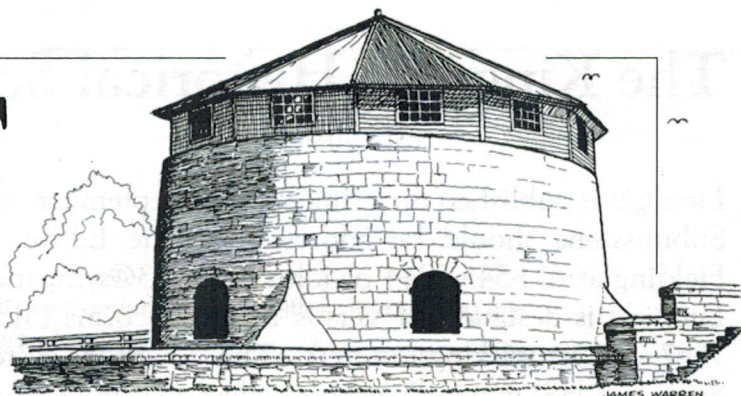


# LIMELIGHT

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



At our AGM on February 18, President Ed Grenda introduced the Past Presidents of the Society who were in attendance: Lou Grimshaw, Warren Everett and Bill Fittsell. He then informed the membership of the regrets of another former President who was out of town, Brian Osborne. As well, in an

appendix of the AGM Report was a list of all of our previous presidents from 1893 to the present: a vivid and impressive reminder of the commitment to Kingston, to the Society and to the preservation of Kingston's history and heritage by so many in the past 116 years.

The faces may have changed but the spirit and dedication to the KHS mandate and objectives are still a vibrant dynamic force within the Council. With

the four new members, Dorothy Farr, Peter Ginn, Jeremy Heil and Ross McKenzie bringing their expertise to the table and our returning members, you may be sure that we have a strong, accomplished and seasoned Council.

When many think of the Kingston Historical Society they envisage the presentation of scholarly papers, the operation of Murney Tower National Historic Site, the January 11 and June 6 Sir John A. Macdonald events. However the post AGM book launch of the Parker Journal, edited by Robert Andrews and Rosalyn Parker Art, emphasized another thrust of the Society which is to assist in the preparation for publication of books related to Kingston history. Further, the Society supports the Historica Fair and other outreach activities and partnerships within Kingston and the region. I look forward to working with Council in carrying out the traditions, mandates, and objectives of the Society and thank you, the membership, for giving me the opportunity to be your President.

*Alan MacLachlan*

### THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Wednesday, 18 MARCH, 7:30PM

Rodney Carter

"Agreeably surprised and more than pleased:  
The Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph,  
the Hotel Dieu Hospital and Regiopolis College"

Wilson Room, Kingston Public Library  
Johnson St. at Bagot

Refreshments    All Welcome

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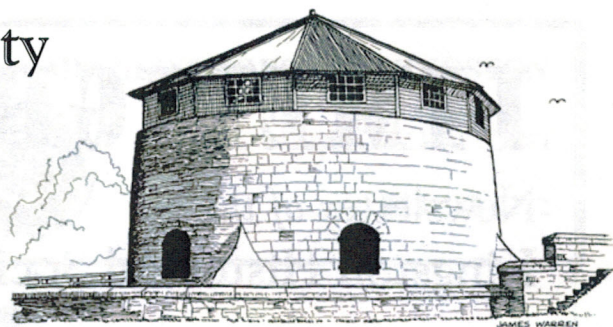
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Murney Tower by James Warren

KHS holds monthly talks or events, usually at 7:30 pm on the third Wednesday of the month, September to May, usually in the Wilson Room of the Kingston Public Library on Johnson Street at Bagot Street. Special annual events include a dinner and talk honouring the birthday of Sir John A. Macdonald in January and a ceremony marking his death in June.

**New members are welcome!** Membership rates are \$40 individual, \$50 family, \$50 institutional or \$25 student. Memberships include *Historic Kingston*, published annually by The Kingston Historical Society.

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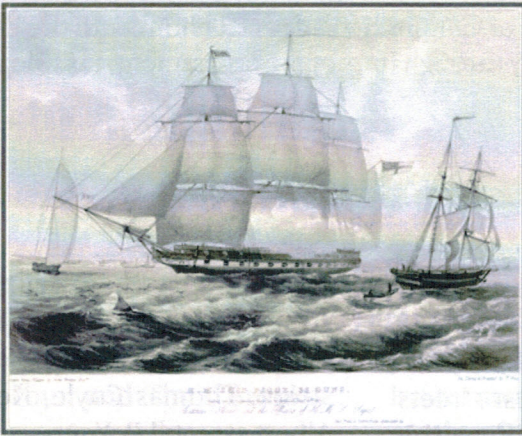
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## KHS Council for 2009

*Back, left to right* - Robert Andrews, Elizabeth Andrews, Ted Huber, John Whiteley, Dorothy Farr, Ross McKenzie, Gordon Sinclair

*Front, left to right* - Edward Grenda, Alan MacLachlan, Doug Petty, Peter Ginn, Jeremy Heil





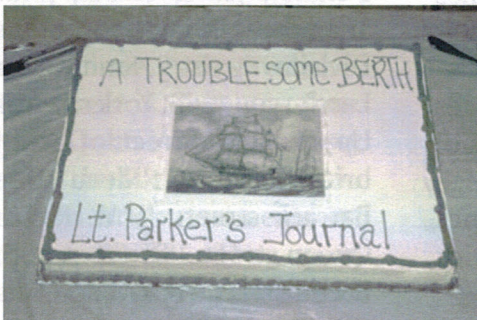
National Maritime Museum, Greenwich

Presented to  
Robert J. Andrews & Rosalyn Parker Art  
at the Launch of  
*A Troublesome Berth:*  
*The Journal of First Lieutenant Charles Allan Parker,*  
*Royal Marines:*  
*The Canada Years 1838 - 1840*  
on 18 February 2009  
by the Kingston Historical Society  
in recognition of their contribution to Canadian history

This special certificate and a cake with the image of Parker's ship, HMC Pique in 1837 were presented to Bob and Rosalyn at the Annual General Meeting on February 18 2009.



Bob Andrews was much in demand to sign copies at the launch of *A Troublesome Berth: The Journal of First Lieutenant Charles Allan Parker*. Bob was happy to sign a copy for KHS treasurer, John Whiteley.



Celebratory cake for "A Troublesome Berth" book launch. Parker's ship HMS Pique is pictured on the cake

Signed copies of  
*A Troublesome Berth: The Journal of First Lieutenant Charles Allan Parker*  
will be on sale for \$40.00 at our next meeting,  
Wednesday, 18 March.



# The Daily Whig Special Number December 1886

In this month's *Limelight*, I have transcribed an article from page 10 of Carl Fechter's Special Number to the Daily Whig. Fechter supplies some interesting statistics showing the growth the city through its property assessment, taxable income and article as they exist in the modern era.

Next month, "OLD TIME CITIZENS" as recalled by Carl Fechter  
Peter C. Ginn

## MANY HANDSOME RESIDENCES.

Probably the handsomest residence in the city this year is that of James A. Hendry, the wholesale grocer. It is on the corner of King and West streets and will cost about \$12,000. Donald Fraser has also built a pretty house on King street at a cost of \$5,000, and Joseph Upper is remodelling his place at a cost of \$4,000. On George street, near the general hospital, W. Newlands, jr., has erected a spacious mansion. It cannot have cost less than \$6,000, and his father, G. Newlands, sr., has flanked his house on Princess street with another one on the north side of a very imposing design. Its cost will be in the neighbourhood of \$3,000.

No part of the city shows greater improvement than that lined by Gordon street. It is certainly the spot for the snuggest of residences, and is rapidly filling up. Among the newest buildings are those of William Elliott costing ..... F. Davis, two brick dwellings worth \$1,200 a piece; John McCartney and A. Gallinger, fine brick houses.

On Brock street also many improvements have taken place. Valuable brick houses have been built by S. Chapman, A.W. Stevenson and R. Cluxton, a terrace of three; James Connors, two, and Samuel Jenkins, two. All these are estimated to have cost from \$1,200 to \$1,800 each. Phoebe Taylor has built two brick and roughcast dwellings which merit special note for their tasty appearance.

Crossing over to the upper end of Johnson street we found many evidences of prosperity. Squalid tenements have given place to attractive homes of frame costing from \$600 to \$1,000 each. The owners are: William Gates, J. W. Crowley, T. Rutherford, R. Dickenson, P. Haffner, James Fowler, James Godwin and John Rutherford. James Boyd and R. Filtz have erected brick dwellings on the same street.

## HOMES IN VICTORIA WARD

In Victoria ward the new buildings were numerous. John McArthur has a neat frame house on David street; and Edwin Charles has added another on Division street. Theo. Allan and Abram Hoppins have nice residences on Herchemer street, while James Allen, Edward Burke and Alfred Simmonds have helped to fill up the spaces purchased by them on Livingston avenue with elegant frame buildings, and R. Sergeant and W.S. Gordon have in turn added to the appearance of Frontenac street. All these houses have not cost less than \$1,000 each.

Crossing into Rideau ward a person is surprised at the change that has taken place. We found many frame buildings, not already indicated, and located

as follows; C. H. Powell, Division street; John Calback and James Calback, Bell, two handsome residences on street; Thomas Coyle, Neslon street; Albert street; J.B. Youreux, Alfred street; \$3,000 residence on Princess street well. S. Lee, Frontenac street, V. Marshall, Albert street, have each built to \$1,500 each.

## RESULTS IN

Much activity was noticed in Cataraqui parts of them there have been many. They are to be rated at from \$500 to parties and located on the following street; William Hubbard, Allen street; company, Rideau street; Edward Ben Magdalen street; John Maloney, two street; D. Corrigan, two, North street; Delaney, James street; John Burtch Truesdale, John street; S. Cannem, Division street; J. Smith, two, Pine street; Landeryou, two, York street; G.T. Sw Upper Bagot street; David Jones, brick house on Rideau street, and Barrack street. H.W. Richardson Queen street. The cost of them run Barrie street Mr. William Fee has cost the broom factory, and on Colborne costing \$1,000 each. P. Lyons has house on the site of those burned last spring Gorman has erected two small brick has put up two on York street. The Connolly fills up the corner of Sydney \$4,000 expended for this structure houses under the same roof on the cost of \$3,000, and the corner of Orange greatly improved by R. Newman, with a detached house, below the house cost of this improvement is \$3,000



December 1886. This article describes the numerous residential buildings erected around Kingston in that year. At the end of the year, the population growth over the previous ten years. Jennifer McKendry has kindly provided photos of three of the residences in the

et; W. King and H. Stover, Victoria  
 , Chatham street; W.P. Bell and R.C.  
 econd street; J. McBride, Princess  
 W. Rogers, four, and Thos. Brooks,  
 David Gibson, grocer, has erected a  
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 Allinson, Albert street, and John  
 brick houses, costing about \$1,000

#### NO WARDS.

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 small but comfortable homes put up.  
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 streets: Joseph Carrington, River  
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 t, John T. Whitehead, Alex. Mitchell,  
 George street; W.J. Watson, Rideau  
 D. Andeson, Bond Head street; M.J.  
 John Lee, D. Moore, H. Bates, W.  
 Barrett, Cherry street; J. Campbell,  
 et; Joseph Dennee, Park street; J.C.  
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 C. Crowley has built two stone

dwellings on Ordinance street and Mrs. Stratford two brick dwellings on  
 York street. Mrs. Lark spent \$1,500 on a house on Clergy street. She has a  
 pretty place.

In St. Lawrence ward T. Ronan built a new store and residence, Bagot street,  
 costing \$1,800, and Dr. F. Fowler is now erecting two brick dwellings on  
 Clergy street. Mrs. Brannigan improved her premises on Princess street to  
 the extent of \$1,500. Dr. Anglin has a stylish residence on Earl street in  
 Sydenham ward.



Dr Anglin's "stylish residence" is 52 Earl Street, 1886, architect Power & Son, in an exotic Moorish style.

In 1886, Joseph Upper spent \$4,000 remodelling  
 his house at 81 King St. East to the designs of  
 William Newlands (attribution by J. McKendry)  
 with "half-timbering".



In 1886, the Hendry House, "probably the  
 handsomest residence in the city this year"  
 was built for \$12,000 at 95 King St. East in  
 the Queen Anne style by Power & Son.

*Photographs and captions by Jennifer McKendry.*



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND BOOK LAUNCH

## FEBRUARY 18, 2009



Photos by Peter Ginn unless noted otherwise

Proud editor Bob Andrews about to launch Parker's Journal, "A Troublesome Berth".

Secretary Ted Huber recording the minutes of the AGM.

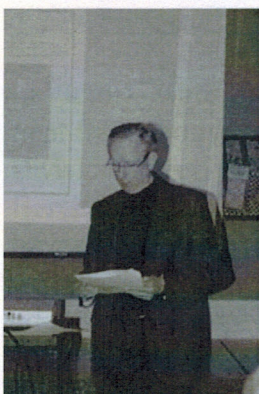


Members gathered to consider the motions presented at the 18 February AGM and to hear Bob Andrews's presentation on his new book.

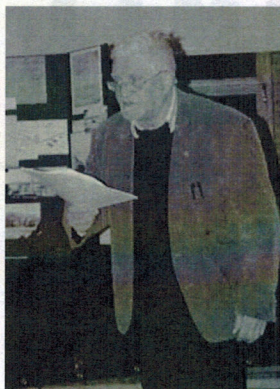
Ed Grenda presided at the meeting as the outgoing KHS President and Master of Ceremonies.



Treasurer John Whitely presenting successfully his financial report to the ociety members at the AGM.







Maurice Smith, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, introducing the returning and new members of council.



Town Crier Chris Wyman announced with flair the official launch of "A Troublesome Berth" .



Ed Grenda presenting a certificate of merit from the Society to Bob Andrews at the launch of "A Troublesome Berth".



Jennifer McKendry, the designer of Parker's Journal, contrasted the use of pen and ink by Lt. Parker in 1838 to today's digitalized publication and, as well, read passages from the book. (supplied photo)



Alan MacLachlan, the Society's new President, explained some of the history and events leading up to the 18 February "A Troublesome Berth" launch. (supplied photo)



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