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It's Our Centennial!!!

2007 marks the Centennial Year of The Historical Society of Alberta.

The Society was incorporated by an act passed during the second session of the first legislature of Alberta. This was in March of 1907. The charter members of the Society included the members of the Legislative Assembly with the then Premier, Alexander Rutherford, as the first President. It speaks very highly of the vision of our early leaders that at the beginning of our province they were thinking of preserving our heritage. The

HSA was the first provincial organization devoted to making sure our heritage was known. There were earlier societies at a

local level at Fort Macleod in 1884, but the HSA as the first province-wide organization and so is unique.

To commemorate this Centennial year, the HSA Annual General Meeting and Conference takes the theme of "*from the past.... into the future*".

Please consult the enclosed conference brochure to see what is being offered on this extra special occasion. We hope you will make every effort to attend and participate in this exciting and

special conference to be held at the Ramada Hotel Downtown Calgary, May 25 to 27, 2007.



HSA AGM and Conference Brochure details

The Historical Society of Alberta
Conference Program - *from the past...into the future*

Friday, May 25

Delegate Registration and Open House
12:00 to 5:30 pm at The Historical
Society of Alberta Suite 320, 610 8th
Ave. SW (Barron Building)

Sessions Ramada Hotel 1:00 to 2:30 pm

1a) **Heritage Buildings:** Research and

Designation - \$25.00

Presenters: Darryl Cariou, Senior
Heritage Planner, City of Calgary; Tom
Ward, Preservation Advisor, Alberta
Heritage Resource Management

Many questions confront owners of
heritage buildings, whether houses or
businesses. What kind of research is
required to learn the story of the heritage
site? How and where can one conduct

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The Historical Society of Alberta is a registered charitable organization.

Donations are gratefully received to help further the work of the Society which includes the publication of *Alberta History* and this newsletter, *History NOW*. Donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged in *History NOW*, unless otherwise requested.

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President's Report by Ron Williams

I extend to all the best wishes of the season and for 2007. This year is, of course, the special year for which this Society and its members have been waiting. In 1907, during its second session, the Legislature of Alberta passed an Act to incorporate The Historical Society of Alberta. The Society is very proud of its accomplishments during the past century. This is a volunteer organization. It is the work of volunteers past, present and future that makes the Society the success which it is.

The Council has been very busy overseeing the administration of the Society. A special committee is hard at work planning the Centennial AGM which will see special events to observe our centennial. Please watch for details and if at all possible plan to attend as a centennial happens only once.

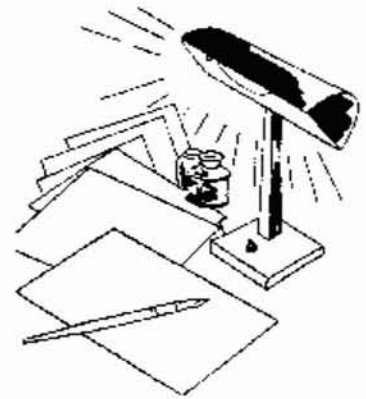
Our latest book has been published. It is truly a great read telling in her own words the details of the northern trip

taken in 1909 by Katherine Hughes, the first archivist of Alberta.

I was very pleased to attend the Christmas Party of the Edmonton and District Historical Society. 2006 has been a special year of success for this chapter. The setting up of the Queen Alexandra School History Centre, with its numerous partners, is of great significance now and for the future. The growth of the Edmonton Historic Festival into the Athabaska Festival was also a great success. Congratulations to the chapter.

I also attended the Travel Alberta Alto Awards banquet. The EDHS was a finalist for an award.

The Awards & Nominations Committee is working on finalizing the list of 100 outstanding contributors to the Society over the last century. I thank the members who submitted names to be considered for this list. It is on the work of the volunteers that our



Society survives and continues to be successful.

As your President, I have presided over meetings of the provincial council, attended meetings of the special planning committee and of the Awards committee. I also attended the launch of the latest HSA book, *In the Promised Land of Alberta's North*.

I look forward to a busy time after the festive season as we get ready for our centennial year.

Thank you and Best Wishes to all,
Ron Williams

Join the HSA Council - Call for Nominations

The Historical Society of Alberta is seeking nominations from interested persons to serve on its council. The following positions are expiring:

First Vice-President; Treasurer; two Directors at Large. All positions are two year positions with their terms expiring 2009.

Article 5(a) of our By-Laws states: ".....Any member of the society may submit names and addresses to the (nominating) committee for consideration." Please submit, in writing, your interest in any of these positions along with a c.v. prior to February 27, 2007 to:

Nominations Committee, The Historical Society of Alberta, PO Box 4035, Station C, Calgary, AB T2T 5M9.

If you require further information, please contact the H.S.A. office:

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History Can Be So Romantic!



Congratulations to Rob Lennard on his recent engagement.

Rob proposed to his fiancée, Elvira, at the historic Lougheed House on December 19, 2006. Rob and Elvira, we wish you all the best.

Rob is the author of *The Alberta Time Travel Adventures of Family Day Ray, Roxy & Jasper*, and he received one of the Heritage Awareness Awards from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation in 2005 for this work.

HSA Members News

? Question Corner ?

Do you have a question you need answered about a period or person in Alberta's history?

This will be a new feature in the *History Now* newsletter. Please send your emails requesting information regarding Alberta history. This column will answer one or a few questions posed by readers who are curious about a specific historical happening or an individual they would like to know more about?

email: albertahistory@telus.net

December 12, 2006

Mr. Brad McDonald, President
Edmonton and District Historical Society
7730 106 Street
Edmonton, AB T6E 4N3

Dear Brad:

On behalf of The Historical Society of Alberta, I wish to extend our sincere congratulations to the Edmonton and District Historical Society on being chosen as a finalist in The Alberta Tourism Alto Awards for 2006.

This recognized the great achievement of your Chapter in the expanding of the Edmonton & Athabaska District Historic Festival, and I extend to you the congratulations of The Historical Society of Alberta.

Good Work.

Sincerely,
Ron Williams,
President

THANK YOU !!!

The HSA would like to thank:

Lorne Simpson and Simpson
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for the donation of four office chairs.

These chairs are a welcomed addition to our office and our volunteers and staff very much appreciate same.



this research? What sort of help is available? How does one obtain official designation for the heritage site? What does "historical designation" entail? Attend this workshop and discover the answers!

1b) Family Stories: Fleshing out the context, adding personalities, places, eras and events to family stories. \$25.00

Presenters: Vern Wishart (*What Lies Behind the Picture - A Personal Journey into Cree Ancestry*); Mary Lynas.

Now that all the names are listed in the family tree, how does one find the variety of stories that each person has to tell? What kinds of research need to be done? Where and how is this research conducted? Join our two presenters as they examine the methods they used in "fleshing out" their family stories.

Refreshment Break 2:30 to 3:00 pm

Sessions 3:00 to 4:30 pm

2a) Heritage Buildings (repeat of #1) \$25.00

2b) Family Stories (repeat of #2) \$25.00

Honouring Past Presidents Reception, Grand Ballroom, Ramada Hotel Downtown, Calgary 7:00 to 9:30 pm

At this special event, we will meet and greet The Historical Society of Alberta's Past Presidents to recognize their numerous contributions to the Society. Lunch and refreshments will be served.

Saturday, May 26

Delegate registration continues at the Ramada Hotel from 7:00 to 8:30 am.

Breakfast 7:30 to 8:30 am

Annual General Meeting 8:45 to 10:30 am

Refreshment Break 10:30 to 11:00 am

Session 11:00 to 12:30 pm

3) Panel Discussion: Making History Accessible

Presenters: Leslie Latta-Guthrie, Provincial Archivist; Rod McLeod, Professor, University of Alberta Department of History and Classics; Arnold Grandt, Director, Ukrainian Village; David Jones, Author, Professor, University of Calgary; Sheila Johnston, Moderator

What are the various ways that historians can make history easily accessible to the general public? How can historians promote "love and understanding" of our history? What are some of the methods used by historians in the field? Join us as the panel presents viewpoints on "making history come alive," and participate in the discussion and question period.

Box Lunch for Tours 12:30 to 1:30 pm \$7.00

Tours - 1:30 to 4:30 pm

A) Walking Tour of Stephen Avenue

Join Donna Bloomfield and Kate Reeves as they highlight over thirty historic buildings that have been restored along and around Stephen Avenue, which today serves as one of the central spines of Calgary's downtown core. Free, maximum 30.

B) Garden Tour

lead by Dr. Trudy Cowan

Take a heritage tour of three of Calgary's horticultural treasures: Beaulieu Gardens at Lougheed House; Memorial Park's gracious Edwardian Gardens; and the recently restored Reader's Rock Garden. The afternoon will include guest experts at each site and tea at the re-built William Reader House. Transportation by car pool.

\$15.00 per person, maximum 20.

C) Glenbow Museum

Guided Tour of the New Mavericks Exhibit

Experience Alberta's maverick story through a range of historical figures who are part of Alberta's innovative personality. Tour departs from the Glenbow Museum Lobby,

130 - 9 Ave SE. \$10.00, maximum 30.

D) Cantos Music Society Tour

Tour the Cantos Music Society's collection and journey into our musical history. With over 200 instruments on display, the collection spans the evolution of music from 246 B.C. to present day. \$10.00 per person, maximum 30.

Awards Banquet and Silent Auction

6:00 to 10:00 pm

Honouring 100 Special Volunteers

Hugh Dempsey, editor of *Alberta History*, will be the speaker for the evening. Hugh will tell interesting stories that, because of his unique experiences with The Historical Society of Alberta, only he can provide.

Sunday, May 27

Breakfast 7:30 to 9:00 am

Guest Speaker - Peter Lougheed - "from the past...into the future" 9:00 to 9:45 am

Live and Silent Auction

President's Closing Remarks 11:00 am

Registration deadline is 4:00 pm, May 4, 2007. Register early for additional banquet tickets as space is limited. Register in advance for tours as space is limited. No refunds on cancellations after May 19, 2007. A \$25.00 processing fee applies to all cancellations.

For more information contact Wanda Bornn, Conference Coordinator, at 780-439-2797 or by email at events@historicedmonton.ca.

Celebrate
our Heritage...our history.

For information about the
Queen Alexandra History Centre,
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Queen Alexandra
history centre

Queen Alexandra history centre

Starting in September 2006, Queen Alexandra School will be the site of a district History Centre. The Centre will have as its primary goal, the attainment of superb results in Social Studies. The Centre will operate as a partnership of the following:

- Edmonton Public Schools
- Edmonton and District Historical Society
- Old Strathcona Foundation
- Historical Society of Alberta
- McKay Avenue School
- Faculty of Arts (Department of History and Classics) U of A
- Rutherford and Cameron Libraries - U of A
- Campus Saint Jean - U of A
- Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord

The Centre will provide presentations and workshops by experts to groups of students on the stories of Edmonton, of Alberta and of Alberta's interaction with Canada and the world. Some partners will make primary documents, artifacts and photographs available to be used for fostering the growth in research and writing skills, and for the enhancement of the knowledge base of students. The Centre will facilitate issues-based enquiry skills and students will access archival material under expert direction, focusing on the analysis of a pertinent issue.

Sessions for teachers will enable them to become increasingly familiar with historical background associated with specific topics of study in the new curriculum. Teachers will be informed about the range of potential information sources to support instruction (print and electronic). Participants will also receive information kits that will be good references to support teaching of specified units. Theatrical reenactments of events important in the history of Edmonton and Alberta will be a part of the program as a result of the Centre's partnership with the Edmonton and District Historical Society, the Old Strathcona Foundation and dramatic troupes. The Centre will work in close partnership with McKay Avenue School for mutual program support.

In addition, the Centre will assist in the infusion of francophone and Aboriginal perspective into topics, as is required in the new curriculum. Many sessions will be available in both official languages and provision will be made to offer some topics in the languages of the district's bilingual programs. The intent, primarily, will be to serve students from grades four through twelve. Some dramatizations and activities may be suitable to grade two and three.

Queen Alexandra is a most appropriate location to house this History Centre. The school was the original site of the University of Alberta, and is Alberta's oldest school in continuous operation. The History Centre will occupy the top floor of the school. Restorations are being paid for through federal-provincial grants by the partnering societies. The Edmonton and District Historical Society, the Old Strathcona Foundation and the University of Alberta will provide staff and expert volunteers, while Edmonton Public Schools will provide a 0.6 FTE Historical Consultant and some administrative support.

New Online System Provides Unprecedented Access To Alberta History

... A new online research system will give people interested in Alberta's history free web access to archival descriptions, photographs and library records held by the Provincial Archives of Alberta.

The new online system — the Heritage Resource Management Information System (HeRMIS) — is a searchable, accessible database that allows users to electronically view holdings of the Provincial Archives of Alberta. While HeRMIS currently includes the majority of archives' holdings, staff will be continually updating and adding to HeRMIS as new collections are available.

In addition to introducing the new online system, the Provincial Archives is launching a limited edition book, *An Administrative History of the Government of Alberta, 1905-2005*, which details the evolution of government administration in Alberta over the province's first century. The book is the result of years of research using the records at the provincial

archives. It includes information not found in other resources, such as a timeline of the government's transformation, archival photographs, as well as a detailed table of contents and index for easy reference.

"These two new resources give Albertans, and people around the world, unprecedented access to Alberta's history and heritage," said Denis Ducharme, Minister of Community Development. "The more traditional book and the virtual database show the importance of being adaptable to users' needs and trends in information management. Both have a role to play in managing the province's documentary heritage."

Work is currently underway on HeRMIS to include holdings of other museums and facilities operated by Alberta Community Development. The Archives is one of the first facilities to provide electronic access to the majority of its collection through HeRMIS.

The Provincial Archives of Alberta

preserves the collective memory of Alberta, and contributes to the protection of Albertans' rights and the Alberta identity. It acquires, preserves and makes available for research private and government records of provincial significance.

To virtually visit Alberta's heritage and cultural collections go to hermis.cd.gov.ab.ca. The Provincial Archives of Alberta is open to the public and located at 8555 Roper Road (corner of 86th Street and 51st Avenue) in Edmonton. For further information, visit www.cd.gov.ab.ca/paa or call 780-427-0356.

Media enquiries may be directed to:

To call toll-free within Alberta dial 310-0000.

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Heritage Canada Foundation Says New Federal Funding for Cultural Institutions Is A Great Start

The Heritage Canada Foundation (HCF) congratulated the Hon. Beverley Oda, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Status of Women and the Hon. John Baird, Treasury Board President on their commitment to invest \$100 million over five years to help repair, renovate and upgrade five federally-owned cultural institutions in the Ottawa area. The buildings receiving assistance include the National Gallery of Canada, the Canadian Museum of Civilization, the Canada Museum of Science and Technology, and two national historic sites, the Canadian Museum of Nature and the National Arts Centre.

"HCF applauds this worthwhile investment. It is an important first step in addressing the Auditor General's warn-

ing three years ago that heritage in federal hands was at risk," said Natalie Bull, executive director of the Heritage Canada Foundation.

Many historic places face the same funding challenges as these institutions. Ms Bull noted that the majority of Canada's national historic sites are owned by individuals and local organizations, and recent cuts to modest programs like the Museums Assistance Program (MAP) and the Commercial Heritage Properties Incentive Fund (CHPIF) have hurt.

"Canada is the only G8 nation without coherent funding policies and programs for its built heritage. As a result, our landmarks are becoming landfill: over 20% of Canada's heritage buildings have

been demolished during the last thirty years," added Ms. Bull.

HCF has asked the federal government to move forward with a new Canadian Museums Policy, and include financial incentives for historic places in the next federal budget.

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.

Contact: Carolyn Quinn, Director of Communications, cquinn@heritagecanada.org. Telephone: 613- 237-1066; Cell: 613- 797-7206; Fax 613-237-5987; www.heritagecanada.org

Province Opens New Window for Albertans

... Albertans and nonprofit organizations now have a new on-line window into government programs, grants and volunteer opportunities, making it easier to access information and services.

"Alberta's nonprofit and voluntary sector community does amazing things for Albertans," said Denis Ducharme, Minister of Community Development. "This new feature will help them in their work and help those who require their services."

With the click of a mouse, Albertans will be able to access programs and services related to social services, grants and volunteering opportunities from a number of different departments at www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/nonprofit.

Tailored by topic and by audience, the Service Alberta website is the most comprehensive source for Alberta government information, and is an easy way to access a broad range of programs and services.

"Service Alberta has always been about making it easier for Albertans to access information and services in a convenient and personalized way," said George VanderBurg, Minister of Government Services. "This new resource helps promote the essential rules around fundraising and charitable-giving that protect the public and ensure confidence when contributing to worthy causes."

The new window is a part of the government's Alberta Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector Initiative. This initiative aims to

guide and strengthen the relationship between the Government of Alberta and the province's nonprofit and voluntary sector. The goal of this work is to ensure sustainability of the sector and helps address current and future challenges including funding, human resources, insurance and screening.

For more information on the Alberta Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector Initiative, visit www.cd.gov.ab.ca/ANVSI.

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Heritage Awards Program

The **ALBERTA HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION** is soliciting nominations for its 2007 Heritage Awards Program. These heritage awards recognize and celebrate outstanding accomplishments and projects by individuals, organizations, corporations and municipalities in the protection, preservation and promotion of heritage in the province.

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

Heritage Conservation Award, for excellence in the preservation/restoration/rehabilitation of a historic structure or site having local, regional or provincial significance.

Heritage Awareness Award, for outstanding contributions to local, regional or provincial history through:

- innovative projects which educate, interpret and promote public awareness of Alberta history.
- excellence in research, writing or publishing.

Municipal Heritage Preservation Award, recognizes a municipal government for exemplary commitment to heritage conservation through identification, protection and promotion of municipal historic resources.

Outstanding Achievement Award, for an individual whose long term leadership and contribution to the preservation and presentation of Alberta history has been exemplary.

The Nomination must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2007

The Nomination Form and detailed guidelines can be obtained at:

Heritage Awards
Alberta Historical Resources Foundation
8820-112 Street, Edmonton, AB
T6G 2P8

ph: 780-431-2305
or online at:
www.cd.gov.ab.ca/ahrf



Alberta

The National Historical Heritage Fair

Lethbridge and southern Alberta will play host to the 2007 National Historical Heritage Fair. From July 9 to 16, 2007, 165 delegates, 13 alumni and their counselors will be in Lethbridge for a week-long history camp. The delegates will spend five days touring Lethbridge and southern Alberta, participating in programs and workshops that will help them explore and understand our unique history and culture. They will also present their projects on Canadian history and heritage at the one-day national exhibition. Below is the itinerary for the event. Below that is some of the volunteer opportunities available.

Itinerary for National Historical Heritage Fair (Draft)

July 7, 2007

Travel day to Lethbridge for alumni

Set up of village. Will likely be LCI so accommodations will need to be made ready for the 230 persons arriving.

July 9, 2007

Travel day for delegates and counselors

15 students from each province and 5 from each territory along with their counselors – approximately 215 persons

July 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15, 2007

Field trips and excursions around Lethbridge and southern Alberta highlighting our history and heritage (with all travel arrangements and planning done by local committee)

Programs, workshops, and evening activities around Lethbridge and southern Alberta. All programs and activities must be bilingual.

Planned activities may include:

Visit to Galt Museum & Archives, Fort Whoop-Up and Nikka Yuko

Visit to sites in Crowsnest Pass

Visit to Waterton

Workshops by local dance and cultural groups

A presentation to the students by Helen Schuler Coulee Centre

Shopping excursion

Swimming or other activity

July 14, 2007

Exhibition Day

Student delegates (165) will present their projects on Canadian history and heritage to the public and invited guests

Local committee will co-ordinate with Historica to help arrange this day and organize entertainment, local displays, and AV equipment for student projects.

This is the one event that is open to the public. Would like to get the best attendance we possibly can.

July 16, 2007

Travel day from Lethbridge for delegates, counselors and alumni

Take down of village

Volunteer Opportunities — General

There are two general ways of volunteering for the fair: in the planning prior to the event and during the event.

For those who are part of the planning, there are nine sub-committees: marketing/PR, volunteers, bussing, field trips/workshops, fund-raising, village,

national fair site, food and bilingualism. We have chairs for the sub-committees, but are still looking for volunteers for several of them. We especially need volunteers to help with fund-raising, marketing and bilingualism. There would be monthly meetings for the next few months; the pace of meeting would pick up closer to the fair. And there would also be the responsibility of following through on any action items between the meetings.

For those who wish to volunteer during the event, there would be many opportunities:

Setting up and taking down of beds in the village (July 9 and 16)

Packaging and delivery of food

Manning an information table/booth at the village — we need someone there 24 hours a day but can hopefully get some through a security company or the LCC CJ program.

Acting as a tour guide on the bus as the students drive between venues.

Moving and organizing of projects — this would need to be done on July 9 and 16 to and from Calgary as well as getting them to and from the national fair site

A nurse available during the day, to go on the field trips with the students and at the village (does not need to be the same person all the time).

Photocopying and compiling of handbooks for counselors — in English and in French.

Volunteering at various programs and events.

And much more

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George Douglas Stanley, MD, FCIA 1876-1954

by Dr. Robert Lampard

*"he has obtained success who has lived well,
laughed often and loved much;...
who has always looked for the best in others
and given them the best he had;
whose life was an inspiration;
whose memory a benediction"*

Introduction: At the turn of the century Southern Alberta was basking in the Dr. G.A. Kennedy testament, that the climate of the West was favorable toward some diseases particularly tuberculosis. The lurking typhoid fever problem was controllable and slowly would become curable. Alberta was no longer an empty wasteland for lawless Indian whiskey traders. A successful rural medical practice only required the good doctor with a reliable set of wire cutters. And ranching and farm immigration guaranteed a growing practice, as the Foothills switched from an open frontier to a gridwork of productive farms.

Into that adventurous milieu of 75,000 souls, came Dr. George Douglas Stanley in 1901. He added character to the constituents already assembled. And he recorded the characters he met. As a young talented, observant, literary medic, Dr. Stanley never left his humor far behind, as his most readable autobiography, *Fun in the Foothills* attested. Dr. Stanley remained in practice for fifty-three years, irrepressible to the last. In the opinion of Dr. Earle Scarlett he was one of the three most notable personalities in Alberta, alongside Bob Edwards and Frank Mewburn.

Youth to MD 1876-1901: George Douglas Stanley was born in Exeter, Ontario, on March 19, 1876. Shortly afterwards his family moved to St. Mary's to homestead in the Canada Company Tract north of London. Stanley took his early schooling there.

In high school Douglas Stanley was already a slim, fast moving, quick thinking, genial, lacrosse player and one of the best players on the team. After matriculation at age eighteen he spent four months at the Stratford Model School, before starting "lower grade teaching" at \$250/year. At age twenty in 1896, he enrolled at UofT and entered the Faculty of Medicine in the "Class of 1901".

TB in 1900: In his clinical clerkship year, Stanley and his friend F.A. Clarkson, offered to treat four advanced tuberculosis patients at St. Michael's hospital in Toronto. The contagiousness of the disease was still underestimated. Some physicians still thought it was inherited. But it was transmittable and had already earned the nickname, the "Captain of Death". At the turn of the century one in six Toronto deaths were from tuberculosis. Medical classes annually lost one member to tuberculosis.

A month after his elective at St. Michaels, Douglas went home to play lacrosse with a touring team, but he began to lose weight and energy. In October 1900 he was admitted to the new Muskoka Sanatorium at Gravenhurst with tuberculosis. Fortunately his confinement was early. He began to improve and was well enough to resume his studies and graduate with an M.B. (honors) the following May, in his class of fifty-five.

Alberta is the cure 1901: Later that summer one of his professors, Dr. Alexander McPhedran gave him a lift. Dr. Stanley had just suffered more pulmonary hemorrhages and was in despair. McPhedran's advice was life altering. "...if you have any notion of continuing to live on for awhile get out of here at once, go way out to Alberta,

take lots of her fresh air and sunshine, and forget your disappointments". It was the right advice at the right time and followed Dr. G.A. Kennedy's 1889 conclusion, that the climate of the west was palliative for respiratory diseases like tuberculosis.

The Hellion Years in High River 1901-1918: For a harvesters' excursion price of \$37.50, Dr. Stanley arrived in Calgary in July 1901 with his brother Vin. During a month of searching, the only advice he received was, don't go to High River, "that darling and hellion of a town...the home of remittance men, the RNWMP, sodbusters, cowpunchers and men returning from the South African war". On the recommendation of Dr. J.D. Lafferty he and Vin agreed to give it a try.

The night of his arrival \$21,600 passed hands in a blackjack game at the hotel. Despite being delayed in his return to Calgary by an August snowstorm, Dr. Stanley was impressed with the town's uniqueness. So was Eye Opener Bob Edwards, who moved to High River one year later. Other celebrities and characters would follow: Dr. G.E. Learmonth, the Joe Clark family, W.O. Mitchell, and later Drs. Morris and Janet Gibson to nearby Okotoks.

On November 18, 1903, Dr. Stanley beckoned to his fiancée Annie Colvin, to join him. He had met her in Muskoka. They were married on the day of her arrival, as was the custom. The honeymoon to Banff, however, was postponed for ten years. The planned trip was interrupted by an emergency call in one rural direction, followed by another in the opposite direction. It was two days before Dr. Stanley arrived home to a tearful bride. In the years that followed the Stanley's would have two daughters.

Emma Muriel and Margaret Lillian (McAra).

Dr. Stanley's first two medical cases in High River established his reputation and started him on his medical and literary journey. While palpating a quinsy, his fingernail ruptured the tonsillar abscess with instantaneously relief. Then came the extraction of two molars with an ill fitting set of forceps that slipped, leading to the extraction of both teeth simultaneously, again followed by immediate relief. There upon he was presented with a third case, a child's pony with a fractured leg.

Still in his mid-twenties, Stanley looked youthful. To accentuate his years he grew a beard, like Dr. F.H. Mewburn. He needed to because his "made in Toronto" fee schedule nearly ruined his reputation. After rendering attention to the "lady friend" of a town character, he met the town notable. "I'm sure you'll do well here...any young doctor, who is so young and has the nerve to send in an account like yours has his fortune already made". It was paid in full. When Dr. Stanley made a forty mile house call, followed by a three day stay to deliver the expectant mother, he charged one hundred dollars, plus three more for travel time and a bottle of Scotch for the return trip. On another occasion he was dumped in Mosquito Creek when his buggy capsized. His horse wound up entwined in barbwire. He used the doctor's essential prairie instrument, wire cutters, to good advantage to release the horse. Unfortunately the horse floundered on the return trip and had to be put down. He received no payment on that occasion.

At the end of his first decade in practice, Dr. Stanley and his colleagues organized a regular medical meeting of the five Okotoks — High River

physicians. The first task wasn't just to discuss to continue medical education subjects. It was to establish a fee schedule. The South Central Medical Society was one of the first regional medical societies to be formed in Alberta after Edmonton (1902) and Calgary (1905).

To highlight his High River medical years, Dr. Stanley took a light hearted look at his 1901-1918 medical career and authored *Fun in the Foothills* in 1949. There were chapters on his Life in the Foothills with Cowboys on House calls with Bob Edwards, Sports, his Church, Politics and his medical experiences. Memorable and amusing twists dotted every page, like the premature labor and delivery of a fully mature nine and a half pound infant. After giving the new mother a dissertation on the care of premature infants, the mother responded "doctor you really are a cheerful liar". Another house call was in response to a husband whose wife wore the pants of the house and paid the bills. The husband called to say, "She is very sick. You better come out. If she gets well she will pay you and if she doesn't I will — and damn well".

Cowboy author Robert Stead took him for a drive in his new car. Impressed, Stanley bought his own car in 1910 and registered it under license number 6. That way it could be turned upside down, so it would read license number 9 if he received a ticket. Thereafter, he never had a fender without a bender. The headlights were lit by acetylene dissolved in water. When the acetylene froze there were no lights. So Stanley warmed the water from his own sources. "I'll let you guess where".

One of Dr. Stanley's most famous patients was Lafayette French, the last of two prospectors who discovered the Lost Lemon mine. French was on his way to tell Stanley where it was, when the

rancher's cabin he commandeered for the night caught fire. He died later with Stanley at his bedside, never revealing the secret location.

Another anecdote involved Bob Edwards, who arrived in High River one year after Dr. Stanley. Stanley had accepted a gold watch from his father at age sixteen, on the promise that he would never smoke or drink. He never did. While fundraising for the first Methodist church in High River, he ran afoul of Bob Edwards, who fractured their friendship over Stanley's commitment to abstinence. The church was finished. Edwards however regretted that "a friendship I esteemed so highly has been broken. Nevertheless, when I get sloppy I shall still send for you, and I know you will come".

Edwards continued his barbs in the High River Eye Opener, through Stanley's term on the 1906 High River town council. Edwards characterized it as "a horribly bum regime..high handed and lordly, ignoring the wishes of the taxpayers...(because of)...to much Stanley...Our local practitioner allows himself to be blighted, squelched and snuffed into common place oblivion. The next thing will be the construction of a public square...with fountains, tame squirrels running about, a bear or two and an equestrian statue of Buck Smith astride a flea bitten cayuse... because of too much Stanley".

Dr. Scarlett thought Dr. Stanley should have received an honorary degree, for lasting so long as Edward's physician. In 1952 the UofA gave him one, after he retired from their Board. Dr. Scarlett described *Fun in the Foothills* as "warm with the sunshine of Alberta, fresh with the winds of the chinook. But always he himself is the best story of all".

Dr. Stanley's political career began,

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when he succeeded on his second attempt to become the High River MLA. He remained the MLA from 1913-21. In his last MLA years Edwards joined him as the member from Calgary. Frequent trips to Edmonton allowed Dr. Stanley to join the Executive of the College of Physicians and Surgeons from 1915-20 and become its president in 1920.

It is not well known that Dr. Stanley was a health care innovator. He leased a cottage hospital in 1906. It was the only one between Calgary and Fort Macleod. He opened the first drug store and located the telephone switchboard in it. After fifteen subscribers joined, he sold it to Bell Telephone, on the condition they continued to staff it twenty-four hours per day. But after eighteen years in High River, Dr. Stanley nearly succumbed to the Spanish Flu in November 1918. He developed pneumonia and became a patient in his own hospital. Fortunately his billings were current. 92% of his fees had been paid. With gratuities his receipts totaled 102% of his billings, before counting the bottles of Scotch. The experience convinced Stanley that it was time to move to a larger town and put behind him his rough and tumble practice, like cutting up to thirty-eight fences on one house call. Perhaps it was one of the those experiences about the storied doctor from High River, that convinced Dr. Charles McKenzie from Okotoks - High River to follow in Dr. Stanley's footsteps and graduate in the third UofA medical class in 1927.

To Calgary and the Associate Clinic 1918-1936: Shortly after his arrival in Calgary Stanley impressed Dr. D.S. Macnab, with his articulation of a new College of Physicians and Surgeons policy. Dependents were to be included under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

There was little support from the Calgary Medical Society, but Macnab was so impressed with Stanley's courage in articulating the college position, that he asked him to become one of the five founders of the Calgary Associate Clinic in 1922. Others included Drs. A.E. Aikenhead, W.A. Lincoln, J.S. Murray and nine years later Dr. E.P. Scarlett.

In 1930, in response to a challenge and assurance from R.B. Bennett that he would never get elected, Stanley ran as a Conservative in Calgary East. He won the election handily as did Bennett in Calgary West. During his MP years, Dr. Stanley was instrumental in securing Calgary's CFB Currie Barracks. It was built at a cost of \$1.2 million, an astronomical sum at that time. Stanley was also a strong supporter of "state medicine" providing it included preventative and curative components, as he said in the House of Commons in 1932.

Dr. Stanley's specialty was life insurance medical examinations. His father had been a life long agent for an eastern insurance company. The nine dollar medical examination fee contributed significantly to the break even status of the Associate Clinic during the 30's. Later in his medical career, Dr. Stanley also practiced as an anesthetist.

Stanley's medical legacy came from the initiation of the biweekly Historical Nights at the Associate Clinic. It followed rather naturally from the collegial weekly scientific meetings, Dr. Macnab had initiated in the mid 1920's. Following a chat with Dr. E.P. Scarlett in 1936 the two agreed to co-author and publish the Calgary Associate Clinic Historical Bulletin (CACHB), and record the best speeches from those evenings.

The CACHB 1936-1954: At age sixty, most physicians contemplate retirement. Instead, Dr. Stanley started to write a

regular column in the CACHB entitled "Medical Pioneering in Alberta". His UofT classmate Dr. F.A. Clarkson said later "he cast a shadow on almost every page of the eighty-eight issues of that journal, through the eighteen years that he contributed to it". He also wrote an Archives Column in the Alberta Medical Bulletin as well as articles on a variety of other medical topics in the 1940's and 1950's.

Dr. Stanley was conferred a life membership in the AMA in 1947 and the CMA in 1950. Two years later in 1952 Dr. Scarlett presented him for honorary membership in the Alberta Medical Association. Scarlett noted "it would be easier to pack a prairie blizzard into a hatbox than to compress George Douglas Stanley into the space of a few sentences. The thrust of life in him was so strong...he fought Grits, anti-prohibitionists, sour faced medical officials, long faced churchmen and stuffy people, with the same buoyant good humor and courage, that in his younger days he fought and triumphantly defeated tuberculosis".

In his community of Calgary Dr. Stanley sat as a member and chairman of the Board of Mount Royal College (1930-1951) and donated the money for the G.D. Stanley gymnasium. He was a wartime member of the UofA Board and Senate (1941-1946)(33), an original member of the Board of Alberta College and the recipient of the King George V Coronation Medal in 1937.

As a medical historian he was mindful of the importance of the work of others. He described the photographic collection of twenty-five portraits accumulated by Dr. J.S. McEachern, from the early Holy Cross Hospital medical staff and their families, in his AMB Archives Column. He reprinted verbatim the 1892 Florence

Nightingale letter he acquired and had framed for the Holy Cross Hospital School of Nursing, in his autobiography.

One patient recalled Dr. Stanley's home visits and how it was such a privilege to be visited by him. As a five year old she was house ridden for a year. She remembered the periodic therapeutic doses of "Stanley". "He was white-haired, walked with a slight limp and had a rich laughing voice, energy to abound and a sense of humor to match. He was never surprised, never shocked. He knew all the good parts to their family and never the bad. He worked such long hours that would turn any union member green about the gills. When you are that busy you don't have time to grow old". He remained unconquerably young with an almost full caseload, until he died on February 22, 1954 at age seventy-eight, bringing to a close fifty-three years of medical practice in Alberta.

Scarlett acknowledged the great loss of Dr. Stanley, in the 20th anniversary issue of the CACHB. Stanley's column had "already become a unique source of information for future histories of the

west. In his case, style was the man. He wrote no refined, scholarly, treatises. Rather everything he put down on paper pulsed with the life blood of a vigorous generation of man...The good humor of his soul and the steel of his spirit remain with us as an inspiration for the future. But his place can never be filled".

As Dr. Scarlett wrote at the end of their twenty-five years of friendship; "and so passed a man of large vision, great heart and unquenchable optimism, who established medicine in this Western land". Unfortunately his death heralded the demise of the Calgary Associate Clinic Historical Bulletin, which occurred four years later in 1958.

A fellow member of the Calgary branch of the Knights of the Round Table, Lindley H. Bennett, dedicated a poem to Dr. Stanley, *Le Bon Docteur*, which he adapted from Dr. W.H. Drummond:

*Le bon docteur Stanlee of Haute
Riviere,
Sapre tonnerre! he was work long
tam!
De horse an' buggy he drove, by gar!
An' now he drive de sixty-horse car;
But day after day he work all de sam".*

Doin' good's de only t'ing on his min'.

Dr. Stanley summed up his sentiments in the first issue of the Alberta Historical Review in 1953, by offering to his audience several snippets from his medical past. He highlighted the problems pioneering physicians faced and overcame, and the progress that had been made in hospitalization, radiology and laboratory facilities; with antibiotics and the control of typhoid fever, tuberculosis, diabetes, pernicious anemia, pneumonia and childbirth. He closed with the salutation:

"Now I end by repeating my initial plea to respect the sentiment that belongs to medicine in the past, and to honor the struggle which those early medical pioneers in Alberta had to maintain as medicine was then, and to endeavor to better things for those who shall succeed them."

Dr. Stanley was survived by his wife Annie and daughters Emma Muriel and Margaret Lillian (McAra).

The National Historical Heritage Fair (continued from page 9)

Volunteer Opportunities – Bilingual

Areas in which we would need bilingual support would be:

As part of the planning committees (see above).

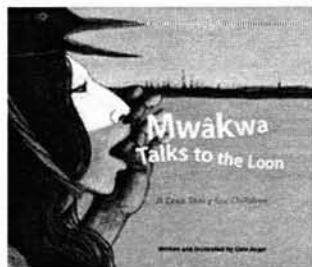
Liaising with the tour planning committee to ensure that all tours can be done in French. Various venues may need to find a volunteer who will help conduct some of the tour in French.

Translation of various material into French, including, but not limited to, counselor manuals, signage, informational material, bus postings and more.

To have the program run, our National Fair committee needs to raise funds. The more we raise, the more the students can do — more fields trips, more activities, more learning of our history.

If you are interested in assisting with any of this, please contact us. Or if you

just want more information, let us know. Contact: Belinda Crowson at 320-4248 or email: bcrowson@galtmuseum.com.



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Anny writes candidly and colourfully about real things, from visits with her family (she is the daughter of internationally acclaimed artists Molly Lamb Bobak and Bruno Bobak) to simple pleasures like arranging bowls of pears and hearing the owls in the woods at dusk. She writes about making bonfires, sitting with a dying horse, playing with a 700-pound sow and visiting the SPCA. Some of her tales are told with humour, some in sadness, but all tell the truth about living, observing and creating, whether at home or away.

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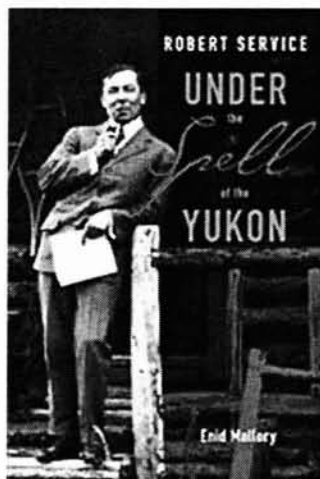
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Under the Spell of the Yukon by Robert Service

My hope is that this new book, in addition to illuminating the poet's life more clearly, will galvanize and inspire new readers to discover the magic that

Service wrought, and wrote, so brilliantly, and that it will move even aficionados to go back and recapture the spell of the Yukon that transfixed them years ago.

—from the foreword by Jack Whyte

Enid Mallory's Robert Service sheds light on aspects of Service's life that previously have only been sketchily covered by other biographers. Her new book focuses on his years in Canada and the western US.

Dressed in cowboy garb acquired in a Scottish auction room, a naïve but committed young Robert Service stepped off the CPR train in Vancouver, sustained only by his sense of adventure. Sixteen years later, he would leave Canada as the author of the most commercially successful poems written in the 20th century.

Service's time in the Yukon, at first as a transplanted bank clerk and later living off the royalties of poems like "The Shooting of Dan McGrew" and "The Cremation of Sam McGee," is the core of a fascinating life. His starving in Mexico, residing in a California bordello, farming on Vancouver Island and pursuing unrequited love in Vancouver were only preludes to his Yukon years and his first poems.

Words were Robert Service's lifelong passion, and he set them on many stages. But it was his McGrew, McGee and other players of the Great White North who glittered with a golden glow and forever made him the "Bard of the Yukon" and the de facto poet laureate of Alaska.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the publication of *Songs of a Sourdough*, which sold over three million copies and was the most successful poetry book of the 20th century.

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The Diva & the Rancher The story of Norma Piper and George Pocaterra



JENNIFER HAMBLIN AND DAVID FINCH

The Diva and the Rancher was published in October 2006 by Rocky Mountain Books and retails for \$29.95. It was co-authored by myself and local historian, David Finch and is the story of two interesting Albertans, Norma Piper and George Pocaterra. George was the Italian rancher who founded the Buffalo Head Ranch near Longview, Alberta in 1905 and gave his name to a number of physical features in Kananaskis Country as a result of his explorations with the Stoney First Nation during the early years of the twentieth century. Norma was a Calgary opera singer who headed to Italy in the 1930s to develop her career, met and married George Pocaterra, who became her manager, and returned to Calgary at the start of the Second World War to become one of the city's best loved singing teachers. She taught singing in Calgary from 1942 to 1980, first at Mount Royal College Conservatory of Music and later in her own home studio.

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Chinook Country Historical Society has had a successful autumn with three excellent monthly programs at Fort Calgary, beginning in September with a maverick – a maverick look at Alberta history by University of Calgary English professor and writer, Aritha Van Herk, based on her book, *A Maverick History of Alberta*. During her presentation at Fort Calgary, Ms. Herk outlined Alberta's interesting path to provincial status in 1905. Our October program featured Calgary writers Jennifer Hamblin and David Finch, who regaled us with stories of the improbable team of successful opera singer, Norma Piper Pocater, and George Pocater, the Italian founder of the Buffalo Head Ranch. Jennifer Hamblin and David Finch's book, *The Diva and the Rancher, the Pocateras*, was launched at Glenbow Museum a few days later. In November, Harry Sanders talked about a book he is currently writing on the stories of historical hotels in the province. Harry the Historian did not disappoint his talk "Sleepless in Alberta" was engaging, funny, and very interesting.

Thanks to Program Chair, Tom Hamp, for preparing this year's program and to Tom and Membership Chair, Brenda Everitt, for organizing the Fort Calgary programs. At each program, Tom generously presents the speakers with one of his famous photographs of the vanishing elevators of the prairies.

Thanks also to Kate Reeves who, as our "Historical Happenings Highlighter," keeps us up to date on some of the historical happenings in the Calgary area. Kate highlights one or two historical happenings at each Fort Calgary Program and prepares a list of other events that can be picked up at the meeting.

Our Christmas program, held in conjunction with our famous CCHS Christmas Dinner, occurred on December 5 at Fort Calgary. Our guest speaker, Trudy Cowan warmed our hearts with her stories. Trudy has recently retired as executive director of the Lougheed House Conservation Society, and it was good to hear from her at our December program.

Thanks to Past President, Diana Ringstrom, for organizing and acting as Master of Ceremonies for the 2006 Christmas Dinner. Once again, the decorating committee, Jennifer Jack, Norma Lake, Ivy Cameron, and David Ballard, outdid themselves. The decorations were glorious. Thanks to

Jennifer, Norma, Ivy, David, Frank and Audrey Miklos, and Walter and Irene DeBoni for their assistance at the dinner.

Planning is underway for Historic Calgary Week. Len Babin has volunteered to head up the Programs Committee and Irene DeBoni will be the Volunteer Coordinator. We still need an overall chair and chairs for the committees that will prepare the brochure, promote HCW in the community, and organize the audiovisual equipment. If you would like to help the Historic Calgary Week Committee, please contact me at 403-286-5955.

All the best in 2007.



Chinook Country Historical Society The Calgary and District Chapter of the Historical Society of Alberta

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Tropical Oasis Room of the Atrium,
at the Calgary Zoo

Close in parking is available in the Administration Lot off Zoo Road and the Bridge on 12St. (This is a different room and parking lot from the 2006 AGM — go into the administration parking lot beside the bridge south of the zoo, walk through the zoo gates and follow instructions)

5:00 PM	Doors Open
5:30	Annual General Meeting
6:15	Break and Cash Bar
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News & Views from HSA Chapters

The Lethbridge Historical Society has been busy during the fall of 2006 and is looking forward to an exciting 2007.

The 3rd Annual Historic Lethbridge Week and Doors Open Lethbridge took place from Sept 17 to the 23. There were numerous events throughout the week, including the launch of our newest publication *The Prairie Boys: Southern Albertans Wartime Experience* by Garry Allison. After another successful event, it was decided by the committee to move the event back to May and the 4th annual event will run from May 5 to 12, 2007. We are looking to expand the event past the city limit and include communities and organizations from the district in the celebrations.

Our slate of programs this fall has kept our society busy. September was the first program back in the Galt building. The Galt's Archivist, Greg Ellis, informed us of the rapid and complex development of

Lethbridge from 1945 to 1965. In October, Bonny Bryant-Besharah highlighted the Historic Places Initiative and where the City of Lethbridge is in the process. Our speaker at the November meeting and AGM was Jane Harris, who recently published a new biography on the Galt family and spoke on the vision of Canada of the three generations of the Galts.

Our society elections were also held at the AGM on November 28. Our new executive is Belinda Crowson (President), Garry Allison (Vice-President), Marion Snowden (Secretary) and Dave Dowey (Treasurer). Directors are: Sheila McManus, Irma Dogterom, Bill Lingard, Lana Lonseth, Helen Kovacs and Alan R. Thompson. Jean Johnstone is Past-President.

Coming in the spring of 2007, we will continue our monthly programs. One we particularly wish to highlight is the

Annual Banquet on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, and we invite everyone down to hear Rochelle Yamagishi speak on Japanese Canadian history and culture.

The LHS is also looking forward to playing a considerable role in hosting the 2007 National Historic Heritage Fair in Lethbridge in July. Grades 4 to 9 students and their counselors from across Canada will spend a week in Lethbridge and southern Alberta where they will tour the area and participate in programs. July 14 will be the National Exhibition and students will showcase their projects on Canadian history and heritage. We invite everyone to come down to Lethbridge on July 14 and meet these young historians. We are still looking for volunteers on our various committees and invite those who are interested to get in touch and see where they can help out.



Good wishes to all
HSA members and
may 2007 be a
prosperous New Year

Program coordinator Shirley Dye once again showed tremendous imagination in planning for this year's December dinner meeting. Over eighty people gathered for a nostalgic dinner and Christmas concert held at the Golden Circle seniors centre which, for one evening, became the one-room Historica School. Grades one and two occupied the front row of tables, threes and fours the second row, and the big kids in grade five and six sat at the back.

The evening began when teacher Miss Janet Wiley (otherwise Vice President Janet Walter) rang the handbell to bring the class to attention. After we saluted the flag, there followed an attendance check. As each name was called, the person stood by his or her desk and told where he/she had gone to school way back when. It was impressive, the number who had gone to country schools in one or another part of Alberta or Saskatchewan (or occasionally elsewhere). Mabel Edler, a pupil from the southeast part of this province, had never attended a school at all, but had taken all of her schooling by correspondence. She went on to have a long and successful career as a teacher.

The evening included colouring activities (with many of the students exhibiting a fine colour sense and good coordination), some recitations, and lots of good conversation. The grade ones and twos led off the musical entertainment with a very spirited rendition of "All I Want for Christmas is my Two Front Teeth", followed by a gentler "Away in a Manger". The older pupils then took their turns with other well known Christmas songs, singing very nicely, too, but not a match for the

little ones. There were several individual performances as well, including a very amusing recitation by Ian Younger of a poem about a pet snowball.

Billy Baergen, always a big boy for his age, gave his grade six enterprise report about one-room schools in Alberta, and kept everyone amused with anecdotes from his recent book, *Pioneering with a Piece of Chalk*. The evening provided a good opportunity for an award, too. Miss Wiley presented the Volunteer Service Medallion to Pat MacDonald of Rocky Mountain House, in recognition of his many volunteer activities, especially related to the David Thompson Bicentennial.

The evening ended with a visit from Santa (aka Gerry Beauchamp) and a bag of candies for each person — on the questionable assumption that they had all been nice rather than naughty. At the end of the evening it took a while to clear the classroom. People seemed reluctant to leave, preferring to keep on visiting and sharing memories. It was a fun evening!!

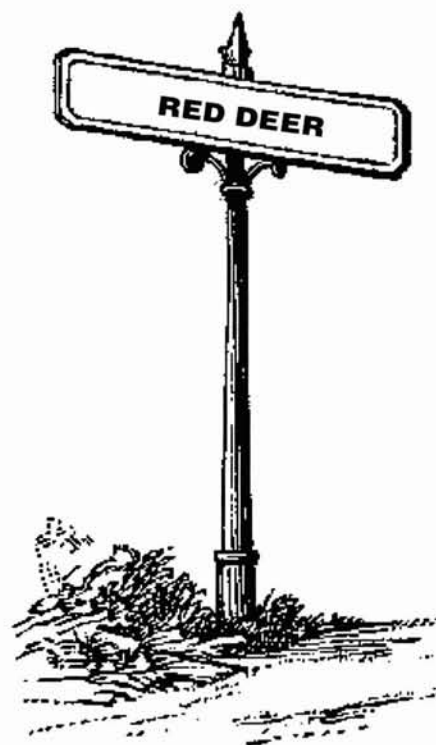
Programs in the new year may not be as much fun, but they promise to be just as interesting. January 18 will feature Max Foran speaking on the topic "Harms Way: Disasters in Western Canada". That will be followed in February by Edie Postill Cole speaking about her two books that tell about her grandparents' experiences in early central Alberta.

In other Chapter activities, Vern Wishart's book *What Lies Behind the Picture: A Personal Journey into Cree Ancestry* has been well launched and continues to sell well. Also, work continues on the new edition of *The*

Markerville Story, a collection of newspaper pieces written for the Innisfail Province a generation ago by Carl Morkeburg documenting the settlement of the area north and west of Innisfail.

Finally, a new Bus Tour Committee is at work planning a four-day bus tour for early June. It hasn't a name yet — one suggestion is the "Romance of Ranching Tour" while another is "The Cowboys and Indians Tour". In any case, it will explore the history of the great plains in the southern and eastern part of our province in the days before and just after contact.

Altogether, it looks like an exciting spring.



Over the next year, the capital region will begin to see momentum building on a number of significant initiatives that build toward the betterment of our local historical interpretation and celebration of our heritage. We will also continue to see increasing stress on existing historical "infrastructure" due to development and modernization pressures.

At the Provincial level, as the Historical Society of Alberta marks its centennial, recently unveiled redevelopment plans for the Royal Alberta Museum, Alberta's major historical interpretation attraction, will be refined. Plans also continue to be made for the redevelopment of Alberta's historic Legislature grounds. The recently introduced Municipal Heritage Partnership Program will provide new grant money to assist in the restoration of historic buildings, particularly in smaller communities where municipal grants are not generally available. The University of Alberta agreed to a set of guidelines

for any new development required in the historic Garneau residential area of campus in 2006 and is eager to continue working with the community to ensure that vital history of all areas on campus is kept.

At the local level, the City of Edmonton began a review of the Historic Resource Management Program in 2006. Working with the community, the City hopes to improve the effectiveness of the program. As well, the City continues to expand the inventory of historic buildings, notably by adding buildings up to 1960 not previously included and by encouraging neighbourhoods to conduct comprehensive reviews of their own. Needed progress will be made toward the completion of the physical commemoration of the Rosedale Cemetery this year. The Queen Alexandra History Centre, the first such partnership between a Historical Society and a School Board in Alberta, will be fully up and running — teaching teachers about the newly enhanced local history

component of the Social curriculum and providing hands-on experience to students in how to conduct historic research. As well, the City of Fort Saskatchewan recently announced plans to construct a park in recognition of the original NWMP fort that gave the City its name.

Some of EDHS's own projects should begin to see some exciting development. Historic Edmonton and Athabaska Festival was a great success, earning EDHS a place as a finalist for Alberta Tourism's Friends of Tourism ALTO Award. Festival 2007 is already shaping-up to be just as successful. The Diaries project, an initiative to collect and publish local diaries of historical interest, has gained significant momentum and we anticipate printing the first journal some time this year. The future of the John Norris Ranch, Alberta's oldest farmstead, is still uncertain, although we remain cautiously optimistic.

All in all, an interesting year ahead!

HCF Seeks Nominations to the 2007 Top Ten Endangered Places List

Hello all and a Happy New Year that comes with a wish that Canada's historic places will have a healthy year. Despite that wish, we know that many sites across the country are under threat.

The Heritage Canada Foundation wants to ensure that the threats to these special buildings and sites are given publicity that just may achieve a positive outcome. If you know of a heritage building or site that is "endangered" please let the Heritage Canada Foundation know about it.

Please note that the Heritage Canada national conference will be held in Edmonton this fall. Let's ensure that we have a big group to travel up there and take part!

The 2007 Top Ten Endangered Places List Form can be found at:
<http://www.heritagecanada.org/eng/featured/nominations2007.cfm>

— Trudy Cowan



HSA Calendar of Events – 2007

- Jan 18** CAHS “Harms Way: Disasters in Western Canada” - Max Foran at 4425 47A Ave. Red Deer 7:30 pm.
- Jan 23** CCHS “Alberta Mail & Stamps” by British North America Philatelic Society Ft. Calgary, 750 9 Avenue SE 7:30 pm
- Jan 23** EDHS “Historic Churches of Alberta” Mary Oakwell, Queen Alexandra School Gymnasium 7:30 pm
- Feb 15** CAHS *Eggs for Shoes* and *Forever Pioneers*, by author Edie Postill Code at Museum 4425 0 47A Ave. Red Deer at 7:30 pm.
- Feb 27** CCHS “Entertainment in Early Calgary” by Billy McLennan
- Feb 27** EDHS “Posts and Forts of the North American Fur Trade 1600” 1870” by Andy Forsos, Queen Alexandra School Gym, 7730 106 Street, Edmonton at 7:30 pm.
- Mar 15** CAHS “The Ku Klux Klan In Central Alberta” by Dr. William Baergen, Museum, 4425 47A Ave. Red Deer, at 7:30 pm.
- Mar 27** EDHS “Point of View: A Personal Exploration of Alberta History on Films” by Tom Radford at Queen Alexandra School Gym, 7:30 pm.
- Mar 27** CCHS “AGM, Oasis Room, The Calgary Zoo. Dinner 6 pm
- Apr 19** CAHS Richard Awid will tell us about the “Arab History in Alberta”, Museum, 4425 47A Ave. Red Deer, at 7:30 pm.
- Apr 24** CCHS “History of the Calgary Zoo by John Gilpin. Ft. Calgary, 750 9 Avenue SE 7:30 pm
- Apr 25** EDHS AGM Faculty Club, UofA, 11435 Saskatchewan Drive, Edmonton featuring Marlena Wyman, Audio Visual Archivist at the Provincial Archives of Alberta, 6:00 pm.

HSA Crossword

This crossword puzzle devised by Jennifer Prest

Answers to last newsletter crossword:

Across 1. Rundle; 4. Edwards; 8. Sober; 9. Emily; 10. Urn; 11. Bee; 12. Enoch; 13. Rodeo; 14. Drone; 16. Olympic; 19. Dusty; 20. Roach; 23. Allan; 25. Flock; 27. Gyr; 28. Vicar; 30. AB; 31. Ray; 32. Eos; 33. Elk; 34. Hyde

Down 1. Rosebud; 2. Nobleford; 3. Lorne; 4. Edith; 5. Way; 6. Round; 7. Suncor; 9. Ecology; 13. Roper; 15. Edson; 17. Yellow; 18. Craigmyle; 21. Hartman; 22. Harvie; 24. Lucas; 25. Frank; 26. Kerby; 29. Rye



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*.

Across

1. One-time Edmonton bookseller, publisher & politician, Mel__
4. Alberta could have been named this?
8. Dishearten, unnerve
9. To overact
10. Opus __
11. To sunbathe
12. fast...speedy
13. Monty Hall was one
14. Remarks
16. In 1914 motorist Leo __ produced the first Alberta road guides
19. Spikes or pins
20. __ Heroes
23. Era, cycle
25. Former Lt. Governor __ Hunley
27. __ des Arcs
28. A common daisy found in Alberta
30. A dispenser of TLC?
31. To put the pedal to the metal
32. The former first lady of Argentina, __ Peron
33. A former columnist with the Calgary Herald & historian, David __
34. The Burgess __, found in Yoho National Park

Down

1. High River art teacher, Martha Isobel __; also a city in Texas
2. A provincial museum in Cardston
3. Interior, central (soul)
4. First Nations tribe located in southern Alberta
5. Enemy
6. The Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council (abbr.)
7. Frank __, publisher of the Edmonton Bulletin
9. Village northeast of Medicine Hat
13. Mt. __ Cavell
15. Former mayor of Edmonton Bill __
17. A popular search engine
18. An Edmonton bridge (2 wds.)
21. The first woman in Alberta to hold elected office, Bessie __, in 1912
22. Former Edmonton mayor Laurence __
24. The Canmore __ House, in Heritage Park
25. Alberta senator __ Hays
26. The __ West Company
29. Energy and Utilities Board