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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - JANUARY 22, 1992

The Annual General Meeting of the Kingston Historical Society will be held in the Wilson Room, Kingston Public Library on Johnson Street, commencing at 7:30 p.m. Please note this meeting is on the fourth Wednesday of the month, January 22nd.

The agenda for the business part of the meeting will follow the order of business as set out in the society's constitution, and will include brief reports from the Executive Officers and committee chairpersons.

The Nominating Committee will present the slate of candidates for 1992 requesting and receiving any further nominations from the floor.

Following election of the new Executive and Council by the assembled members, the 1992 President will preside over the regular programme for the evening.

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THE PROGRAMME

Kingston designer Jim Warren will be our speaker, and his topic is "A Civic Museum for Kingston". Jim will be addressing a subject he has put much thought and effort into, and his presentation should prove provocative. He is a member of the Murney Tower Museum Committee, and has produced several displays and posters for the Society in the past year. He last spoke to us at the 1991 Annual General Meeting. He has chaired the Publicity and Promotion Committee for 1991. Program chairman Bill Fittell advises there will also be a side feature: A "show and tell", with a number of participants lined up to entertain the members.

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At our November meeting, Dr. Margaret Angus presented a most interesting illustrated talk entitled "Alwington House". As usual for Dr. Angus, a large and appreciative audience was in attendance, and they were not disappointed. Her well researched paper took us from the house's construction in 1833-34, through its years as Government House in 1841-44 to

its demolition in 1959. A member of the audience, Stephen Manders, added much to the evening by describing his experiences visiting the house in his youth.

Dr. Angus was introduced by Al Cohoe and thanked by Bill Scott.

SOCIAL EVENT

On December 11th, in Memorial Hall, Kingston City Hall, the Society hosted what could only be described as a "smashing success". Billed as a year-end-get-together, it was all of that and more. A splendid festive table to delight the palate, and John Grenville, Superintendent of Bellevue Historical Park, delivering a most suitable illustrated talk to wind up this centennial year of Sir John A. Macdonald. Entitled "In Memoriam: Kingston Mourns Sir John A. Macdonald", his address was far from the mournful sounding title. Indeed, many of the slides had not been seen by the audience, and the text covered some little-known facts.

President Isobel Trumpour introduced the speaker, and presented a Canadian token (1812) found at Sir John's gravesite, to Bellevue House. The speaker was thanked by Bill Fittell, who ably tested the audience's literary skills in their ability to complete quotations by or about Sir John.

Many thanks to Bellevue House and the Society Executive for this splendid occasion, and to all the members and friends who attended.

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"SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD, 1815-1891: A REMEMBRANCE"

If you haven't already ordered or purchased your copy of the Society's centennial memento, do so before February 1, 1992. The price until then is \$18.00 after which it will be \$20.00. Much favourable comment has been heard already, and sales are progressing well. It is though that this volume is the only one published in Canada in this centennial year, about Sir John.

To order:

Send your name, address and cheque or money order to: Kingston Historical Society, P.O. Box 54, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 4V6, Attention: Book.

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For your convenience, the book may also be purchased at our meetings, as well as at the Law Office of Bogart Trumpour, Q.C., 89 Clarence St., Kingston, telephone 613-548-7728.

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HAPPY NEW FORMAT

A fresh new year provides an opportunity to present a new logo for the Kingston Historical Society, and a new format for our Newsletter (what, you haven't noticed?).

Why "THEN"? Our masthead has two connotations: "THEN" suggests the past, as in "What were things like then"? But "THEN" also suggests causality: this happened "THEN" things were different.

We hope you are pleased. Jim Warren, Chairman, Promotion/Publicity Committee.

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The end of my term has come, and I look back on my two years as President with great admiration for the members of the Executive and Council, and with great appreciation for the members who have made all our ventures such a resounding success. The care and precision with which all the work was done set a high standard for the future.

With many fine speakers over the two years, I was particularly pleased that the speech at my final meeting was the splendid address by Dr. Margaret Angus and that the year of Sir John A. closed with the outstanding presentation by John Grenville.

There will be one or two changes in the new Executive and we pay tribute to the retiring members. We thank Past President Wally Breck whose active interest in history continues to inspire us. We thank our retiring bulletin editor Joe Boucher, whose newsletters for the past three years have been without equal, and we thank Bill Fittell for all those interesting meetings he produced as our program chairman. We will greatly miss Fred McConnell, a valued member and true friend.

The new year brings with it a new Executive with fresh ideas and exciting plans for the K.H.S. All good wishes for a wonderful 1992! Isobel Trumpour, President.

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A GIFT TO THE SOCIETY

In December, 1991, Sister Audrey Mantle, Provincial Supervisor, Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph, presented a gift to the Society in the form of a recently published book. The book "Jerome La Royer de la Dauversiere - His Friends and Enemies", officially launched in November, 1991, is an historical biography of a man born in La Fleche, France in 1597, and who died there in 1659.

This is the story of the life of an exemplary layman, the foundation and growth of the congregation of his Daughters of St. Joseph (Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph), and the founding of Montreal. The congregation of hospital sisters established hospitals in Montreal and in Kingston.

The book, the first publication in English on the life of the founder of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph, was authored by Henri Bechard, S.J., who died in March, 1990. The publisher is the Apostolate for Family Consecration John Paul II, Holy Family Centre, Box 51, Bloomingdale, Ohio U.S.A., 43910. Copies are available at the Provincial House in Amherstview.

President Isobel Trumpour, acknowledging this valued gift, said in part "it is a fine addition to our historical knowledge, and we do congratulate you and thank you".

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FROM QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TECHNIQUES

January 27, 1992 - Introduction to Archives - Anne MacDermid.

Planning research strategy (Use of reference tools and planning for research trips to other repositories and general discussion of use of archival finding aids. George Henderson.

NOTIS Search (Use of the terminal for subject and author searches) - Anne MacDermid.

January 28, 1992 - Photographs, Repography, How to handle documents - Margaret Bignell.

Discussion of various means of photographic reproduction, problems of old photographs, reproducing from printed material and printing from microfilm.

January 29, 1992 - Archival Citations

- Dr. Shirley Spragge
A discussion of the methods of citing archival materials (in books, articles, theses, and essays). The use of credit lines.

January 30, 1992 - Copyright Freedom of Information/Privacy - Paul Banfield.

All sessions will be held in Kathleen Ryan Hall, Room 202, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

If you plan to attend, please telephone 545-2378.

FROM THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Kingston Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society will meet in the Wilson Room of the Kingston Public Library at 130 Johnson Street, on Saturday, January 18th, 1992 at 10:00 a.m.

Professor Wallace Breck, Past President of the Kingston Historical Society, will demonstrate how to embellish a family history with his historical talk on "Irish Origins". His use of legends, myths, magic places, charts, maps and illustrated slides promises an entertaining meeting.

Visitors are welcome and are invited to join with members who lunch at one of our local restaurants after the meeting.

KINGSTON WINTERFEST

Phil Quattrocchi reports full steam ahead for this delightful winter break - February 7, 8, 9, 1992. This year, a reconstruction of Fort Frontenac will be a featured part of the program, to be erected on Block "D" on the waterfront (slightly removed from its original location!). Watch the local papers for final details.

"COLOUR IT LOUGHBOROUGH"

Shirley Gibson Langille reports that the above celebration of the art, history and architecture of the

township, held October 26 and 27, 1991, helped raise over \$1,000 for an Art Scholarship at Sydenham High School.

ONTARIO HERITAGE WEEK 1992

The Honourable Karen Haslam, Minister of Culture and Communications invites you to join us in celebrating Ontario Heritage Week 1992 February 17-21. The slogan for 1992 is: Ontario Heritage: Naturally!

Please feel free to use this slogan freely and with pride on any promotional literature. The Strength of Heritage Week has always been local participation in celebrating our heritage. In that spirit, municipalities throughout Ontario have been requested to publicly proclaim February 17-21, 1992 as Ontario Heritage Week. In the near future the ministry will be mailing posters and information kits to heritage organizations, libraries and multicultural, First Nations and other community groups, to assist in celebrating Ontario's rich and diverse heritage.

The Ontario Historical Society is sponsoring a number of symposia and seminars in early 1992, which may be of interest to members: "Heritage Gardening Today", Saturday, April 11th; "Let's Bake Bread", February 28 and 29, are but two of them. For further details contact: - Lorraine Lowry, the Ontario Historical Society, 5151 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 5P5, 416-226-9011.

MEMBERSHIP

The Society extends sincere sympathy to Major Frank Milledge and his family on the death of his wife Saturday, December 28, 1991.

The Society welcomes new members George and Harriet Jeffrey (Harriet was 1991 President of the Lennox and Addington Historical Society), and Mr. and Mrs. John Pike, all of whom are the first new members for 1992. Welcome to your Society.

**FROM THE FILE OF THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG
- JANUARY, 1892**

Saturday January 9th - Hon. Wilfred Laurier, leader of Her Majesty's Opposition, will address a mass meeting in City Hall, Tuesday, 12th January at 8 o'clock.

Monday January 11th - Hockey in the covered rink, Queen's vs Military College Wednesday, 13th January at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday January 20th - The ice in the harbour is about 6" thick this morning. T.A. Hatfield drove over from Garden Island in a cutter this morning, making the first trip of the season.

A NOTE ABOUT 1992 DUES

The membership will vote on a proposal to raise the dues at the Annual General Meeting. The projected rates are:

Family - \$40; Individual - \$35.00; Student - \$25.00;
Life - \$350.

There will be no "Senior" category in the new schedule.

Time will be provided after the vote for those who may wish to pay their 1992 dues.

Since this is my last issue, I would like to thank the members and Executive for allowing me the privilege of producing this newsletter for the past 3 years. If you enjoyed reading the newsletter as much as I have in putting it together, my goal will have been accomplished. Good new and best wishes to the new editor. Joe Boucher

Does Kingston need **ANOTHER MUSEUM?**



*At its Annual Meeting, the Kingston Historical Society
elects new officers, members for its advisory council and
considers the need for a museum of Kingston's history.
James Warren outlines the idea with slides to illustrate.*

WHEN: Wednesday 22 January 1992
at 7:30 pm

WHERE: Kingston Public Library
Wilson Room upstairs



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