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His Honour, Col. (Ret'd) The Honourable Donald S. Ethell OC OMM AOE MSC CD LLD The Lieutenant Governor of Alberta has agreed to become our patron during his term of office.

He was installed as the 17th Lieutenant Governor of Alberta on May 11, 2010. His Vice-Regal duties came following a long and distinguished career in the Canadian Armed Forces as well as civilian service as a military advisor and volunteer with humanitarian causes. Donald Ethell was born in Vancouver in 1937 and raised in Victoria, BC. In 1955 he joined the Canadian Army (Regular) as a rifleman in the Queen's Own Rifles and then moved to the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry in 1970. He was commissioned as an officer in 1972.

Colonel Ethell is a veteran of 14 peace support operations. His military service included NATO duties in Germany as well as extensive service in Cyprus, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, Israel, Central America and the Balkans.

Colonel Ethell retired from the Army in July 1993. Following his retirement, Colonel Ethell travelled extensively as a military advisor and began to deepen his focus on humanitarian causes. He became involved with CARE Canada, working with staff responsible for five refugee camps in Eastern Kenya and Somalia. He also served as Alberta's director of the International Committee for the Relief of Starvation and Suffering (ICROSS), which delivers aid to the countless African children and adults facing starvation and AIDS-related illnesses. He is a past member of the Veterans Affairs Canada, Canadian Forces Advisory Council and chaired various projects focused on strengthening mental health supports for members of the Canadian Armed Forces and the RCMP. He also has been an active member of numerous service organizations including the Canadian Association of Veterans of United Nations Peacekeepers, the Gulf War Veterans Association of Canada, the Royal Canadian Legion and the ANAVETS.

He is an Officer of the Order of Canada, a member of the Alberta Order of Excellence and the Order of Military Merit and a Knight of Justice of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. In 1987 he received the Meritorious Service Cross for his work with neutral observers to plan and negotiate large scale, short notice prisoner of war exchanges between warring nations in the Middle East. In 2010 he received an Honourary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Alberta.

His Honour first moved to Calgary in 1956 and has made that city his home base ever since. He and his wife, Linda, have been married since February 1960. Their family includes two sons and daughters-in-law, Darrell/Ruth and Doug/Iryna, and two beautiful grandchildren, Natalie and Alec.

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President's Report

by Bill Baergen

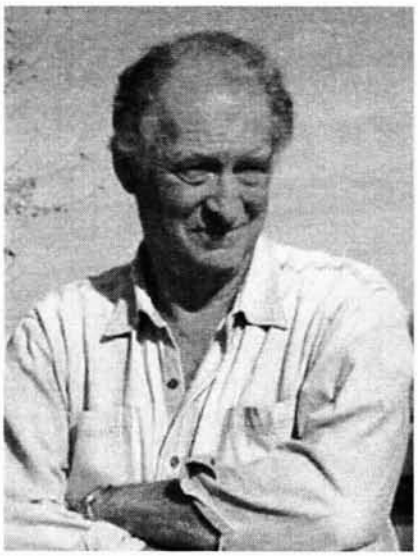
I don't have to look very hard to ınd exciting news for my report this time. The Grouard and Area Historical Society has applied to our Council to be accepted as the sixth (yes, the SIXTH) chapter of the Historical Society of Alberta. Naturally, the Council approved the application at is earliest opportunity which was the September meeting, held in Red Deer. As I've said all along, we are overjoyed at the prospect of having in our midst another huge area in northern Alberta (along with the Peace River Chapter Number Five) with its goldmine of history. AND a number of members of non-European persuasion!

More good news. Fort McMurray Historical Society has expressed interest in joining us a a chapter. You might recall that we had a quasi Vision Quest last year and decided that one main goal of HSA would be to try to ıly represent as much of Alberta as possible by increasing our membership by ten to twelve per cent in the next two years. In the immortal words of the ever-popular George bush, "Mission Accomplished". Only this time, it's genuine.

Your Council (bless them) embarked on a singularly exhilarating enterprise at its September meeting (The Red Deer air does things to people) which we are counting on you all to endorse. Irene Nicolson circulated a first draft proposal for consideration by Council of "a complimentary-associate memberhip status" for other historical groups as a way of open communication with them. Current chapters would be asked for their reaction to a proposal which would allow for "a complimentary-non-voting if you will associate membership" to ttract small heritage/preservation/ storical groups (of which there are so many in the Peace Country) to become involved with our Society. There would be no membership fees; they would receive our newsletters.

Previous HSA President Linda Collier has been working with the Heritage Fairs Committee on a Proposed Terms of Reference document, which was approved by the Council. Many thanks to Linda and the Heritage Fairs Committee for your efforts on this excellent project.

Two book notes: On behalf of the ARPB and the Council, I am proud to offer our newest publication called *Frontier Life in the Mounted Police*. You'll find an advertisement of it in the Newsletter so I'll just add my endorsement of it as a fine bit of reading for you over the winter. I appreciate history on the personal level. Edited by our own Hugh Dempsey, you'll find the diary letters of R.B. "Barrie" Nevitt, a medic, to his fiancé back in Toronto most engaging as he accompanies the NWMP in their trek west in 1874. An aspect we often overlook when reading about this trek, is worthy of note. In Dempsey's words, A "matter that arose from time to time in Nevitt's letters was loneliness. He had not forged any close personal relationships with fellow officers and the class distinction with the rank and file did not leave much room for camaraderie. Early in 1875 he commented to Lizzie, 'I do so long to see you, so yearn for the sound of your voice. I am almost homesick. It is so utterly lonely out here, not a single person that I care two straws about, nor do I suppose they care about me' And on another occasion while at Fort Calgary, 'You can form no idea of how utterly lonesome it is out here. Since Denny left, I am more than ever alone. Brisebois is very poor company, there are no books to read, and nothing to do of an evening but go to bed. It is now only half past eight and I think I will retire for want of something to do.'"



In closing, my second book note concerns a book I wrote on the one-room schools of Alberta, called *Pioneering With a Piece of Chalk*. I know I shouldn't be using the president's bully pulpit to flog my own wares, but since I make no money on it, I will tell you that the book is all sold out and is on the web at http://www.ourroots.ca .. digitized by the University of Calgary and totally word-searchable. Our own HSA website couldn't handle a 622-pager.

Fred Holberton passed away on December 30th, 2010

Fred Holberton was Treasurer of The Historical Society of Alberta from 1984 - 93, and again from 1997 - 99.

Mr. Holberton was instrumental in the development of the Society and in particular with the success of establishing a viable office in Calgary. Through his work we have been able to continue the good work of the Society and it was through Fred's insight and due diligence with respect to the financial responsibility of the Society that has sustained us through the years.

HSA Members News

The following is a poem written by **Jasmine Blackett**, 12 year old daughter of the Honourable Lindsay Blackett, Minister of Community Culture & Spirit, Province of Alberta. This poem was included in the Minister's 2010 Christmas Greetings. We believe it is an excellent example of the Alberta spirit and we are pleased to have the opportunity to celebrate Ms. Blackett's work with her.

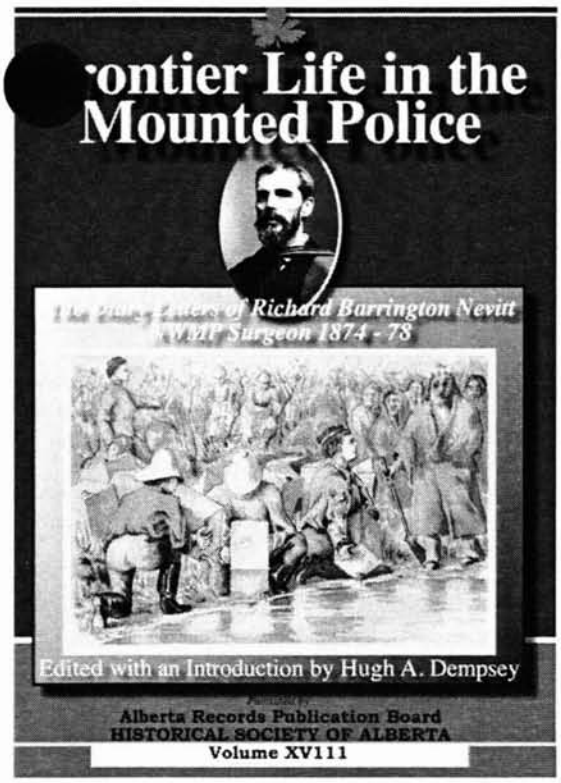
The snow beat down upon the rooftops,
The bullion sun hammered down upon the ground.
The radio sung with high Christmas songs,
My children danced around the room,
Hanging decorations on the trees.
My wife snapped pictures,
As I poured another glass of eggnog.
It truly was a pleasant day,
Including the fact that we barely
ever got snow near Christmas.
I sigh contently,
My children stop,
The decorations are hung all with care;
All the stockings (even my dog's)
Are hung by the chimney with care.
Again I sigh contently.
The sun beats through the window,
And it begins to slowly set.
The colors shoot furiously from each side of the sky,
It is a beautiful sight indeed.

Jasmine Blackett, 12 years old

Kathryn Ivany named City Archivist for the City of Edmonton

Kathryn Ivany, a Past President of H.S.A. has recently been named City Archivist for the City of Edmonton. We wish to congratulate Kathryn Ivany on her appointment as City Archivist for the City of Edmonton.

Kathryn Ivany is a native Albertan, raised in Calgary, Red Deer and Edmonton. Her first job at the Provincial Museum of Alberta started a career in the study and interpretation of Alberta's natural and human history. Educated at the Universities of Alberta, Calgary and Cambridge, she has pursued historical subjects for over twenty years as a public historian working with Historic Sites to plan museums, the Historical Society of Alberta and the Archives Society of Alberta to promote its preservation and study, and as a consultant researcher and writer to neighbourhood groups, not-for-profit agencies, archives and museums researching their stories. Kathryn has authored several books on Edmonton's heritage and leads walking tours of neighbourhoods and cemeteries during the Edmonton and Athabaska District Historical Festival in the summer months.



The Diary Letters of Richard Barrington Nevitt NWMP Surgeon 1874-1878

On July 23, 1874 Richard Barrington Nevitt, a recent graduate in medicine from Trinity College Medical School in Toronto, was appointed as assistant surgeon with the newly formed North-West Mounted Police. In the space of days, he had to say goodbye to his fiancee, Elizabeth Beaty, and arrange to join the first contingent of Mounted Police at Fort Dufferin in the North-West Territories. From Fort Dufferin, Nevitt would travel to Fort Macleod to help set up this frontier police outpost where he would remain stationed from 1874 to 1878.

Before leaving Toronto, he and Elizabeth committed themselves to a remarkable pact. they agreed to write a kind of diary by correspondence about virtually everything they did or thought — "no matter how trivial."

The collection of "diary letters" also included numerous fine illustrations of notable events. Aboriginal people and daily life in the Mounted Police done by Nevitt, a very talented amateur artist. These illustrations are some of the earliest depictions of life in what would become southern Alberta, while his letters offer an intimate and engaging portrait of life at Fort Macleod and as a member of the NWMP.

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2010 Alberta Heritage Awards

Awards salute commitment to heritage for Alberta individuals and groups.

Eight groups and individuals were recently recognized for their dedication and commitment to local Alberta history and heritage.

Presented by the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, the 2010 Alberta Heritage Awards recognize significant contributions in the protection, preservation and promotion of heritage in the province. Awards can be given to individuals, teams, organizations, corporations, congregations, institutions, municipalities, First Nations, or Métis Settlements.

"Community organizations and individuals across Alberta continue to recognize the value of preserving and protecting local history and heritage," said Lindsay Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit. "For their tireless effort and commitment to preserving our sense of place, my sincere congratulations go out to all of this year's recipients."

Award recipients were selected from 35 nominations in categories of Outstanding Achievement, Heritage Awareness, Municipal Heritage Preservation and Heritage Conservation. The awards were presented at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology on November 26.

Individual recipients of this year's awards include Marilee Cranna Toews of Fort Vermilion and Elizabeth Sheehan of Grande Prairie. Organizations receiving awards include Cypress Club of Medicine Hat; Friends of Medalta Society, Medicine Hat; Brooks Centennial Club; Leduc/Devon Oilfield Historical Society; South Peace Regional Archives; and the City of Calgary.

"We are so pleased to recognize these people and organizations for the excellence of their contributions to the conservation and promotion of our Alberta heritage. Their hard work and dedication deserve our thanks," said Dr. Carolee Pollock, Chair of the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation.

.ıe Alberta Historical Resources Foundation was established to promote public awareness and enjoyment of Alberta's cultural heritage. For more information on the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation Heritage Awards, visit culture.alberta.ca/ahrf/heritageawards.

Fisherman's Peril

by Don Edgecombe

On a cold November day in 1949 I was preparing to close the store that I managed for the Hudson's Bay Company at Hay River Northwest Territories. It was situated on the east side of the river about a mile from the mouth of the Hay where it empties into Great Slave Lake. It was 6 pm and I was locking the door when young David Lamalice came running toward me hollering, "There's someone calling for help out on the lake." David had been cutting firewood along the shoreline of the lake about three or four miles east of the mouth of the river, and used his father's dog team to haul the wood home.

I immediately phoned the RCMP detachment where my friends Constables Bill Campbell and his younger associate Jack Hunter were responsible for law and order in the Indian village of approximately eight hundred, and also for the new town that had sprung up on Vale Island thanks to the booming commercial fishing industry. The two young mounties arrived at the Bay store very quickly and we three began planning a rescue operation, which we knew would be no simple task. By early November ice would have formed along the shoreline and small bays of Great Slave Lake. This huge lake is approximately 298 miles long and varies in width from 12 to 68 miles, with waves rivaling the oceans when the wind exceeds 30 miles per hour. Consequently the main body of the lake remains open for weeks after ice starts forming along the shore and in the dozens of small bays and inlets that are sheltered from the waves.

These conditions were a serious hazard for commercial fishermen who were anxious to get started as soon as the ice would support them and their dog teams, and later for those able to afford snowmobiles. We knew there would be no boats out on the lake in early November so we concluded that the distress calls were probably from commercial fishermen. Most of the fish buying companies operated from a point called West Channel. where a smaller channel of the Hay River branched off from the main channel in a north westerly direction emptying into the lake about 3 miles west of the townsite. This is where the fishermen bought their gear and began the race to find small bays or inlets frozen with at least four inches of ice to support the weight of the men plus their dog team and sled loaded with nets and a jigger.

Once a suitable bay was found the fishermen would cut a hole through the ice and drop in the jigger, a clever device used to string the nets beneath the ice. A jigger was a board about four inches wide by about five feet long with a two foot long slot cut down the middle. A spring loaded metal arm pivoted through the slot. A light rope was attached to a loop on one end of the arm, which when jerked would move the other end of the arm up through the slot with a sharp pointed end which would dig into the under surface of the ice. Slacking off the rope allowed this claw to drop down aided by the spring attached, then the next jerk would move the jigger forward about two feet. The board had a small metal keel on the underside to keep it moving in a straight line. The fish net was attached to the back end of the jigger and would be payed out as the jigger moved forward under the ice. The nets would vary from 100 to 150 feet in length, and were about five feet deep with a gill size of one and a half or two inches ideal for whitefish, the principal target of the commercial fisherman. The top of the net was spaced with cork floats and the bottom with lead weights which caused the net to hang vertically like a curtain as it was being jigged under the ice. The back end of the net was secured to a sturdy stick longer than the diameter of the hole in the ice while the jigger stretched the net its full length. The fisherman tracked its progress guided only by the sound of the claw as it bit into the underside of the ice. When all the net was in place the men cut another hole in the ice, retrieved the jigger and secured the front end of the net to another sturdy stick, then repeated the whole procedure 'til they had six or seven nets set. An overnight catch should yield at least 100 whitefish per net.

My mountie friends had been advised by the Federal Fisheries officers that several fishermen were actually jumping the gun and going out before the commercial fishing season officially opened. They correctly surmised that this was the source of the voices heard from the lake by 14 year old David Lamalice. Bill immediately contacted Harry Camsell, the local game warden, who grew up in the north and had years of experience on the lake. Harry agreed to join us and suggested we also ask Frank Isaac, an Indian trapper to lend his considerable experience. Next we needed transportation to negotiate the rugged south shoreline of the lake strewn with large rocks, plus hundreds of trees and roots cast up on shore by huge waves. Jack called Alex Arychuck, a local mechanic, who owned a Bombadier, a relatively new contraption built by the now famous Bombardier Co. It had the cab, motor, and drive train of a pickup truck, with a wooden cabin attached to the passenger cab. The front wheels were replaced by steel skis about four inches wide by four feet long. There were three wheels on each side at the back aligned in tandem, over which a ten inch wide rubber track with metal cleats rotated.

We loaded and secured my twenty foot freighter canoe on top the Bombadier, threw in a couple of two by ten planks, plus a fifty pound coil of quarter inch rope from the store. With mounties Jack and Bill plus Harry, Frank, Alex, and I we had quite a load. Following David's dogsled tracks eastward, Alex did a superb job of crashing his machine through the bush,

over logs, rocks, driftwood, sand dunes, and creek banks.

It was probably 8:30 pm when we reached the spot where David had been cutting wood. We shut off the motor and hollered into the north wind. Amazingly our first shouts got a response. We could not see anyone on the lake as the blowing snow limited visibility to less than a hundred yards. It was decided that Harry and Frank were the most qualified to attempt the rescue, having far more experience than we others in this type of situation. These two men earned my lifelong respect and admiration for volunteering to risk their lives in such a treacherous undertaking. Harry was almost fifty years old with a large family, nothing to gain, and everything to lose, should anything go wrong out on the pack ice. Frank also showed no hesitation in risking his life for one or more strangers whose voices were growing weaker in the howling north wind. My canoe was unloaded, ne end of the mile long coil of rope tached, then with flashlights and the two planks aboard, was pushed out onto the shore ice while I played out the rope. Bill and Jack kept calling to the voice on the lake to not give up as a rescue was in progress.

It is difficult for me to explain the danger, but it was significant. Beyond one hundred feet from shore the lake would be over six feet deep, so one false step could plunge Harry or Frank into the icy water. As they moved outward they used the planks to stand on while they pushed the canoe forward. At this time of year the waves coming from the open water further out drove the small ice flows toward shore and squeezed them together like a giant jigsaw puzzle. Unfortunately they don't fit like a puzzle so pieces of our four inch thick ice would be interspersed with patches of new ice, possibly only ne inch thick, filling in the spaces here the four inch pieces didn't fit snugly to each other. Making matters much more treacherous was the drifting snow which made four inch and one inch ice look alike to Harry and Frank. My canvas covered chestnut canoe got badly ripped on the jagged edges of ice but that was the least of our worries. We hoped the five thousand odd feet of rope would be long enough to reach the victim or victims. It was, but just barely. When they reached the source of the feeble calls for help, Harry and Frank found a young man standing petrified, unable to speak, and his entire body coated with ice. Another man, short, heavy and about sixty, was lying on his back motionless beside an open hole where one of them had obviously fallen through the thin ice into deep water. The rescuers tried to lift the old man into the canoe but his clothing was frozen to the ice. They had to use their hunting knives to free him. Harry knew it was too late to save the old man so he removed his own parka and put it on the younger man. Both men were loaded in the canoe and while Harry and Frank pushed from their planks, Bill, Jack, Alex, and I pulled them shoreward with the long rope.

We loaded them into the cabin of the Bombadier and began the frantic dash to the village. A small nursing station was operated next door to the Hudson's Bay store, by Miss Neville a courageous little English lady at least 65 years old, who as a registered nurse, single handedly cared for the health of 800 natives and the boom town inhabitants across the river. She had been serving in this capacity for over twenty years, and also conducted church services and Sunday School in the Anglican Mission nearby.

When we brought the two men in Miss Neville confirmed what we feared, the old man was dead. She tried to revive him by injecting a needle into his body but it was frozen so badly the needle could not penetrate. The younger man was given hot drinks, warm dry pajamas, some hot soup, and put to bed, still unable to relate how they got into such a predicament. By now it was after eleven o'clock in the evening so I went home, Jack drove Frank and Harry home, while Bill stayed at the nursing station with the survivor hoping to get a statement. However the young man was too weak and tired to be coherent

Next morning, about 8 am, I went over to the Nursing Station to see how the survivor was recovering. As Miss Neville greeted me at the door, I heard a loud voice from the nearby room yell, "Send that man in here." The young man reached up from his bed, grabbed my hand and exclaimed, "I'll never forget your voice as long as I live, you were one of the men hollering at us to hold on, last night on the lake." He told me of his incredible ordeal. He was about 25, of medium build with dark hair and eyes. His name was Douglas Bullied and he had immigrated from England in early fall. Looking for work with no success, he arrived in Hay River with little money but contacted one of the fish buying companies, probably Carter or McGinnis, I can't recall which, to stake him with fishing gear. The manager being concerned with his lack of experience, suggested that he consider a partner, thus he was introduced to Stanley Belinski, the old man, who just happened to own a dog team and had years of experience trapping and homesteading in the Peace River area, but little or no commercial fishing experience.

Douglas and Stanley became partners and staked by the fish buying company they headed west along the south shore of Great Slave Lake in search of a frozen bay where they could set their nets. They found a small bay about three miles west of West Channel village and by early afternoon had started setting their nets. Being inexperienced they took longer than they should have, and failed to notice that the wind had come up from the south. Suddenly they realized their ice flow which covered the small bay was drifting north away from shore.

Douglas estimated there was about 30 feet of open water between their ice flow and shore so he hollered at Stanley, "We have to go for it, either wade or swim before we get pushed farther offshore by the wind." Stanley panicked. "I can't swim and I'm not leaving my dogs on this ice flow" While they argued the ice moved slowly and steadily away from shore and they soon realized their only hope would be a shift in wind direction, that would push them back toward shore. Stanley reasoned that in the Territories the prevailing wind is usually from the north or north west, which could provide an escape.

However Stanley guessed wrong, the wind continued from the south and soon they had drifted about a half mile out in open water, on an ice flow no larger than two acres. They had their dog team and some food but no way to warm it. Douglas prayed that the wind wouldn't get any stronger as stronger wind produced bigger waves, which would surely start breaking up their ice raft.

As darkness fell they were still drifting in a northeasterly direction, farther and farther from shore. All through the night they huddled with their dogs and hoped the wind would not pick up. When daylight finally came they could see the shoreline in the distance which Douglas estimated to be three or four miles. On the second day the wind shifted to the north west and they started drifting slowly toward the mouth of the Hay River, close enough to hear dogs barking and vehicles horns. Their hopes were buoyed only for a few hours. As darkness fell another wind shift drove them north east away from the townsite.

By the third day Stanley was becoming unglued. With increased wind and bigger waves their two acre ice flow suddenly split in two pieces of similar size. Their unharnessed dogs were on the wrong side of the break, and were watched drifting helplessly away. The men saw airplanes flying high overhead to and from Yellowknife on the north shore, but realized the chance of being spotted was remote at best.

Later that afternoon the wind changed again, this time gusting from the north. They had already drifted well east of the river's mouth but at least they were moving toward shore. Eventually their ice raft, which had pieces breaking off all around the outer edges, was reduced to about 50 feet across. Finally near dark it pushed up against the shore ice which had extended to almost a mile off shore, consisting of small ice flows pushed together like the giant jigsaw puzzle I described earlier. Between the pieces of the puzzle were patches of water that had recently frozen. They still had their dog sled and decided to abandon the large flow they were on, by jumping from one small flow to another, hoping to reach shore. However as it grew dark at about 4 pm this became difficult as on several occasions either Stanley or Douglas would land on the new ice, often less than an inch thick and break through into the frigid water. Stanley was impatient and broke through several times, to be rescued by Douglas who also fell in a few times. Douglas couldn't recall exactly how many times they fell through but estimated at least ten for Stanley and five for him. He recounted that during Stanley's last mishap, they were both so exhausted and cold he could probably not pull him out so he kicked the dogsled over the hole in the ice, and with Stanley clinging to the sled managed to pull him out.

It was between these last few submersions that Douglas heard dogs barking and could see someone on shore. It was David Lamalice, the 14 year old woodcutter, who heard Douglas shouting for help and rushed to the village to tell me. Meanwhile Stanley was too cold, weak, and exhausted to get up on his feet after his final dunking. Douglas pleaded with him to get up but Stanley couldn't. He said, "Just let me rest a few minutes and I'll get up." In spite of Douglas's pleading he lay panting on the ice and in a few seconds his wet clothing had frozen to the surface. He didn't speak again and Douglas believes he may have perished from over exertion rather than by freezing to death. This was the situation when Harry and Frank reached them with the canoe.

After relating the whole story again for Bill Campbell's official police report Douglas remained in the nursing station for a day or two, but I later learned that he went back to the fish buying company, who agreed to finance him for replacement gear and he was back out fishing in a few days.

This experience occurred when I was 23 years old, I am now 80 so Douglas Bullied would be about 80 or slightly older. I was transferred to another Hudson's Bay store in Alberta in April 1951 and have not heard any more about him. I have lost track of Alex Arychuck and Constable Bill Campbell, both of whom were older than I, so perhaps they too are no longer alive. I reconnected with Jack Hunter many years later for a long friendship while he served as a Sergeant in Whitehorse Yukon. He later became a commissioned officer in K Division Edmonton, and subsequently was transferred to Ottawa as one of the senior officers in the RCMP.

The genuine heroes in this drama were Harry Camsell and Frank Isaac. To my knowledge neither received any formal recognition or decoration for their actions, nor did they expect any. The unwritten code of the north was "You help someone in need not for recognition but because some day you might also need help." Harry was born in Fort Simpson in 1902 so would have been 47 years old at the time of the rescue. He has no doubt passed away, never expecting or receiving the recognition he deserved. He comes from a famous northern family and the Doctor Charles Camsell hospital in Edmonton specialized in the care of

northern patients, was named after his uncle, a geologist who served as Deputy Minister of Mines in the Federal Government. My daughter was a nurse at the Camsell for many years and her husband also worked there as a social worker until the old hospital was closed.

Frank Isaac would surely not be alive as I write this in 2006. If he were alive he would be nearing age 90. He spoke English well and I am truly sorry that I did not keep in touch with either him or Harry by mail after I was transferred. He had attended the Anglican residential school in Hay River and could certainly answer my letters if I had only attempted to correspond with him. David Lamalice was the chief's son and upon his fathers passing would have probably received some consideration for the chief's position, but I have no idea if he ever became chief. He would now be about 71 years old if he is still alive.

There have been many tragic incidents over the years related to commercial fishing, both in summer and winter. I recall one when a snowmobile similar to the one Alex owned went through the ice and five men were lost. Fishery Department regulations were amended making it mandatory to carry at least two empty 45 gallon drums as flotation devices thus slowing the sinking process and allowing the occupants more time to escape.

The Historical Society of Alberta
Criteria for Awards

There shall be three type of awards given by the Historical Society of Alberta, viz., Annual Award, Award of Merit, and Honorary Lifetime Membership.

Annual Award

The Annual Award shall be presented to an individual for his or her outstanding contribution to Alberta history. To be eligible, the recipient must qualify in one or more of these categories:

a. Meritorious service to the Historical Society of Alberta over a period of several years;

b. Meritorious service to the preservation, promotion or development of Alberta's history over a period of several years;

c. Performance of a single action, deed or service which is of such significance, uniqueness, or magnitude that it ranks far above routine or regular actions, deeds or services.

Normally, no more than one Annual Award shall be given in any calendar year. Under no circumstances shall more than two awards be given in any calendar year.

The recipient of the Annual Award shall receive a suitably framed scroll from the Society.

Award of Merit

An Award of Merit shall be presented from time to time by the Society to any eligible business, corporation, society, government, church, or other corporate body.

To be eligible, the recipient must qualify in one or both of the following categories:

a. Meritorious service to the preservation, promotion or development of Alberta's history over a period o several years;

b. Performance of a single action, deed or service to the benefit of Alberta history which goes beyond the routine services expected of the recipient.

Normally, no more than one Award of Merit shall be given in any calendar year. The recipient of the Award of Merit shall receive a suitable scroll or certificate from the Society.

Honorary Lifetime Membership

An Honorary Lifetime Membership may be presented from time to time by the Society to an individual member or former member of the Society.

To be eligible, the recipient must have provided meritorious service to the Historical Society of Alberta over a period of years. The Honorary Lifetime Membership shall be given sparingly and will be most commonly awarded to a lifetime member who is retiring after having worked diligently for the Society.

The recipient shall receive a suitable scroll or certificate from the Society. He or she shall also receive all benefits of full membership in the Society, including the quarterly publication, without the payment of annual dues.

The Historical Society of Alberta
Annual Awards Program - Nomination Form

ı .ınation Procedure:

To be considered, each nomination must be accompanied by this nomination form, as well as any further information that may be relevant. **Deadline for nominations is March 15, 2011.**

Awards Categories:

The criteria describing each of the three award categories will be found on page11. Please indicate below the category chosen for this nomination:

_____ Annual Award _____ Award of Merit _____ Honorary Lifetime Membership

Name of Nominee: (Please type or print clearly)

Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms./or Organization: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: (Res.) _____ (Bus.) _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Names(s) of Nominator(s)):

Organization/Individual: _____

Contact Person (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

P Code _____

Telephone: (Res.) _____ (Bus.) _____ Fax: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

Please return completed from to: **Linda Collier, Chair,Awards Committee**
The Historical Society of Alberta
P.O. Box 4035, Station C, Calgary, AB T2T 5M9

Please provide information, where possible, in the following areas: (*If you need more space, feel free to attach other sheets, as well as any appropriate accompanying material*).

Brief Biography of Nominee: (250 words)

A description of why this person or organization is being nominated, their roles/accomplishments, and how these fit the criteria of the category you have chosen:

Other information or references that might be useful (if you wish):

Bulls, Brands & B.S. History and Humour from Alberta's Livestock Brand Inspectors

Hank Pallister with Joyce Pallister-Bronsch, Review by Brenda Etherington

This book is a delightful collection of historical facts, illustrations, "cowboy poetry" and personal memoirs about the livestock industry in Alberta. From the first 1000 head of cattle that arrived in Alberta in 1879 to the 1996 Western Stock Growers Centennial Cattle Drive of 2,200 head, the stories and poems are an entertaining way to learn about Alberta's history.

The first brand (71 on the left ribs) to be registered in the Northwest Territories was in 1880 by retired NWMP Percy Neale and Sam Steele. A still active brand (OH for cattle on the left ribs and horses on the left shoulder) was allotted to buffalo hunters Lafayette French and O.H. Smith in 1881. In 1882, the now famous Bar U brand was the 37th to be registered. "Between the years of 1989 and 1907, the number of brands registered increased to 45,000. Seventy five percent of the cattle died during the bad winter of 1906-1907 "resulting in many of the ranches going out of business".

How to cross a herd over a river, George Lane's percherons, the Calgary stockyards, the Horn Tax between 1935-1972 and the difference between cowboys and cowhands (drovers, waddies, cowpokes, buckaroos) are all covered.

The combination of historical facts about famous people, such as Colonel Macleod, Jerry Potts, Guy Weadick and the Sundance Kid, amusing tidbits like "Hat Etiquette" and personal experiences of brand inspectors from the 1950s to 2000 make this book an informative fun read.

Price: $26.95
ISBN: 978-0-9810034-2-9
2010, Pallister Publications
Binding: Paperback
Length: 240 approx

Smoke from the Branding Fire Early Ranch History of Western Canada

Hank Pallister with Joyce Pallister

Hank Pallister was raised on his father's ranch, at Turner Valley Alberta, the son of a recognized pioneer family. He lived his early life surrounded by the old-time cowmen and a world of fascinating stories. Later, as Coordinator of Brand Inspection for Alberta, Hank came to know many of the personalities that gave so much to the aura of cowboy life in the Canadian west. His experiences and knowledge of Alberta's cattle brand registrations and ranching history, its lore and memorable characters are recorded here in rich detail. Hank passed away in 2005 at the age of 79.

Paperback, 6×9 256pp b&w photos
ISBN 979-0-9810034-0-5 $27.95
Pallister Publications

Lingo & Lines from a Cowboy's Life and a Cowboys's Wife

Hank Pallister & Joyce Pallister

This collection of cowboy poetry celebrates the Western way of life from two viewpoints: the cowboy and the unsung hero, his good wife. Classic rhyme schemes echo idylls of the range, work, home and family. Alberta illustrator, Don Brestler, completes this compendium with his striking pen and ink sketches.

Paperback, 6×6, 88p
ISBN [illegible]8[illegible]003

Books & Websites

Will the Real Alberta Please Stand Up?

by Geo Takach

One little question propels author and reader on a genrebending quest to define the elusive essence of a Canadian province known for its sturdy stereotypes of oil-spoiled, beefeating, bible-thumping rednecks devoid of class or culture. Fascinated and frustrated by his Albertan home, Geo Takach uses any and every available means to answer this incendiary question. Through a kaleidoscope of research, interviews and colourful observations, he showcases the complexity and contradictions of this perplexing province.

Like Geo's 2009 documentary film of the same name, Will the Real Alberta Please Stand Up? rides roughshod through some treacherous terrain:

· Are Albertans down to earth or are they destroying it?

· Are they rednecks or radicals?

· Are they truly mavericks or are they more like sheep?

· Is Alberta a cultural backwater or a flowing fountain of knowledge and the arts?

· Just what does Alberta bring to Confederation besides transfer-payment cash, a tradition of opposition MPs and the odd case of mad cow disease?

ISBN: 978-0-88864-543-2
Price: CND$ 34.95, USD$ 34.95, £ 21
Discount: Trade
Subject: Alberta/History/Cultural Studies
University of Alberta Press

Heavy Burdens on Small Shoulders The Labour of Pioneer Children on the Canadian Prairies

by Sandra Rollings-Magnusson

The phrase "child labour" carries negative undertones in today's society. However, only a century ago on the Canadian Prairies, youngsters laboured alongside their parents' working the land, cleaning stovepipes, and chopping wood. By shouldering their share of the chores, these children learned the domestic and manual labour skills needed for life on a Prairie family farm. Rollings-Magnusson uses historic research, photographs, and personal anecdotes to describe the kinds of work performed by children and how each task fit into the family economy. This book is a vital contribution to western Canadian history as well as family and gender studies.

ISBN: 978-0-88864-509-8
Price: $34.95,
Discount: Trade
University of Alberta Press
Subject: Prairie History/Labour History/ Family Studies

The Beginning of Print Culture in Athabasca Country

Facsimile Edition & Translation of a Prayer Book in Cree Syllabics by Father Émile Grouard, OMI, Prepared and Printed at Lac La Biche in 1883 with an Introduction by Patricia Demers, Translator Patricia Demers, Naomi L. McIlwraith, Dorothy Thunder. Foreword Arok Wolvengrey. Introduction Patricia Demers

A signal event in the move from oral to print culture for the Cree was Father Grouard's prayer book, written in Syllabics and printed in 1883. More than a century later, Demers, McIlwraith, and Thunder reproduce the text, along with a direct English translation, a transliteration into the Standard Roman Orthography now in use as well as in nineteenth-century SRO. Demers offers an introduction to the work within its cultural framework; the translators together discuss Grouard's use of Cree Syllabics, which illuminates the difficulties this missionary-pioneer faced in transferring the nuances of one language to another in which he was an ardent learner. Cree history scholars, linguists, and anyone interested in print history would be well served by adding this influential work to their library.

ISBN: 978-0-88864-515-9
Price: $100,
University of Alberta Press
Subject: Canadian History/Native Studies

The Indian Commissioners

Agents of the State and Indian Policy in Canada's Prairie West, 1873 - 1932

by Brian Titley

Between 1873 and 1932, Indian policy on the prairies was the responsibility of federal government appointees known as Indian Commissioners. Charged with incorporating Native society into the apparatus of the emergent state, these officials directed a complex configuration of measures that included treaties, the Indian Act, schools, agriculture, and to some degree, missionary activity. In this study, Brian Titley constructs critical biographical portraits of the six Indian Commissioners, examining their successes and failures in confronting the challenges of a remarkable period in Canada's history.

ISBN: 978-0-88864-489-3
Price: $ 39.95,
University of Alberta Press
Subject: Native Studies/Canadian History

piko kîkway ê-nakacihtât

by Cecilia Masuskapoe

The Plains Cree title of Cecilia Masuskapoe's collection of personal reminiscences, cultural and historical narratives is piko kîkway ê-nakacihtât: kêkêk otâcimowina ê-nêhiyawastêki. It can be translated into English as "There is nothing she can't do: The reminiscences of Cecilia Masuskapoe, published in Cree." A very accomplished woman at the tender age of 92, Cecilia Masuskapoe has been a resident of Saskatchewan's Ahtahkakoop First Nation since the 1940s. Her mastery of traditional skills such as tanning hides and making birchbark boxes is surpassed only by her gift for story telling in her Native language. Plains Cree is also the first language of editor Freda Ahenakew, who was born and raised at Ahtahkakoop.

ISBN 978-0-921064-21-3
$30
University of Manitoba - Voices of Rupert's Land Fund
http:/creeliteracy.org/events.htm
Ordering Instructions
piko kîkway ê-nakacihtât is Volume 21 of the Algonquian and Iroquoian Linguistics Memoirs Series. Price is $30.00; prepayment by cheque is required. Credit card payments are not accepted. Mail orders to:
Voices of Rupert's Land
c/o Dept. of Linguistics
University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba
Canada R3T 5V5

The Historical Society of Alberta Awards

Annual Awards

1961 Eric L. Harvie, Calgary
1964 James G. MacGregor, Edmonton
1964 Hugh A. Dempsey, Calgary
1965 Kerry Wood, Red Deer
1966 Grant MacEwan, Calgary
1967 Frank Anderson, Calgary
1968 Dr. Jack W. Chalmers, Edmonton
1969 Bruce B. Peel, Edmonton
1970 Malvina Bolus, Winnipeg
1971 Richard Y. Secord, Edmonton
1972 T.R. "Pat" McCloy, Calgary
1973 Alex Johnston, Lethbridge
1974 Dr. Lewis H. Thomas, Edmonton
1975 James Gray, Calgary
1976 Bruce Haig, Lethbridge
1977 Georgeen Barrass, Calgary
1978 Catharine Whyte, Banff
1979 Jim Parker, Edmonton
1980 Dr. Lewis G. Thomas, Edmonton
1981 Grant L. Weber, Calgary
1982 Balmer Wat Family, Edmonton
1983 Sheilagh Jameson, Calgary
1984 Alan Ridge, Edmonton
1985 Lillian Knupp, High River
1986 Mel Hurtig, Edmonton
1987 Carlton Stewart, Lethbridge
1988 William Peters, Calgary
1989 Jim Carpenter, Lethbridge
1990 Charles Denney, Edmonton
1991 Isabel Campbell, Grande Prairie
1992 Elise Corbet, Calgary
1992 Arlene Borgstede, St. Albert
1993 Betty Dahlie, Calgary
1995 Peter D. Hawker, Edmonton
1996 Harold Mitchell, Smoky Lake
1997 Roberta Ryckman, Calgary
1997 Allan Armstrong, Red Deer
1999 Raymond Maisonneuve, Donnelly
2000 Gerald M. Hutchinson, Edmonton
2001 Georgia Green Fooks, Lethbridge
2002 Pauline Feniak, Warspite
2002 Fred Schutz, Rimbey
2003 F. Marie Dorsey, Edmonton
2003 William Baergen, Stettler
2004 Richard H. Shockley, Lethbridge
2004 Hon. Thelma Chalifoux, Morinville
2005 Clarence (Clancy) Patton, Calgary
2006 David Bly, Calgary
2007 No Awards
Recognition of 100 Contributors
2008 Senator Joyce Fairbairn
2009 Hon. Peter Lougheed
2010 E.J. (Ted) Hart
2010 Tony Cashmen

Awards of Merit

1993 Lac La Biche Mission Historical Society, Lac La Biche
1997 The Lethbridge Herald, Lethbridge
1999 Smoky River Genealogical & Historical Society, Smoky River
2000 Viking Historical Society and The Town of Viking, Viking
2001 Old Strathcona Foundation Edmonton
2002 The Alberta Pioneer Railway Association, Edmonton
2003 Big Valley Historical Society
2004 Fort Edmonton Historical Foundation
2005 Alberta Aviation Museum Association
2005 Alberta Prairie Railway Excursions
2006 Gem of the East Museum Society
2007 No Award Recognition of 100 Contributors
2008 The Confluence Heritage Society
2009 The Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta
2009 The Great Canadian Plains Railway Society
2010 Legacy Magazine

Honourary Lifetime Memberships

1962 E.S. George, Edmonton
1963 Hugh A. Dempsey, Calgary
1968 James Gray, Calgary
1977 Georgeen Barrass, Calgary
1995 Fred G. Holberton, Calgary
1999 Sheila Johnston, Calgary
2000 Morris Flewwelling, Red Deer
2000 Allen and Shirley Ronaghan, Edmonton
2001 Carlton (Carly) Ross Stewart,Lethbridge
2001 James A.N. Mackie, Q.C., Calgary
2002 Helen LaRose, Edmonton
2005 Jack and Enid Fitzsimonds
2006 Ralph L. Erdman, Lethbridge
2006 F. Marie Dorsey, Edmonton
2007 No Award
2008 No Award
2009 Dr. Geoffrey J. Wilson
2010 Donald Hepburn

HISTORICAL TRIPLE "E" CONFERENCE

Lethbridge Historical Society

2011 Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Historical Society of Alberta

May 27—29, 2011
Lethbridge, Alberta

Lethbridge Historical Society

P.O. Box 974
Lethbridge, AB T1J 4A2

for AGM/Conference schedule see page 15

Peace Country Historical Society

Write to: **10105 - 94 Avenue, Grande Prairie, AB T8V 0K7**
by **Campbell Ross**, President

Great News!!! On September 30th we received notice of our successful application to the Community Iniatitives Program for a grant to assist with the publication of the first in a planned series of Historical Maps of the Peace.

On October 15th we held a very successful second lecture in the Peace Country Historical Society Lecture Series: Monkman Pass Memorial Trail, presented by Kreg Alde of Beaverlodge. There were over fifty in attendance at the lecture held in the Grande Prairie Regional College. Our third lecture will take place on February 5, 2011 entitled Steamboats on the Peace, presented by Laura Gloor, Museum Coordinator of Peace River Museum and Archives. We are planning our fourth lecture which will hopefully be a presentation of our first publication to be launched at our Society's AGM in April 2011. Consideration is being given to the cold-case mystery of Grande Prairies Mass Murders of 1918 as our fifth lecture in the Fall of 2011.

On October 30th the Board of Directors held a planning meeting to assess existing activities and organizational arrangements for the Society and to consider improvements. Opportunities were identified for future lectures as well as shorter presentations within regular meetings. The Board decided to not hold general Society meetings in months in which occur a presentation in the Lecture Series. The Board also gave consideration to:

a. providing non-HSA Associate Membership in Peace Country Historical Society for regional heritage groups, so that we might be in ongoing mutual sharing of minutes of activities;

b. investigating logistics of Fall historical bus tours of the Peace, including overnight to such points as Fort Vermilion;

c. designing a Society brochure; and

d. acknowledgement that we need to work at inter-chapter communication with the Society.

In November we took the first mock-up of the complete contents of our first publication, *The Edson Trail 1911-1916*, the first in the planned series of Historical Maps of the Peace as referred to above, to the printers. Expected printing of 1000 copies within the next few weeks. Book launch is planned for April as previously indicated. With respect to the next publication, the *Long Trail/The Athabasca Trail 1880-1916*, we hope to collaborate with the Grouard & Area Historical Society on this project.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in April and Luce Campell has indicated that she is willing to continue as Vice-President, while taking on fresh graduate studies, and Daryl White has not so far refused to consider the idea of taking on the leadership in the Spring. With Janet Peterson as our anchor, we will be in good shape. A new Treasurer will be needed. The work will not be large, but we will need to be diligent in light of recording and reporting associated with the publication.

Friday, May 27th
4:30 to 7:30 pm - Lethbridge Lodge Hotel Lobby
Delegate registration
7:30 to 10:00 pm - The Galt Museum
Edwardian themed Eat & Greet

- *Delegate registration continues*
- *Light Supper & refreshments*
- *Book Fair*
- *Museum Exhibits open*
- *Edwardian dress welcome*

Saturday, May 28th
8:00 to 10:15 am - Lethbridge Lodge

- *Delegate registration continues*
- ***Breakfast***
- ***Annual General Meeting** of the Historical Society of Alberta*

10:45 am to 4:30 pm

***EXCURSIONS (guided bus tours)** with lunch and museum admissions included:*

- *Excursion #1: **Prairie Tractor & Engine Museum Society** Visit their "heritage park" site near Picture Butte AB for lunch, a presentation on their history, and tours of indoor and outdoor attractions.*
- *Excursion #2: Visit a Southern Alberta **Hutterite Colony** for lunch, a presentation about their community and a tour, with other destinations and stops as time permits.*

ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES:
Self-guided Walking and Driving Tours.
Maps and guides of the City of Lethbridge Will be included in each registration package.

***The Galt Museum** is open to delegates for the duration of the Conference.*

6:00 to 10:30 pm - Lethbridge Lodge
***The Annual Banquet** of the Historical Society of Alberta*
***Speaker:** Historian **Dr. Sheila McManus**:*
"From the Erotic to the Explosive, Local History is never Exclusively Local."

Sunday, May 29th
9:00 to 10:30 am - Lethbridge Lodge

***Breakfast** with **Dr. Ray Huel**: Presentation on Father Van Tighem*

10:30 to 12:00 noon - Lethbridge Lodge

- *Heritage Fair Presentations*
- *Silent Auction Finale*
- *Closing Remarks*

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
Please complete the attached registration form and mail it to the address indicated. Late registration charges apply after May 6th.

***CANCELLATIONS?** Sorry! No refunds after May 20th.*
***QUESTIONS?** Call Marion Snowden at (403) 327-2662 or email: marion.snowden@xplornet.com*

Historical Triple "E" – Lethbridge 2011
Full registration includes Friday Eat & Greet, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Banquet and Sunday Breakfast. Extra tickets are available for accompanying persons.

☐ Full registration(s) @ $100.00	$_____
☐ Late registration(s) @ $110.00	$_____
☐ Excursion # 1 @ $50.00*	$_____
☐ Excursion # 2 @ $50.00*	$_____
☐ Extra Eat & Greet @ $20.00	$_____
☐ Extra Breakfast – Saturday @ $25.00	$_____
☐ Extra Banquet – Saturday @ $45.00	$_____
☐ Extra Breakfast – Sunday @ $25.00	$_____
Total:	_____

Name(s)

Address

City, Postal Code

Phone

Method of Payment
☐ Cheque ☐ Money Order

Lethbridge Historical Society

To Register—Please detach form and mail with cheque or money order to:

Historical Triple "E" - Lethbridge 2011
P.O. Box 974

Make Cheque/Money Order Payable to Lethbridge Historical Society

***NOTE** – The Bus Tours run concurrently. Please choose only one. Cost not included in full registration*

Chinook Country Historical Society

Write to: **311, 223 12 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB T2R 0G9**
by **Shona Gourlay**, President

CCHS had its third program of the season on Tuesday, November 23, 2010. It was a lecture on Annie Glen Broder (a Calgary music teacher), presented by three speakers and a singer! We also had very interesting lectures on eugenics in Alberta, and Alberta literature. December was our Christmas lunch and musical entertainment by Eggs & Chips , at Fort Calgary. Several speakers have already been lined up for the 2011-2012 season. Laurel Halladay, our program director, is leaving the board; Chelsea Clark has agreed to take over the position next year. We extend our thanks to Laurel for all her work in organizing speakers for our Tuesday evening programs.

It was also the twentieth anniversary of Historic Calgary Week this year. As with past years, many hours of work and people (120 volunteer planners, presenters and event assistance) were required to host/present this event. Approximately 3500 people attended 58 events (mainly walking tours and lectures). The volunteers were celebrated at a volunteer appreciation event on October 21. Val Jobson has been contracted again to act as project coordinator for Historic Calgary Week 2011.

CCHS had a display booth at the Calgary Public Library's Heritage Weekend November 5-7, manned by some of our wonderful volunteers. The event was held at the main branch downtown, and had a variety of historians, authors, artists and educators were on the program.

We are hoping to have a greater presence in Calgary's Heritage Fair in 2011. Alan Macdonald, of Heritage Park in Calgary, is coordinating the event this spring. He gave a short presentation on the upcoming fair at the November 23 program, and mentioned the importance of getting young people interested in history. Hopefully, there will be some volunteers from CCHS ranks. We are hoping to have a 'mini-fair' of the 2011 winners at one of our Tuesday evening programs in the Fall.

The Alpine Meadow Stream

by Bryan J. Smith, Cowboy Poet,

As I cup my hands together so as not to leave a seam
And sip some Godly nectar from an alpine meadow stream
I know what they were meaning, those Sons of Pioneers
When they sang of cool clear water way back so many years

Soon this little trickle matures into a creek
With gravity to guide it for adventure it will seek
Babbling forward peaceful as night gives way to dawn
A herd of elk are drinking, then swiftly they are gone

The little brook gets swollen as it stops to rest
Against the work of beavers interrupting there its quest
A family of these rodents, the largest of their breed
Have built themselves a beaver lodge, stocked with winter feed

To share this pristine swimming pool, a solitary moose
Its head submerged in water, antlers draped in marshy sluice
The stream continues onward spilling down the valley floor
Growing even larger as it's joined by many more

Until majestic mountains yield themselves to wide expanse
Past falls and canyon rapids staging thrilling circumstance
Where kayaks test their resolve, ride the roar that it's become
Human laughter echo, nature's challenge there for some

Across the plains the fledgling river slowly starts to steer
But soon a modest helping is diverted by a weir
That feeds a farming district at the mercy of the rain
Now blessed by irrigation prompting agriculture gain

It isn't too much further, a city looms ahead
With thirst that's never ending for the river's water shed
Who quench's so benevolent the urban appetite
And reimbursed with sewage, discretely kept from sight

But miles of rolling tumble nearly cleans the water clear
Before more skyline scrappers, ahead are looming near
Not always does consumption seem justified or wise
Wasteful entertainment ignores conservation cries

Beyond the Great Lakes it finds rest in the deep blue sea
The pull of earth no longer, the river is now free
To rise into the heavens as a misty kind of dream
Then fall back to a trickle in an alpine meadow stream

Lethbridge Historical Society

Write to: **PO Box 974, Lethbridge, AB, T1J 4A2**
by **Belinda Crowson**, President

The Lethbridge Historical Society commenced its Fall 2010 meeting and program schedule with a trip to Barons on the evening of September 28th to visit their impressive History Centre, housed in what was formerly St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and to learn about the activities and plans of the very active Barons and District Historical Society. Following our October 26th meeting, Stirling resident Jack Hicken gave an excellent overview of the events leading to settlement of the communities of Cardston, Magrath, Stirling and Raymond. And most recently, after our Annual General Meeting on November 23rd, Farley Wuth chronicled the history of the ranching frontier and Pincher Creek's commercial development in an illustrated talk. Our "Celebrating Southern Alberta" series continues in 11 with post meeting presentations on ethbridge Mayhem" (Belinda Crowson, January 25th), "Answered and Unanswered Questions of Medicine Hat History (Philip Pype, February 22nd), "Homesteaders of the Nobleford Area" (Julie Pike, March 22nd) and "Taber, The Early Years" (members of Taber Toastmasters, April 26th).

The 2010 Alex Johnston Lecture was presented on Thursday, November 18th by Dr. Elaine Wheaton, a Distinquished Research Scientist at the Saskatchewan Research Council and an Adjunct Professor of Geography at the University of Saskatchewan. Her lecture was titled New Water Issues in New Climates: Lessons from the Past, Signals for the Future. To celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Lecture Series, a special guest, Bryan J. Smith, Cowboy Poet, presented some of his work including a poem written especially for occasion, "The Alpine Meadow eam". A copy of the poem is on Page 16 of this newsletter. The evening was well attended despite adverse weather and the presentations much enjoyed.

The Society's Annual General Meeting on November 23rd received a report from the Book Committee. Three books were published in 2010: This is *My Country* by Garry Allison, *We Don't Talk About Those Women* by Belinda Crowson and *The Alberta Stretch of the Milk River* by Johan Dormaar. Grants from the counties of Lethbridge, Cardston, Warner and Forty-Mile placed 205 copies of each the Allison and Dormaar books in school, college/university and public libraries across Southern Alberta (border to border) and a private donation enabled copies of Belinda Crowson's book to be given to the 33 libraries in the Chinook Arch regional system. Two books are in progress for 2011.

The LHS Monuments and Markers Committee (co-chaired by Carly Stewart and Jean Johnstone) reported that 18 bronze interpretive plaques were unveiled during Historic Lethbridge Week in May, 2010 and that eight plaques are being prepared for the 2011 program. The City of Lethbridge Heritage Advisory Committee (chaired by Jean Johnstone, LHS nominee) reported that 12 properties have been designated as Municipal Heritage Resource with more being worked on from an inventory of 50 on the Municipal Inventory.

Also received and approved were the Treasurer's Report, President's Report and Newsletter Report. Copies of written reports are being filed with the HSA office.

A Nominations Report was presented and the following slate of officers was approved: President: Barry Snowden, Vice-President: Sheila McManus, Secretary: Carol Megaw, Treasurer: Judy Robins. Two Council Members were elected (by acclamation) to three year terms: Amy deValois and Lana Lonseth. They join Marion Snowden and Carly Stewart (continuing to 2011 AGM), and Bobbie Fox and Irma Dogterom (continuing to 2012). The Executive Committee also includes as non-voting members: Book Committee Chairman: Bill Lingard, Historian: Velda Sjovold and Book Sales Coordinator: Joe Kadezabek.

A major priority for 2011, in addition to those mentioned in the foregoing, is the Historical Society of Alberta Conference and AGM to be held May 27th to 29th, our Historical Triple "E" Conference. We are continuing to add "e-words" to our lexicon for this extraordinary event with effervescent enthusiasm.

Enough? Let me add just a very special thank you to President Bill Baergen for his visit on the occasion of the launching of Johan Dormaar's book on October 20th, for his meeting with our Executive and for his remarks which we so appreciated that we published them in our October Newsletter.

Central Alberta Historical Society

Write to: **c/o Red Deer & District Museum**
4525 47A Avenue, Red Deer, AB. T4N 6Z6
by **Sheila Bannerman**

A New Year, yet again! 2010 ended with a great Christmas party, thanks to hard work by Don Hepburn and Iris Loewen. Four members of the Lindsay Thurber High School jazz choir serenaded us during dinner, and historical readings were followed by a short carol sing accompanied by a pictorial power point, enjoyed by all.

The highlight of the evening, however, was the presentation of the Chapter Volunteer award to Bill Baergen. When the program committee began thinking about who might be the deserving character, we were astounded to learn that Bill had never received this award, so our choice was crystal clear. Bill's contributions, not least his sense of humour, have been a major part of the CAHS for many years. The speech outlining Bill's achievements can be read in full in the next CAHS newsletter, but I will include one astounding feat here: "Bill also brings history to life. Many of you will have seen his portrayal of Louis Riel making his final address to the jury during his trial for treason in 1885, a performance which Bill had delivered on over 75 occasions around the province." Congratulations, Bill.

At the CAHS offices (so far a fictional construct) we are moving into the second half of an informative and fun program year. Following Nancy Millar's talk on the 'Famous Five' in October, which featured a delightful readers' theatre, we saw local historian Tony Maxwell's film 'Searching for the Queen's Cowboys' in November. This film is a skilful blending of photographs, readings and travel photography that follows the path of Canadians fighting in the Anglo-Boer War. We are looking forward to our upcoming programs, the next being about North Red Deer, which is celebrating its Centennial this year. Many people don't know that North Red Deer was a completely separate municipality until as late as 1948, and as such has its own distinctive character and history.

The CAHS publications committee has been working on digitizing our publications, where it seems appropriate to do so. The big news at this time, is that Bill Baergen's book *Pioneering with a Piece of Chalk* has just been newly added to the digital list at www.ourroots.ca/toc.aspx?id=13236&qryID=65613958-bb4b-4982-b997-188a4510e91 Please check it out!

We would like to wholeheartedly thank the City of Red Deer for its support of the Arches project, demonstrated most recently by completion of the landscaping. It looks quite majestic, and at night, makes a delightful statement. Fundraising from major donors, in several categories beginning at $3,000, has now begin in earnest — if you are interested in donating to the Arches fund, please contact Bob Lampard at j.robert.lampard@gmail.com. Donors will be recognized on the Arches, for posterity. In memoriam donations will be recognized as such.

And finally, what is a New Year at the CAHS without a new tour? Don and Bill Mackay have been working on a tour called "Living in the Triangle' which will explore various peoples' attempts to live within the Palliser Triangle. If you don't know what that is, or where it is, or think you probably don't know as much as Don and Bill, then this is the Tour for you! The tour will take place June 7-19, 2010.

For more details...keep in touch. Enjoy the winter; it will be over one day!

Donations Thank You

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Edmonton & District Historical

Write to: **Queen Alexandra School, 7730 106 Street NW, Edmonton, AB T6E 4W3**
by **Bud Squair**, President & **Tim Marriott**, 1st Vice President

With the summer activities on the shelf, we are still operating the History Centre in the Queen Alexandra School. This offers history stories and activities in a specially themed setting for elementary school children throughout their class year. Also, our speaker series continues to attract as our November speaker revived one persons memories of early hockey. Our speaker for January 25 is Debbie Shoctor, archivist of our Jewish Archives and Historical Society of Edmonton, speaking on the early migration of the Jewish community to Edmonton. February 22 will feature Baldwin Reichwein speaking about child protection services in Edmonton – 1900 to 1971. Then we have JohanneYakula for March 29, speaking on historical features of the interiors of historic buildings. April 26 is the EDHS AGM and our speaker is ın Scafe of the Edmonton Radial ıilway Society who will present pictures relating to the focus and vision of that society.

Very shortly, all material for the Alan Vanterpool book on our historic railroads will be ready for the printer.

We are looking into a revision of our web site. And as indicated earlier, we are continuing to deliver about 450 EDHS newsletters to libraries, archives and seniors' drop-ins. Let's not forget that we do need volunteers on our Board.

Edmonton and District Historical Society Annual Christmas party and programme

The EDHS annual Christmas party and programe was held Tuesday 30 November, 2010 at the Edmonton Petroleum Club. A total of sixty five people enjoyed a sumptuous dinner while enjoying one of the highlight events in EDHS's calendar. The service was impeccable, and Christine Prokop, who organized the event, had ensured that the Christmas theme was well represented.

The evening includes a cocktail hour, dinner, and a guest speaker, part of the EDHS Speaker Series. There is also souvenir programe, a raffle, and an eagerly anticipated historical quiz, over the completion of which the various tables of diners compete, in hopes of winning a Christmas themed prize. This year's quiz had an Edmonton sports history theme, to complement the speaker's talk. The winning table included Linda Collier, Ron Williams, Kathy Reith and Kathryn Ivany. Talk about stacking the odds!

The guest speaker was Dr. David Mills of the University of Albert Department of History and Classics. His talk was on winter sport in Edmonton, specifically Edmonton's early and more recent hockey history. An Edmonton team challenged for the Stanley Cup as early as 1908 (one of four and the final Stanley Cup challenge in that year), and challenged again in 1910 and 1923. Hockey was played with seven players a team on the ice, no forward passes and no blue lines. Dr. Mills also explored Edmonton's women's hockey history, demonstrating that its origins were contemporaneous with the men's game.

The EDHS event started the Christmas season with a wonderful evening; the chapter's next event is the continuation of the Speakers Series in January.

Welcome new members (continued from page 2)

Dave Tetz, Linden
James Berry, Linden
Peter Hunt, Carstairs
Richard Schaefer, Red Deer
Murray Steele, Vermilion
Margaret Barr, Calgary
Shelley Chomistek, Medicine Hat
Margaret Lane, Claresholm
Darla McDonald, Landon
Andy Hart, Claresholm
K. E. Giebelhaus, Vegreville
Lou Bracko, Calgary
Carleen Jenkins, Calgary
ıe/Norm Dubois, Innisfail
ve Waldren, Edmonton
Janine Carroll, Armena
Lucy Lohr, Meeting Creek
Donald Brown, Cluny
Frances Forrest, Coronation
Roxanne Guenthner, Hanna
John Syratt, Calgary
George Shreeves, Edmonton
Doreen House, Camrose
Doris Hirsch, Camrose
Betty MacArthur, Fairview
Dolores Reisinger, Camrose
Ken Hoppins, Huxley
Clare Stankievech, Trochu
Tammy Belleville, Calgary
Joyce Ing, Carstairs
John Thornewell, Whitecourt
Paula Fejzullai, St. Paul
April Boyko, Edmonton
Rundle College Academy, Calgary
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Michele Borden, Airdrie
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Paulette Maloney, Redcliffe
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Julia Cook, Red Deer
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Penny Davidson, Delburne
Lester Johnson, Grande Prairie
Ray Teghtmeyer, Pouce Coupe, C
Paul Sutherland, Calgary
John Visser, Calgary
Bob Moreton, Grande Cache
Dave Wideman, Sherwood Park
E. W. Miller, Lacombe
Dr. Merrill Distad, Edmonton
Dr. David Mills, St. Albert

HSA Calendar 2010

Jan 25 **CCHS** To the Grandmother's Land: The Nez Perce in Canada, by George Kush, 7:30 pm Ft. Calgary.

Jan 25 EDHS Debbie Shoctor, archivist of our Jewish Archives and Historical Society of Edmonton, "The arly migration of the Jewish community to Edmonton".

Feb 22 EDHS Baldwin Reichwein "Child protection services in Edmonton,1900-1971.

Feb 22 **CCHS** Larger Than Life: Alberta Volunteers in the Anglo_Boer War, 1899-1002 - Sheila Bannerman. 7:30 pm Ft. Calgary.

Mar 22 **CCHS** AGM 5:30 pm. Dinner 6 pm. Location TBA.

Mar 29 EDHS JohanneYakula"Historical features of the interiors of historic buildings".

April 26 EDHS AGM guest speakerDon Scafe, Edmonton Radial Railway Society presents pictures relating to the focus and vision of that society.

Apr 26 **CCHS** Being Good Sports: Fish & Game Conservation in Alberta - George Colpitts. 7:30 pm Ft. Calgary.

PCHS check the website www.albertahistory.org/peacecountry

HSA Crossword

This crossword puzzle devised by Jennifer Prest

Answers to Oct #24 newsletter crossword

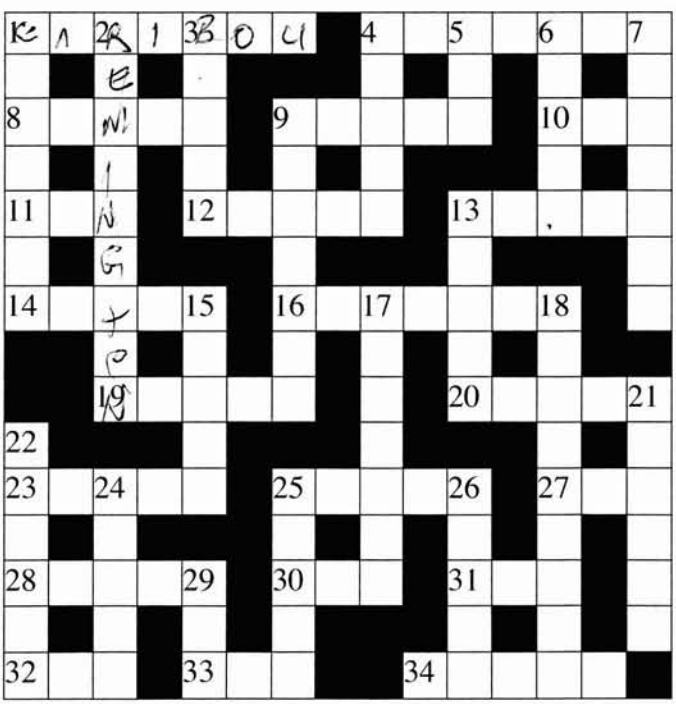
Across

1. Albert; 4. Stewart; 8. Banff; 9. Wheat; 10 Pan; 11. Roc; 12. Epcor; 13. Annie; 14. Atoms; 16. Yorkton; 19. Drone;20. Nisku; 23. deWit; 25. Crows; 27. Hai; 28. Acres; 30. A.C.; 31. Ail; 32. Gad; 33. Elk; 34. Ted

Down

1. Alberta; 2. Bon Accord; 3. Rifle; 4. Sheer; 5. Eat; 6. Aspen; 7. Tunnel; 9. Wacky; 13. Acton; 15. Scott; 17. Robson; 18. Nose Hill; 21. United; 22. k d Lang; 24. World; 25. Clark; 26. Slave; 29. Ste.

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. Reindeer; arctic deer
4. Northern Alberta Cree
8. A shrub with a red berry
9. A valuable violin (abbr.)
10. A life-saving manoeuvre on a train? (Initials)
11. A motel of yore
12. British thespian, Dame ____ Evans
13. A hamlet west of Calgary
14. Alberta's 11th premier
16. Prosperity; victory
19. Prominent Calgary lawyer circa 1900
20. See 19 across
23. David B. _____, first President of CNR
25. Flotilla; swift
27. A hearing aid?
28. Ancient Scandinavian script
30. A donkey; fool
31. To glide across the snow
32. A town on Great Slave Lake, ____ River
33. Type; category
34. Alberta's harmless garter _____

Down

1. W.H. _____, Alberta's first Minister of Public Works
2. _____ Carriage Museum in Cardston
3. Lac la _____
4. An alpine tree
5. MP and Senator, ____ Olson
6. A town 115 km northwest of Hinton, Grande _____
7. A town 155 km northwest of Red Deer
9. Once the manager of the North West Cattle Company, Fred ___
13. Okotoks' river, the _____
15. A city on the Black Sea where the Allies met in 1945
17. In the south east of Alberta, the _____ Hills
18. A town 80 km southeast of Camrose
21. A perennial found in Alberta
22. Airdrie's Bert ____ High School
24. Ralph Klein challenger in 1992, ____ Betkowski
25. Site of a disaster in 1903
26. Balladeer Ian ____
29. Caesar's 102