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Editor

### **PRESIDENT DESMOND O'MEARA**

In this issue of THEN, we honour our new President, Dr. Desmond O'Meara, lately our Treasurer and general toiler in the historical vineyard.

Desmond was born in Daingean, Ireland, took his BSc in Trinity College, Dublin and his PhD in Chemistry from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. Married to our Society's first lady in 1953, they came to Canada in 1958. They have raised six children, now scattered from Edmonton to New Jersey. Retired in 1989 to devote more time to sailing, he and Margaret moved to Portsmouth from Montreal.

We wish Desmond and Margaret well in life and in their respective roles for our Society.



*A French Carignan-Saliers soldier 1665*

### **OUR FEBRUARY MEETING**

On Wednesday 18 February, we welcome Gordon Smithson as our guest speaker. His talk will be about The Coal Merchants of Kingston.

The meeting is at 7.30 pm in the Wilson Room, upstairs in the downtown Kingston Public Library, 130 Johnson Street. Be sure to come and bring a friend, 'cause newcomers are especially welcome on cold winter nights.

The next Executive Meeting will be one week earlier, 11 February, at Fort Frontenac at 7.30 pm.

### **TAX RECEIPTS FOR DONATIONS**

Former Treasurer Desmond O'Meara advises that all donations in 1997 (over and above membership fees) have been acknowledged with a tax receipt to the donor. If, by chance, a donor has been overlooked, please call him at 546-5439 to obtain one.

If you are not yet a donor, your financial contribution to the Society will always be warmly welcomed.

### **YOUR HELP WITH PUBLICITY**

Our Society's publicist, Margaret Moore O'Meara, would appreciate your help in suggesting more effective ways



to publicize our Society's meetings and, indeed, the Society itself. In particular, if you have experience in the marketing field, you might like to share your expertise with her or help her in setting up a promotional committee. Call her at 546-5439.

### **NEW MEMBERS GALORE**

Robert Hilderley and Susan Hannah share a new family membership in our Society. Robert, of course, is proprietor of Quarry Press and Susan is a graphic designer in the same enterprise. We also warmly welcome Martin Reeve to the fold. David and Lynne Warren return to membership. David writes for the Ottawa Citizen, having returned from assignments in India, Egypt and Israel. Tina Warren also rejoins our membership from her home in Toronto. She is Director of Corporate Relations for Coca Cola. We are delighted that Rona Rustige has rejoined us from Belleville (see story below). New members include Roy and Cynthia Bonazza and Nancy Stephenson. We look forward to seeing you all at our meetings.

### **GENEALOGISTS HO!**

The Kingston Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society will meet in the Wilson Room of the Kingston Public Library, 130 Johnson street, on Saturday morning, 21 February at 9.45 am. Barbara Winn, a Quebec researcher, will present 'Reciprocal Genealogical Research' looking at the Powley Family in Ontario from Quebec. Visitors are always welcome at this friendly gathering.

### **TREASURER NEEDED!**

At present, our Society is without a Treasurer, no volunteer having come

forward. This is obviously a most important task, though not an especially onerous one to anyone with a well-organized mind and a rudimentary knowledge of arithmetic. If you can help, please come forward and earn our undying gratitude. If not, it may be necessary to engage a professional at a cost we can ill afford.

### **CHEERS TO OUR NEW EXECUTIVE**

First it was the postal strike; then the teachers strike; then the holiday season; then the ice storm; then the lengthy wait for power to be restored; then the alleged dalliance of people in high places with people in low places.

The election of the Executive and Council of the Kingston Historical Society for 1998 can hardly be expected to make headlines, but the matter is important to us, even if it does not appear on CNN.

For your information, we present the complete new line-up on a separate page of this issue. We also include the names of members who are responsible for the various functions of our Society. It is the Society's intention to share responsibilities more equitably, both to reduce the workload on individuals and to train new people in jobs that, for too long, have been assumed by the same hard-working individuals. Please volunteer and give us a break.

### **CAN PROGRAMS BE REVITALIZED?**

Largely by default, Jim Warren (your humble editor), has assumed the additional role of Vice President Programs. You should be warned that he is not a great fan of dry lectures, particularly if delivered by inaudible speakers accompanied by murky slides on subjects of limited interest. While he welcomes your suggestions



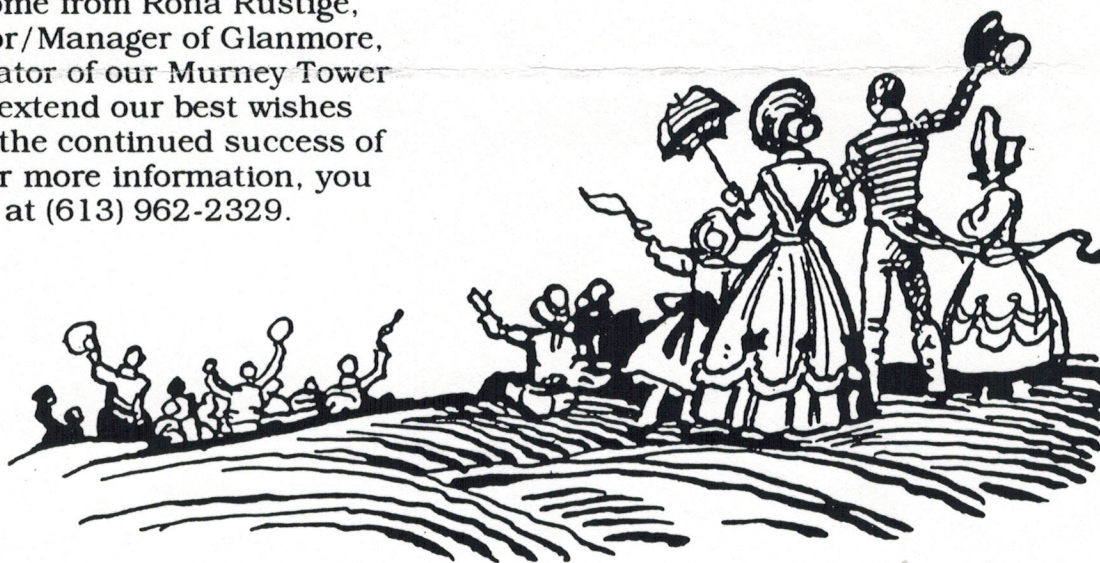
for more imaginative treatments of our historical mandate, his intention is to consider more contemporary topics, and to seek out guest speakers who can bring history very much alive, perhaps in costume, perhaps of greater appeal to younger prospective members. (Editor: Perhaps membership fees could be reduced for young people).

### **GLANMORE HOUSE IN BELLEVILLE**

Quite the most beautiful and elaborate Victorian house in Belleville is the 1883 Glanmore at 257 Bridge Street East. Formerly the Hastings County Museum, it has become the property of the city of Belleville and with that has come a name change to Glanmore National Historic Site. It continues its mandate to collect, preserve, exhibit and interpret objects from the Belleville region, as well as furnishings and accessories which relate to the house itself.

Restoration of the building has cost \$340,000, half from the federal government under its National Cost Share Program, available only to National Historic Sites. Many other donors included the Salaman Estate Bequest.

Much of the leadership in the project has come from Rona Rustige, who is Curator/Manager of Glanmore, and once Curator of our Murney Tower Museum. We extend our best wishes to her and to the continued success of Glanmore. For more information, you can call Rona at (613) 962-2329.





## 1998 EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL

The following folk were elected at the  
Annual Meeting of the Kingston  
Historical Society 28 January 1998:

Past President	Lou Grimshaw	549-2500
President	Desmond O'Meara	546-5439
Vice President Museum	Ed Grenda	544-3715
Vice President Programs	Jim Warren	544-7410
Vice President Publications	Jim Warren	544-7410
Treasurer	awaiting a keen volunteer	
Recording Secretary (Acting)	Ed Grenda	544-3715
Correspondence Secretary	Bill Fittell	549-8354
Editor, Historic Kingston	Donald Redmond	546-7728
Editor, Newsletter THEN	Jim Warren	544-7410
Members of Council (6)	Bea Corbett	544-7165
	Terry Hicks	389-3930
	Doug Petty	546-0422
	Jack Pike	546-9187
	Stewart Renfrew	545-2378
	Marjorie Simmons	542-9847

## SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

Here is a list of members who are chiefly responsible for our various Society activities, with a warm invitation that you offer to help in your area of interest by calling the appropriate person. Most committees meet as the need arises:

Membership	Margaret Burdsall	531-8948
Publicity	Margaret Moore O'Meara	546-5439
Programs	Jim Warren	544-7410
Nominations	Bill Fittsell	549-8354
Plaques	John Grenville	549-0812
Sir John A. Macdonald Service	George Henderson	545-2378
Greeters and Social	Bea Corbett	544-7165
Murney Tower Museum	Ed Grenda	544-3715
Awards	Jack Pike	546-9187
Historic Collections	Doug Petty	546-0422



*There are three faithful Friends—an old Wife,  
an old Dog and ready Money.*