. Former riding town of Premier Getty
11. Olympic Centre at Canmore
12. Grande and High
14. National Historic Site near Longview
18. Direction taken by Thompson or Henday
22. Site of Mormon Temple
23. Controversial dam site
24. Spread of a communicable disease
25. A Canadian coastal ocean
26. Town near Turner Valley during its oil boom days

Down

2. CNR, CPR, or to act with undue haste
3. Honorary title after retirement
4. One time community near Banff famous for coal
5. Dunce
6. Mrs. McClung
7. HSA president 1995-1996
8. Son of I
13. Community once known as Holt City or Laggan
15. Town on Peigan Reserve
16. Donor of CFL trophy
17. It records Km's
19. Tutti—... (var)
20. Permission given
21. Make into a law.

You have plenty of time to complete this crossword puzzle which was devised by a member of HSA. The answer will be published in the next issue of *History Now*.