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WEEP NOT FOR ME

For our April meeting, we welcome back Dr. Jennifer McKendry, who will speak on the Rural Cemetery Movement: Cataraqui Cemetery. The rural garden cemetery evolved during the first half of the nineteenth century as an answer to overcrowded and unhealthy urban churchyards, often the result of typhoid and cholera epidemics. Cataraqui Cemetery was founded in 1850 as a non-profit company by Kingston business and professional people. Its more than 100 acres of beautiful hilly terrain and fascinating monuments have been captured by Jennifer's camera, while her knowledge of its history will interest everyone.

Jennifer McKendry took honours in Fine Art from the University of Toronto, an MA in Art History from Queen's and her PhD in Art History from Toronto. She has had a broad career as teacher, curator, historian, photographer and writer. Her illustrated book *Weep Not For Me* about Cataraqui Cemetery, may be enjoyed for just \$15.

OUR VISIT TO STAUFFER LIBRARY

For our March meeting, we were guests of Queen's Stauffer Library with its Chief Librarian Paul Wiens as our genial host. The new building is splendidly bright and roomy, a welcome change from the dark and crowded Douglas Library, which will be renovated to receive the Special Collections which delight historians. The Stauffer is, of course, a product of the electronic age, riddled with jacks into which each student, teacher and member of the computer family can gain access to networks of information on every conceivable subject from every conceivable spot on this small, blue planet. Awesome, man! The basement also houses Queen's large collection of maps and aerial photographs, but no means of making large copies without scotch tape. For smaller copies, you can purchase a credit card at the front desk to save that tedious search for small change. There are cosy reading rooms with automated gas fireplaces, free from the distraction of crackling logs or the smell of woodsmoke. Enjoy.

BOOK SALES AT MEETINGS

Your executive has approved the sale at our meetings, by the author, of historical books which may be of interest to our members. If you have been recently published and wish to share your triumph, advise Joe Boucher at 548-8181 and set up a little table at the entrance. A poster, cash box and change are warmly recommended.

SECRETARY STILL WANTED

Frank Milledge and Fred McConnell have bravely consented to fill in as Society secretary under the present emergency conditions, but they would dearly like to be relieved of the task. If you can and are willing to assist in the job of keeping minutes of our executive meetings, you will gain the undying gratitude of us all. PLEASE!

KATHLEEN RYAN 1903-1995

Queen's Archives lost their most generous benefactor with the death in March of Kathleen Ryan, after whom their building is named. She was the younger sister of Charlotte Whitton, fleshy mayor of Ottawa in the fifties. Taking her Arts degree from Queen's in 1926, she married Frank Bryan, a radio pioneer and pursued her own career as reporter, broadcaster, a breeder of Aberdeen Angus cattle and participant in hackney horse shows. When her Ottawa radio station CFRA expanded in the 1980s, she gave her old transmitter to Queen's CFRC, later giving a half million dollars to the renovation of a former medical building to facilitate the University Archives, a treasure house for all of us. We honour her memory.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Because membership in the Kingston Historical Society barely pays the cost of such benefits as Historic Kingston, this newsletter, rental of our meeting space and other costs, the federal government does not permit the Society to issue receipts for income tax purposes. On the other hand, donations in excess of membership fees are eligible. Consult treasurer Desmond O'Meara for details.

EXECUTIVE BRAINSTORM

At our March executive meeting, President Bill Fittsell provided an opportunity for those present to suggest ideas for making our official deliberations more efficient and effective. Generally, the executive and council were content with the way things are. One suggestion is for those having specific responsibility for a particular department of the society and, presumably, the most knowledge of it, to bring clear recommendations for action to the meeting in the form of a formal motion. Thus, after brief relevant discussion, decisions can be expedited rather than being mired in lengthy conversation.

Another suggestion was to have a task force set up specifically to generate creative ideas for the rejuvenation of our Society.

ATTRACTING YOUNGER MEMBERS

One of our most pressing needs is to attract younger people to our membership. Parents with young children and college students are among those we should be seeking to attract. Our present membership fees are just sufficient to cover our costs, and such sources as government grants are declining. Despite this, our membership fees are too high for unemployed students, single parents or those living under the threat of layoffs.

Here is an opportunity for our newsletter readers to present some imaginative ideas for resolving this dilemma. How can we carry out our important mandate in the financially restricted conditions of the end of this century? Put your ideas in writing and send them to Editor Jim Warren at 17 Richard St., Kingston K7M 2J3.

AWARD COMMITTEE

As mentioned last month, our Award Committee was to be augmented by another member to facilitate an annual changing of the guard. We are pleased to announce that our Major Lou Grimshaw has stepped forward to serve as additional member, to replace whoever steps down this year. He and subsequent members will serve a three year term.

To assist them, please submit your nominations on the *Award* form included in our March issue, indicating the sterling qualities in your nominee which justify your support. Thank you.

MOLLY BRANT VOLUNTEERS

Shirley Spragge has written to commend us for planning a celebration and memorial to Molly Brant on the two hundredth anniversary of her burial in St. Paul's Churchyard on 16 April 1796. Thanks to the initiative of Bishop Allan Read, Molly Brant is now included in the Anglican Calendar. While much planning has been done by the Society, further action is stalled for want of a committee chair. Perhaps a person with the leadership qualities and good heartedness of someone like, say, Shirley Spragge?

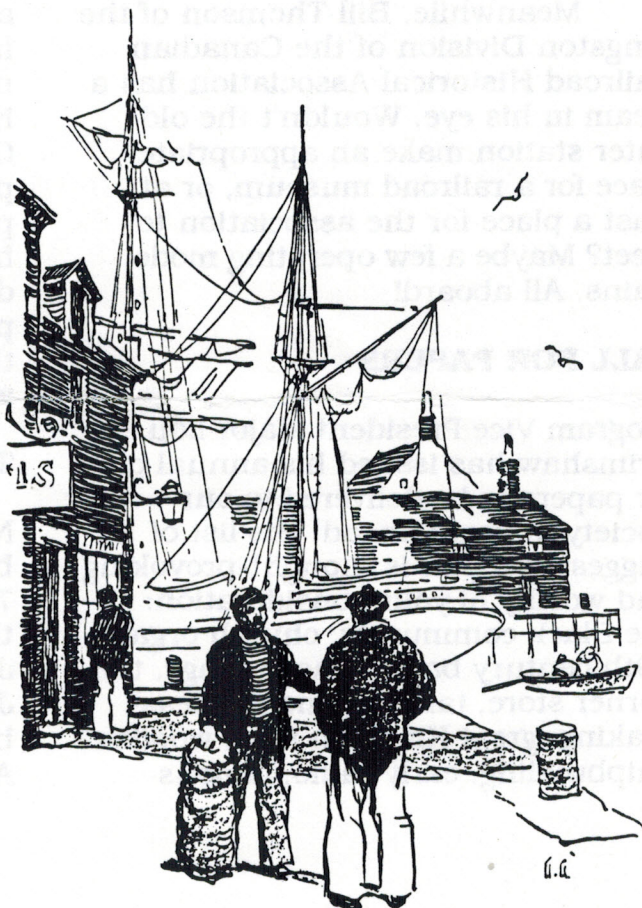
OUR FINANCIAL STATE

It had been hoped that we could present a simplified version of our financial position in this newsletter as a basis for presenting the 1995 budget. While our finances are in good order, thanks to Treasurer Desmond O'Meara, presenting the case simply is not so simple. We will try again next month.

KINGSTON HERITAGE FAIR

Our Society will have a booth in the Heritage Fair, to be held at RMC on May 26 and 27. Your editor/designer/general dogsbody, Jim Warren has undertaken to concoct a suitable exhibit which, in present thinking, will include an eight foot replica of Murney Tower upon which will be mounted an enlistment poster to recruit students into our ranks (but see my comment above), a table upon which we will sell the vignette of Murney Tower and display our membership application forms, and our rear-projection cabinet from which slides will be seen.

It would be nice if we could have eight member volunteers to attend the booth, preferably dressed in either 18th or 19th century costume. If you will volunteer, I'll try to round up the costumes. How about it? Call Jim Warren at 544-7410.



THE OUTER STATION SAVED

Well, not necessarily saved, but given a respite. Canadian Heritage Minister Michel Dupuy has announced that our old outer railway station has been designated under the Heritage Railway Stations Protection Act. This will prevent the owner, Canadian National, from removing, destroying, altering or in any way disposing of the station without the approval of the Governor-in-Council.

Although it is now boarded up, its history is interesting. The original limestone building was built in 1855 and served both as station and the original headquarters of the first Canadian mainline, the Grand Trunk Railway, steaming between Montreal and Toronto. A brick building was built nearby in 1895-98, and the two were joined by a covered platform in 1939. It was declared surplus by the CNR in 1987.

Meanwhile, Bill Thomson of the Kingston Division of the Canadian Railroad Historical Association has a gleam in his eye. Wouldn't the old outer station make an appropriate place for a railroad museum, or at least a place for the association to meet? Maybe a few operating model trains. All aboard!

CALL FOR PAPERS

Program Vice President Major Lou Grimshaw has issued his annual call for papers to be delivered to our Society in years ahead. His list of suggested topics is thought-provoking and worthy of your consideration: the Black community, church organs, 19th century bands, the jazz age, the corner store, tanning and harness-making, great Kingston fires, wooden shipbuilding, early radio, famous

hotels, vanished villages, drama and theatre, patent medicines, Kingston artists and more. Lou is to be congratulated for showing such imagination in his list of suggested titles. Many of these are subjects to which all of us can relate and, if accompanied by clear, well-prepared slides, sound effects or whatever, can do much to revitalize our society and attract a younger and more diverse membership. If you have other suggestions, write Major Lou Grimshaw at the Centre for National Security Studies, Fort Frontenac, Kingston K7K 5L0, telephone him at 541-5010 ext.5917 or even fax him at 546-0589.

QUATTROCCHI'S TRAIL

Intrepid Society member Phil Quattrocchi suggests another way in which Kingston can be improved, its citizens made fit and the world made a better place: a hiking/biking trail from City Hall to Kingston Mills! On national holidays, masses of Kingstonians would charge up the Greater Cataraqui, armed with signed pledges, raising funds to improve the pathway. Shrines along the way would honour our great historical leaders or display significant artifacts of our past. We think Phil has a great idea there and our Society should offer its wholehearted support.

TIME AND PLACE

Nearly forgot! Our April meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 April at 7:30 pm, back in the Wilson Room of the Kingston Public Library at 130 Johnson Street. A special treat is that Jennifer McKendry's photographs will be displayed to accompany her talk. All are always welcome.